



The south-facing [Ruckle Provincial Park oceanfront campground \(050625\)](#).
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SALT SPRING'S BEST HIKES

Baynes Peak/Mount Maxwell Park/Girlfriend (#3) Trailhead ([BC Parks](#)) from Burgoyne Bay Park (follow #3 to #4, turn left/west to Baynes Peak • Last hiked by RP: January 2026 • Up & Back • STRENUOUS • [MAP](#) • Burgoyne Bay Trailhead Coordinates: 48.79398, -123.51980 • 14 km (approx 8.7 mi) • 2.5-3 hrs • Highest Elevation: 567 m/1,860 ft (Gain: 501 m/approx. 1,644 ft) • Parking at Burgoyne Bay • Amenities: Other hiking trails (see MAP), interpretive signs/maps, picnic tables, benches • NO fresh water or camping • Dogs on leash • Birders: 88 species since 1985 ([eBird](#)) • Highlights/Notes: Significant Garry oak meadows; sweeping viewpoints along #4 and left off side trails (see all the way to Vancouver's North Shore Mountains and Washington State's Mount Baker) • Best time of year: Anytime the sky is clear to see the incredible summit view south over the Burgoyne-Fulford Valley, Fulford Harbour, and more of the SGI, and west at Burgoyne Bay, Sansum Narrows, and Vancouver Island's Maple Bay.

Mount Erskine Park ([BC Parks](#)) via **Trustees Trail** • Last hiked by RP: January 2026 • Loop with short Out & Back • STRENUOUS • [MAP](#) • Short Mount Erskine Upper Access Park Reserve/Dodds Trail (CRD) links to Mount Erskine trail system • Trailhead Coordinates: 48.85302, -123.54132 • Follow trail #2, #1, and #3 up, and and #2 down • 4 km (approx 2.5 mi) • 1.5-2 hrs • Highest Elevation: 423 m/1,388 ft (Gain: 226 m/approx. 741 ft) • Road parking for 12+ cars at Trustees Trail turnaround • Amenities: None • Dogs on leash • Birders: 75 species since 2015 ([eBird](#)) • Highlights/Notes: Rosie's bowl and notebook at the summit and a glorious northwest view (clockwise) of Sansum Narrows, Maple Mountain, Crofton, Chemainus, Mount Arrowsmith, Tent and Penelakut Islands, Booth Bay and St. Mary Lake on Salt Spring, and Wallace Island, Trincomali Channel, Galiano and Valdez Islands, and the BC Lower Mainland • Best time of year: Anytime.

Reginald Hill Trail (SSIPARC/CRD) • Last hiked by RP: December 2025 • Up & Back • STRENUOUS (loose rocks and tree roots on trail) • Trailhead sign just off Reginald Hill Road • [MAP](#) • Trailhead Coordinates: 48.76699, -123.43877 • 2.6 km from trail sign (approx 1.6 mi) • 1-1.5 hrs • Highest Elevation: 183 m/600 ft (Gain: 127 m/approx. 417 ft) • Parking for a dozen cars at the south end of Morningside Drive next to the mailboxes • Amenities: None • NO fresh water • No camping, no smoking, no bikes on trail • Dogs on leash • Birders: 57 species since 2023 ([eBird](#)) • Highlights/Notes: Easy 1.1 km walk from Fulford Village; spectacular 180-degree SW-facing summit view of Fulford Harbour and beyond, a nice grouping of Arbutus at the summit, and a wonderful picnic spot • Best time of year: Anytime.

Ruckle Park/Heritage Farm & Campground Loop ([BC Parks](#)) • Last hiked by RP: May 2026 • Loop • EASY • [MAP](#) • Trailhead Coordinates: 48.773429, -123.376518 • 4-4.5 km (approx. 2.5 mi) • 1-1.5 hrs • Highest Elevation: 42 m/138 ft; Lowest Elevation: Sea level • Start at Heritage Farm parking lot (information sign/map/e-bike charging station) • Amenities: Farmstand, farm animals, historic buildings, history/interpretive signs, pit toilets, campground, picnic tables, resting benches, bike racks • Birders: 155 species since 1979 ([eBird](#)) • Highlights/Notes: Spectacular walk in arguably BC's prettiest campground and picnic area; no dogs permitted in active farm area and on a leash at all times in campground and on trails • Best time of year: Anytime.

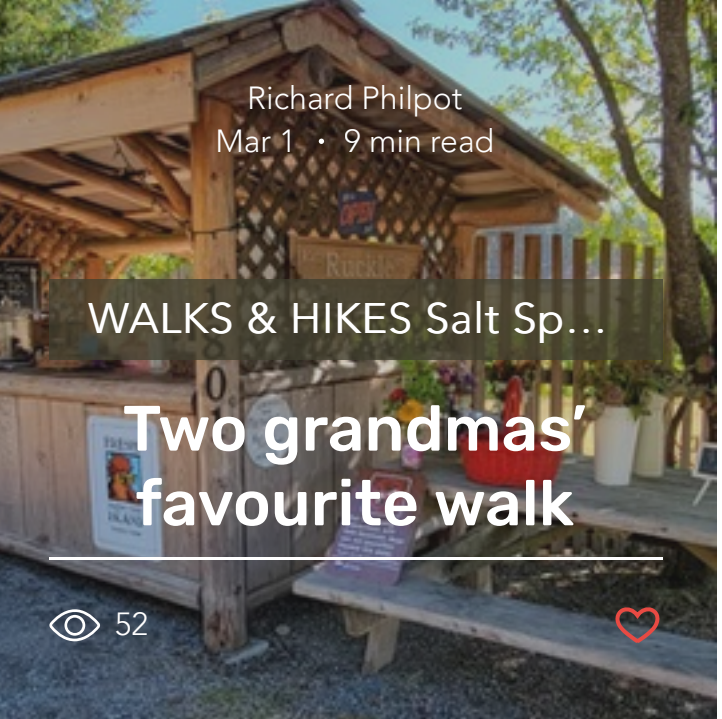
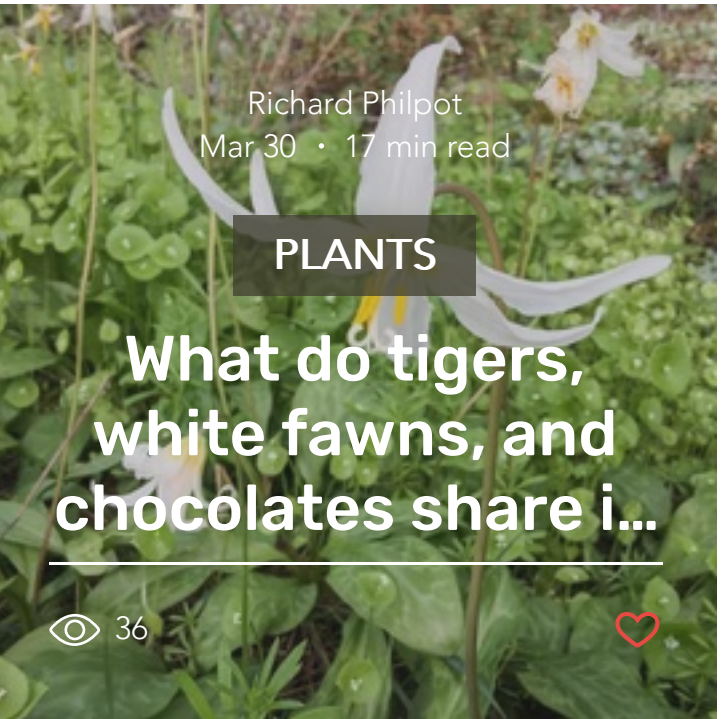
Ruckle Park/Yeo Point-Heritage Farm Loop ([BC Parks](#)) • Last hiked by RP: April 2026 • Loop with Out & Back from King's Cove to Yeo Point • MODERATE • Trailhead Coordinates: 48.773946, -123.372238 • [MAP](#) (also in-park map signs marked with circled location numbers found at trail junctions) • Route: Outbound—Coastline trail (#1) to Bear Point (#2), Coppermine Point, King's Cove (#3), Yeo Point (#4); Return—Yeo Point to King's Cove, then inland on the Merganser Pond Trail (#5-#8-#9-#10, along east side of Ruckle Park ACTIVE FARM), Beaver Point Road (#10) to Day Use Area parking (#1) • 9 km (approx. 5.6 mi) • 3-4 hrs • Highest Elevation: 125 m/410 ft; Lowest Elevation: Sea level • Start at Day Use Area parking (information sign/map/beach access) • Amenities: Pit toilets, picnic tables, resting bench, farmstand, farm animals, historic buildings, history/interpretive signs • Birders: 155 species since 1979 ([eBird](#)) • Highlights/Notes: Wonderful hike along Ruckle Park east shoreline to Yeo Point (beach), several ocean access points, extensive wildflower array (see [Four of my favourite SGI Wildflower viewing spots](#)), fascinating farm/farmstand/heritage buildings; tricky footing in places (especially from #2 on in-park map signs to Coppermine Point), marked with highly-visible orange trail markers, no dogs permitted in active farm area and on a leash at all times on trails, mucky near King's Cove in wet weather • Best time of year: Anytime, but early in the day affords the most sunshine.

WEN,NÁ,NEC Tsawout First Nations Trail (Tsawout pronounced "say out") • Last hiked by RP: December 2025 • Out & Back or Loop • EASY • Trailhead sign at the end of Menhinick Drive • Trailhead Coordinates: 48.75757, -123.42158 • 1.6 km to north end trailhead sign or 4 km loop (approx 2.5 mi) along inland trail • 1.5 hrs • Highest Elevation: 95 m/312 ft; Lowest Elevation: Sea level • Limited road parking on Menhinick Drive • Amenities: Access to several beaches, resting bench • NO pit toilets • No dogs, no camping, no bikes, no fires • Birders: 62 species since 2024 ([eBird](#)) • Highlights/Notes: An often unvisited gem of an oceanside trail; please do not disturb or remove artifacts • Best time of year: Anytime.

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