

JUNE 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.

Tuesday, June 2nd

HIKE – Val Clark will lead a hike/walk starting at the bottom of Hedger Road up the Hedger trail to the view of St Mary's Lake on Southbank Road. Then back down with a forest loop off the trail and down to Walker Hook road and a beach walk, Fernwood dock for lunch. Details of meeting point to follow. Meet at 945 at ArtSpring or 10:00 on Walker Hook at bottom of Hedger Road. We will walk up Hedger Road to Hedger trail to Lepage Road. Then go up Southbank Road to a view of St. Marys Lake. Then back down to Hedger trail and loop off through the forest and back down to Walker Hook for a beach walk to Fernwood Dock. **NB!** There's limited parking on Walker's Hook near Hedger Road, so I recommend that all participants for the hike on Tuesday June 2 meet at ArtSpring to take the minimum number of vehicles to the start of the trail.

WALK – Barb will lead an easy gallivant along seaside boardwalks in the Ganges area and along a forested trail with lunch at Churchill Beach. Some road walking is unavoidable. Depart on foot from ArtSpring at 10:00 am.

RAMBLE – Meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 and carpool to Tripp Road. Take your lunch.

Sunday, June 7th

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, June 9th

HIKE – Jude Oliver will lead a hike in Ruckle Park via Grandma's Beach, the campground and along the shore to Bear Point. Continuing past Merganser Pond for lunch, then Hilltop and return to Beaver

Point Rd. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 9:45 or at the parking area just above the barn in Ruckle to set out at 10:05. About 10 km total with short ups and downs

WALK – Angie will lead a moderate walk on the Howard Horel Reserve trails. The trail runs beside a seasonal stream that is digging a valley at the start, followed by a loop or loops in Douglas fir forest with some Gary oak. Lunch at the top. Elevation about 1050 metres. Distance about 3 km. Carpool departing ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet at the trail head parking at the end of Mereside Road at 10:15 am

RAMBLE – Meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 to carpool to Fulford Hall and meet Paul there to follow him along Isabella Point Rd. and leave our cars when we're within walking distance to the Grandmother Tree. Take your lunch.

Sunday, June 14th

HIKE – Burgoyne Bay: up to the meadows via the giant arbutus and down through the boulders. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool departing at 1:00, or at the trailhead in Burgoyne Bay to set out at 1:20.

Tuesday, June 16th

HIKE – Terri Leslie will lead this hike on the Jack Foster trail and beach walk. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 9:45 or at the parking areas near the start of the Cupples trail to set out at 10:05. After the Cupples trail we proceed up to Southey Point Rd to the start of the Jack Foster trail (rocky, slippery sections). Lunch on the beach to reach the tidal inlet at low tide, 12:46.

WALK – Kathryn will lead a moderate walk on the Reginald Hill Conservation Area with lunch at the lookout. The route is a gradual climb. Meet at ArtSpring for 10:00 am departure or at Clarinda Road at 10:20. Park on Clarinda Road near the intersection with Bridgeman Road.

RAMBLE – Take your lunch.

Meet at ArtSpring and carpool to the far end of Kitchen Road and leave the cars there.

We'll ramble to the Fulford Ganges Road and back to the cars then drive to [456 Dukes Road](#) and eat our lunches on my deck.

Sunday, June 21st

HIKE – You need to be at the dock by 7:40. Best place for all day parking is on Fulford Ganges near the banks. Don't park in Thrifty's lot. Tour des Îles: An opportunity to explore Galiano – Bluffs Park, the Japanese Charcoal Kilns, Mount Galiano. Meet at the Water Taxi dock (next to the Thrifty's parking lot) at 7:30 am Sunday June 21. Bring a snack for breakfast or have something before you leave, and bring something for lunch on the trail. Departure from Sturdies Bay will be at will be at 18:50 with arrival back at SaltSpring at 19:45, so plan on an evening meal on Galiano before leaving. Cost for water taxi is \$20 each way; book your water taxi here:

<https://aqualink.ca/schedules/>

Tuesday, June 23rd

Strawberry Festival:

Meet at Hikers, meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 9:45 or at the lower parking area at Ruckle at 10:00 for a short hike. Return to the day use area by 11:30.

Walkers host the Strawberry Festival at the Ruckle Picnic area. Please reply to Shiela or Sue if you can help with berry prep or other tasks at the picnic site. Departure ArtSpring at 10 am or meet at Ruckle Park at 10:20 am. Strawberries and ice cream will be served to members on Tuesday, the 23rd.

We'll meet at the lower parking lot at Ruckle Park about 11:00 and ramble around there until noon.

Remember your lunch, a bowl and spoon.

Hope to see you there.

Sunday, June 28th

HIKE – The Maxwell Magical Mystery tour: A circuit covering every numbered trail on the upper part of Maxwell. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool departing at 1:00, or at the trailhead on Armand Way to set out at 1:20.

Tuesday, June 30th

BROOM PULL

We will be meeting at the Cupples trail head parking area on June 30th at 9:00am for sign-in and orientation. The three main areas we will focus on are:

1. The main trail to the bench (a few medium size broom plants along the trail)
2. The two small field areas near the bench (lots of small easy to pull broom plants)
3. The main trail from the bench to the bird blind (larger broom plants trail side that will need loppers or small hand saws to remove)

Please bring sturdy gloves, secateurs, and loppers or a small hand saw if you have one.

You should also pack lunch or a snack and water. We should be finished up by 1:00pm

We will be stacking larger broom plants in well shaded areas that inhibit seed germination. Small plants that haven't set seed can be pulled and left where they are in the grassy fields where the bench is.

Send me a reply to this message if you might be able to make it so I'll have a rough idea of how many we will be.