



SUMMER WALKS 2026

- Pre-registration is required. Guests are welcome. No dogs. Waivers must be signed at the Trail start.
- All meeting points and times are at the Trail start. Please note variable start times.
- Dress for weather, bring water, maybe poles.

June 10, 2026 - Annual Picnic/Social @ 6:30 pm - Fishtrap Creek Park

Time: 6:30 pm

Provided: Strawberries and ice cream for dessert

What to bring: Personal picnic food and drinks

Location: picnic shelter behind the Ellwood baseball field on 31580 MacLure Rd.

Parking: on either side of the ball diamonds



In order to know how many tables to reserve, please register with Hank and Alice Roos by June 9 at

haroos12@gmail.com or call 604-853-4283

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 - Roy Kittles Trail in Mission



The trail is a 1km long family friendly loop trail. **Guided by recently retired municipal forest technologist, Kelly Kitsch.** We will see a magnificent old growth Douglas-fir, second growth and third growth forests with a chance to see some rare species, some experimental trials, and do some plant identification. Sturdy footwear recommended as the trail is sometimes uneven.

Time: 6:30 pm at trailhead

Level: easy to moderate

Duration: 1-1.5 hours

To register haroos12@gmail.com or 604-853-4283

Directions: Take Hwy 11 north to Mission, continue on Cedar Valley Connector, Cedar Street, turn sharp right onto Dewdney Trunk Road, Past Steelhead, to McCoombs Road on your right. If you have passed the landfill you are too far. Allow 30 minutes from Abbotsford

Parking: Parking is limited, parallel only on the narrow road, and a small place for about 3 cars to back into (try to carpool if possible)

Tuesday July 7 - Manning Park Meadows (all day) - Weather Permitting



Cascade Lookout - to take in stunning views of the surrounding mountains and the valley below.

Viewpoint Loop

600 m loop, 20 mins return, 100 m elevation change.

Paintbrush Trail

1.5 km loop, 30 mins return, little elevation change.

Starts from either the upper or lower parking lot at the end of the Blackwall Road. Excellent wildflower viewing from early July to mid-August.

Level - Easy

We will leave Abbotsford at 8:00 am and arrive at Manning Park Lodge at 10:00 am.

Bring lunch, water, and sunscreen, etc. and dress for the weather, sturdy footwear is a must.

Carpooling is recommended and can be arranged.

Register with Hank/Alice at haroos12@gmail.com or 604-853-4283/604-614-1049 no later than Sunday July 5

Wednesday, July 15 - Great Blue Heron Reserve, Chilliwack



The reserve on the Vedder River consists of 325 acres of forest and wetlands, located on the only un-dyked flood plain along the Vedder River. It is known for the large breeding colony of Pacific Great Blue Herons (about 90 nests) and a wide variety of wildlife and vegetation including the following species: Western Painted Turtle, Bald Eagle, and Salish Sucker. We will explore some of the trails, which include boardwalks, a lookout tower, viewing blinds and lookout points.

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Directions: Take Hwy 1 east to exit 109 Yale Rd to Sumas Prairie Road and go to the end, 5200 Sumas Prairie Rd.

Leader: Rita Bot - to register email rbot12@gmail.com - call or text 604-309-1263

Wednesday, July 22 - Glen Valley Big Trees, Abbotsford/Langley

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Leader: Wendy DaDalt - to register email wendy@dadalt.net - call 604 856- 2575.

Level: Easy Walk

Directions: Go to Glen Valley Regional Park, Poplar Bar Entrance, 27800 River Road, Abbotsford

We will gather at Poplar Bar and then travel a short distance together to the Blaauw Eco Forest 8640 - 257a Street, Langley. After walking a lovely, forested trail and boardwalk we will return to Poplar Bar for a walk along the Fraser River and see monument Black Cottonwoods (photo). Both walks are shaded with good footing and lots of interesting trees and plants. There are picnic tables and a pit toilet at Poplar Bar should you wish to bring a picnic lunch.



Glen Valley Regional Park Black Cottonwood
<http://blaauwecoforest.ca> (see video)

Wednesday, July 29 - Birding fieldtrip

Location and details to follow



Monthly Meeting - September 9, 2026



"Investigating Winter Songbird Movement and Survival along an Urbanization Gradient"



BC Nature AGM 2026 - mini report from Wendy DaDalt

Roos and DaDalts enjoyed the hybrid AGM in Kamloops this year and camping extension to Lac Le Jeune. Experienced a great variety of plants and birds; several we had never seen before like the Starry False Lilly of the Valley below. Grassland experts guided us through incredible open landscapes and described the ecology and management issues. The AGM itself was lite with no bylaw changes or non-routine motions. The new BC Nature president is Harold Sellers.

Afterwards we had fun paddling and hiking around McConnell (Lake) Provincial Park and exploring other local sites.



A full AGM in 2027 is confirmed for Victoria Rocky Point Observatory.

