

Shuswap Naturalist Club Spring Outings 2021

These outings are all planned for Thursdays, but please note varied start times. Both Salmon Arm and Destination meeting locations are indicated on the schedule.

We will send a final email reminder or notice of any changes or cancellations, a few days in advance of each outing.

Meeting locations for those unsure of finding a destination, will marshal from:

Eastern - ARENA PARKING AREA IMMEDIATELY EAST OF JUNGLEMANIA

Western - SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PICCADILLY MALL PARKING LOT.

With COVID 19 GUIDELINES continually evolving, please stay informed and observe all required travel & distancing restrictions.

To reduce the risk of Covid-19 on Naturalist Outings, we also ask that everyone take personal responsibility to ensure their safety and the safety of others.

Please:

- Do not attend an outing if you feel unwell. Participate only if you are showing no symptoms of Covid-19. For now, we request that only members participate and that guests not be invited.
- Do not attend an outing for two weeks after returning from international trips.
- Do not attend an outing for two weeks after having had contact with anyone who has confirmed or probable Covid-19.
- Maintain 2 metres distance from anyone external to your social bubble.
- Bring and wear a face mask in situations where 2 metre distancing cannot be maintained.
- Refrain from sharing food, drinks, repellent, clothing, equipment, etc. As we did last season and when convenient, please bring a chair, thermos and snack so that we can enjoy a “distanced” post walk visit.

Carpooling:

Carpooling is still not advised, but this may evolve through our spring. For now, it is preferable that participants make their own arrangements for transportation to the starting point. If you do not have transportation available, we will stage in our usual east and west Salmon Arm locations and recommend that those that must travel with others outside their “bubble”, wear masks. Those that have been vaccinated should observe the guidelines as they’re developed.

If you have any questions about the outings, please contact one of the committee members:

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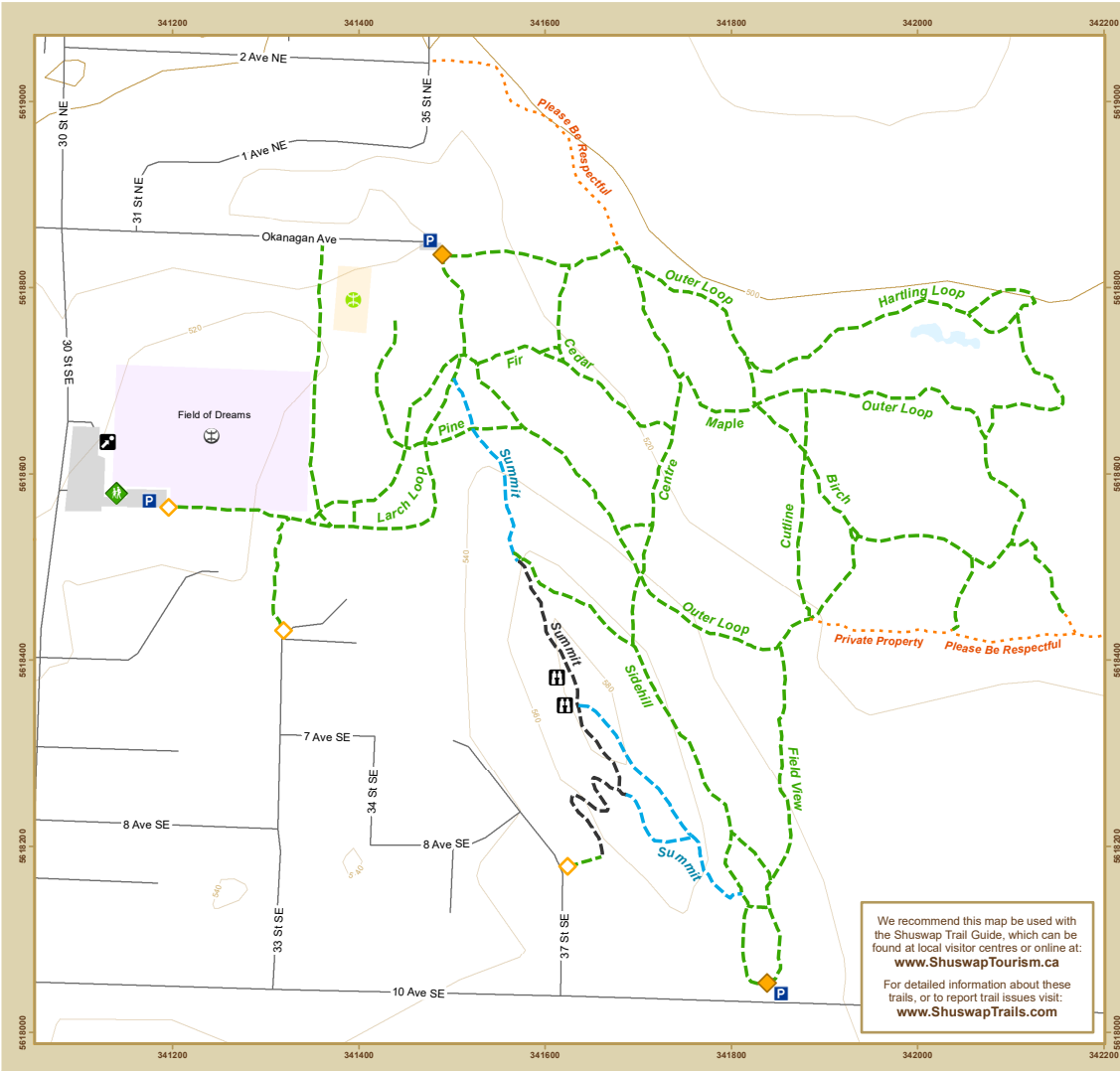
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Date/Time	Location	Leader
April 15 10:00 – S. Arm Wharf Parking Lot	Salmon Arm Foreshore: This will be a gentle walk...an out and back, with individuals able to go the distance/duration they choose. This sublime and treasured location consistently rewards us with plants, animals and birds in assiduous spring activity. For those beginning to Journal (links provided in March newsletter), the foreshore offers space, subjects and time. Bring your chair, snack and thermos for a post-walk visit outside the Brighthouse Centre.	Ed & Marlene McDonald
April 22 9:30 - Parking Piccadilly Mall 10:00 - Harold's Park Day Use	Herald's Park: Provides convenient "distancing", sun/shade and varied walking options. We will explore both open and forested areas through the park and along the creek. Those interested may take time to walk up to Margaret Falls after snack. Don't forget a chair, thermos and your Journal if it has become part of your outing "gear".	Hanne
April 29 8:45 – Parking beside Junglemania 9:30 – Swan Lake Nursery Parking lot (North end)	Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park (Vernon): Early to open for spring exploration, the park provides many trail options. Plant, animal, historical details and maps can be found at https://bcparks.ca/explore/parkpgs/kalamalka_lk/ We will depart from the Red Gate. Details will be provided as the date approaches.	Hanne, Dawn, Pat and Marie
May 6 9:00 Parking beside Junglemania 9:20 Musgrave Road	Gardom Lake Wetland Tour: With short walks, we can explore these wildlife rich wetlands, where Mallard, Golden Eye, Swallows, Red Wing Blackbirds, Frogs & Western-Painted Turtles are often seen. Our leader lives near, monitors and does species counts on these wetlands. Another local guest may also join us to share experience and expertise.	Anne Caughlin and Friends

<p>Week of May 9 - At your Leisure Recommended Parking at the end of eastern end of Okanagan Ave. or the junction of 2nd Ave. and 35th St. along the roadside.</p>	<p>SOMETHING NEW - Little Mountain Self Led Exploration: Early the week of May 9, we will email out a “nature treasure list”. We are encouraging members to, at their convenience, explore and get to know one of our local park and green areas by “hunting” for the list items...valuable prize guaranteed;-)) The park offers circuitous trails (https://shuswaptrails.com/trails.php?area=0&id=38), a hidden pond and delicate John Sayer/district student wood carvings. The Geo Referenced PDF Map at this link is printable and attached.</p>	<p>Dawn, Hanne, Pat</p>
<p>May 20 8:30 Junglemania 9:15 Otter Lake Pull Out (North end)</p>	<p>Loop Route: Our route will be out along Deep Creek with stops at Otter Lake, St. Mary’s Pond, Round Lake and returning along Silver Creek Road. We’ll look forward to changing biomes and sightings of song birds, waterfowl and spring flowers. The day will involve driving with several short stops and walks. More information will follow closer to the date. Bring lunch to eat at your leisure. Bathroom options may be bush pee or Depends!</p>	<p>Hanne, Dawn, Marie, Pat, Possibly Roger and/or Don Cecile</p>
<p>May 27 9:30 Parking Piccadilly Mall (south east corner)</p>	<p>Skimiken Lake - We will meander a few of the network of trails surrounding the lake, listening, looking and pondering as we so enjoy. Waterfowl, songbirds, turtles and more can be expected. Further details after our reccie exploration.</p>	<p>Hanne, Pat, Dawn, Marie</p>
<p>June 1</p>	<p>Naturalist June Meeting (Final Meeting before summer break)</p>	

We invite all club members to at any time, suggest outing locations or lead an outing within or outside this schedule.



Little Mountain Park

North TH: 11U 341489E 5618835N
 South TH: 11U 341838E 5618053N
 Distance: 1 - 8 km (various routes)

- Recreation Points**
- Main Trailhead
 - Alternate Trailhead
 - Chalet / Cabin
 - Shelter
 - Campsite
 - Toilet
 - Point of Interest
 - Viewpoint
 - Playground
 - Sports Fields
 - Tennis Courts
 - Parking
- System Trails (by difficulty)**
- White Circle *Easiest*
 - Green Circle *Easier*
 - Blue Square *More Difficult*
 - Black Diamond *Most Difficult*
 - Dbl Black D *Expert Unltd*
 - Private Property
- Transportation**
- Highway
 - Paved Road
 - Gravel Road
 - Railroad
- Water**
- Stream
 - Lake / River
 - Wetland
- Other Data**
- Park / Rec Site
 - 20 m Contour
- Scale: 1:5,500
 NAD83/UTM11N
 Published: 1/5/2018

We recommend this map be used with the Shuswap Trail Guide, which can be found at local visitor centres or online at: www.ShuswapTourism.ca

For detailed information about these trails, or to report trail issues visit: www.ShuswapTrails.com

The extensive network of parks and trails in the Shuswap Region have been made possible through the collaborative efforts of many land managers and trail stewards working together.

Please refer to the Shuswap Trail Guide for details of the organizations involved in creating these trail experiences in the Shuswap.

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