

Events

March Events

Volunteers are needed to lead hikes in March, dates March 24th and 31st.

Sunday, March 1st No hike on Sunday March 1 – enjoy the Film Festival.

Tuesday, March 3rd

Hike – I have decided that my proposed hike on Maple Mountain is a no go due to multiple tricky sections made worse by the weather. Perhaps this is a hike for drier weather. Instead we will hike Mt Maxwell starting from Burgoyne Bay, taking the girlfriend trail (#3) then the Sunshine Trail (#8), to join the Armand Trail (#4) to the summit. Elevation gain 600 m; distance 8 km. This is one of the steepest trails we hike, through some spectacular moss meadows, giant firs and cedars and a series of gorgeous viewpoints. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool leaving at 9:45 or meet at 10:00 at the end of Burgoyne Bay Rd.

Walk – Alison will lead a walk in Bryant Hill Park and Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve with potential for new spring growth. Elevation about 100 metres. Distance abt 3.5 km Lunch with a view. Carpool from ArtSpring for 10:00 am departure or meet at the trail head parking area at 10:15. Parking: At the end of Sarah Way, follow the gravel drive to the right to the parking area and trail head.

Ramble – Meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 then carpool to the trailhead at the top of Seymour Heights then we'll walk down hill to 456 Dukes Rd. and eat lunch beside our wood stove or if it's nice, we'll eat on our deck.

Marjie

PS If no one lives in the Ganges area, we'll just meet at 456 Dukes Rd.

Sunday, March 8th

HIKE – Channel Ridge starting at Broadwell. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool departing at 1:00 or at the Broadwell trailhead to set out at 1:15. Note that this is the first day of Daylight Time.

Tuesday March 10th

Hike on the Chris Hatfield trail is on. Weather situation looks OK for the morning, deteriorating around noon. We will go as far as Kings Cove and assess the situation there. Dress for the occasional shower.

The forecast is for snow and winds which will be worse at elevation, so the hike on Mt Maxwell will be deferred until March 24th.

It looks as if Ruckle may escape the worst of tomorrow's weather, so instead we should meet at ArtSpring as usual departing at 9:45 or at the trailhead at the end of Meyer Rd to set out on the Chris Hatfield trail departing at 10:05. Dress for the odd shower or two.

Check for an announcement by 8 am tomorrow confirming this hike.

WALK – Barb will lead an easy lake to ocean walk on quiet roads and small trails from St Mary Lake public access parking on North End road, along LePage to Whims Rd and on to Fernwood Beach, and back again,. Lunch and beachcombing on Fernwood Beach. Elevation gain > 100 metres.

Distance: about 5 km

Carpool departing ArtSpring at 10 a.m.or meet your leader at St Mary Lake beach parking at 10:15 AM.

Ramble – Meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 then carpool to the trailhead at the top of Seymour Heights then we'll walk down hill to 456 Dukes Rd. and eat lunch by our wood stove or if it's nice we'll eat on our deck.

Marjie

P.S. Patsy and Joy will be at Artspring.

Sunday March 15

Hike – CANCELED Rain forecast all afternoon, more so around Ladysmith. Not worth a ferry ride. Holland Creek and the Rotary lookout. A scenic hike alongside running water. About 7 km and 150 m elevation gain. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 11:20 to drive on the 12:05 ferry to Crofton; return likely on the 3:35 ferry. If you wish to come to Vesuvius independently, let me know so we can keep a seat for you in the car.

Tuesday, March 17th

Hike – Ashley Hilliard will lead a moderate hike to and around the waterfall on Mountain Rd. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool departing at 0945 or join at meeting place of Drummond Park at 1005. Some slippery sections so good boots and poles recommended.

WALK – Alison will lead a walk on the lower numbered trails in Channel Ridge. from the 1110 Sunset Drive trail head. Carpool departing from Artspring at 10:00 am or meet at the trail head

opposite 1110 Sunset Drive at 10:15 am. We will walk a loop on Channel Ridge trails, then continue a short distance down Sunset to a beach access and enjoy our lunch on the beach.

Ramble – I'm canceling tomorrow's ramble. The weather is not cooperating.

We will try again next week March 24.

Cheers Paul

Paul Way will lead. Meet at Artspring 10:30 carpool to Drummond Park for 10:45. We will ramble around Fulford check out the new park & head back to Drummond Park for lunch.

Weather permitting. Bring your lunch & ideas for future rambles.

Sunday, March 22nd Hike – Jack Foster beach walk and the Cupples trail. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 1:00 or at the junction of Southey Pt Rd and North End Rd to set out at 1:20. Hike will start on the Jack Foster trail, emerging at North View Rd, then head up North End Rd to join the Cupples trail. Rocky sections on the beach, muddy sections on the Cupples trail.

Tuesday, March 24th

HIKE – CANCELLED Forecast is for rain all morning, high winds this afternoon, not a day to be up on Mt Maxwell's Rim Trail

Bob Keates will lead a hike on Mt Maxwell starting from Seymour Heights and joining the scenic Rim trail to the summit. A short steep section to start, but mostly gentle slopes thereafter. Meet at ArtSpring to car-pool, departing at 9:45 or at 10:00 at the junction of Seymour Heights and Armand Way. There we will car-pool further before proceeding to the trailhead at Seymour Heights where parking is limited.

WALK – CANCELLED The high wind forecast for mid morning through the afternoon is concerning so I'll cancel for today and move this walk into April.

Gillie will lead a moderate walk from the parking area at Burgoyne Park to Daffodil Point . Lunch with fine views at the Point. Distance – about 3 km. Elevation gain > 100m. Carpool departing ArtSpring at 10 a.m.or meet at the Burgoyne parking area at 10:20 AM.

Ramble – CANCELLED Once again the weather is not good. Therefore I'm cancelling today's ramble.

Guess we will try again next week!!

We will try again!!

Meet at ArtSpring 10:30 carpool to Drummond Park for 10:45. We will ramble around Fulford check out the new park & head back to Drummond Park for lunch.

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Sunday, March 29th Hike – CANCELLED Steady rain forecast through the afternoon, snow at elevation.

Lee Rd Trail to the Little View summit on the flanks of Mt Maxwell. Steep to start, 300 m elevation gain, poles useful. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 1:00 or at the trailhead on Lee Rd. to set out at 1:20.

Tuesday, March 31st

HIKE – Leslie Gardiner will lead a moderate hike on Mount Erskine leaving from Trustees Trail at 10:00 a.m. Carpooling available from ArtSpring departing at 9:45. 250 m elevation gain plus small ups and downs. Our route will aim to maximize beautiful views and fairy door sightings. Bring your Inner Child and enjoy!

WALK – Wendy will lead an “Island Pathways” walk from ArtSpring to Portlock Park with lunch in the shelter at Portlock Park. This is an easy walk, entirely on well maintained paths with no significant elevation change.

Meet at ArtSpring for 10 am departure. Distance= 8 km. Duration = 3 hours

Ramble – We will try again!! Third time lucky???

Meet at ArtSpring 10:30 carpool to Drummond Park for 10:45. We will ramble around Fulford. Check out the new park & head back to Drummond Park for lunch.

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