## Kin Beach Provincial Park: Botany & Some Marine Information



**Leader Name**: Helen and Robbie Robinson

**Start time**: Friday, May 13th departing at 1:30

from the Filberg Centre.

**Duration**: We will return to the Filberg by 4:30 pm

**Car Pool**: Car Pool departing Filberg at 1:30

**Maximum number of Participants**: 16

What to Bring: Binoculars, water, a notebook, a

hand lens, and a snack. The Park has pit toilets and water taps.

**How to dress**: Dress for the weather, and wear good walking shoes or boots. Bring an umbrella if it is raining.

<u>Difficulty of Trip</u>: Moderate due to loose beach, sand, and driftwood on beach. Unfortunately, this trip is not Wheel Chair Accessible

What to expect on trip: This small seaside park overlooks the Strait of Georgia providing views across to the BC Coast Mountains. Just slightly over six hectares, the park contains a small stand of mature Douglas-fir, a cobblestone beach, meadow and sandy dune, which is a rare habitat on the east coast of Vancouver Island. This ocean-side park has some old-growth Douglas firs, and is the site of an ancient First Nations midden. The foreshore erosion visible here is of special concern, and will be discussed.

Some of the area's earliest blooming spring flowers, such as gold star and blue-eyed Mary, are found here. The shoreline location provides a good place to view wintering waterfowl and migrating shore birds, as well as Bald Eagles and Great Blue Herons. Helen will also discuss some of the marine life to be found in the area.

For more information on Kin Beach Provincial Park visit these sites:

http://comoxvallevnaturalist.bc.ca/nature-viewing-guide/2-comox-peninsula-area/kin-beach/)

BC Government Web Site: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/kin bch/)

Marine plant life identification at <a href="http://soundwaterstewards.org/ezidweb/">http://soundwaterstewards.org/ezidweb/</a>