



FALL 2022

# Community Recreation

## Road Trips and Rambles

No car? No problem! Road Trips and Rambles events are back to offer you an opportunity to get outside of your everyday and join in some adventure while leaving the driving up to us. Meet some new friends and experience some of the best our region has to offer.

### Malahat Skywalk and Picnic

Ascend the gentle grade of the spiral ramp to peak adventure. At 250 m above sea level, the tower provides sweeping views of Mt. Baker, Finlayson Arm, the Saanich Peninsula and islands in two countries. Explore the west coast from a whole new perspective and then choose your descent with a return walk down the ramp or take the fast route on a spiral slide. Pack a picnic lunch or buy a light lunch at the Skywalk. Transportation, guide and admission is included. Meals not included.

**Location:** Pick up at Crystal Pool

Sep 10 Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$75/1 [33935](#)

### A Day with Birds of Prey

Join us for a trip to the Raptor Centre in Duncan where we'll see a raptor flying demonstration and observe eagles, hawks, owls and falcons on a guided tour. After working up an appetite viewing these captivating predators, we'll head to lunch at a restaurant with a bird's-eye view of the Saanich Inlet. Admission, transportation and tour are included. Meals not included.

**Location:** Pick up at Crystal Pool

Oct 22 Sat 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. \$60/1 [33936](#)

### Learning on the Land with PEPÁKĒN HÁUTW

Join us in visiting the SNIDÇEŁ Resiliency Project, a land and village restoration project in Tod Inlet, Gowlland-Tod Provincial Park. Take part in healing work on the land in combination with sharing cultural and ecological teachings. This will include hands-on invasives removal – please come prepared with sturdy shoes, gloves, weather-appropriate layers and protection, and your own food and water for the day. Transportation and instructor fees are included.

**Location:** Pick up at Crystal Pool

**Instructor:** PEPÁKĒN HÁUTW Staff

Nov 1 Tue 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$50/1 [33937](#)

### Guided Mushroom Hunt

November rains don't just inspire epic rock ballads, they also inspire mushrooms to fruit! Take a walk through one of our region's beautiful parks with experienced mushroom hunters to learn the basics of identifying some common mushrooms and enjoy a fun foray with fellow fungal friends! Please come dressed appropriately for the weather with sturdy footwear and your own snacks and water. Transportation to a regional park is provided.

**Location:** Pick up at Crystal Pool - tour location TBD

**Instructor:** South Vancouver Island Mycological Society members

Nov 11 Fri Noon-4:30 p.m. \$25/1 [33938](#)



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## Walking Tours

Walking tours are an enjoyable way to get to know your city’s natural spaces. We choose locations that are accessible by bus and/or bike so you can roll, stroll or ride.

### Urban Ecology Walk: Mushrooms

Do you ever wonder about the fungus among us? Join the South Vancouver Island Mycological Society for a Sunday stroll through the hidden wonders of our city’s ecology. On this walking tour you’ll learn the basics of mushroom identification and where to look to find them.

**Location:** TBD

**Instructor:** South Vancouver Island Mycological Society members

Sep 24 Sat 9:30 a.m.-Noon \$15/1 [33939](#)

### Urban Ecology Walk: Birding

Join us for a guided walking tour of a natural space with the Special Bird Service. We will take in the natural world and ecology all around us with a focus on listening to and identifying birds. This is an excellent opportunity to ground yourself in the outdoors, together in community.

**Location:** TBD

**Instructor:** Special Bird Service members

Nov 20 Sun 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$15/1 [33940](#)



### DID YOU KNOW?

2022 is the Year of the Garden. Year of the Garden is a national campaign to celebrate and recognize the contributions that gardens and gardening make to our quality of life, climate action goals and food security, as well as the creation of safe and healthy places where people can come together.



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