

SOURCE TO TAP TOUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where do I catch the tour bus?

2955 Sooke Lake Rd. Look for the sandwich board signs for where to park. Please note, due to facility needs there is no longer an option to meet the bus at the Integrated Water Services building at 479 Island HWY.

What will I see?

Sooke Lake Reservoir and the water supply intake, dam and spillway

One of the main streams supplying the reservoir

A walk in the Forest

The Deception Reservoir and dam

The Japan Gulch Disinfection Facility

Will there be a lot of hiking?

There will be some short walks at some of the stops. There is a walk of several hundred metres through the forest along a relatively level and easy trail. However, no one needs to get off the bus if they are unable to walk.

What should I wear?

Wear clothes suitable for the weather because the tours will go ahead even if it is raining. It can be windy and cooler up at Sooke Dam because it is higher in elevation than down in the city. The weather can change so it is a good idea to wear layers. Wear walking shoes.

What time will we be back?

The bus leaves the parking at 9:30am and returns to the parking lot around 3:00pm. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early to avoid missing the bus.

We cannot guarantee that the bus will be back exactly at 3:00pm, but the tour leader will try to be back by 2:45pm.

How many people on a tour?

The tours can accommodate 42.

Do I need to bring anything?

Bring your questions, a camera, a lunch or snack and something to drink. Sunscreen and bug spray are also recommended. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather. The weather can change so it is a good idea to dress in layers.

Can I bring my children?

The tour is not suitable for children under 12 years of age because the information provided is geared towards adults.

Is there a Waitlist?

Yes – Please register and the system will put your name on the waitlist and notify you via email if there is an opening.

Wheelchair Accessibility?

No - Not at this time. The buses used for the tours are not wheelchair accessible (no lifts). They are school buses that have no storage. Please leave your name, phone number and email address to be added to a waitlist. If there is enough interest (10+) we will provide a dedicated tour in the fall. Email watertours@crd.bc.ca, or contact Kathy Haesevoets at 250.474.9627 or Annette Constabel at 250.391.3556 to discuss options.

Are there Washrooms?

Outhouses are located at each stop. There is no washroom on the bus.

More Info:

Visit www.crd.bc.ca/watertours for more information on:

- o Map of Tour route
- o Parking Location Map
- o BC Transit bus trip planning link
- o Tour Details

If you have any questions or comments, please contact watertours@crd.bc.ca or call 250.474.9627