

Comox Valley Nature Membership & Waiver Form

NEW MEMBERSHIP

RENEWAL

Membership Year: _____

Society membership fees are annual (Jan-Dec) and include membership in BC Nature (BCN), a yearly subscription to the BC Nature magazine and CVN Newsletter, and liability insurance coverage when participating in society activities.

Please **complete both pages of this form** (or the online equivalent) **each year** to ensure we have your current contact information. To participate in any club walk, field trip, event, or work party, every member must sign the "INFORMED CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT" (waiver) on page 2.

CONTACT INFORMATION

First voting member in the household:

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Do you agree to receive Society communications by email? Yes No

Second voting member in the same household:

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Do you agree to receive Society communications by email? Yes No

Mailing Address: _____
Apt/Unit Street City Postal Code

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

Fill in the amount for **one** of the following:

One adult member (\$30.00) \$ _____

Two members in one household (two adults or one adult and one voting youth) (\$40.00) \$ _____

Youth voting member (age 18 or younger) (\$10.00) \$ _____

Adult members of another BC Nature club may deduct \$16 - \$ _____

For a printed copy of *BC Nature* magazine (4 per year), add \$5 \$ _____

Subtotal \$ _____

DONATIONS

If you wish to donate to the annual CVN Post-secondary Bursary, add any amount \$ _____

If you wish to donate to one or more CVN interest groups or projects, add any amount \$ _____

and indicate which group(s) or project:(s) _____

Please send me a tax receipt for my total donations of \$20 or more.

TOTAL \$ _____

PRIVACY

CVN communications (e.g. newsletters, blog posts, social media) contain stories about club activities which may include members' names and/or photos. Indicate below if you do NOT consent to these uses:

Do not use my name.

Do not use my image.

MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE

CVN invites you to tell us about your interests and skills (if you haven't already). Take the [optional online survey here](https://tinyurl.com/CVN-member-interest-form) (https://tinyurl.com/CVN-member-interest-form).

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INFORMED CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

WARNING! Please read carefully!
By signing this document you will waive certain legal rights, including the right to sue.

This is a binding legal agreement. As a Participant in the programs, activities and events of the Comox Valley Naturalists Society and the Federation of BC Naturalists, the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following terms:

1. The Comox Valley Naturalists Society and the Federation of BC Naturalists and their respective directors, officers, committee members, members, employees, volunteers, participants, agents and representatives (collectively the "Organization") are not responsible for any injury, personal injury, damage, property damage, expense, loss of income or loss of any kind suffered by a Participant during, or as a result of, any program, activity or event of the Organization, caused by the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the programs, activities and events of the Organization.

DESCRIPTION OF RISKS

2. I am participating voluntarily in these activities, events and programs of the Organization. In consideration of my participation in the programs, activities and events of the Organization, I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with or related to any such programs, activities and events of the Organization and may be exposed to such risks, dangers and hazards. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to, injuries from:

- a) Field trips, outings and nature walks;
- b) Bird counts and watching;
- c) Road clean-up and restoration work,
- d) Animal attacks, including but not limited to, bears, cougars and snakes,
- e) Bites from insects, including ticks with possibility of leading to Lyme Disease,
- f) Extreme weather conditions which may result in heatstroke, sunstroke, hypothermia, frostbite, or lightning strikes,
- g) Inhalation of viruses or infections including but not limited to, Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome;
- h) Executing strenuous and demanding physical techniques including climbing and hiking;
- i) Vigorous physical exertion;
- j) Grass, turf and other surfaces including bacterial infections and rashes;
- k) Falling to the ground due to uneven, slippery, steep, rocky or irregular terrain or surfaces;
- l) Failure to properly use any piece of equipment or from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment;
- m) Spinal cord injuries which may render me permanently paralyzed; and
- n) Travel to and from activities, events and programs.

3. Furthermore, I am aware:

- a) That injuries sustained can be severe.
- b) That I may experience anxiety while challenging myself during the activities, events and programs:
- c) That my risk of injury is reduced if I follow all rules established for participation; and
- d) That my risk of injury increases as I become fatigued.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

4. In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate, I agree:

- a) That I do not know of any medical condition I might have that could possibly make it unwise from me to participate in the club's activities, events or programs, including but not limited to heart conditions;
- b) To freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, resulting from my participation in such activities, events and programs;
- c) To forever release the Organization from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions and costs that might arise out of my participation in the activities, events and programs of the Organization.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I acknowledge that I have read this agreement and understand it, that I have executed this agreement voluntarily, and that this agreement is to be binding upon myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and representatives.

<hr/> <small>Printed name of adult applicant (19 years or older)</small>	<hr/> <small>Signature</small>	<hr/> <small>Date</small>
<hr/> <small>Printed name of adult applicant (19 years or older)</small>	<hr/> <small>Signature</small>	<hr/> <small>Date</small>
<hr/> <small>Printed name of youth voting applicant (under 19 years)</small>	<hr/> <small>Signature of parent or guardian</small>	<hr/> <small>Date</small>
<hr/> <small>Printed name of non-voting minor (under 19 years)</small>	<hr/> <small>Signature of parent or guardian</small>	<hr/> <small>Date</small>
<hr/> <small>Printed name of non-voting minor (under 19 years)</small>	<hr/> <small>Signature of parent or guardian</small>	<hr/> <small>Date</small>

(For additional minors, please use a second form.)