



Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation



Trails at a Glance

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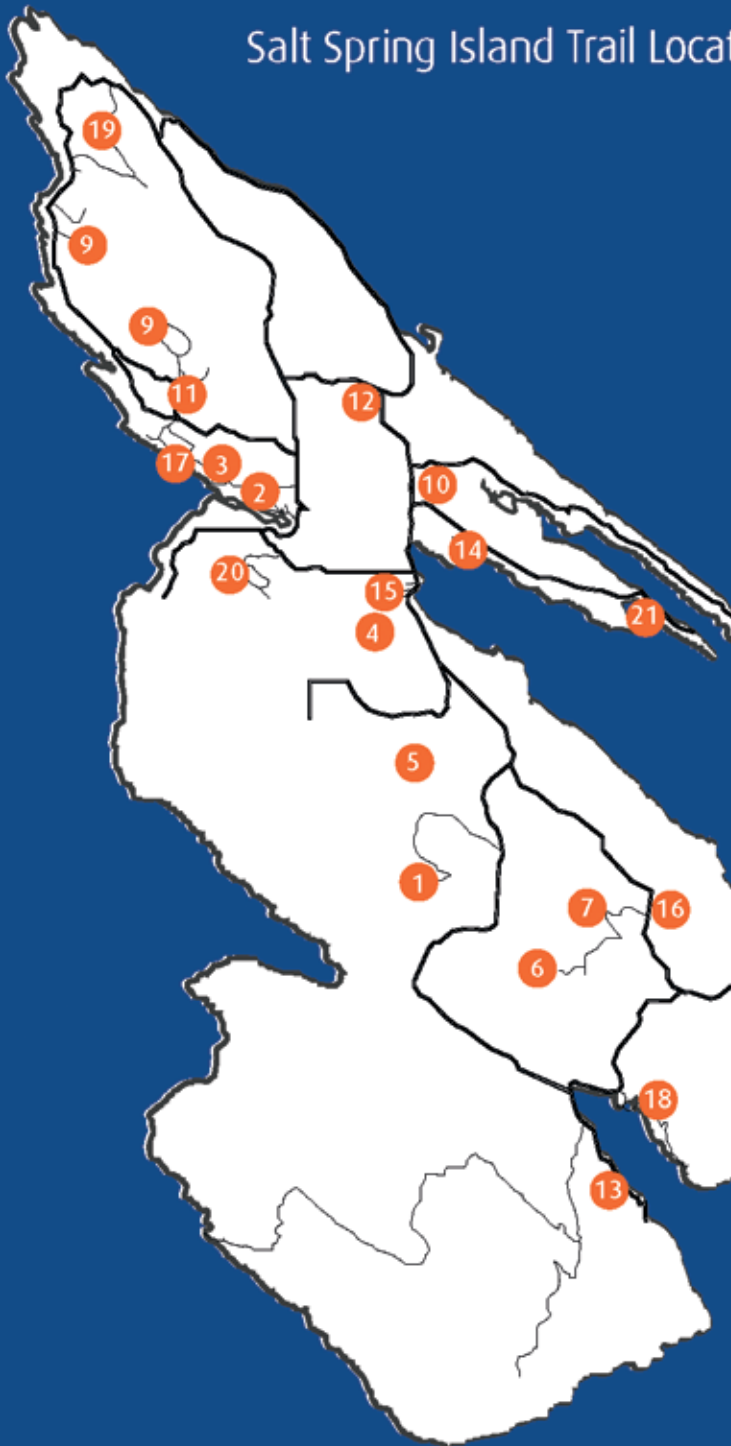
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Dogs on Trails

Dogs are welcome on trails within the PARC system.

When on the trail system dogs need to be under control and on the trail at all times. **“Under Control”** means that your dog is within your direct eyesight and returns to you immediately when called. Owners must always carry a leash. Leash your dog:

- if it is young or has a mind of its own
- when you are a trail head or intersection
- when approaching others or wildlife.

Our parks and trails are home to many species of animals and wild plants. Please do not let your dog run off the trail, run into streams, dig, or chase wildlife. Chasing or harassing wildlife is prohibited under the CRD Parks Bylaw and the BC Wildlife Act.

Please bring your plastic bags to pick up after your dog, and take them with you to dispose of. Dog droppings left on or near the trail are a hazard for wildlife, other visitors and PARC staff. Doggie bags are provided in Duck Creek Park and Mouat Park.

Salt Spring Islanders love their dogs, and dogs keep us walking and healthy.

Trail Etiquette

Community parks and trails belong to you. Regulations exist so that residents and visitors can enjoy and appreciate these areas safely.

Non-motorized cyclists and horseback riders are welcome on PARC trails unless otherwise posted. Please share the trail, pass with care and control your speed.

Please respect our park neighbours by staying on the trails and by observing park boundaries. Respect the natural state of our trails, and take your garbage with you.

Dogs are welcome, but please keep them under control or on leash; and please clean up after them.

The following are prohibited, under our Parks Bylaw:

- removal of any natural material, including plants
- disturbance or removal of any wildlife
- camping or open fires
- alcohol consumption
- motorized vehicles
- firearms and hunting
- smoking

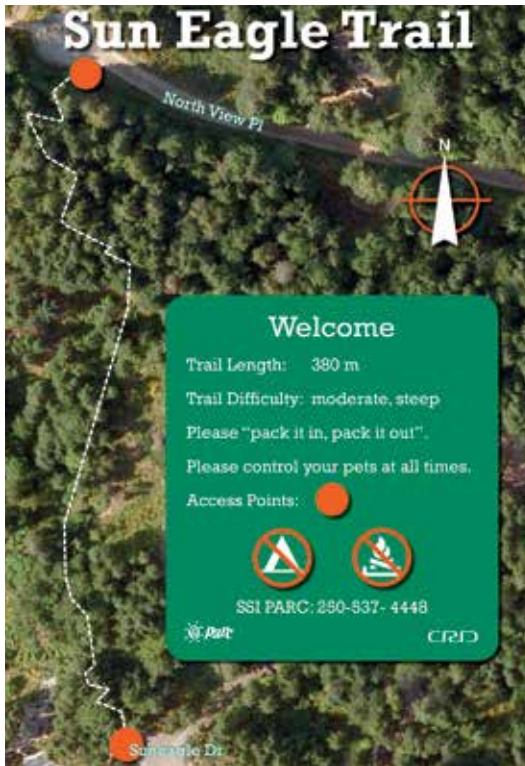
As natural and manmade hazards may exist, caution is advised.

Trail Ratings

Easy - most trails are fairly flat and level. Suitable for small children.

Moderate - more strenuous. Trails may be uneven with steep sections.

Challenging - strenuous. Longer trails may be uneven and/or narrow, with steep or slippery sections. Suitable for more experienced hikers.



Sun Eagle Trail

Connecting the end of Sun Eagle Drive with the end of North View Place, this trail is an excellent connector trail for those who want to hike from Channel Ridge down to the water's edge on the eastern shore of Salt Spring Island.

Trail Length: 380 meters

Trail Rating: Challenging

Map Location: **19**

Access: End of Sun Eagle Drive; between 255 and 285 North View Place.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/trails/sun-eagle.htm



Channel Ridge Trails

This trail system covers a wide range of terrain and habitats. Beautiful views can be seen from the lookout points over St. Mary Lake and Stuart Channel.

Most of the trails are open to hikers, non-motorized cyclists and equestrians. Trails crossing Watershed Preservation Society lands are only open to hikers. These trails are marked by solid lines on this map and are clearly marked with signs on the trails.

Channel Ridge offers an extensive network of trails that are accessible through an agreement with the owners of Channel Ridge Properties. The trail system has 8 major access points, as indicated on the map. Numbered junction signs on the trails correspond to the numbered circles on the map.

Trail Length: over 15 kilometres, total

Trail Rating: Moderate with challenging sections

Map Locations: **9**

Access: North End of Channel Ridge lands:

1. Across from 1110 Sunset Drive
2. End of Pringle Farm Road
3. Near the bend of Pringle Farm Road
4. End of Sir Echos Way (parking area near Sunset Drive).

Access: South End of Channel Ridge lands:

1. Across from 175 Canvasback Place
2. Cormorant Crescent, between 176 and 204
3. Near 180 Broadwell.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/trails/channel-ridge.htm



Channel Ridge Trails





Duck Creek Park Trail

A cool, shaded creek and open meadow provide a lovely field and stream hiking loop – approximately a 45 minute walk. Spend a lazy afternoon here, take an early morning walk with the dog, or take in the sunset.

When on the trail system dogs need to be under control and on the trail at all times.

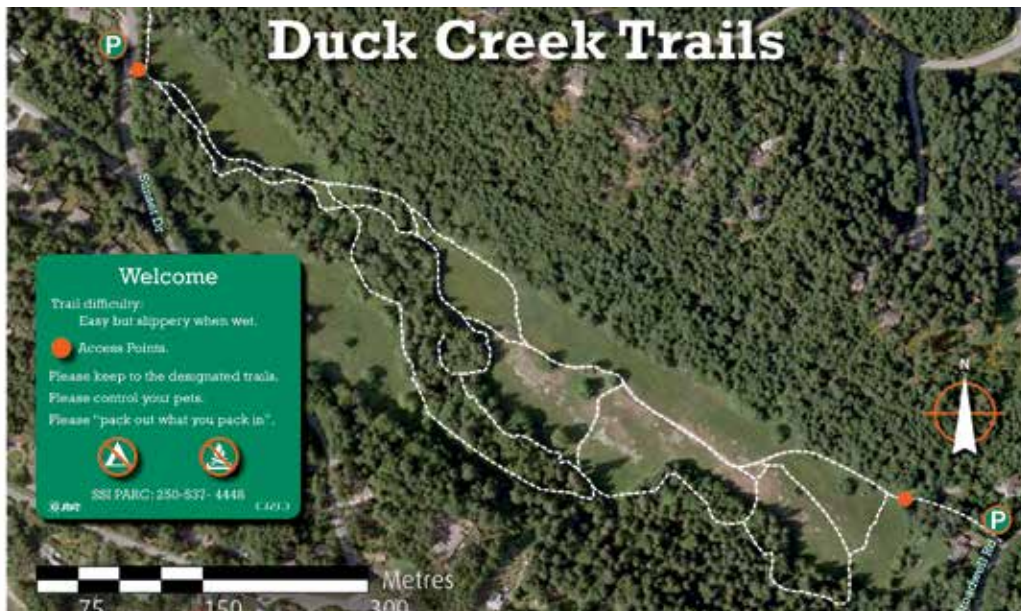
Trail Length: over 2 km of trails

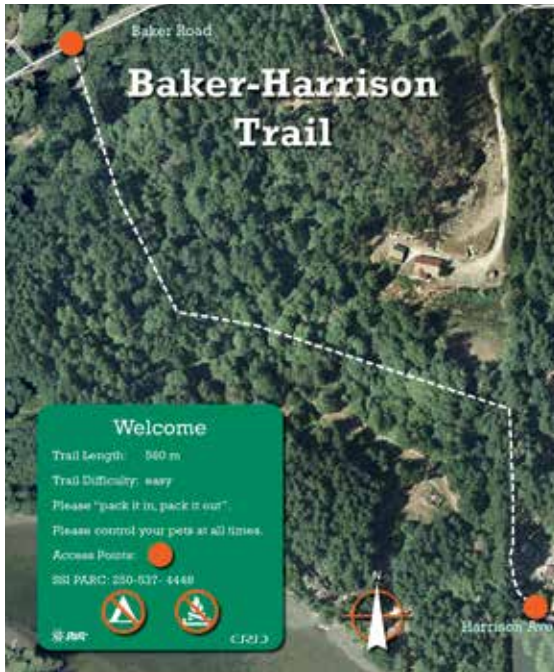
Trail Rating: Easy, with moderate creekside sections

Map Location: **11**

Access: Across from 209 Sunset Drive or between 158 and 160 Broadwell Road.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/parks/duck-creek.htm





Baker-Harrison Trail

This is a relatively short trail that connects the end of Harrison Road with Baker Road. Starting at the end of Harrison it winds its way up the hill, through the forest, alongside a fence and ends up on Baker Road. A few hundred meters from the end of Baker you can get down to the water's edge via a staircase or you can head up the Baker Ridge Trail to Quarry Drive.

Trail Length: 560 meters

Trail Rating: Easy

Map Location: 2

Access: Baker Road across from Jacalan Drive; Harrison Road end.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/trails/baker-harrison.htm





Quarry Park Trail

Follow the winding trail and cross from the fir and fern forest into the open and light arbutus grove. Enjoy this 25 minute walk to the cobble and rock beach where you can explore the marine life in the tidal pools.

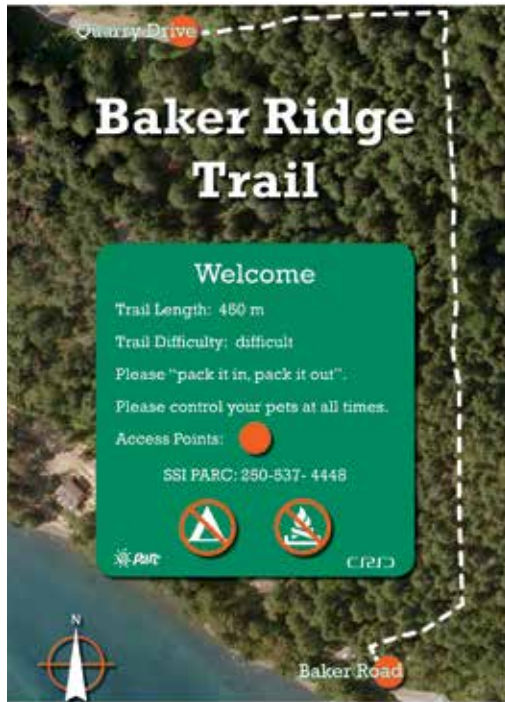
Trail Length 245 meters
Trail Rating: Moderate

Map Location: **17**

Access: Between 217 and 241 Quarry Drive in the Vesuvius Area.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/parks/quarry-drive.htm





Baker Ridge - Quarry Drive Loop

Park at the end of Baker Road, take the stairs down to the water's edge, then turn right down the beach. After a few hundred meters take the ramp and steps up to Quarry Drive Park Trail back to Quarry Drive. Turn right, walk to the end of the cul-de-sac, where Baker Ridge Trail takes you back to Baker Road. This trail is steep and care needs to be taken when descending it.

Trail Length: 450 meters
Trail Rating: Challenging

Map Location: **3**

Access: Park at the end of Baker Road near 431; Quarry Drive entrance at the end of Quarry near 245.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/trails/baker-ridge.htm





Dunbabin Park Trail

This majestic west coast rain forest setting, with its many large cedars and firs, provides a wonderful walk through the forest and along the creek. It's an easy hike, though there are some stairs and moderate slopes. Pets are welcome, but please keep them under control at all times.

Trail Length: 670 meters

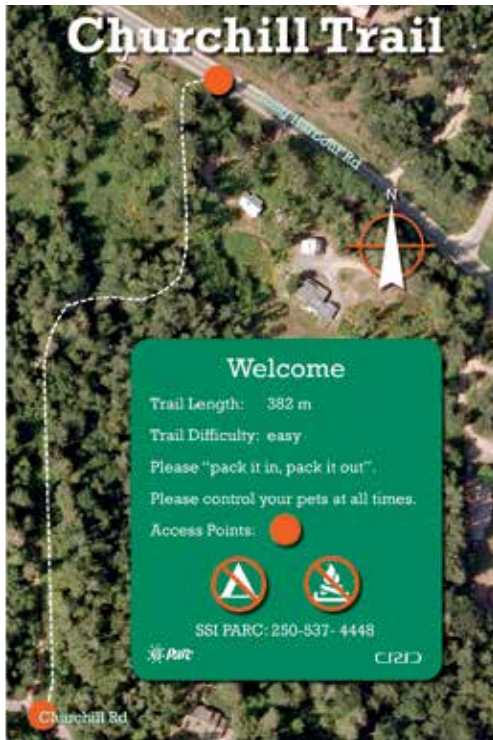
Trail Rating: Easy

Map Location: **12**

Access: 500 metres east or 500 metres south of the corner of Robinson and Stark Roads.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/parks/dunbabin.htm





Churchill-Long Harbour Trail

This well used trail connects Churchill Road with Long Harbour Road and hosts many charming features including a bridge across the small creek. At the end of Churchill Road you will find one of the nicest water access points on all of Salt Spring Island.

Trail Length: 382 meters

Trail Rating: Easy

Map Location: **10**

Access: Between 175 and 161 Churchill Road; between 175-165 Long Harbour Road.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/trails/churchill.htm





Madrona Bay Trail

Madrona Trail is a short circular trail that winds its way down to the high bank shore and provides some spectacular views of the bay. Due to the rocky shoreline, no water access is available.

Trail Length: 295 meters (return)

Trail Rating: Easy with moderate sections

Map Location: **14**

Access: Long Harbour Road across from Eagle Ridge Drive.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/trails/madrona-bay.htm





Welbury Bay Trail

The path takes you along a high bank above this pretty beach, with southern exposure. A great site for picnics, summertime swimming or just waiting for the ferry.

Trail Length: 275 meters

Trail Rating: Easy

Map Location: **21**

Access: Adjacent to and south of Long Harbour Ferry Terminal off Scott Point Drive.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/parks/welbury-bay.htm



Charcoal Pit Kilns of Mouat Park - Restoration Project

Pioneers coming to British Columbia from Japan, in the late 1800s and early 1900s, established communities in Steveston and in the Gulf Islands, where they engaged in fishing and farming. Many were from Wakayama Prefecture and brought with them the ancient technology of making charcoal in large pit kilns.

Isaburo Tasaka, who was born on Sashima Island in the Seto Inland Sea and moved to Salt Spring from Steveston in 1905, built two charcoal pit kilns in what later became this park. During the off-season from fishing, Tasaka produced charcoal for the salmon canneries, for a soap factory and for blacksmiths. The Tasaka family left Salt Spring Island in 1929. The kilns have remained inactive since then and were found buried under natural debris.



Many people contributed to the success of this restoration project, donating their help, guidance and valuable time. The restoration was made possible by the generous support of the Salt Spring Island Foundation, National Association of Japanese Canadians, Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society and many individual donors and collaborators.

Rose Murakami was the driving force behind the project. Sumiyaki no Kai (Japan Charcoal Promotion Society) was an important resource for technical information about charcoal making and kiln structures. The contribution of Chuck Tasaka, grandson of Isaburo Tasaka, was also essential. Steve Nemtin's contribution and expertise was key to piecing together the puzzle of these charcoal pit kilns.

The restoration project was carried out by PARC staff and contractors; Steve Nemtin, Restoration Supervisor; and, Rumiko Kanesaka, Project Photographer and President of the Japanese Garden Society.



Bishop's Walk Trail

This trail is close to town and offers a moderate hike. Starting at the Dean Road cul-de-sac, the trail crosses two winding creeks and meanders through the forest where you will see Big Leaf Maples, Arbutus, Coastal Douglas Fir and Western Red Cedar. Carry on down to Drake Road where you can access Mouat Park and the downtown core. We ask dog walkers to control their animals, especially near the neighbouring farm with its unique breed of Jacob's Sheep.

Trail Length: 780 meters

Trail Rating: Moderate

Map Location: 4

Access: At the end of the cul-de-sac on Dean Road or near 163 Drake Road beside the church.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/trails/bishopswalk.htm





Trustees Trail

This short trail connects you to Mount Erskine Provincial Park. Few if any trail signs can be found beyond the short PARC trail and PARC does not maintain the provincial trail network beyond the PARC boundary.

Trail Length: 90 meters

Trail Rating: Easy

Map Location: 

Access: End of Trustee Trail Road at the top of Juniper Place and Spring Gold Way.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/trails/trustees.htm





Blackburn Trail

Blackburn Trail connects Frazier Road with Blackburn Road. This relatively difficult trail hosts a number of features including enchanting stone steps and mossy knolls. This 30 minute hike will take you past huge firs, cedars, fern groves and over a wooden bridge at the creek.

Trail Length: 745 meters

Trail Rating: Challenging

Map Location: **5**

Access: Near 445 Blackburn Road or at the end of Frazier Road.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/trails/blackburn.htm





Armand Way Trail

This short trail starts near the end of Armand Way and winds its way up to Mount Maxwell Provincial Park where it connects to the Provincial Park's trail system. This area of Mount Maxwell is a favourite of many locals. Beyond the Provincial Park boundary the trail system is not maintained by SSI Parks and Recreation.

Trail Length: 350 meters

Trail Rating: Easy

Map Location: 1

Access: End of Armand Way at cul-de-sac.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/trails/armand-way.htm





Peter Arnell Park Trails

Take this 30-minute trail loop for a vigorous walk through the forest with breathtaking ocean views towards Galiano and Active Pass. A memorial cairn is located across Stewart Road, just past the park sign. The hike from Peter Arnell Park, along the Connector Trail to the Bryant Hill Park loop is a great workout.

Access: 400 block of Stewart Road, both sides of the road.

Trail Length: over 1.5 km

Trail Rating: Moderate

Map Location: 

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/parks/parnell.htm





Bryant Hill - Peter Arnell Connector Trail

The connector trail to Peter Arnell Park is located approximately 250 meters up the Bryant Hill Park trail. The Connector has some steep sections and is quite a strenuous hike. Challenge yourself to see how fast you can climb this one.

Trail Length: 2.7 kilometers

Trail Rating: Challenging

Map Location: 

Access: Park at the end of the gravel road to the right at the end of Sarah Way. Walk about 250 meters up the Bryant Hill Trail to the Connector intersection.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/trails/bryan-peterarnell.htm





PARC Photo

Bryant Hill Park Trail

This 80-acre park has a number of great viewpoints – over to Mt. Maxwell, to Active Pass and out to Galiano Island. The trail, in Bryant Hill Park, is a loop that meanders through mature forest. About 250 meters up the trail you'll pass the connector trail over to Peter Arnell Park. However, keep going straight to get back to where you started.

Trail Length: 2.2 km loop

Trail Rating: Moderate with challenging sections

Map Location: 

Access: Park at the end of the gravel road that goes off to the right at the end of Sarah Way.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/parks/bryant-hill.htm





Bulman Park Trail

This trail is a short connector trail from Bulman Road to Meyer Road that is primarily used by local walkers. It runs through Bulman Park Reserve, known for its huge trees.

Trail Length: 200 meters

Trail Rating: Easy

Map Location: 

Access: Across from 211 Bulman Road; across from 191 and 201 Meyer Road.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/parks/bulman.htm





Reginald Hill Trail

More challenging than some of the other trails, this trail leads to a fabulous view to the north and south over the water and the western part of Salt Spring Island. The trail meanders alongside private property, so please stay on the trail and do not try to find an alternative route down the slope. You should schedule at least an hour for this trail since it is fairly strenuous to get to the top.

Trail Length: 1000 meters

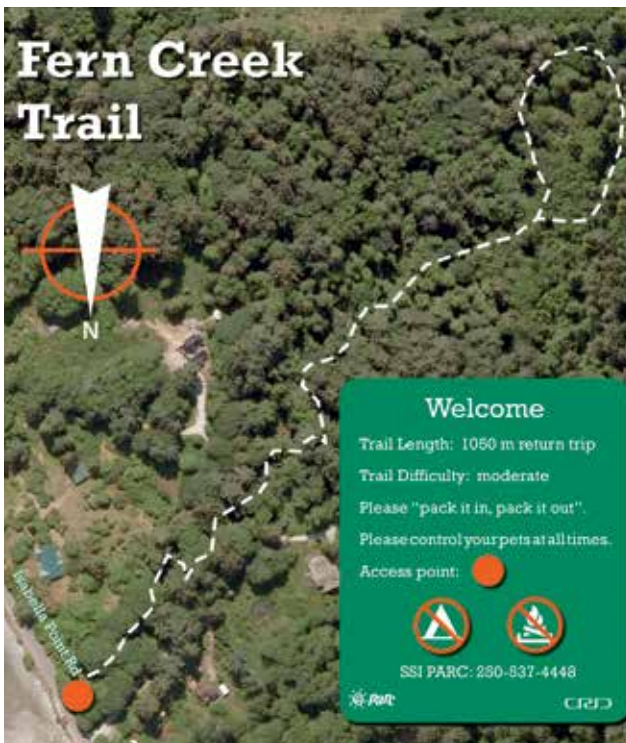
Trail Rating: Challenging

Map Location: **18**

Access: 100 meters past the gates into Reginald Hill Estates at the end of Morningside Road.

www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc/trails/reginald-hill.htm





Fern Creek Trail

The trail leading to and through Fern Creek Park takes you across several bridges, through a gorgeous creek valley with huge trees and a wealth of ferns and other understory. The trail climbs gently until you reach the park where a short loop trail takes you back to the main trail and Isabella Point Road. Pets are welcome, but please keep them under control at all times.

Trail Length: 1000 meters, return

Trail Rating: Moderate with challenging sections

Map Location: **13**

Access: Between lots 456 and 492 Isabella Point Road.

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