

June | July | August 2019

Nature Outings and Events

For Nature Lovers of All Ages

CRD | Regional Parks

Summer 2019



Regional Parks Campgrounds



Get away to one of the CRD's three regional park campgrounds! Each offers affordable, self-contained RV and tent camping with water views in nature.

Island View Beach Regional Park

Panoramic Seascape Views on the Saanich Peninsula

- > Picnic on the long sandy beach > Enjoy bird watching
 - > Close to ferry, airport, downtown Victoria, Lochside Regional Trail, Butchart Gardens
- www.crd.bc.ca/islandviewbeach

Jordan River Regional Park

Idyllic West Coast Beauty along the Strait of Juan de Fuca

- > Walk the cobble beach with views of the Olympic Peninsula
 - > Hike the trails through hemlock & cedar forest to Sandcut Beach > A local favourite for camping & surfing
- www.crd.bc.ca/jordanriver

Sooke Potholes Regional Park

Spring Salmon Place [KWL-UCHUN] on the Sooke River

- > Swim and fish in the potholes > Hike the forest and river trails
 - > Cycle the Galloping Goose Regional Trail
- www.crd.bc.ca/sookepotholes

What You Need to Know

All programs run rain or shine. Try to arrive 10 minutes beforehand. Outings that require registration or fees are noted in the listing. Age recommendations are based on park terrain and program content.

Legend

Youth &
Adults
only



Drop-in Event - Come by anytime between the hours that the event is offered.

Guided Walks - Have a casual pace with interpretive stops.

Guided Hikes (Moderate) - Have occasional interpretive stops. Trails may be uneven and slippery with steep sections. The pace of the hike is set according to the needs of the group.

Guided Hikes (Challenging) - Have fewer interpretive stops and are rated challenging. Trails will be uneven and steep and may be slippery in sections. These hikes are suitable for experienced and fit adult hikers.

Accessible - Events and outings on these trails meet universal design standards, and are suitable for visitors with limited mobility.

Register online

The CRD's secure online registration site allows you to browse, pre-register and pay immediately for a nature outing.

1. Browse nature outings
2. Select an outing
3. Create an account
4. Select a credit card payment option and complete your registration

Once registration is complete, a receipt and confirmation will be emailed to you. Payment options: VISA or Mastercard.

www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events

What to bring & how to dress

Carry a day pack with drinking water, a hat, extra clothes and a small snack (or lunch for longer outings). Please wear sturdy footwear and dress for the weather.

Pets

We like pets too. However, their presence can be disruptive.
Please leave your animal friends at home.

Feedback

Tell us about your experience by taking the short online survey at www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events. Your feedback is important to us to monitor and improve our services.

Summer at a Glance

June

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	
1	Busy Beavers (Guided Walk)-Elk/Beaver Lake		🚶
2	Bear Necessities (Guided Walk)-East Sooke		🚶
8	Going Crabby (Guided Walk)-Witty's Lagoon		🚶
9	High Ridge Hike (Guided Adult Hike)-Francis/King		🚶
15	Sensory Snoop (Guided Walk)-Francis/King		🚶
16	Family Fun Walk (Guided Walk)-East Sooke		🚶
22	Wonderful Woodpeckers (Guided Walk)-Francis/King		🚶♿
23	Going Crabby (Guided Walk)-Witty's Lagoon		🚶
30	The Beach Rocks! (Guided Walk)-Island View Beach		🚶



July

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	
3	Evening Campground Program (Guided Walk)-Island View Beach		🚶♿
6	Marine Day (Drop-in Event)-Witty's Lagoon		🏛️
10	Story Walk Wednesday (Drop-in Event)-Elk/Beaver Lake		🏛️
11	Happy Herons (Guided Walk)-Island View Beach		🚶
13	Family Nature Sketch (Guided Walk)-Francis/King		🚶♿
13	Family Nature Sketch (Guided Walk)-Francis/King		🚶♿
14	Seals! Seals! (Guided Walk)-Witty's Lagoon		🚶
15	Sensational Seaweeds (Guided Walk)-Island View Beach		🚶
16	Moon Walk (Guided Walk)-Coles Bay		🚶
18	Tree-mendous Trees (Guided Walk)-Francis/King		🚶♿
19	Bejewelled Dragons of the Pond (Guided Walk)-Elk/Beaver		🚶
20	Story Walk (Drop-in Event)-East Sooke		🏛️
21	Family Nature Sketch (Guided Walk)-Elk/Beaver Lake		🚶
21	Family Nature Sketch (Guided Walk)-Elk/Beaver Lake		🚶
23	Turtle Tales (Guided Walk)- Matheson Lake		🚶
25	Going Buggy (Drop-in Event)-Elk/Beaver Lake		🏛️♿
27	Marvelous Matheson (Guided Adult Hike)-Matheson Lake		🚶
29	Sensational Seaweeds (Guided Walk)-Island View Beach		🚶
30	Life on the Rocks (Guided Walk)-Witty's Lagoon		🚶
31	Beach Day at Coles Bay (Drop-in Event)-Coles Bay		🏛️

August

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1	Evening Campground Program (Guided Walk)-Island View Beach		🚶
2	Going Crabby (Guided Walk)-Island View Beach		🚶
3	Moon Walk (Guided Walk)-Coles Bay		🚶
4	Seals! Seals! (Guided Walk)-Witty's Lagoon		🚶
7	Story Walk Wednesday (Drop-in Event)-Witty's Lagoon		🏛️
10	Iron Mine Bay Hike (Adult Guided Hike)-East Sooke		🚶
11	Early Evening Bat Exploration (Guided Walk)-Elk/Beaver Lake		🏛️♿
15	Snake Day (Drop-in Event)-Elk/Beaver Lake		🏛️♿
16	Family Nature Sketch (Guided Walk)- Witty's Lagoon		🚶
18	Bejewelled Dragons of the Pond (Guided Walk)-Elk/Beaver Lake		🚶
19	Bear Necessities (Guided Walk)-East Sooke		🚶
21	Story Walk Wednesday (Drop-in Event)-Francis/King		🏛️♿
23	Cougar Capers (Guided Walk)-Francis/King		🚶♿
24	Tree-mendous Trees (Guided Walk)-Devonian		🚶
25	Evening Campground Program (Guided Walk)-Island View Beach		🚶
27	Bug Buddies (Guided Walk)-Mill Hill		🚶
29	Crab-tastic (Drop-in Event)-Island View Beach		🏛️
30	Sandy Shore Explore (Guided Walk)-Witty's Lagoon		🚶
31	The Beach Rocks! (Guided Walk)-Witty's Lagoon		🚶

June

Saturday, June 1 | 10-11:30am

Busy Beavers (Guided Walk)-5 years+
Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park (Saanich)

Bring your young ones to the shores of Beaver Lake Ponds to see an active beaver lodge. Children will have a chance to learn more about this amazing mammal and its marvellous adaptations. Meet at the Beaver Lake Ponds parking lot off Beaver Lake Road near the Equestrian Centre.

BC Transit #70, #72 or #75

Sunday, June 2 | 1-2:30pm

Bear Necessities (Guided Walk)-5 years+
East Sooke Regional Park (East Sooke)

We can co-exist with these magnificent forest dwellers. Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist to learn about the life of the black bear. Meet at the kiosk in the Aylard Farm parking lot off Beecher Bay Road.

Saturday, June 8 | 1-2:30pm

Going Crabby (Guided Walk)-All ages
Witty's Lagoon Regional Park (Metchosin)

Meet some of the crabs and their cousins that make Witty's Lagoon their special home. Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist for some intertidal exploration and discover these creatures up-close and personal. Be prepared to get your feet wet (bring sandals or beach shoes). Park at the main entrance off Metchosin Road. Meet at the Witty's Beach kiosk at the end of the Beach Trail.

BC Transit #54 or #55



Going Crabby



Sensory Snoop

Sunday, June 9 | 10am-12pm

High Ridge Hike (Guided Adult Hike)-18 years+
Francis/King Regional Park (Saanich)

Have you ever wanted to explore more of the fabulous forest at Francis/King but weren't sure where to start? Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist to hike one of this park's hidden treasures: the High Ridge Trail. Bring a snack, water, and wear sturdy hiking shoes.

There is no fee for this program but you must pre-register by June 5 as space is limited.

Visit www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events.

Saturday, June 15 | 10-11am

Sensory Snoop (Guided Walk)-5 years and under
Francis/King Regional Park (Saanich)

Bring your preschooler to explore the sights and sounds at Francis/King Regional Park. Wake up your senses on a wander through the forest. Look for summer colours, listen for birds calling, smell forest perfume and more. **There is no fee for this program but you must pre-register by June 11 as space is limited.** Visit www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events.

Sunday, June 16 | 10-11:30am

Family Fun Walk (Guided Walk)-5 years+
East Sooke Regional Park (East Sooke)

Enjoy a walk in the park with your family to celebrate Father's Day! Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist and discover the beauty of this wooded parkland. Bring a snack and water, and wear sturdy footwear. Meet at the kiosk in the Aylard Farm parking lot off Beecher Bay Road.



Wonderful Woodpeckers



The Beach Rocks!

Saturday, June 22 | 10-11:30am

Wonderful Woodpeckers (Guided Walk)-All ages
Francis/King Regional Park (Saanich)

Discover all of the tricks of the woodpecker trade. What makes them so good at what they do? Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist and learn how to identify different woodpeckers by sight, sound and habits on this fun guided walk. Meet at the Francis/King Nature Centre off Munn Road.

Sunday, June 23 | 1-2:30pm

Going Crabby (Guided Walk)-All ages
Witty's Lagoon Regional Park (Metchosin)

Meet some of the crabs and their cousins that make Witty's Lagoon their special home. Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist for some intertidal exploration and discover these creatures up-close and personal. Be prepared to get your feet wet (bring sandals or beach shoes). Park at the main entrance off Metchosin Road. Meet at the Witty's Beach kiosk at the end of the Beach Trail.

BC Transit #54 or #55

Sunday, June 30 | 10-11:30am

The Beach Rocks! (Guided Walk)-All ages
Island View Beach Regional Park (Central Saanich)

The tide is out! Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist and get a glimpse of the creatures that live beneath the rocks. Be prepared to get your feet wet (bring sandals or beach shoes). Meet at the grassy area adjacent to the picnic shelter off Homathko Road.



High Ridge Hike

July

Wednesday, July 3 | 7-8:30pm



Evening Campground Program (Guided Walk)-All ages Island View Beach Regional Park (Central Saanich)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist for an evening of games, stories and song. Bring a beach chair and meet at the campfire ring at Island View Beach campground, off Homathko Road.

Saturday, July 6 | 11am-2pm



Marine Day (Drop-in Event)-All ages Witty's Lagoon Regional Park (Metchosin)

Join CRD Regional Parks naturalists and guests for this celebration of our precious marine environment. See what creatures scuba divers bring up from the deep, see live displays, join in a beach seine, guided walks and more! Drop by anytime between 11am and 2pm. Be prepared to get your feet wet (bring sandals or beach shoes). Park at the main entrance off Metchosin Road. Meet at the Witty's Beach kiosk at the end of the Beach Trail.

BC Transit #54 or #55

Wednesday, July 10 | 6-7:30pm



Story Walk Wednesday (Drop-in Event)-All ages Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park (Saanich)

Get outside and experience a nature walk while stopping to enjoy an illustrated children's book. A CRD Regional Parks naturalist will be there to bring the story to life. StoryWalk™ are hosted by West Shore Parks & Recreation. Check westshorecreation.ca this summer for more StoryWalk™ Wednesdays. Meet at the Beaver Lake Nature Centre off the main parking lot.

BC Transit #70, #72 or #75



Marine Day

Thursday, July 11 | 10-11am



Happy Herons (Guided Walk)-5 years and under Island View Beach Regional Park (Central Saanich)

Scrrrrrawk! What was that? Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist to discover what makes Great Blue Herons happy! Enjoy activities, role-play and more to learn about these experts of the air and water. **There is no fee for this program but you must pre-register by July 7 as space is limited.** Visit www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events.

Saturday, July 13 | 10am-12pm



Family Nature Sketch (Guided Walk)-5 years+ Francis/King Regional Park (Saanich)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist and an art teacher from the Robert Bateman Centre to learn the basics of nature journaling as we discover the plants and animals of the forest on a beautiful walk along the accessible Elsie/King Trail. We'll supply materials, you supply the creativity. **\$7/person + GST. Pre-register by July 9 as space is limited.** Visit www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events.

Saturday, July 13 | 1:30-3:30pm



Family Nature Sketch (Guided Walk)-5 years+ Francis/King Regional Park (Saanich)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist and an art teacher from the Robert Bateman Centre to learn the basics of nature journaling as we discover the plants and animals of the forest on a beautiful walk along the accessible Elsie/King Trail. We'll supply materials, you supply the creativity. **\$7/person + GST. Pre-register by July 9 as space is limited.** Visit www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events.



Evening Campground Program

Sunday, July 14 | 10-11:30am



Seals! Seals! (Guided Walk)-All ages Witty's Lagoon Regional Park (Metchosin)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist to see Tower Point's most avid sun worshippers and swimming enthusiasts – the harbour seals! Binoculars and spotting scopes provided. Meet at the Tower Point parking lot off Olympic View Drive.

BC Transit #54 or #55

Monday, July 15 | 10-11:30am



Sensational Seaweeds (Guided Walk)-5 years+ Island View Beach Regional Park (Central Saanich)

A CRD Regional Parks naturalist will help you discover how important marine algae is for you, me and the creatures that call them home! Be prepared to get your feet wet (bring sandals or beach shoes). Meet at the grassy area adjacent to the picnic shelter off Homathko Road.

Tuesday, July 16 | 10-11:30am



Moon Walk (Guided Walk)-5 years+ Coles Bay Regional Park (North Saanich)

Did you know one of North America's largest marine snails lives at this regional park? Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist to look for marine creatures like crabs, sea stars and the elusive moon snail. This program includes wading in the water so be prepared to get your feet and clothes wet (wear shorts and sandals or beach shoes). Meet at the info Inverness Road.



Sensational Seaweeds



Moon Walk

Thursday, July 18 | 10:30am-12pm



Tree-mendous Trees (Guided Walk)-5 years+
Francis/King Regional Park (Saanich)

Unlock the mysteries of trees on a fun forest adventure with a CRD Regional Parks naturalist. Follow clues and riddles along the trail to meet Francis/King's giants. Meet at the Francis/King Nature Centre off Munn Road.

Friday, July 19 | 1-2:30pm



Bejewelled Dragons of the Pond (Guided Walk)-5 years+
Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park (Saanich)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist for an up-close and personal look at the amazing world of dragonflies as they zig and zag in search of their prey across the wetlands. Nets and field guides will be available for use. Meet at the Equestrian Centre parking lot off Beaver Lake Road.

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Saturday, July 20 | 10am-12pm



Story Walk (Drop-in Event)-All ages
East Sooke Regional Park (East Sooke)

Get outside and experience a nature walk while stopping to enjoy an illustrated children's book. A CRD Regional Parks naturalist will be there to bring the story to life in partnership with the Vancouver Island Regional Library. Meet at the kiosk in the Aylard Farm parking lot off Beecher Bay Road.

Sunday, July 21 | 10am-12pm



Family Nature Sketch (Guided Walk)-5 years+
Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park (Saanich)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist and an art teacher from the Robert Bateman Centre to learn the basics of nature journaling as we discover the plants and animals that live near the lake. We'll supply materials, you supply the creativity. **\$7/person + GST.**
Pre-register by July 17 as space is limited.

Visit www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events.

BC Transit #70, #72 or #75



Turtle Tales

Photo: Sean Lane

Sunday, July 21 | 1:30-3:30pm



Family Nature Sketch (Guided Walk)-5 years+
Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park (Saanich)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist and an art teacher from the Robert Bateman Centre to learn the basics of nature journaling as we discover the plants and animals that live near the lake. We'll supply materials, you supply the creativity. **\$7/person + GST.**
Pre-register by July 17 as space is limited.

Visit www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events.

BC Transit #70, 72 or #75

Tuesday, July 23 | 1-2:30pm



Turtle Tales (Guided Walk)-5 years+
Matheson Lake Regional Park (Metchosin)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist and the Habitat Acquisition Trust as we explore the lake looking for signs of the western painted turtle, the only native pond turtle left in BC. Meet at the Matheson Lake parking lot at the end of Matheson Lake Road.

Thursday, July 25 | 11am-2pm



Going Buggy (Drop-in Event)-All ages
Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park (Saanich)

We love 'em, we hate 'em. They're fascinating, finicky and fabulous! Drop by the tents at the main Beaver Beach between 11am and 2pm for a close-up look at some of our buggy friends and foes with bug shows, activities, crafts and more.

BC Transit #70, 72 or #75

Saturday, July 27 | 10am-1pm



Marvelous Matheson (Guided Adult Hike)-18 years+
Matheson Lake Regional Park (Metchosin)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist for a hike around this gem of a lake. Discover some of the fascinating cultural and natural history of this park. Bring a snack, water, and wear sturdy footwear. **There is no fee for this program but you must pre-register by July 23 as space is limited.**

Visit www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events.



Beach Day at Coles Bay

Monday, July 29 | 9:30-11am



Sensational Seaweeds (Guided Walk)-5 years+
Island View Beach Regional Park (Central Saanich)

A CRD Regional Parks naturalist will help you discover how important marine algae is for you, me and the creatures that call them home! Be prepared to get your feet wet (bring sandals or beach shoes). Meet at the grassy area adjacent to the picnic shelter off Homathko Road.

Tuesday, July 30 | 10-11:30am



Life on the Rocks (Guided Walk)-5 years+
Witty's Lagoon Regional Park (Metchosin)

When the tide goes out an exciting world comes into view. A CRD Regional Parks naturalist will help you discover the creatures that make Witty's Lagoon their special home. Be prepared to get your feet wet (bring sandals or beach shoes). Meet at Tower Point parking lot off Olympic View Drive.

BC Transit #54 or #55

Wednesday, July 31 | 10am-1pm



Beach Day at Coles Bay (Drop-in Event)-All ages
Coles Bay Regional Park (North Saanich)

Crabs, sea stars, moon snails, and more! Come explore the beach at low tide with CRD Regional Parks naturalists, who will help you learn about the amazing creatures that call the beach home. This event includes wading in the water so be prepared to get your feet and clothes wet (wear shorts and sandals or beach shoes). Meet at the main beach off Inverness Road.



Marvelous Matheson

August

Thursday, August 1 | 7-8:30pm

Evening Campground Program (Guided Walk)-All ages
Island View Beach Regional Park (Central Saanich)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist for an evening of activities and games to learn about what critters are up to this time of day. Bring a beach chair and meet at the campfire ring at Island View Beach campground, off Homathko Road.

Friday, August 2 | 12:30-2pm

Going Crabby (Guided Walk)-All ages
Island View Beach Regional Park (Central Saanich)

Meet some of the crabs and their cousins that make Island View Beach their special home. Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist for some intertidal exploration and discover these creatures up-close and personal. Meet at the grassy area adjacent to the picnic shelter off Homathko Road.

Saturday, August 3 | 1-2:30pm

Moon Walk (Guided Walk)-5 years+
Coles Bay Regional Park (North Saanich)

Did you know one of North America's largest marine snails lives at this regional park? Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist to look for marine creatures like crabs, sea stars and the elusive moon snail. This program includes wading in the water so be prepared to get your feet and clothes wet (wear shorts and sandals or beach shoes). Meet at the information kiosk in the parking lot off Inverness Road.



Sunday, August 4 | 1-2:30pm

Seals! Seals! (Guided Walk)-All ages
Witty's Lagoon Regional Park (Metchosin)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist to see Tower Point's most avid sun worshippers and swimming enthusiasts – the harbour seals! Binoculars and spotting scopes provided. Meet at Tower Point parking lot off Olympic View Drive.

BC Transit #54 or #55

Wednesday, August 7 | 6-7:30pm

Story Walk Wednesday (Drop-in Event)-All ages
Witty's Lagoon Regional Park (Metchosin)

Get outside and experience a nature walk while stopping to enjoy an illustrated children's book along the Lagoon Trail to Sitting Lady Falls. A CRD Regional Parks naturalist will be there to bring the story to life. StoryWalk™ are hosted by West Shore Parks & Recreation. Check westshorecreation.ca this summer for more StoryWalk™ Wednesdays. Meet at the Witty's Lagoon Nature Centre off Metchosin Road.

BC Transit #54 or #55

Saturday, August 10 | 10am-1pm

Iron Mine Bay Hike (Adult Guided Hike)-18 years+
East Sooke Regional Park (East Sooke)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist on this superb hike. From Pike Road, we will head towards Anderson Cove trail and continue along until reaching the spectacular Iron Mine Bay.

There is no fee for this program but you must pre-register by August 6 as space is limited.

Visit www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events.



Sunday, August 11 | 7-8:30pm

Early Evening Bat Exploration (Guided Walk)-5 years+
Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park (Saanich)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist and the Habitat Acquisition Trust to explore the weird and wonderful world of bats. Hopefully we will get a chance to see them in action as they swoop through the air feeding on flying insects that are found at this time of year. Meet at the grassy area adjacent to the picnic shelter in the Filter Beds parking lot.

BC Transit #70, #72 or #75

Thursday, August 15 | 11am-2pm

Snake Day (Drop-in Event)-All ages
Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park (Saanich)

CRD Regional Parks has teamed up with Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary for this slithery event: watch snake shows, touch a snake, play a snake game and more. Drop by the tents at the main Beaver Beach anytime between 11am and 2pm.

BC Transit #70, #72 or #75

Friday, August 16 | 10am-12pm

Family Nature Sketch (Guided Walk)-5 years+
Witty's Lagoon Regional Park (Metchosin)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist and an art teacher from the Robert Bateman Centre to learn the basics of nature journaling as we explore the beach at low tide. We'll supply materials, you supply the creativity. **\$7/person + GST. Pre-register by August 12 as space is limited. Visit www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events.**

BC Transit #54 or #55



Sunday, August 18 | 1-2:30pm



Bejewelled Dragons of the Pond (Guided Walk)-5 years+
Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park (Saanich)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist for an up-close and personal look at the amazing world of dragonflies as they zig and zag in search of their prey across the wetlands. Nets and field guides will be available for use. Meet at the Equestrian Centre parking lot off Beaver Lake Road.

BC Transit #70, #72 or #75

Monday, August 19 | 10-11:30am



Bear Necessities (Guided Walk)-5 years+
East Sooke Regional Park (East Sooke)

We can co-exist with these magnificent forest dwellers. Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist to learn about the life of the black bear. Meet at the kiosk in the Aylard Farm parking lot off Beecher Bay Road.

Wednesday, August 21 | 6-7:30pm



Story Walk Wednesday (Drop-in Event)-All ages
Francis/King Regional Park (Saanich)

Get outside and experience a nature walk along your favourite user-friendly trail while stopping to enjoy an illustrated children's book. A CRD Regional Parks naturalist will be there to bring the story to life. StoryWalk™ are hosted by West Shore Parks & Recreation. Check westshorecreation.ca this summer for more StoryWalk™ Wednesdays. Meet at the Francis/King Nature Centre off Munn Road.

Friday, August 23 | 1-2:30pm



Cougar Capers (Guided Walk)-All ages
Francis/King Regional Park (Saanich)

They leap, they climb and they even purr. Come investigate the mysterious life of a cougar on this informative walk and talk with a CRD Regional Parks naturalist. Meet at the Francis/King Nature Centre off Munn Road.



Bejewelled Dragons of the Pond

Saturday, August 24 | 1-2:30pm



Tree-mendous Trees (Guided Walk)-5 years+
Devonian Regional Park (Metchosin)

Unlock the mysteries of trees on a fun forest adventure with a CRD Regional Parks naturalist. Follow clues and riddles along the trail to meet Devonian's giants. Meet at the kiosk near the parking lot off William Head Road.

Sunday, August 25 | 7-8:30pm



Evening Campground Program (Guided Walk)-All ages
Island View Beach Regional Park (Central Saanich)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist for stories and a beach stroll. Bring a beach chair and meet at the campfire ring at Island View Beach campground, off Homathko Road.

Tuesday, August 27 | 10-11am



Bug Buddies (Guided Walk)-5 years and under
Mill Hill Regional Park (Langford)

What's that bug? Bring your preschooler to explore the wonderful world of insects! Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist on this bug safari as we search for grasshoppers, wood bugs and other not-so-creepy crawlies. **There is no fee for this program but you must pre-register by August 23 as space is limited. Visit www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events.**

BC Transit #53

Thursday, August 29 | 10am-1pm



Crab-tastic! (Drop-in Event)-All ages
Island View Beach Regional Park (Central Saanich)

Red, green, purple, hairy and hermit crabs. This bustling marine habitat has them all! Drop by anytime between 10am and 1pm to meet some of these crabs and their cousins, up-close and personal. There will be an aquarium, games and lots of opportunities to explore the beach with buckets and dip nets. Be prepared to get your feet wet (bring sandals or beach shoes). Look for the blue tent on the beach off Homathko Road.



Tree-mendous Trees

Friday, August 30 | 10-11:30am



Sandy Shore Explore (Guided Walk)-All ages
Witty's Lagoon Regional Park (Metchosin)

Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist for an intertidal exploration and discover the strange and wonderful creatures that appear between the tides. Be prepared to get your feet wet (bring sandals or beach shoes). Park at the main entrance off Metchosin Road. Meet at the Witty's Beach kiosk at the end of the Beach Trail.

BC Transit #54 or #55

Saturday, August 31 | 10-11:30am



The Beach Rocks! (Guided Walk)-All ages
Witty's Lagoon Regional Park (Metchosin)

The tide is out! Join a CRD Regional Parks naturalist and get a glimpse of the creatures that live beneath the rocks. Be prepared to get your feet wet (bring sandals or beach shoes). Park at the main entrance off Metchosin Road. Meet at the Witty's Beach kiosk at the end of the Beach Trail.

BC Transit #54 or #55



Roving Park Naturalists

Watch for CRD Regional Parks naturalists this summer, as they rove at various regional parks to meet you. Naturalists are ready to help you discover and learn more about the natural and cultural history of your favourite regional park. From forest giants to tidal treasures, we love to share our passion for nature.

The Park Explorer's Code

Here's what you can do to keep your forests, beaches and shorelines alive and healthy!

- Stay on the trails to protect the plant and animal life.
- Keep your dog under control, in sight, and on a leash where required. Remember to pick up your dog's droppings and take it to the trash.
- Do not take anything from the park, including plants, animals, soil and other natural materials.
- Keep your parks clean. Leave no trace and help us by picking up litter.
- Walk carefully along the beach. Don't step on or disturb shoreline creatures.
- Handle sea creatures and shells gently. Leave it where you found it.
- If you move rocks, replace them exactly as you found them. Rocks provide homes and hiding places.
- If you dig in the sand, return animals to their homes and refill the holes.
- Remember, dogs are not permitted to stay in beach and picnic areas between June 1 and September 15.



PAWS in Parks

Pause to consider this simple canine courtesy

Protect nature by keeping your dog away from wildlife and sensitive areas



Always respect others who might not welcome your dog's attention



Watch that your dog is under control, in sight, and on a leash where required



Scoop your dog's poop and take it to the trash



Learn more at www.crd.bc.ca/petsinparks

About CRD Regional Parks

CRD Regional Parks protects and manages more than 13,000 hectares of spectacular and accessible natural areas in 34 Regional Parks & Trails on southern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. Regional Parks protect and restore biodiversity, offer a range of compatible outdoor recreation and education opportunities, and provide accessible, joyful connections with the natural world.

There is a wonderful world of natural and cultural history to explore at our Nature Centres. Regional Parks staff and volunteer naturalists can answer your questions and point you in the right direction on the trails.

Beaver Lake Nature Centre



(Beaver Beach off Elk Lake Drive in Saanich)

Open in summer – Saturdays, Sundays, holiday Mondays, 12–4pm. The Nature Centre is wheelchair accessible.

Francis/King Nature Centre



(Munn Road in Saanich)

Open year-round – Saturdays, Sundays, holiday Mondays, 12–4pm. The Nature Centre and the Elsie King Trail are wheelchair accessible.

Witty's Lagoon Nature Centre



(Metchosin Road in Metchosin)

Open year-round – Saturdays, Sundays, holiday Mondays, 12–4pm. The Nature Centre is wheelchair accessible.

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