

Bear Creek Park, Oyster river Hatchery and Wood Ducks



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Marshall Time: Saturday May 14, 1:30 at the Filberg Centre

Start time and Duration: 2:00 pm at Trail Head, with a finish no later than 4:30

Trail Head Location: Main parking lot off Macaulay Road.

Car Pool: A Car Pool will leave the Filberg

Centre at 1:30 pm, with about 30 minutes of travel time. There is lots of parking at Trail Head. A Car Pool map will be available at the Registration Desk

Maximum number of Participants: 16

How to Dress: Dress for the Weather; Good walking boots suggested.

What to expect on trip: Trails in the park are good, though it can be muddy. If it has been wet, good walking shoes are recommended. Difficulty 1-2? (just because the walk will take more than 10 mins!) The hill is not a problem if we take our time, though we can use a vehicle if necessary. The chance of seeing wood ducks is low, as they are very shy, but it is a good time for birds generally, and the Oyster River hatchery itself is a very successful volunteer operation and well worth a visit.

The Oyster River Hatchery and side channels lie within Bear Creek Nature Park, (the hatchery in fact is the reason for Bear Creek Park), and as we saunter along the trails, looking at plants and listening for birds, there will also be lots to learn about the Oyster River Enhancement Society. For further info about the hatchery check out the Oyster River Enhancement Society Web Site:

<http://www.oysterriverenhancement.org/>

Difficulty of Trip: Easy to Moderate. There is a short steep hill at the start of the trail, but otherwise trails are level.

Wheel Chair Accessible: Unfortunately, the paths are not suitable for Wheel Chairs.

CVRD Web Site: <http://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/EN/main/community/parks-trails/comox-valley-parks/bear-creek-nature-park.html>

CVNS Web Site: <http://comoxvalleynaturalist.bc.ca/nature-viewing-guide/3-strait-of-georgiaoyster-bay-area/bear-creek-nature-park/>

Island Nature Web Site: <http://islandnature.ca/2013/06/bear-creek-nature-park/>