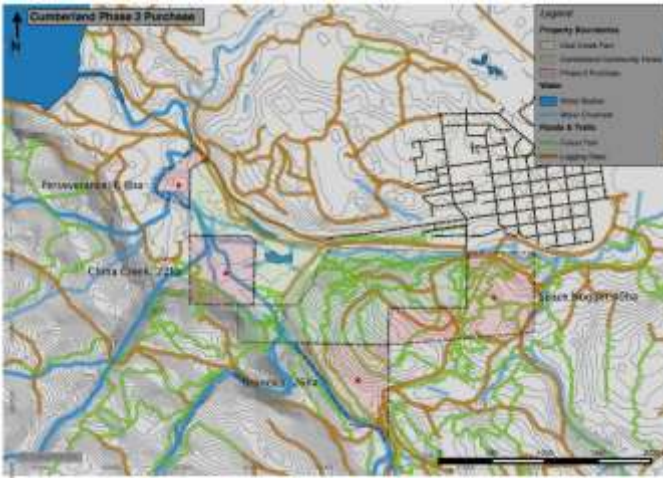


Cumberland Community Forest, Saturday May 14th
1:30 departs - 4:45 returns (approx.)



The Cumberland Community Forest Society has been purchasing and protecting privately owned forest around the Village of Cumberland since 2001. With 72 hectares protected to date and another 90+ to be purchased over the next 12 months, this is an exciting time for the Village of Cumberland.

The Cumberland Forest is a mature coastal forest and a critical wildlife corridor that is home to a number of at

risk species. It is filled with wetlands, and salmon-bearing streams and is home to 2 distinct watershed systems.

The Cumberland Forest is also filled with heritage landmarks that tell a fascinating story of logging, mining and land ownership on Vancouver Island. The forest is home to an extensive hiking and mountain biking trail network that are accessed by the community and visitors from far afield.

Expect a lively and engaging time in the woods! Meghan Cursons is the coordinator for the Cumberland Community Forest Society and active tour guide for the local Museum. The tour includes ecological, cultural and political information, stories and anecdotes about the community and forest they are working so hard to protect. Joining her is Andrew Nicoll, chair of the Cumberland Community Forest Society and long time champion of forest conservation in the Village.

There is no charge for this trip, with a maximum of 20 participants. A car pool will depart from the Filberg Centre.

Field Trip Name: Cumberland Community Forest Walking Tour

Leaders Names: Meghan Cursons and Andrew Nicoll

Car Pool from Filberg, leaving at 1:30; maps will be available at Registration Desk

Start time: Saturday May 14th 1:45 at Trail head at Sutton Road

Duration: Estimated end time 4:45 (end location TBD)

Trailhead Location: Corner of Sutton Rd & Comox Lake Rd (known as the “yellow gate”)

Maximum number of Participants: Up to 20

What to Bring: Water, snacks, camera

Where to have lunch: There are great places to eat in Cumberland including:
Riders Pizza and Cumberland Brewing Company – Pizza and Craft Beer
Waverley Hotel – Gourmet Pub Grub (with a global twist)
Wandering Moose – Café
Tarbells Deli – Deli Sandwiches and soups
Mars on Min – Classic diner menu

How to dress: For the Weather, good hiking boots/shoes

What to expect on trip: See above

Difficulty of Trip (1 easy 5 extreme): Moderate 3

Wheel Chair Accessible: Unfortunately this tour is not wheel chair accessible

Supplies and A/V Required: Car Pool Map, Car pool sign-up list, Participants list

Miscellaneous Details: There are no bathrooms on this hike but lots of spots to duck out of sight. Please bring your own drinking water and plan to carry out anything you bring in.

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