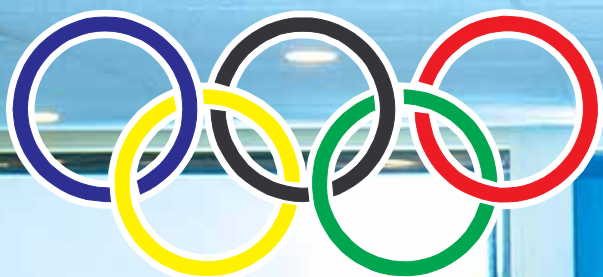


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With Whistler's successful bid to host the 2010 Winter Olympics Mount Washington is confident it will benefit from the games.

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Why Save The Vancouver Island Marmots?

Why it is important to protect the Vancouver Island Marmots more than the obvious, which are that they are endangered?

For some species the balance of nature can be argued - but what about the marmots? Since loss of habitat is one of the most common reasons for species decline we may have to come to the realization that some can't be saved. So how do we choose?

The first question would be, "Is this a keystone species?"

A keystone species is one whose impacts on its community or ecosystem are large and greater than would be expected from its relative abundance or total biomass. Starfish can often play this role where if the starfish are removed the diversity of an entire bioregion can be affected.

No. The Vancouver Island marmot is not a keystone species. It lives in relative obscurity in the high sub-alpine bowls on Vancouver Island, is an herbivore and as far as we know has never been plentiful enough to serve as a mainstay for predator species.

Does the species have protected habitat to be reintroduced to?

Yes, the Vancouver Island marmot's natural habitat is relatively pristine. It's located in high elevations and is naturally devoid of trees so it is still there and available for reintroductions.

Now, with the Vancouver Island Marmots not only is the habitat important, but also the surrounding lands. How will we ensure they're not further threatened when we release them into the wild? First the forest industry and government have set aside 1,226 hectares at Haley Lake and Green Mountain as VIM protected zones and sec-



Photos: Andrew Bryant Services

ond, the VIM Recovery Team is working with the forest industry and Mount Washington Alpine Ski Resort on a Land Stewardship Agreement to ensure mechanisms are in place to protect the marmots and their habitat in the face of further logging or development. So with the forest industry working with us, along with the government and the public, I think we have a good chance for success.

is the species endemic - is it found only in Canada?

Yes! If we allow this animal to go extinct it's gone forever. I think this question speaks the loudest to me as a Canadian. If a rich country like ours can't save its own uniquely Canadian animals from extinction - what hope is there for the rest of the world? How supernatural is that? I believe it is our duty as world citizens to protect this species.

Further I believe this project stands as an example of what can be done to save a species even when their numbers have plummeted to the brink of extinction, especially when you have the stakeholders at the table working with you and the will of the Canadian public on your side.

Viki Wilson, Executive Director
Marmot Recovery Foundation

For more information about the rare Vancouver Island marmot visit our website at www.marmots.org

The View From Here

Let's face it, my family and I are not the type that sit home and watch television night after night.

We love to get out and see the world and meet all kinds of wonderful people. We love to hear about their homelands and we love to share information about ours. There is nothing like educating people to help guide their interest in your own neck of the woods.

This spring we had the great opportunity to take a cruise through the Panama Canal. It was the experience of a lifetime and we met people from all over the world. It is amazing how many of them know about Vancouver Island or 'Victoria Island' as they seem so fond of calling it and most of them have no idea it's close to the same size as Cuba. So, it's not surprising that most of them are shocked to discover that British Columbia's third busiest ski resort is nestled right at the heart of this island.

Oh, they've heard of Whistler all right but there wasn't much acknowledgement of Blackcomb, nor of Big White or even Silver Star and yet, once in a while, someone knew someone, who knew someone who had skied at Mount Washington and loved it. And the resounding reply we received from those who knew of our mountain was, "Isn't that the place where they get all that snow?"

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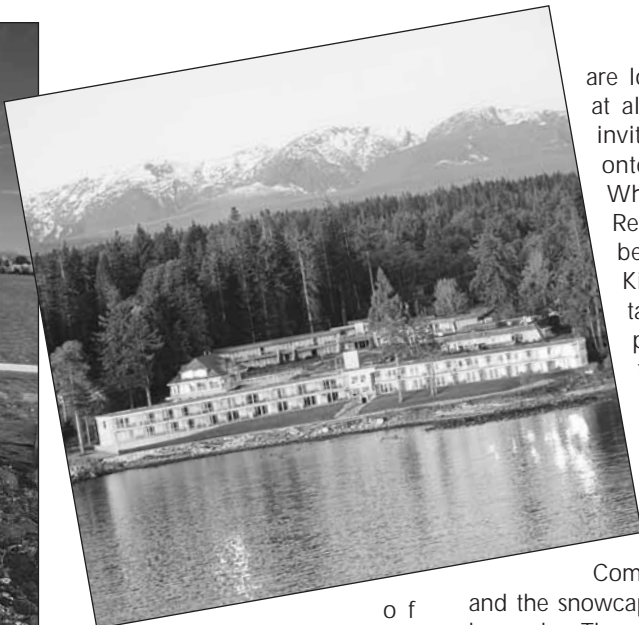
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Just ask the eagles that swoop down to the beach en masse periodically for dinner, or the blue herons that stand just offshore awaiting their next meal. The food at the Kingfisher Resort is delectable. From the restaurant you look out over the rooftops of the seaside suites. Some visionary cleverly decided to turn those roofs into a simulated beach, complete with driftwood and prepared in such a way you hardly realize you

are looking out over a rooftop at all. The dining area is an inviting room that opens out onto a large, bright patio. Where many high-end Resorts add a dash of snobbery to their menu, the Kingfisher Resort has maintained a welcoming atmosphere that makes it's guests feel comfortable rather than intimidated.

All of the rooms are designed to bring the outside in, with huge windows that take in the stupendous views of Comox Bay, the Georgia Strait and the snowcapped mainland mountains beyond. The variety of well appointed lodgings range from affordable in the original lodge to the newer seaside selection of guest suites that boast names such as Grand Pacific, Chinook, Orca and Romance.

One of the most enticing attractions at the Kingfisher Resort is its Oceanside Spa. Embraced between the waterfall pool, steam cave and the gentle rush of ocean waves, the Spa is a work of art that has become one of the most sought after features of the Resort. The seascape ambience permeates every corner of this scentsational Spa and there is no reason to wait for a rainy day to enjoy the many treatments available since the Spa also takes in the fabulous oceanic vistas.

In addition to the superb spa treatments currently available,

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Access: Mount Washington

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There are three airlines (Helijet, Pacific Coastal and WestJet) offering air service to and from the region, train service from Victoria to Courtenay, bus service and even the possibility of cruise ship passengers offloading in Campbell River and spending a port-of-call day exploring the slopes.

Earlier this year Helijet moved into Campbell River Regional Airport, offering the first international flights connecting the North Island with Seattle.

The Campbell River—Seattle route is Helijet's first with a fixed-wing aircraft: a new, 18-seat Beech 1900D turboprop commuter plane that makes the trip to Boeing Field in 50 minutes at a cruising speed of 180 knots.

Helijet has three flights per day scheduled to and from Seattle; there are also daily flights to Abbotsford in the Lower Mainland. The new international route will open up the entire U.S. for outbound travellers (and for inbound snow sport enthusiasts too) thanks to alliances with Horizon Air and Alaska Airlines.

Helijet was founded in 1986 and offers helicopter passenger services on two-, four-, five- and 12-passenger choppers, acts as an air courier and also provides air ambulance service.

Because Helijet's new commuter plane is small a flight attendant is not required, base manager Bob Claridge said, however, the first officer is available if necessary. Three pairs of flight crew, all based in Vancouver, rotate on the Campbell River-Seattle route. Customs service is provided at Campbell River Airport in a newly renovated area. The Airport has also procured an x-ray machine for screening carry-on baggage before loading an aircraft, although passengers may be subjected to manual baggage searches.



"By the time we think our loads will get busy ... this should be up and running," Campbell River passenger service agent Donna James said.

Eventually, Helijet hopes to land at SeaTac airport in Seattle, where passengers can connect with Alaska Airlines and other major airlines. For now, though, passengers disembark and go through customs at Boeing Field, then can take a free, 15-minute shuttle to SeaTac to connect with other flights.

Helijet pilot Carey Steacy, who has flown the Beech 1900 for five years with another company, said she was happy to hear Helijet would partner with Mount Washington on possible ski packages. The Resort will team up with Helijet in some capacity, although management isn't yet sure how they will partner with the airline.

Resort officials will travel to Seattle in the summer to spread the word about Mount Washington, and to offer packages for summer accommodation. They added that Helijet does offer better pricing for groups travelling together.

Resort Public Relations Director Dave Hampshire said he will be promoting the Alpine Resort in the Seattle area, and Chris Hounsell, who is in charge of group programs, is trying to tee up some familiarization tours for Seattle media this summer.

While Helijet is just breaking into the market, Calgary-based WestJet continues to be a boon for Mount Washington.

WestJet began regular flights between Comox and Calgary nearly three years ago. As in the first year of WestJet's operation, the Calgary-based airline printed coupons on the back of their boarding passes for Mount Washington. In the past the coupon was good for a free day pass, but this year it was for two day passes for the price of one.

The Resort said they had 196 people take advantage

of the boarding pass special (times two, since they all brought friends) – that's up from 49 who used the coupons the first year they were offered.

WestJet began direct service between Comox and Edmonton in mid-June, so now offers daily flights to and from both southern and northern Alberta.



And with a new air passenger terminal in the wings for the Comox Municipal Airport – officials are hoping the terminal will be built in time for the 2003 Christmas season – the sky's the limit.

the future of rail service on Vancouver Island had decided that rail service is feasible, but present service needs a facelift.

Vancouver Island Railway Co. spokesperson Tanner Elton is hopeful negotiations will continue throughout the summer and that a deal may be struck.

The group also has the backing of Island politicians, who are on board with saving the E&N.

Campbell River is one step closer to a cruise ship docking facility – which could spell opportunity for Mount Washington Alpine Resort.

The Campbell River Indian Band will receive \$300,000 in federal and provincial grant money to upgrade the Argonaut Wharf (also known as the Boliden-Westmin wharf), in the hopes of attracting cruise ship business.

The \$300,000 (\$200,000 from the federal B.C. Economic Partnerships Fund and \$100,000 from the Economic Measures Fund) will pay for preliminary planning and design for a wharf upgrade, according to media reports. The cruise ship port-of-call committee estimates the project will cost \$3.5 million to upgrade Argonaut Wharf to cruise line standards.

News of the funding plan came in late April, two weeks

after the Norwegian Cruise Lines cancelled a planned stop in Campbell River by the 260-metre Norwegian Sky over logistical concerns.

The cruise ship committee is hoping to attract a smaller boutique ship – with about



Negotiations are now underway for continued rail service connecting Victoria and Courtenay – including the seasonal ski train.

The future of the E&N Railway has been up in the air since January 2002, when Norske Canada – the railway's biggest source of revenue – pulled its rail service in favor of truck carriers.

A group called the Vancouver Island Railway Co. was formed last March, and has been negotiating with the E&N Railway Co. to take over ownership of the railway. The Vancouver Island Rail Development Initiative completed a nine-month study on

250 passengers — to the River City sometime in July. Cruise ships such as the Norwegian Sky carry about 2,400 passengers, all looking for things to do during their ports of call. And Mount Washington is only a 45-minute drive from downtown Campbell River.

Last year, Lynn Phillips, Executive Director of Tourism North Central Island, said Campbell River could easily handle 15 cruise ships a year. Economic opportunities would be "practically endless," she said.

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What's Up This Summer

Mount Washington Alpine Resort's newest attraction promises to be a real high this year.



Photo: Mount Washington

The Resort will set up a bungee trampoline near the Eagle Express Chairlift, where visitors will be able to practice trampoline tricks without the fear of getting hurt.

For \$5, people will be strapped into the bungee trampoline apparatus for two minutes of jumps and tricks.

"Trust me, two minutes is a lot of jumping," says Don Sharpe, Resort Director of Business Services. Sharpe discovered the fun of bungee trampolining while researching new ideas for summer activities at Mount Washington.

Also new this year will be weekly theme dinners, every Saturday evening at Fat Teddy's; everything from Cajun food to halibut, salmon to shrimp and mussels.

There will be a new look to Fat Teddy's this summer, as the Resort is renovating the bar and grill for the first time since 1999. Resort Public Affairs Director Dave Hampshire said the renos could happen late in the summer season, so Fat Teddy's will be ready for the winter opening sometime in December.

The Eagle Express chairlift will operate under new expanded hours this year, opening at 11 a.m. and closing at 8 p.m. through July and August.

Moonlight chairlift rides are the most popular events happening at Mount Washington. Most times a piper will play Scottish bagpipe music at the summit, and blankets are provided for those who wish to enjoy the mile-high moon. A special dinner will accompany some of these special chairlift rides, Hampshire said.

Mile high festivals have become a fixture at Mount Washington, and this year will feature a new twist along with the mainstays like the Wine Festival, Mountain Luau and Beer Fest. On Aug. 16, get "High on Chocolate" with the Resort's first-ever Chocolate Festival.

"That one's all about chocolate," Sharpe said. Bernard Callebaut chocolate, Hot Chocolates from downtown Courtenay, chocolate trees, chocolate strawberries – even a chocolate fountain – will delight chocolate lovers. The event includes a huge selection of samples, too.

"We've got just a ton of events happening," Sharpe said. "The mountain will celebrate its 25th Anniversary next winter."

And perhaps the biggest event that will happen this summer, according to Hampshire, is that for the first time in 25 years, the washrooms are getting an upgrade.

"My thing for next winter is to say we have 12 new bowls," Hampshire joked. Mount Washington was the first ski area on the Island to have indoor washrooms.

Kudos to Karen Bonell

Mount Washington Alpine Resort Marketing Manager Karen Bonell has won a first-ever Canadian Ski Council award for market research.

Bonell, who has been with the Comox Valley Resort since August 1998, was lauded for her talent for research and development – one of four main areas that the ski council emphasizes. The award was handed out at the Canada West Ski Area Association annual general meeting in early May.

"Karen is one of the best research and marketing managers in our industry," says ski council president Colin Chedore. "The data that she has provided has not only contributed to our recent Canadian Model for Growth, but has also enabled Mount Washington to determine its future marketing and development strategy."

Bonell's volunteer Snow Hosts take time every day of the snow season to ask key questions of Resort guests as part of the Canadian Ski Council's profile questionnaire as well as a Resort-specific survey.

This is not the first time Bonell has sorted such information and put it to use: her first paying job in the snow industry was assisting in the tabulation of customer surveys and providing this information to the Candian Ski Council.

Bonell lives in Courtenay with her husband John, who is an air force electronics technician as well as a ski and snowboard instructor at Mount Washington.



Photo: Mount Washington

Congratulations Karen... on a job well done!

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Simms Millennium Park, which was built as a city project for the year 2000, is adjacent to Lewis Park on Fifth Street beside the Courtenay River. In May 2003 this Park was awarded by the B.C. Parks & Recreation Association the "Parks & Open Spaces Facility of the Year" award. The Thai Pavilion which was a gift from Suphanburi, Thailand, a sister city of Courtenay, is just one of the interesting features of the Park.

The Kayak Launch in Simms Millennium Park (shown right) was completed in 2002 with major contributions coming from Canadian National Sportsmen's Shows and Mount Washington Alpine Resort.

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- Go rollerblading around the Courtenay Airpark and take in some plane spotting.
- Ride on an inner tube down the Puntledge River and enjoy a picnic at Lewis or Simms Park.
- Take a scenic drive out to Comox Lake and then go canoeing or swimming.
- Visit the Comox Valley Farmer's Market which offers fresh, organic, and specialty products Saturdays 9 to noon, June to Oct. at the Exhibition Fairgrounds on Headquarters Road.
- Scan the August night sky for the annual meteor shower.
- Visit the Royston Wrecks, the derelict and rusting remains of 15 historic ships.
- Tour the Comox Air Force Museum where permanent exhibits display the heritage of CFB Comox.
- Tour the Courtenay Museum where permanent exhibits display the heritage of the Comox Valley plus an impressive dinosaur display. Tours to a fossil dig site are available.
- Tour the Cumberland Museum where permanent exhibits display the mining heritage of Cumberland.
- Take a ferry trip to Denman and Hornby Islands and peruse pottery displays and arts and crafts shops.
- Watch spawning salmon head upstream to the Puntledge Fish Hatchery.


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- Visit the Comox Marina, see the boats from the beautiful boardwalk and treat yourself to a variety of fresh seafood right off the fishing boats.
- Visit Cumberland for a taste of old mining history, include the Cumberland Museum and Archives for more history.
- Take in a cricket match on the weekend at the Vanier Oval.
- Visit Filberg Heritage Lodge (1929) and Park, enjoy tea at the Teahouse, and the famous Festival Aug. 1 4, 2003.
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MOUNTAIN TRAIL LEGEND

--- MOUNTAIN TOP HIKING TRAIL	— SUN ROAD (.8 KM)	— HUSTLER (.6 KM)	◆ CRUSHER (3 KM) Advanced
— DISCOVERY ROAD/TRAIL (4.4 KM) (Cross Country)	— FREEWAY (.5 KM)	◆ HIDDEN ALLEY (2 KM) Advanced	— PAVED ROADS/PATHWAYS
	Ⓣ TRIALS PARK	◆ MONSTER MILE (2.3 KM) DH Advanced	— WALKING TRAILS (2.7 km)

Mountain biking is about to become even more popular and wide-ranging at Mount Washington.



Crews will spend the summer season building new trails that will be ready by summer 2004, Mount Washington Director of Business Services Don Sharpe said.

"We'll virtually double our trail system by next summer," he said. The plan is to transform the Hawk chairlift into the mountain bike lift, and expand some trails into the Lower West Meadows, returning on a 30 per cent grade all the way back to the bottom of the Hawk. This will open up the mountain to beginner and intermediate trails.

"Right now our terrain is pretty much advanced; all black diamond ... Basically, we're creating 'Mom and Dad' trails," Sharpe said.

The mountain has so far developed 12 kilometres of mountain biking trails for summer use. Sharpe figures that number could rise to 20 kms or more next year, depending on the weather.

"Putting in the Hawk last summer for the

winter was a huge project," Resort Director of Public Affairs Dave Hampshire said. "We'd like to exploit that now by putting in some mountain bike trails." To that end, there are plans for five to seven new trails coming off the Hawk for 2004. The idea is to bring riders either back to the bottom of the Hawk chair, or over to the Eagle or to the Alpine Lodge.

"For this year we have a run coming down the face of the Eagle that was developed at the end of last year, called Hustler," he said. Crews will continue developing that trail, adding to it, while leaving it open for use.

There are maps available showing all of Mount Washington's mountain biking trails.

The Resort has developed a weekday mountain biking series that will run every Wednesday in August from 6—8 p.m. The four-week race series will end with a banquet wind-up and awards. Also this year

the Resort will host No Limits Mountain Bike Riding Clinics, instructed by professionals. These clinics will be available for beginners through to experts on Aug. 2—3 and Aug. 23—24.

The Island Triple Throw Down, a cycling BC-sanctioned, triple-discipline, off-road mountain bike race is slated for Aug. 16-17. The race includes pro and amateur categories.





FORBIDDEN PLATEAU PARADISE MEADOWS

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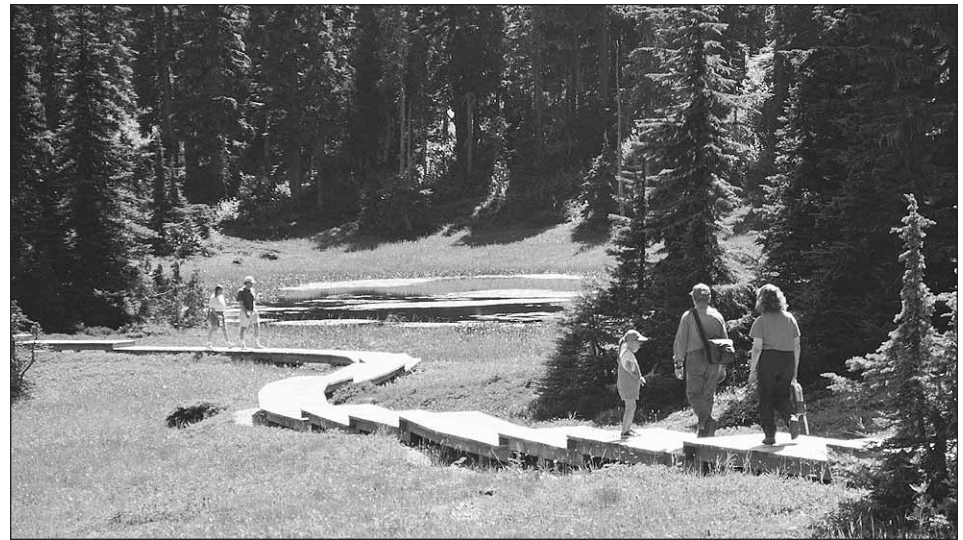
Strathcona Park Institute offers Weekend Programs

In spite of the provincial government's huge cuts to parks funding and staff, along with the annihilation of all park's interpretive programs, (including the Trail Host Program), summer visitors to Strathcona Park can at least be assured of a weekend (Saturday and Sunday mornings) interpretive walk in Paradise Meadows and some basic park information. Strathcona Wilderness Institute was awarded a small grant from BC Parks to help with their efforts to provide visitors with basic park information. thanks to this they are again offering this popular visitors service (10am ~ 4pm) which is based out of a small trail head hut, again kindly loaned by the Nordic Ski Club and moved into position by Mount Washington Resort's maintenance staff. This year they are hoping to increase the opening hours to include Mondays and Fridays.

These summer weekend programs will be held through the summer to the September 2nd, Labour Day weekend. To add more variety and subject matter, special guests (local experts) will be leading some of the Sunday morning walks. Anyone interested in learning more about the natural world is

welcome. Again this year the institute is requesting \$2.00 per person (\$5.00 per family), which helps the financial burden. Volunteers, who are familiar with the area, are always welcome to help at the information hut, especially during week days throughout the summer. This summer our goal is to begin work on a self-guided interpretive walk in Paradise Meadows with the help of a brochure and numbered stations.

The Institute is also continuing the weekend information service at Buttle Lake (200 yards past the Gold River turn-off). This is basically a voluntary service, thanks to Gerry Roberts. The hours will be: Fridays: 3-9pm (or dusk), Saturdays: 10am-6pm, Sundays:



10am-4pm. This public service operates until Labour Day in September.

As a non-profit society, the Institute continues to facilitate a co-operative effort to assure support for continuing education, information and park stewardship. They are always looking for more directors in order to keep the organization running. The goal is that a

Above
The raised trail system in Paradise Meadows allows visitors easy access to many areas of the park while protecting the fragile environment.

Left
Day hikers enjoying a lunch break on Lake Helen MacKenzie.

successful fund-raising activity will enable them, in the near future, to employ a part-time executive director.

If you are interested in supporting SWI, in any way, please phone and leave a message at 337-1871 or e-mail: swi@island.net. You can also visit our website: www.island.net/~swi/.

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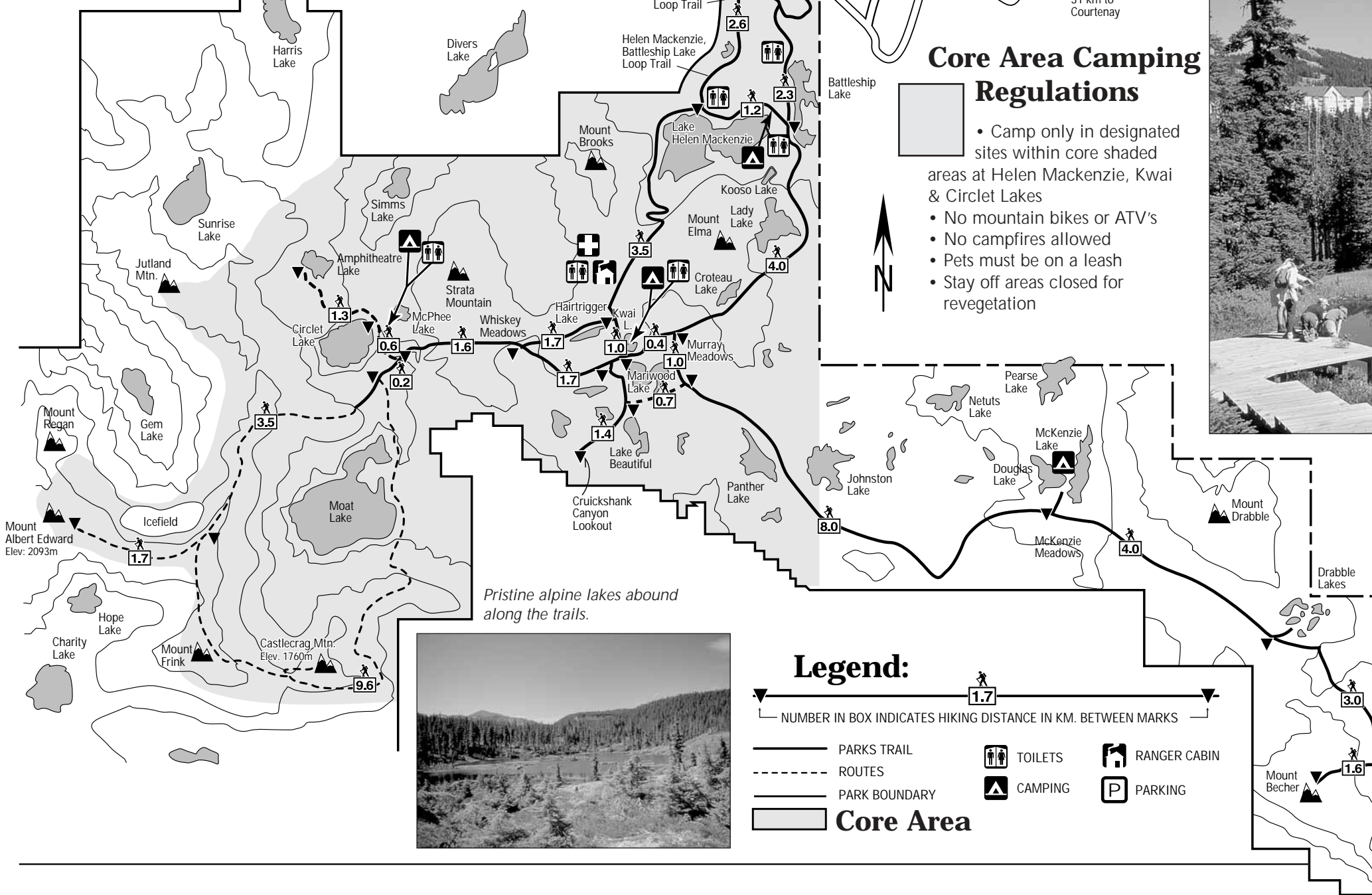
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Core Area Camping Regulations

- Camp only in designated sites within core shaded areas at Helen Mackenzie, Kwai & Circllet Lakes
- No mountain bikes or ATV's
- No campfires allowed
- Pets must be on a leash
- Stay off areas closed for revegetation

In Case of Emergency...

- Contact Park Rangers in the area. Location of Park Rangers will be posted on the notice board at the ranger cabin.
- Phones are located at Mount Washington.
- In case of emergency, Phone 911
- To report a forest fire, dial 0 and ask for 1-800-663-5555

Maps and Guidebook

Scale 1:50:000 Nat. Topographic Series -92 F/11 Forbidden Plateau -92 F/12 Buttle Lake Hiking Trails III Central and Northern Vancouver Island.



For Further Information

- See Park Rangers and Park Operators in the area.
- Web contact: wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/

Routes

These routes are suitable for experienced hikers. People using these routes should have map and compass skills and be prepared for inclement weather.

From Circllet Lake

Mt. Albert Edward 2093 m
Elevation gain: 935 m
Distance: 6.5 km
Suggested time to summit: 5 hrs.

Follow signs towards Albert Edward from Circllet Lake intersection. Trail climbs steeply for first 3 km. Once the first ridge has been reached look for route leading South and follow for 2 km. It's another 1.5 km to the summit.

Castle Crag 1760 m
Elevation gain: 620 m
Distance: 6.3 km
Suggested time: 5 hrs.

Route begins at the southeast end of Moat Lake. Follow route to the small col west of the summit. It's a steep scramble over loose rock to the top. Caution: This route crosses boulder fields and slopes with loose rocks.

From Albert Edward

Augerpoint route (not shown on map)
Distance: 25 km one way
Suggested time: 3 days

An extended route through to Buttle Lake. From the summit of Albert Edward descend it's southwest ridge to the drainage divide above Norm Creek and Ralph Lake. Continue up to Ruth Masters Lake



Pristine alpine lakes abound along the trails.

Legend:

- NUMBER IN BOX INDICATES HIKING DISTANCE IN KM. BETWEEN MARKS
- PARKS TRAIL
- ROUTES
- PARK BOUNDARY
- TOILETS
- CAMPING
- RANGER CABIN
- PARKING
- Core Area

(local name) and above to the saddle southwest of Augerpoint Mtn. Continue southwest along the ridge to a high point of 1760 m before descending a long ridge above Shark Lake. Continue northwest along route to reach the beginning of the Augerpoint Trail. This trail descends steeply for 1400 m before arriving on the Buttle Lake Parkway at Buttle Lake.

The following guidelines will help to ensure that the Forbidden Plateau area remains pristine for all who venture there.

Hiking Trails - Please stay on designated trails, stay off revegetated areas and avoid taking short cuts.

Camping - Designated camping sites are located at Lake Helen, Mackenzie, Kwai, Circllet and McKenzie-Douglas lakes. Please use the tent pads and toilets where provided. If a tent pad is unavailable choose a site that has exposed soil or will not easily be impacted.

Fires - Campfires are prohibited. Please pack a campstove for cooking.

Garbage - Help keep the back country clean. Pack out all garbage and please pick up any litter you see. Please do not use outhouses for trash receptacles.

Pets - Please keep your pet on a leash at all times. Free running pets can harm other animals, irritate other visitors and can be harmed by wild animals. Do not allow your pet to swim in the lakes as this could contaminate drinking water sources.

Groups - Larger groups of people tend to concentrate use in an area and cause extensive damage to the fragile vegetation. To reduce these impacts, we recommend that group size be restricted to ten or less people. Where this is not possible, the larger group should be split into smaller groups which should travel and if possible camp in different locations.

Water - Drinking water is available from the lakes at all designated campgrounds. All drinking water should be boiled or purified prior to consumption. Please avoid swimming in these areas as it may contaminate the water supply. It is also important to use the toilets and grey water pits provided to keep these pollutants from entering the lake.

Safety - To avoid bear conflicts while camping, never leave food, garbage or toilet articles in your tent. Please use pack sack hangers provided at designated campgrounds. Hikers should make noise when approaching blind corners to warn off bears and other animals.

Mountain weather can change without warning, be prepared. Take spare, warm clothing and rain gear. It is advisable to leave an itinerary of your trip with a friend or relative.



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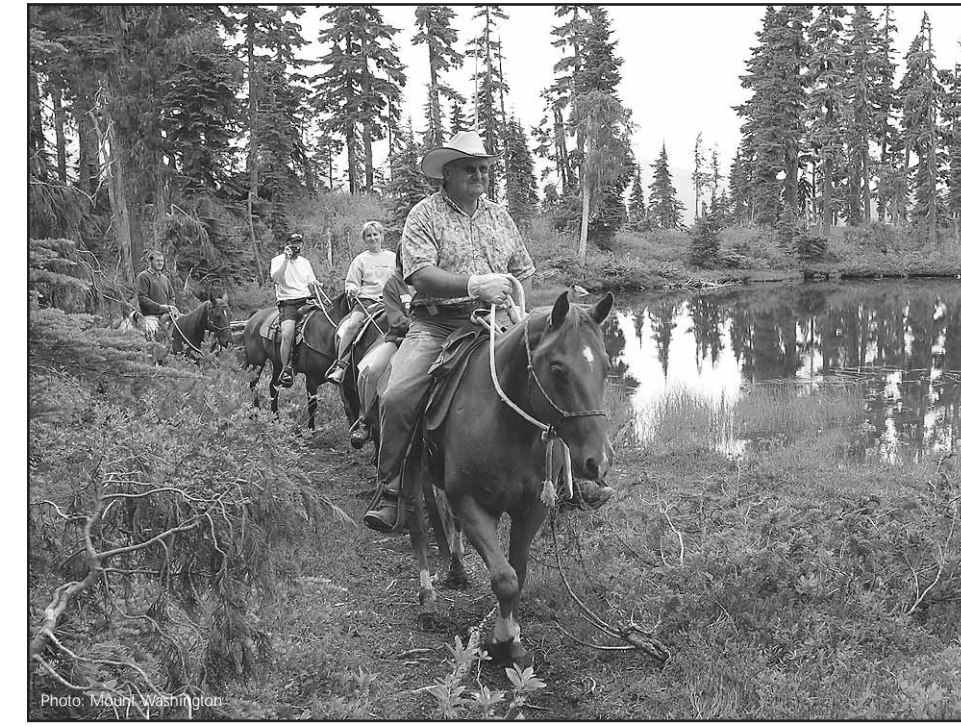
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BUTTLE LAKE

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Strathcona Park's Buttle Lake is easily accessible in forty five minutes from Campbell River on highway 28. The drive takes you alongside the Campbell and Upper Campbell Lakes ending with views of the expansive waters and dramatic mountains of the Buttle Lake corridor.

The beauty of this peaceful place will take your breath away, and you will find great opportunities for camping and recreational pursuits.

People come to fish for trout, and to swim, canoe, kayak, board sail, picnic, sunbathe and waterski on the 25 km of lake, while others enjoy the easy and interesting nature walks, or more challenging back country hikes. Local guides and club members rock climb at Crest Creek Crags. Some visitors just sit quietly in the shade of ancient trees and enjoy the fresh air.

Camping facilities include 85 sites at **Buttle Lake Campground** on the lake at the North end, and 75 sites at **Ralph River Campground** with both lake and river access at the south end of the lake. **Driftwood Bay Campground**, an excellent facility for groups, is located separately on the northern end of the lake. You will also find simple wilder-

ness camping opportunities for boaters on the western shoreline.

A pleasant white sand beach and a playground for children are available at Buttle Lake Campground. There is a concrete boat-launch ramp within two kilometres, and also an undeveloped gravel launch nearby. The lake levels are controlled by hydro electric dams

and tend to be low during the winter but normally rise for the summer months.

Ralph River Campground is shaded by the graceful beauty of an ancient forest of cedar, hemlock and fir trees underneath which you will likely see the resident black-tail buck grazing. This peaceful campground borders both the lake and a lovely clear river, which is at times alive with spawning trout. It's a popular spot for both fishermen and hikers of all levels. Many of the trails are easily accessible from Ralph River Campground.

There are interesting trails to explore, some less strenuous and others more



Photos: Neil Havers

With a sandy beach, spectacular views, boat launch and trail systems close by, Buttle Lake is a popular site for family camping in the spring, summer and fall.

challenging, and each with unique features to enjoy. Opportunities abound for everyone throughout the Buttle Lake corridor. For further information refer to the map on the next page. If you are at Buttle Lake go to park headquarters, where vol-

unteers from the Strathcona Wilderness Institute will assist you Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Check out the Parks web site at www.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/. Come to the campgrounds at anytime as there are almost always sites available on a first come first serve basis at both major campgrounds. If you would like to make a reservation at Buttle Lake Campground call Discover Camping at 1-800-689-9025, or link up to website at www.discovercamping.ca. To book Driftwood Bay group campground call 250-337-8550.

Editorial: Elizabeth Purkiss

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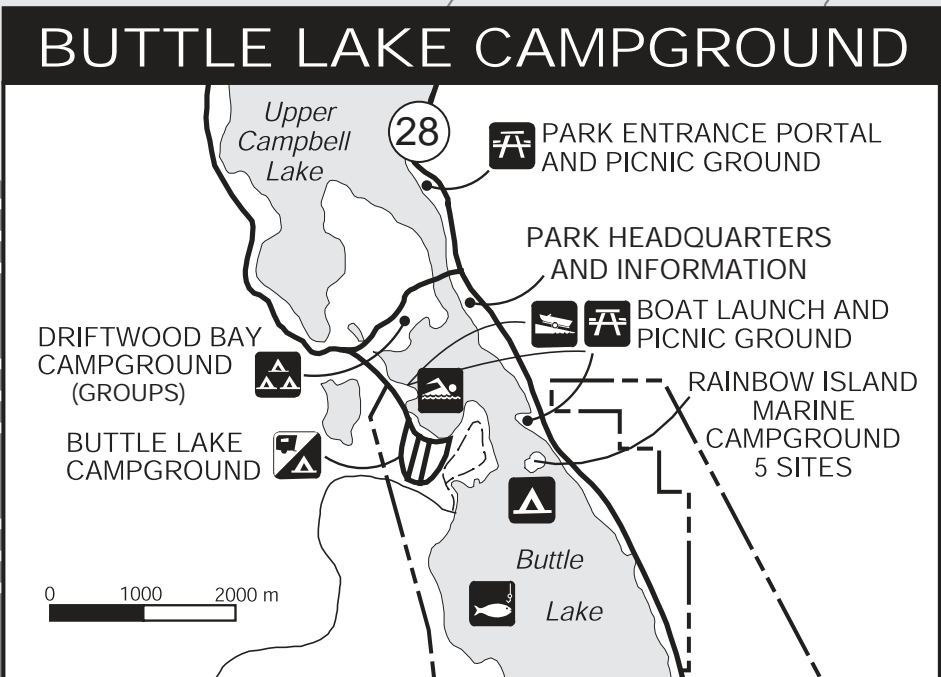
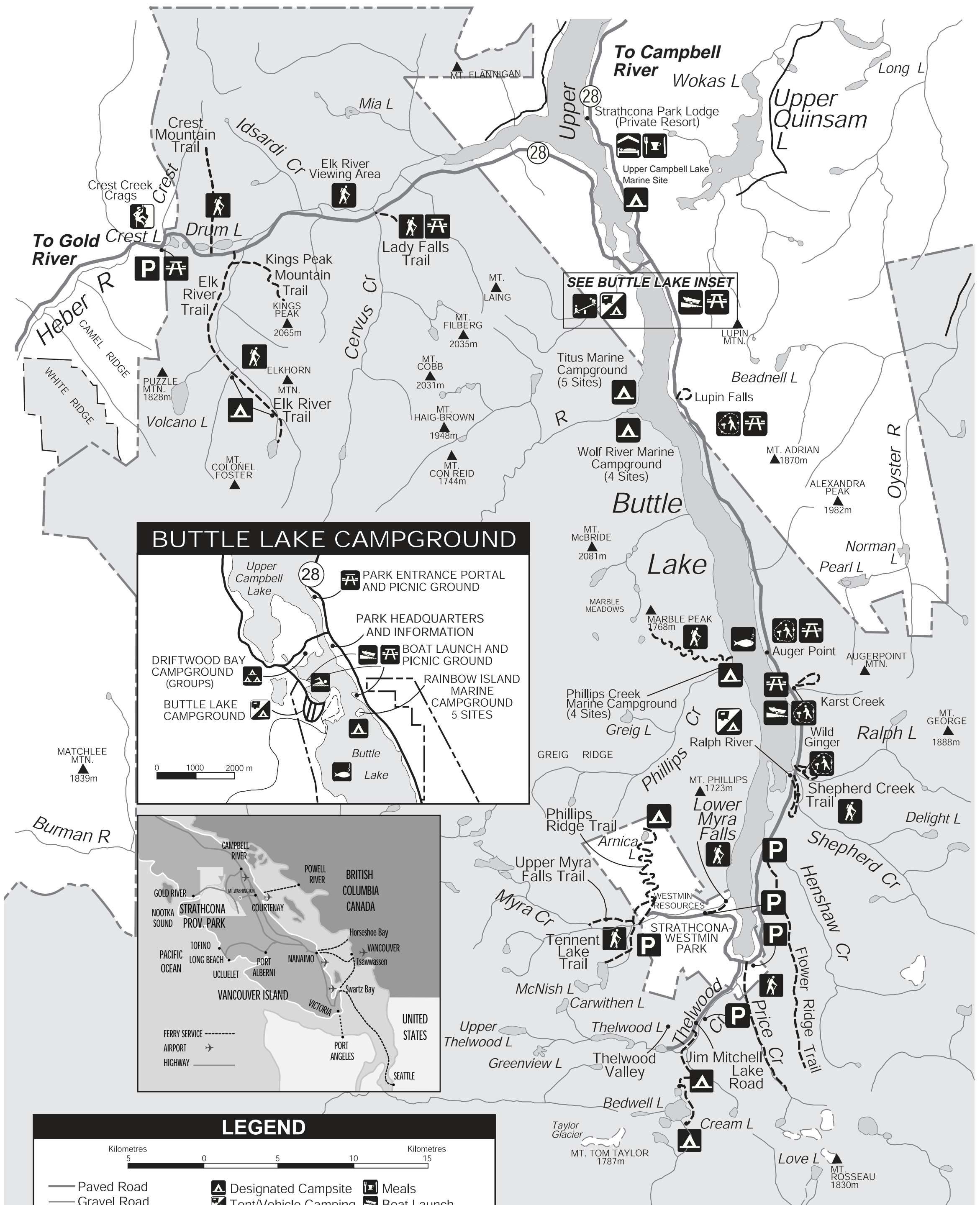


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BUTTLE LAKE CORRIDOR

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LEGEND		

BUTTLE LAKE CORRIDOR TRAIL AND CAMPGROUND INFORMATION

The trails described here are well defined and easily accessible. The trail heads are marked with signs. There are other, less defined trails and routes which are not shown on this map. Distances, elevation changes and hiking times are for ONE WAY only and are approximate. Campfires are discouraged in most back country areas and not permitted in some. Wear sturdy boots and carry rain gear and a sweater, even in the summer months, because weather can change suddenly and dramatically in the mountains. Please preserve the delicate alpine environment by staying on trails.

For further information about trails and wilderness areas visit the volunteer information hut at Park Headquarters, or ask park rangers. The Strathcona Wilderness Institute can be contacted for more detailed route information at 250-337-1871 (e-mail: swi@island.net). Topographical maps and guidebooks can be obtained locally at sports stores in Campbell River or Courtenay. If you wish to travel on less defined routes please be well prepared with a map and compass, proper equipment, and experience in wilderness travel.



Let a friend know where you plan to go and when you plan to return.

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The STRATHCONA WILDERNESS INSTITUTE and the FRIENDS OF STRATHCONA provided financial support for the production of this map. The STRATHCONA WILDERNESS INSTITUTE is a non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire awareness, appreciation and stewardship of the natural world through education and participation. The institute will provide a volunteer information service on weekends at park headquarters at Buttle Lake from July 1 through to the September Long Weekend. The FRIENDS OF STRATHCONA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote Strathcona Park. Box 3404, Courtenay, B.C. V9N 5N5 Tel: 250-337-1871



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Accommodation & Events Guide Summer 2003

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July 19 • Holy Halibut! Theme dinners every Saturday evening this summer at Fat Teddy's!

July 19 - 20 • Overwaitea Family Picnic & Games Bring the family and enjoy the fun and games.

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August 2 • Mussel Mania Dinner Theme dinner at Fat Teddy's.

August 2/3 • No Limits Mountain Bike Riding Clinics Instructed by professionals for the beginner to the enthusiast.

August 6 • Humpday Gravity Race Series Wednesday evening downhill race series running for the month of August. Race 1 of 4 today!

August 9 • 5th Annual Alpine Wine Festival Enjoy the vast selection of tasting from Wineries, Merchants and Estates.

August 9 • BBQ Salmon Dinner Theme dinner at Fat Teddy's!

August 16 • High on Chocolate, A Tasteful Event A chocolate lovers delight! Complete with a huge selection of samples and a chocolate fountain!

Aug 16 • Succulent Strawberries! Theme dinner at Fat Teddy's.

August 16/17 • Island Triple Throw Down A Cycling BC Sanctioned, triple discipline, off-road Mountain Bike Race with Pro and Amateur categories.

August 23 • Clam Dinner Theme dinner at Fat Teddy's.

Aug 23/24 • No Limits Mountain Bike Riding Clinics Instructed by professionals for the beginner to the enthusiast.

August 30 • Adventures in Pasta Theme dinner at Fat Teddy's.

Sept. 6 • Blueberry & Huckleberry Fest Theme dinner at Fat Teddy's.

Sept. 6-12 • Blueberry & Huckleberry Season Home baked feature treats all week long.



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Sept. 13 • Under the Sea Theme dinner at Fat Teddy's.

Sept. 20 • Mexican Madness Theme dinner at Fat Teddy's.

Sept. 27 • Harvest Dinner Theme dinner at Fat Teddy's.

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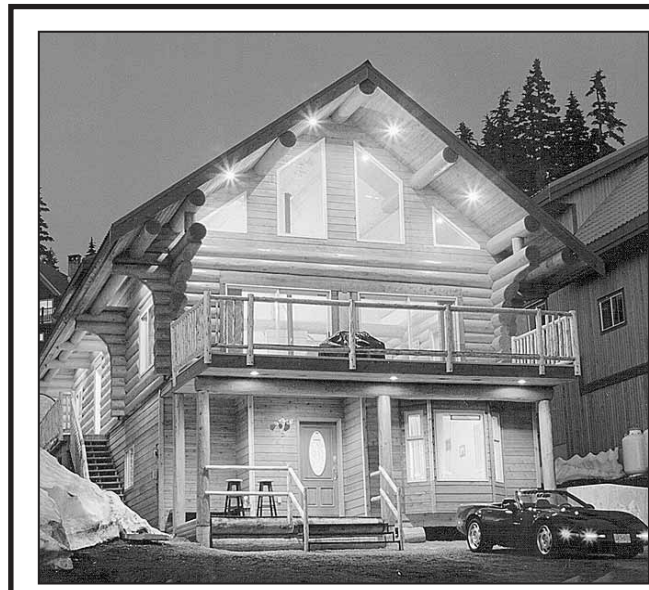
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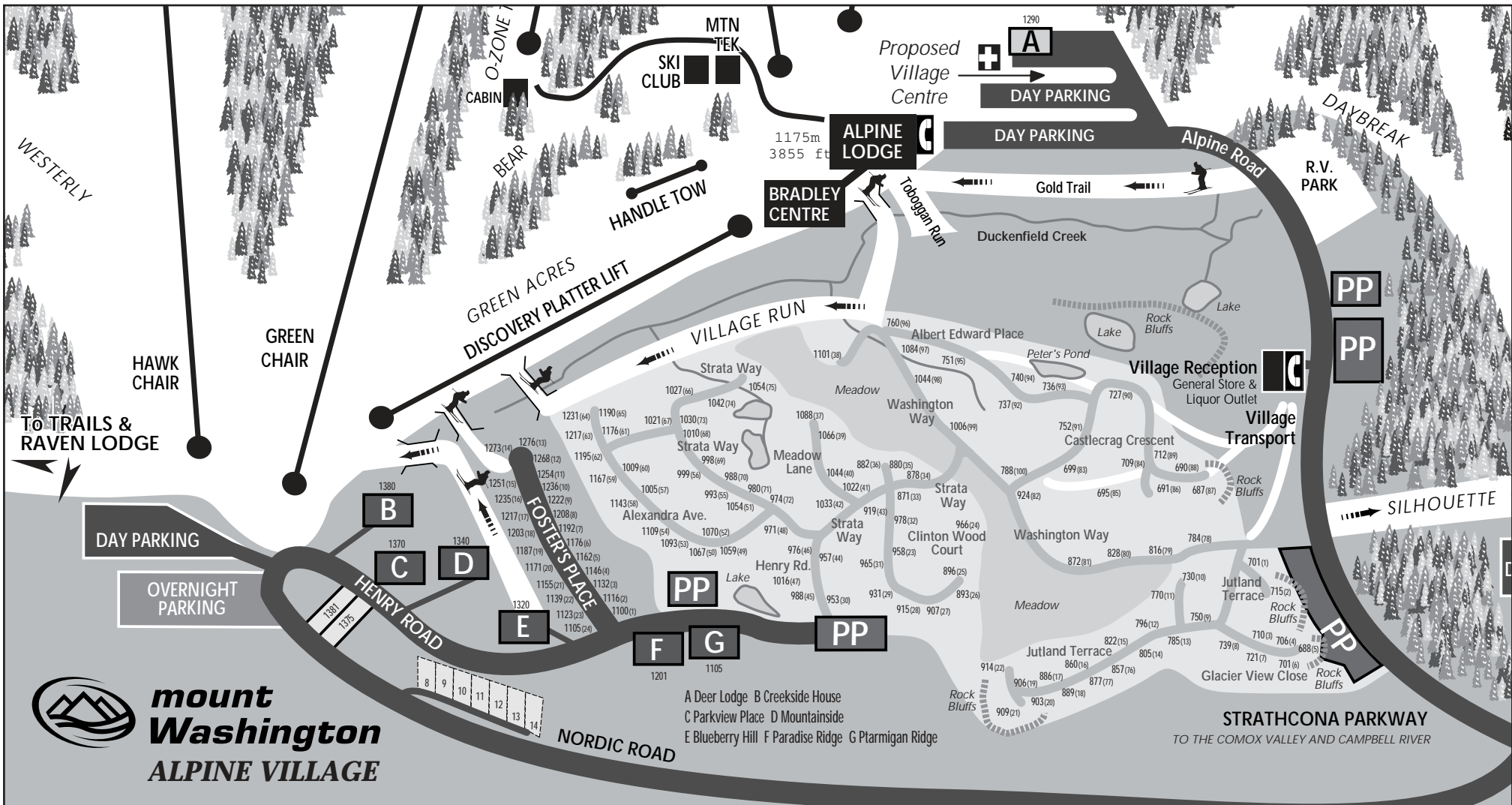
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ELK RIVER TRAIL (2-3)

Length: 11 km. Suggested time: 4-5 hrs. Elevation change 600 metres. Trail starts at Hwy. 28 and follows the Elk River Valley for 10 km before climbing up to Landslide Lake. Bare rock sections. Camp in designated camping areas only.

CREST MOUNTAIN TRAIL (3)

Length: 5 km. Time: 3-4 Hrs. to the tarn. Steep with an elevation change of 1,250 metres. Caution required on single log creek crossing (the last good water). The snow stays late into the year on top. Random camping allowed.

FLOWER RIDGE TRAIL (3)

Length: 6 km. Time to the subalpine ridge: 3-5 Hrs. Steep with an elevation change of 1,040 Metres. The trail begins at Westmin Rd., climb an additional 200 metres from the top of trail to flat ground for tents. Poor water. Panoramic views. Camping possible at halfway point.

PHILLIPS RIDGE TRAIL TO ARNICA LAKE (2-3)

Length: 6.5 km. Time: 2-5 hrs with an elevation change of 800 metres. This is a well graded trail beginning at Westmin mine. Observe old growth forest, a waterfall, and alpine meadows. Designated camping area. Bear cache.

UPPER MYRA FALLS (2)

Length: 3.3 km from the parking lot past the yellow gate. Drive through the mine area to find the parking lot. Time 2 hrs. Elevation change: 100 metres. Trail follows gravel road for approx. 800 metres to the sign. Large trees. Views of Mt. Myra and a waterfall. No camping.

TENNANT LAKE (3)

Length: 4 km. Estimated time 2-4 hrs. with an elevation change of 840 Metres. Trail access is from the parking lot at the mine. Walk past the yellow gate on the gravel road for 1 Km and across a bridge to the start of the trail which is a rough, rocky, steep old roadbed. Old-growth forest to sub-alpine. There is an undefined route to access Mt. Myra from here. Tennant Lake is dammed. Random camping is permitted.

BEDWELL LAKE (3)

Length: 6 km. Drive over the Thelwood River bridge at the south end of Buttle Lake, and turn left immediately onto the Jim Mitchell road for 6.8 Km. This is a rough gravel road not suitable for small vehicles. Trail elevation change: 600 metres. Time 3-4 hrs. Features river valley and old growth forest then rocky outcropping and a

sub-alpine environment with excellent hiking and views. Camp in designated areas at Baby Bedwell and Bedwell Lakes. Fires are not permitted. Be aware of bears.

CREST CREEK CRAGS

Technical climbing only. Picnic facilities. Climbers can explore a number of rocky bluffs in this area which is easily accessible from alongside Highway 28. Climbers using the area do so at their own risk. It is each climber's responsibility to climb safely and ensure that they have the necessary skills to do so. Camping and fires are not permitted.

LADY FALLS (1)

Length: 900 metres. Time: 20 mins. The trail starts at Hwy. 28. Enjoy the cool spray from the falls. Picnic facilities at trailhead. No camping.

ELK VIEWPOINT (1)

Length: 400 Metres. Time: 15 mins. The trail starts at Hwy. 28 and accesses a viewing platform where you may be able to see Vancouver Island's unique Roosevelt elk. No camping.

LUPIN FALLS (1) Loop Trail

Length: 800 Metres. Time: 15 mins. Access from the Westmin Rd. Walk a circular trail through a cool forest to the waterfalls. No camping. Picnic facilities at the trail-head and a canoe and kayak launch access for Wolf River and Titus Mt. marine campsites.

AUGER POINT (1) Loop Trail

Length: 400 Metres. Time: 15 mins. This forest is recovering from the fire of 1982. No camping. Picnicking facilities at trail-head and a canoe and kayak launch access for Marble Meadows trailhead.

MARBLE MEADOWS (3)

Length: 6.6Km. Time: 4-5 hrs to the Alpine meadows. Elevation change: 1,250 Metres. Steep, some bluffs. Trail starts at Phillips Creek marine campsite on Buttle Lake. Access by boat from Auger Pt. or Karst Creek day use areas. Be aware of submerged stumps in the lake. Random camping is allowed in the meadows. Marble Meadows features wonderful viewpoints, alpine meadows and limestone formations.

KARST CREEK BOAT LAUNCH RAMP, TRAIL AND PICNIC AREA (1)

A good concrete ramp located 4 km from Ralph River Campground, and accessible from the Westmin Rd. There is a large open grassy area plus several picnic tables and fire pits, and lots of room for parking. Karst Creek trail is a

1.3 km loop. Time: 45 mins. Observe Karst geological formations such as sink-holes with disappearing and reappearing streams. No camping.

WILD GINGER (1) Loop Trail

Length: 800 metres. Time: 20 mins. Access is across the road from Ralph River Campground. The trail follows the Ralph River. No camping.

SHEPHERD CREEK (1) Loop Trail

Length: 1.5 km. Suggested time: 1 hr and 15 mins. Access is across the road from Ralph River Campground. A shady walk along the Ralph River then ascending to pass a lively marsh. See Dogwood trees in the spring. No camping.

PRICE CREEK TRAIL (2-3)

Suggested time: 3-4 hours. Trailhead can be accessed near the Thelwood Creek Bridge. Originally the only access route to Cream Lake and still only suitable for Advanced Hikers, this trail can make a pleasant day hike through varying timbered areas if you turn around at or before the log crossing. The router beyond this log crossing is extremely rough and steep and snow lingers late into the summer.

LOWER MYRA FALLS (1)

Length: 800 metres. Time: 30 mins. Steep descent. Enjoy several beautiful water cascades. Use caution when approaching the creek, and supervise small children. No camping.

BUTTLE LAKE BOAT LAUNCH

A good, recently lengthened concrete launch. Located 1 km south of the bridge at the junction and only 1.5 km from Buttle Lake Campground. No camping. The launch provides immediate access to the Rainbow Island marine campsites.

FORBIDDEN PLATEAU AND PARADISE MEADOWS

Refer to a separate flyer in "The Marmot" publication for information about this area which is accessible from Mount Washington.

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Above: Cream lake and Nine Peaks
Below: Landslide Lake

Bedwell Lake to Cream Lake is an undefined route for strong, experienced hikers. No camping area



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With 70,000 local and international visitors each year, the Forbidden Plateau area of Strathcona Provincial Park is undoubtedly the most popular. But the "other" end of Strathcona offers a wealth of gems for hikers and walkers of all abilities.

Strathcona is 250,000 hectares of diverse, yet rugged wilderness slashing through the centre of Vancouver Island. Dominated by mountain peaks, the park also offers visitors alpine meadows laced with rivers, creeks, streams and lakes. The forests in the valleys and lower regions pre-date the discovery of Vancouver Island by Captain James Cook.

Buttle Lake is the dominant body of water in the park; it is also the site of

one of the park's more popular campsites (the other is at Ralph River). Besides Forbidden Plateau, Buttle Lake is the only other place in the park with visitor-oriented developments – the rest of the park is a back-country enthusiast's paradise.

GETTING THERE

To get to the north end of Strathcona Park, follow Highway 28 through Campbell River to Buttle Lake, right on the highway. Trail Maps are available.

STRATHCONA HIKES

One of the more popular trails to walk in the Buttle Lake area is Elk River – an 11-kilometre trail that begins right off Hwy. 28 and follows the Elk River for 10 kms before turning up to Landslide Lake (a five-hour hike).



Marble Meadows, a 6.6-km trail, offers viewpoints, alpine meadows and limestone formations. Start at the Phillips Creek Marine Campsite on Buttle Lake (six-hour hike).

Upper Myra Falls is a 3-km trail that starts just past the Westmin mine operation and follows a gravel road for 700m before turning into a forested trail (two-hour round-trip hike). To access Myra Falls, start near the south end of Buttle Lake and take the 1-km trail down to the falls. Although this is a short, 25-minute hike, use caution while at the falls.

A weekend information service is operated by Strathcona Wilderness Institute at Buttle Lake Narrows.



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Profile: Brian Stamp

A simple request for legal advice has turned into a 25-year love affair between lawyer Brian Stamp and Mount Washington Alpine Resort.

In 1978, when Mount Washington was a gem in Alex Linton and Henry Nori's imaginations, they contacted Stamp, a Campbell River lawyer, to help them with the legalities of opening a ski resort and accompanying alpine village.

Stamp had moved his family to Campbell River in December 1971 from Victoria, where he had been practicing law. He accepted Linton and Nori's challenge. "It was the summer before everything got going: there were lifts to put up, runs to cut, sewage treatment to put in, the Alpine Lodge to build and a subdivision (what is now called the Alpine Village)," he said. In other words, there was a certain amount of advice the pair needed, especially how to approach the subdivision.

That subdivision was very important, Stamp says now, because there was no public road yet: just easements or rights-of-way on private or Crown Land.

"It took a lot of negotiating and encouragement on our part with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways to get the subdivision put through."

Mount Washington opened in December 1979. The same day, a sale was held at the Coast Westerly Hotel in Courtenay for the subdivision; it was sold out in three or four hours.

"We had pre-done purchase agreements and people had already indicated what lot they wanted," Stamp said. The sale could have been completed earlier if they had had more people to help fill out the paperwork.

In 1989 Stamp was among a group of shareholders that bought the budding Resort from Linton and Nori; he has been a Director ever since.

An avid skier, Stamp has spent years on the slopes in between law duties. His eldest son got involved in ski racing a few years after the hill opened, and that led Stamp to a 10-year association with the Mount Washington Ski Club. He was president for two or three years, served as a director on the club and also coached Nancy Greene skiers.

"I became very passionate about downhill skiing," he said. "All those years, almost from the time the mountain opened, until about four years ago, I was quite active in alpine skiing."

Then he switched to nordic skiing, which has quickly become his passion.

Despite a very busy life, Stamp says retirement is not in the plan yet. "I've still got a very busy law practice. I'm very fortunate." Stamp has been able to organize



his life to a point where he has been a full-time lawyer without having to go crazy – leaving time to do other things, like play the piano, garden, sit on the Vancouver Island Health Authority board and run a "little" organization called RiverCorp.

Stamp is Chairman of the Board of RiverCorp, which began operations in April 2001. Essentially, RiverCorp is Campbell River's economic development commission, only it's privatized; the City is its sole shareholder. RiverCorp was created after a year of feasibility studies and business plan writing. The thought was that a private economic development function could operate independently of political will. While RiverCorp constitutes its own board of directors, the city has a final say in the board's members. Stamp's position is strictly volunteer – he does not receive a paycheck from RiverCorp.

"It's an interesting way of doing the job. It's unique in B.C.; there's been a lot of naysayers," he said, "(but) it's working."

Stamp is still the mountain's lawyer and has also been involved in several property developments on the mountain, including Creekside and Parkview Place. It's also an area he enjoys.

Stamp's real hope is to make Mount Washington a destination for tourists visiting the Island. There are nine million visitors that land on the Island south of the Malahat, and only one million that go north. Stamp wants at least some of those million visitors to think solely of his mountain for their tourism destination.

"The reason I stay with the mountain really is to move the company into a pre-eminent position as a Vancouver Island tourist attraction," he says. "I think it's getting there."

Winter Wrap 2002/03

Mount Washington Alpine Resort enjoyed a near record winter, despite some uncooperative snow at the beginning of the season.

The mountain opened 11 days later than scheduled while staff and skiers alike anxiously waited for the white stuff to accumulate.

The mountain recorded more than 394,000 visitors in the winter season, the Resort said. The previous winter attendance record was 2001-02, when 407,000 people visited the resort.

"We had 11 days in December where we didn't open," they said, but made up for it by staying open later in April.

Mount Washington Public Relations Director Dave Hampshire said it's hard to be disappointed with an almost record year. "Once we got going, we got through the season," he said. "It was disappointing, though, to see the snow arrive so late. We haven't had that for a long time," he said. The last time the Resort had such a late snow year was in the mid-80s.

"At least we opened before the Christmas holidays." The full crew – including about 30 per cent new employees – had four days between opening and the start of Christmas break to get fully operational.

"The times we needed clear weather, like at Spring break, it worked out for us," he said. The Resort stayed open later in April, slowing down to weekends only just before Easter and closing for good on April 21.

"We ended the season with almost double the amount of snow (397 centimetres) for the snow base than we did last year," he added.

Thanks to that late snow, Subaru was back for the third year in a row to film a car commercial, courtesy of Electric Avenue Films from Marina del Rey, Calif. "They love this place," Hampshire said. "They can't believe how easy it is to shoot a commercial on Mount Washington because of the infrastructure we provide."

Hampshire said a location scout living in Victoria connected the film crew with the Resort, which always has snow. The film crew used the Jutland cross-country trail because it's an old logging road, so it's wide and Mt. Albert Edward provides a stunning backdrop, he said.

Marriage Vows... Mountain Style!

"With this ring, and this spectacular alpine setting, I thee wed."

While such a vow may never have been uttered on the peak, Mount Washington is becoming more and more popular with people tying the knot.

"In the past couple of years, with Raven Lodge, we've seen a lot more people come up and do that," says Bev Badke of Alpine Accommodations. "It's a beautiful place to have a wedding."

And here's another trend: people getting married on the mountain don't necessarily have any connection to Mount Washington – they just love the setting. "At first it was people that have a strong connection with Mount Washington, but now it's a wide variety," Hounsell said.

Most people get married in the summer, although a few have chosen to marry in the winter months. "We have had people get married out on the slopes with their skis and snowboards," he said.

The peak is a wedding photographer's dream: the bride and groom can pose with mountains in the background, or up the chairlift with Georgia Strait and the Comox Valley stretching below.

"I think that's why people are starting to come up," he said.

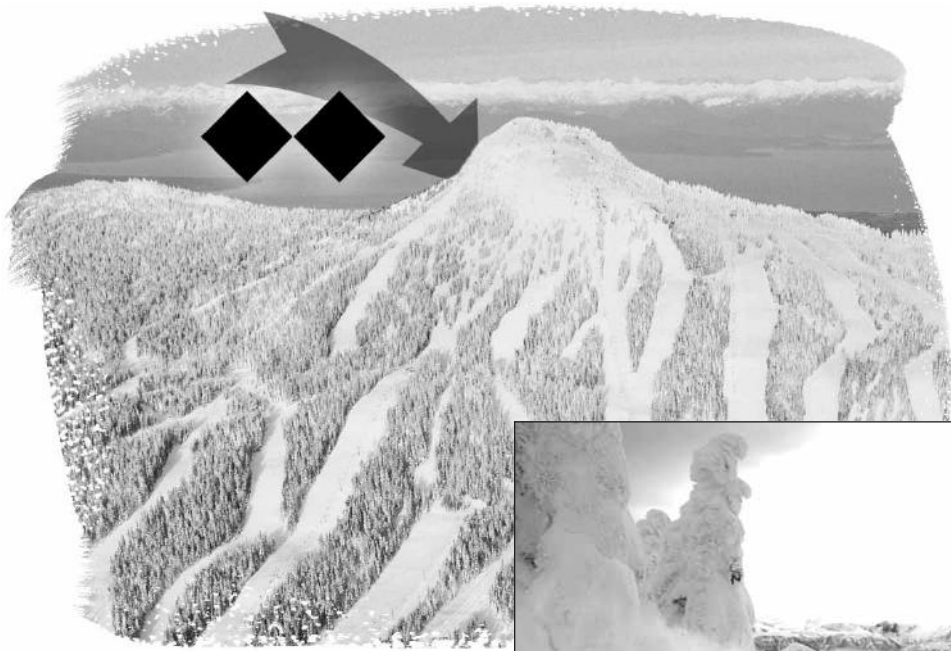
The mountain already has six or seven receptions booked for the summer, and some for next year, too. Receptions are an area Joanne Johnson, the Resort's new Catering Co-ordinator, wants to concentrate on, he said.



Photo courtesy Mount Washington

Badke says aside from honoring some rather unique needs – "they often request ironing boards and things people usually don't ask for" – she doesn't have much to do for wedding parties. "We just do our part to make it less stressful for them. We try and make sure everything's perfect – it's their day."

Future Plans Under Way for Double Black Diamond Runs



Photos courtesy Mount Washington

Mount Washington Alpine Resort will develop new black diamond and double-black diamond terrain in the MacKay Lake area - but not this year, says General Manager Peter Gibson.

Despite recording their second-biggest year ever in the books, Gibson said it will be status quo at the Resort for the 2003-04 season. Then they'll look at building a new chairlift and breaking new terrain. "The game plan has always been to get into MacKay Lake as soon as we can," he said. "However, we will not be putting a new lift in this year."

Gibson said the Resort will spend an unspecified amount of money prepping the area for new terrain: most of the trees are already cut for the lift line, in an area that had already been partially logged by TimberWest. The Resort must still complete a site survey and avalanche study at the proposed tower site, to get things ready for a lift.

"The lift profile is steeper than the Peak Chair at Whistler," he said.

There are two or three options for a chairlift. One is to build a lift from MacKay Lake to one peak below the west peak. Another option would be to build a lift to the peak and a T-bar surface lift.

The third option would be to build an over-and-back lift so that it could load at both ends - over the peak from MacKay Lake down to the Hawk unloading area.

"Right now we're going through the options ... getting prices, getting quotes," he said, adding that the Resort hopes to make a decision by late summer on what type of lift to install. Then it will depend on what type of winter Mount Washington has next year.

The new terrain will be called The Outback. "The terrain in there is all black diamond and double black diamond, and will really round out the package at the high end," he said.

"We do recognize the need for people to



New backside terrain will satisfy the more extreme boarders and skiers.

experience double black diamond terrain," Resort Public Relations Director Dave Hampshire added. Hampshire said that despite ropes and signs indicating Resort boundaries there is a steady stream of people skiing out of bounds in the MacKay Lake area.

Mount Washington is also contemplating an upgrade for the Sunrise Quad, which opened in the early '90s. They're examining their options, Gibson said, but that's all right now.

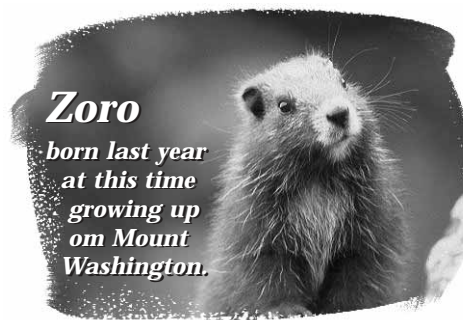
"To do Sunrise the way we'd like to, which is to go high-speed, is just not in the plans," he said. "MacKay Lake will come first."

Gibson said they would likely have to tie in any Sunrise upgrade with land development, such as commercial real estate, within the Resort's existing boundaries.

Other future development proposals include increasing land holdings to the east and angling a chairlift that way, and negotiating with a developer to make the concept of a core village become a reality, Hampshire said.

"It's very exciting, but in the initial stages right now," he said.

Waiting - and patience - is not such a bad thing when it comes to future development on the mountain, Gibson said. "It takes time. We pay as we go, and if we don't have the money we don't borrow. We want to be careful; if we have a good year, we build."



Zoro

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growing up
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Photo: Andrew Bryant

It's A Boy, and more boys... and girls!

The Marmot Recovery Foundation is proud to announce the first pair of pups born at the Tony Barrett Mount Washington Marmot Recovery Centre on Mount Washington to parents Brutus and Winnie.

The pups join six other litters born this year at their partner facilities at the Calgary zoo, Toronto zoo and Mountain View Farms in Langley. It's still too early to know exactly how many pups were born, some of them are still hiding in their nest boxes, but they hope to top 17.

These 17 pups represent a 27% increase in the captive population increasing the total number of Vancouver Island marmots to just over 100 animals. An amazing success, but at still so few animals the Vancouver Island Marmot remains Canada's most endangered mammal and one of the rarest in North America. If you look carefully at the alpine bowls at the top of the mountain you may see one eating grasses and wild flowers or sunning on a rock.

The colony at Mount Washington is the last of the northern colonies and the largest surviving natural colony in the wild representing almost half of the total wild population who now number less than 30 animals.

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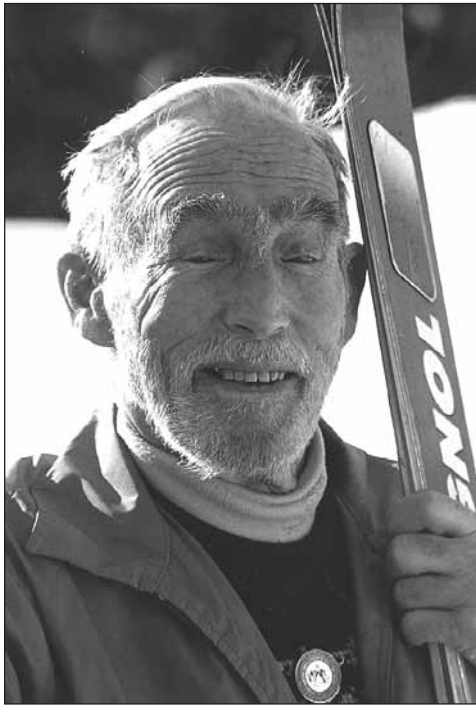
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In Memorium

Longtime Mount Washington skier Herb Bradley – for whom the Bradley Development Centre is named – died May 29, 2003. He was 84 years old.

Bradley's name was synonymous with the disabled ski program at Mount Washington, which he created in the 1970s.

"He was just an amazing man," said Mount Washington General Manager Peter Gibson, who first tutelage to ski at age 10 under Bradley's tutelage. "He sure has left a void."

Since he arrived in the Comox Valley in 1947, Bradley was instrumental in teaching kids how to swim and ski, and helped bring the Vancouver Island Skiing for the Disabled Society a national reputation for the calibre of skiers it trains.

Two years ago, the disabled skiing race traditionally held in February at Mt. Washington, was renamed the Herb Bradley Coca-Cola Classic in the ski instructor's honor.

Bradley was born in Bonnie Doon, a suburb of Edmonton. He was one of seven boys and three girls, and at Rutherford school he was always one of the top athletic performers in all fields. "His activities were many and varied, but in all fields his tremendous natural ability and strength of character and sheer determination always ended with the rest of the pack looking his way for leadership, even in the earlier days," George Hobson wrote in 1960.

Once out of school Bradley worked in a sash and door factory as well as a mill, about 100 miles outside of Edmonton. After taking a swim instructors' course at the YMCA one year, he became a lifeguard and, under the watchful eye of one of Canada's finest swimming coaches, he blossomed into a leading swimmer.

When the war came, Bradley enlisted in the navy, went to Halifax for basic training and was shipped off to sea. After switching to physical training, he met his future wife, Blanche, who was to play an important – albeit silent – role in Bradley's life of volunteerism.

When the war ended Bradley started working for the Edmonton board of education. He left that job in early 1947 and moved to the Comox Valley after George Hobson hired him as the Courtenay Recreational Association's first full-time recreational director — a post he held for 27 years.

"He put emphasis on the individual achievement and taught (kids) to persevere to reach their goal," Don Dunne, president of the Vancouver Island Skiing for the Disabled Society, said at a dinner for Bradley in 2001. "His broad interest and personal involvement in sports, such as canoeing, hiking, swimming and gymnastics were brought to the CRA. He also brought arts groups and seniors' groups into the fold."

In 1969 Bradley's title changed to Parks and Recreation superintendent. Later he assumed duties of area manager for the Mt. Becher Ski Development Society. He was also the first chairperson for the Comox Valley Winter Carnival in 1964. Close to 400 people gathered to say goodbye to Bradley. "I would have expected more sad people (but) there weren't a lot of sad people," Gibson said. "They celebrated his life."

Everyone had a little story to tell about Bradley, many of them funny or happy. "It was generally a good feeling," Gibson said. "It was a fitting finish."

Bradley was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Blanche, and by six brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his son, Brick, of Merville, one sister, Vera, of Victoria and many nieces and nephews.

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Summer 2003 Plenty To see, Plenty To Do



Photos courtesy Mount Washington

The snow is quickly melting at Mount Washington, and beneath the crystal white stuff is a whole season of summer activities to keep tourists and locals alike busy at the peak.

"We've got just a ton of events happening," said Don Sharpe, Director of Business Services at Mount Washington Alpine Resort.

Thanks to Events Co-ordinator Van Eyk Olivier, the Resort's calendar of events is jampacked between now and the end of the summer season on Oct. 13. There are six festivals: the fourth annual Beer Fest July 12, Mountain Luau July 26, fifth annual Wine Festival Aug. 9, High on Chocolate Aug. 16 and Blueberry & Huckleberry Season Sept. 6-12. There are also other events – such as theme dinners and Sunday mountain markets and music – almost every weekend.

But events aren't what drive the summer season at Mount Washington: variety of activities does. There are chairlift rides, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, ATV tours, fly fishing and disc golf, to name a few.

Ride into the high country with experienced guides and reliable horses and experience the stunning coastal views. Trail rides from beginner through advanced are available. Also this year, a guide will take a group of people (maximum six) out for an overnight campout, including meals. This trip must be pre-booked. For more information or to book a trail ride, phone (250) 703-6511 or e-mail ridinghigh@shaw.ca.

Rossiter Lake, situated on the doorstep to Strathcona Park, gained a bit of a reputation last year when ESPN came to town to shoot a segment on flyfishing there. And visitors to Mount Washington are excited about the prospect of flyfishing alpine lakes, Resort Director of Public Relations Dave Hampshire said. "This is exciting as well, having this really interesting (activity). It appeals to a wider area of fishing fans and the nice thing is you don't have to be an experienced fisher to come and take part in our flyfishing programs."

There are "discover flyfishing" packages, fly-tying lessons and gear to rent as well.

"We'll have you set up in a belly boat, hip waders, a vest and a guide, all in the space of about 30 minutes."

Fresh water fishing licenses are available at the Raven Lodge. Pre-booking is required for flyfishing tours (minimum two people). Phone (250) 334-5764.

For those who would rather be landlocked, there's always guided ATV Tours with Bigfoot Safari. All models are four-wheeled and have an easy-to-use, semi-automatic transmission. Treading lightly is the aim and trails include rock, a bit of mud and some gravel road riding. Bigfoot Safari guides take riders on a combination of trails and logging roads, some of which is on TimberWest land. The two-hour sessions include a safety briefing and ATV lesson before embarking on a tour.

Hampshire is excited about promoting all the events this summer. "I love the ski season; I grew up with it," he explains. "I find the summer season more intimate. I think we're right on the cusp of finding that activity base that appeals to a broad demographic."

They're already putting that theory into practice. For example, expanding mountain bike trails off the Hawk Chair and putting in some beginner and intermediate trails to complement the existing expert trails. "You don't need an expensive bike to do the mountain bike trails," Hampshire said.

The new bungee trampoline is another unique idea, much like disc golf was a couple of summers ago. For \$5 visitors will get two minutes hooked into two bungee cords over a trampoline, where they can perform tricks and jumps without fear of getting hurt.

"We're really becoming more community based," Sharpe said. "In the wintertime people are coming from other places to here," but in the summer, locals bring up their relatives and other visitors.

Snow School Director Mike Manara is going on a road trip this summer to various festivals and parades to spread the word that Mount Washington is open and a vibrant place to visit in the summer.

Tips on Planning Your First Summer Mile High Holiday

So, you have decided to spend your vacation on Mount Washington, and you don't know where to stay.

The first thing you need to consider is how many people are in your party. If you have 25 people who want to stay together in the same place you need to look at a large chalet. If you have 25 people who do not need to stay together or you are a family or small group, a condo or townhouse may suffice.

Having said that, what is a Chalet? A Chalet is a stand alone home that could be a duplex and have a suite upstairs and/or downstairs. The Alpine Village has more than 50 Chalets and Foster's Place has more than 20 Chalets.

A Townhouse has at least one wall shared with a neighbour wall but has no one living above or below you. Townhouses can have two to five floors, and an entry directly into the home from the outside. There are a number of Townhouses in the Alpine Village and Parkview Place is drive-to access from Henry Road.

A Condo is in a building of two or more floors with anywhere from 4+ suites. Blueberry Hill, Creekside House, Mountainside Lodge and Paradise Ridge are drive to via Henry Road, have under building parking and an elevator thereby making them wheelchair accessible. Ptarmigan Ridge has parking in front and no elevator and Deer Lodge has underground parking and an elevator. There are approximately 6 Condo buildings in the Alpine Village.

So, now that we'd defined the types of dwelling available we need to address location.

There are two distinct locations available on Mount Washington. One is the Alpine

Village and the other is drive-to via Henry Road, Foster's Place and Alpine Road.

The Alpine Village is a quiet, park-like setting with lots of space and lovely trees between the homes. The Alpine Village requires either foot access or a quick ride on the Snow Cat in the winter, and has full road access in the summer. This is THE place for the maximum "alpine get away experience" and a safe place to play in the snow for children of ALL ages!

Price is another factor you may want to consider. Since there is everything from budget shared accommodation to luxurious handcrafted log chalets, pricing is a matter of personal preference. Please refer to the Accommodation Guide in the centre of your Marmot or the web site www.mtwashingtonaccommodation.com.

Other factors you may want to consider are amenities. Paradise Ridge is the only building that has a pool. Paradise Ridge, Mountainside Lodge and Deer Lodge each have a common hot tub. Several other properties also have their own hot tubs and a number of homes have a sauna.

Some rentals provide cleaning services and some do not, so it is important to decide whether or not you want to clean and do laundry before you leave, or whether you'd rather leave that job to someone else.

Remember that all homes on Mount Washington are owned by people, just like yourselves; families who share a common love of mountain life.

When looking for the holiday retreat of your dreams be sure to check the accommodation guide provided in The Marmot Newspaper and the accompanying web site; www.mtwashingtonaccommodation.com This gives you a vast selection of private listings to choose from, along with information on how to contact rental companies on the mountain.

Big Foot Is Back!

Bigfoot Safari is back at Mount Washington this summer with their popular ATV tours, giving visitors a unique view of the alpine resort.

"People don't have to have any experience whatsoever," company owner Mike Rouge said.

"We take four people at a time and tour them around at Mount Washington," Rouge said. The ATVs are four-wheeled and have semi-automatic transmissions, which means they're easy to drive; people go through a "safety school" before they are allowed out.

Tours last two and a half hours and run every day at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. except Tuesdays. Rouge also offers 4x4 tours in the summer and snowmobile tours in the winter, as well as adventure weekends, he said.

"People have fun. They get beautiful views of the ocean and the Gulf Islands, even the mountains from the mainland."



Bigfoot Safari is a privately funded, non-profit society dedicated to assisting the ongoing research of noted wildlife biologist John Bindernagel, PhD, author of "The Great North American Ape, Sasquatch". At Bigfoot Safari, Rouge is committed to protecting the landscape and environment in which his tours roam. Therefore, his tours "tread lightly", following logging roads and staying away from sensitive areas.

People riding the ATVs must be at least 16 years of age. Rouge recommends people wear sturdy shoes and not sandals. For more information or to book a tour, phone Rouge at 1-866-733-2235.

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Building Lot Available!

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Stunning Views!

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Vaulted Ceilings

Modern townhome with vaulted ceilings and a very spacious floor plan. 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Crawl space is large enough to develop into another full level. Check out this bright townhome! You will be glad you did! **\$174,900**



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Cathedral Ceilings

Ski out access and close to parking, this chalet has cathedral ceilings and an open concept. Two sundecks face south, with sauna and woodstove for apres-ski. Loft for children play and sleep area. Established, year round rental clientele. Open kitchen, living and dining on entry level. Lots of storage with separately accessible basement for future development. **\$272,500**



A Must See!

Pride of ownership is evident in this truly ski-in/ski-out chalet located in the Alpine Village. move right in to this clean and tidy mountain home. Ideally located for year-round living, yet nestled in the woods. Separate owners suite down. New hardy plank exterior and inside, you don't need to do a thing! Bright, spacious floor plan. **\$289,900**



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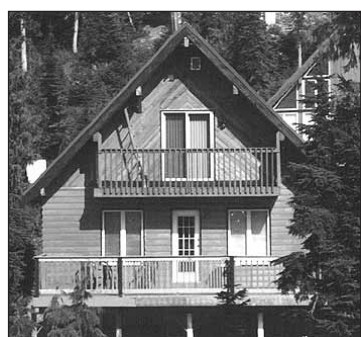
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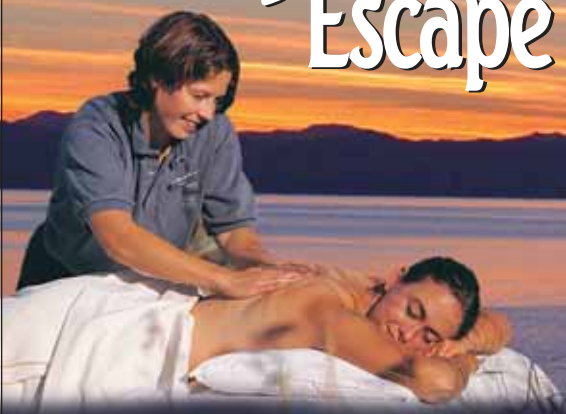
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