

## MAY EVENTS

### **Trail Building: Trincomali**

This message is going out to all our Trail and Nature Club members who indicated an interest in volunteering for trail development and trail maintenance work on their Club Membership form. I'm organizing volunteers for work parties in the coming weeks on an important trail improvement project being led by CRD and supported by volunteers from Island Pathways Society and our Trail and Nature Club.

The Trincomali Trail project involves

- **Phase 1: Trail maintenance activities such as clearing fallen debris, cutting back some salal, small brush and raking the upper portions of the trail.** This was completed Nov 29th and Dec 6th.
- **Phase 2: Trail development activities such as redirecting the trail back onto CRD Park land and off adjoining private properties.** This was started last December and will now continue through May and June.

Work parties for Phase 2 are planned for this coming Saturday and Sunday mornings May 23rd and May 24th. We will have some CRD staff as well as Island Pathways volunteers and Trail and Nature Club volunteers completing the trail redirection on the middle section of trail, descending to the boulders.

Start time for both days is 9:00am with a briefing at the trail head on Trincomali Place. We will wrap up to be off trail by 1:00pm.

Please let me know if you are able to help with this phase of the project and your availability for either or both mornings this weekend. Once I know who would like to help rebuild this portion of the trail, I'll follow-up with more information and sign-up sheets for all our volunteers on this project.

This weekend work party opportunity came together on very short notice; I'll work on booking dates with more advance notice for our next work parties coming up in June.

Feel free to call or e-mail me any time with your questions and suggestions.

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The Strawberry Festival on June 23 is WALKERS responsibility this year. Please reply to Sheila [sspence@telus.net](mailto:sspence@telus.net) if you can assist. Except for sourcing and picking up the strawberries, the activity takes place on June 23rd starting at 10:00 am.

### **Sunday, May 3rd**

**HIKE-** Crofton Lake and Breen Lake.. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 11:40 to walk on the 12:05 ferry to Crofton, return likely on the 4:50 ferry.

### **Tuesday, May 5th**

**HIKE –** 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 –** Joy and Angie will lead a walk on Trincomali Heights. This will be a leisurely walk along trails and some quiet roads at the top of Trincomali, after which you will eat your lunch on Joy's deck. Meet your leaders at 10:20 am at the mailboxes near the corner of Trincomali and Lawnhill Road. Depart ArtSpring in carpools at 10:00 am. At the Central intersection continue on to North End Road, turn right at Fairview Road and follow the signs to Trincomali, then left on Trincomali and up, up up to Lawnhill.

### **RAMBLE –** An off-Island ramble

Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 to carpool to the Vesuvius ferry and catch the 10:50 boat to Crofton then drive to the Golf Course parking lot on Henry Road.

Leave cars there and ramble along the Multi Purpose Trail as far as we want then back to our cars and drive to the Owl's Nest Restaurant in Chemainus for lunch.

Options for return ferry from Crofton are 12:55 or 2:20. I need to know if you plan to join us.

### **Sunday, May 10th**

**HIKE-** Ruckle Park starting at Beaver Point Hall, meet at ArtSpring to car pool departing at 1:00, or at the trailhead in behind Beaver Point Hall to set out at 1:20.

### **Tuesday, May 12th**

**HIKE –** Broom pull at Burgoyne Bay to Daffodil Point. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 9:45 or at the lower parking area in Burgoyne Bay to set out at 10:05. Bring loppers, clippers, folding saws.

**WALK** – All groups – Broom pull at Burgoyne Bay to Daffodil Point, Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or at the lower parking lot at 10: 05 am. Bring loppers, clippers, folding saws, and sturdy gloves.

**RAMBLE** – Meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 then drive through Ganges, turn right onto Wildwood then left on to Wildwood Cres. and park there.

Any one north of Ganges can meet the rest of us at Wildwood Cres.

Take your lunch.

Hope to see you there?

### **Sunday, May 17th**

**HIKE** – Howard Horel and Andreas Vogt. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 1:00 or at the parking area in Mereside Rd to set out at 1:15. We pass through the Howard Horel Conservation area (short steep sections), through the crown land to Andreas Vogt to a viewpoint.

### **Tuesday, May 19th**

**Nature Outing for Hikers & Walkers.** low Tide Beach Walk from Drummond Park to the Clam Gardens on the Isabella Point (west side) of Fulford Harbour with biologist Dave Secord.

We have updated the timing and gathering place for the beach walk to the Fulford Clam Garden. The change gives more time to explore diverse intertidal areas at low tide.

The walk will begin at Hamilton Beach at 11 am. Leave ArtSpring at 10:30 or meet at Drummond Park at 10:50 to carpool. Parking is very limited at the beach so please fill all cars before leaving Drummond.

Hamilton Beach is about 1 1/2 km from Drummond Park, where Isabella Point Rd is close to the shore. A sailboat has been abandoned on the beach.

The walk starts along wet sand but will also cross cobble sized rocks. Our guides, Dave and Amy, will point out interesting discoveries along the way.

Wear water proof or mud resistant, sturdy footwear. A beach walk can be very exposed to wind and sun. Bring plenty of water and sun protection. Lunch will be on the shore below the Ruby Alton Nature Reserve, after which we will continue to the clam gardens. Low tide is at 1:30 pm.

Depending on how far we wander, the total distance is about 3 km.

### **Sunday, May 24th**

**HIKE** – Burgoyne Bay trails 22, 23 and 21: meet at ArtSpring to car pool departing at 1:00, or at the trailhead in Burgoyne Bay to set out at 1:20.

**Tuesday, May 26th**

**HIKE** – Bob Keates will lead a hike on Hope Hill with a difference. Steep in parts, 320 m elevation gain. Rough trail due to deadfall and erosion. We will gain the second summit of Hope Hill, then descend a bit to a viewpoint for lunch. Poles suggested for the steep sections. Meet at Art Spring to carpool, departing at 9:45 or at Drummond Park at 10:05 to limit the number of vehicles proceeding up Musgrave Rd to the trailhead.

**WALK** – Alison will lead a walk on to the top of Mount Erskine from the Trustees Trail entrance with lunch at the top. Be sure to check out the dog dish and sign the log. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool at 10:00 am or at the trail head at the parking lot area on Trustees Trail at 10: 15 am

**RAMBLE** – Ramblers will meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 to carpool to walk around Brinkworthy and admire the rhododendrons in the beautiful gardens.

Take your lunch.

**Sunday, May 31st**

**HIKE** – Channel Ridge starting at Broadwell. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool departing at 1:00, or at the trailhead at the top of Broadwell to set out at 1:15.