



Full Parksfest is an opportunity to recognize and thank our many volunteers, park partners and staff who sustain our regional parks. Join us for a day of inspiring presentations and practical workshops.

Regional parks play a significant role in protecting forests in our region. In honour of this International Year of Forests, we'll explore the important role forests play in ecology, outdoor recreation, culture and health.

Sign in is at 8 am. Presentations and workshops run from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm; continental breakfast, snacks and lunch are included.

Special thanks to everyone involved!

We are grateful to all the presenters for generously donating their time and to all those who have provided invaluable assistance and support.



Great door prizes, too! See you there!

Fall Parksfest

2011

When

November 5th, 8 am to 4:15 pm

Where

BCIT Willingdon campus
Town Square Meeting Rooms,
Building SE2,
3700 Willingdon Ave., Burnaby, BC

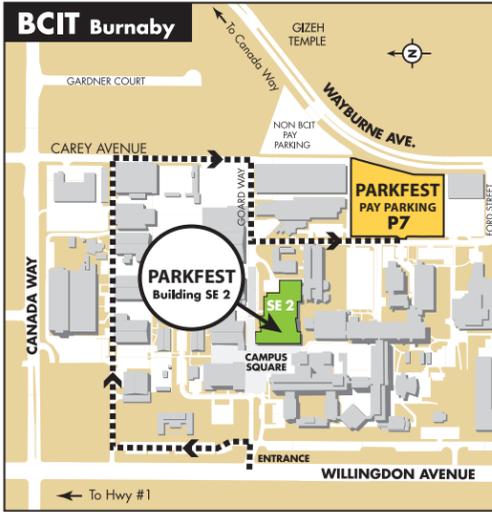
Transit information

BCIT is accessible by public transit. Go to Translink's website at www.translink.bc.ca for specific directions on how to get to BCIT.

Parking

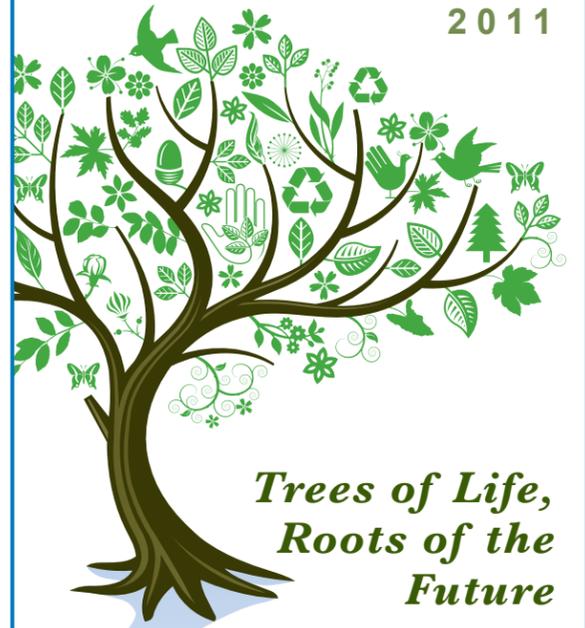
Pay parking is available for \$4.50 for all day. The lot located closest to the event is P7 (see map below or at www.bcit.ca).

Remember to buy a ticket!



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November 5th 2011



Trees of Life, Roots of the Future

11th Annual Learning Day for Park Partners, Volunteers and Staff

Registration deadline: October 21



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Metro Vancouver maintains mailing lists and periodically distributes information about

(Your registration will be confirmed.) Registration deadline: OCTOBER 21

Attn: Public Programs

Burnaby, BC V5H 4G8

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks

4330 Kingsway, 6th floor

MAIL this completed form to :

FAX completed form to 604-432-6296 or

CALL 604-432-6359 or

To register ...



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8:00 to 8:30 am Check-in and coffee
8:30 to 8:45 am Welcome *Johnny Carline*
8:45 to 9:30 am A Few Words...
Gaetan Royer
9:45 to 10:30 am Watershed Moments
Fin Donnelly

10:45 am to 12 noon Workshops
Please check one workshop to attend:

- The Buzz about Native Bees
- Dr. Elizabeth Elle*
- Critical Connections: The role of recreation in conservation
- Dr. Horie Harshaw*
- The Fifth Kingdom: A closer look at puffballs, polypores and more
- Paul Kroeger*
- QR Codes: Cool tool or passing fad?
- Dawn Hanna and Stephen Suddes*

12:00 to 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 to 1:45 pm Forests and Fungi:
Notes from the underground
Andy MacKinnon

2:00 to 3:15 pm Workshops
Please check one workshop to attend:

- Tall Tree Tales and Singing Frogs
- Lori Bartley and Peter Lawrence*
- Ethnobotany of Coastal BC:
- Native plants as food and medicine
- Leigh Joseph*
- Fun with Frogs (and Toads and Salamanders) - *Harry Parsons*
- Trail Troupers:
- Turning kids on to nature
- Lauren Wright and Madeline Barois*

3:15 to 4:15 pm Closing remarks and door prizes

Registration form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Park Affiliation: _____

No Affiliation

Would you like to volunteer with Metro Vancouver Regional Parks?
Yes No

Staying for lunch? Yes No

Please indicate any dietary preferences:
Vegetarian Vegan Other: _____

Lunch Preferences:
Pre-registration is required for lunch
Yes No

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November 5th, 2011

8 am to 4:15 pm



Trees of Life, Roots of the Future

8:30 to 9:30 am **Morning presentations**

Welcoming Remarks

Johnny Carline, Metro Vancouver's Commissioner and Chief Administrative Officer.

Gaetan Royer, Metro Vancouver's Manager of Planning, Environment and Parks.

9:45 am to 10:30 am **Watershed Moments** **Fin Donnelly**

Fin Donnelly is probably best known for swimming the 1,400-kilometre length of the Fraser River as a way of raising awareness of its 34 intricately linked and interdependent watersheds. Fin will share his story of how he became a passionate watershed protector, highlighting his work as an environmental educator and advocate with the Watershed Society of BC, as well as an elected official at both the local and federal levels.



Fin Donnelly is the Member of Parliament for New Westminster-Coquitlam, and NDP Fisheries and Oceans critic. He has made 14 marathon swims including twice swimming the entire length of the Fraser River, to protect coastal waters and river systems.

10:45 am to 12 noon **Workshops**

The Buzz about Native Bees

Dr. Elizabeth Elle

While honeybees may get most of the attention as pollinators, it's native bee species that pollinate most of BC's wildflowers and fruit-bearing shrubs. In fact, BC has about 450 species of native bees - bumblebees, mason bees, leafcutter bees, digger bees, to name a few. Dr. Elle will introduce you to the diversity of native bees in BC, and talk about how habitat loss - and habitat protection - can affect bee diversity and pollination.

Dr. Elizabeth Elle is an associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Simon Fraser University. Her research focuses on how human activities such as habitat fragmentation, agriculture and grazing practices affect pollinator biodiversity.

Critical Connections:

The role of recreation in conservation

Dr. Howie Harshaw

Forests play a critical role in the regulation of climate, water filtration and air quality, and provide habitat for thousands of species. Forests are also important as places for us to hike, bicycle, ride horses, watch wildlife and explore nature. Dr. Harshaw will talk about the important role that such outdoor activities can play in conserving our forests, and makes a case for incorporating outdoor recreation into land-use planning.

Dr. Howie Harshaw is a research associate in the University of BC's Faculty of Forestry, where he focuses on outdoor recreation management and planning, and public participation in natural resources decision-making.

The Fifth Kingdom:

A closer look at puffballs, polypores and more

Paul Kroeger

Dwarfed by trees and cloaked by shrubs and ferns, they're among the most overlooked components denizens of the forest, but mushrooms and other forms of fungi are amazing organisms. Paul Kroeger will explore the diverse roles of fungi in sustaining diversity and healthy habitats in our forests, and discuss how these often beautiful and colourful mushrooms can be either highly desirable gourmet foods or deadly poisons.

Paul Kroeger is president of the Vancouver Mycological Society. For the past 30 years, he has studied the role of fungi in forests and other ecosystems, and the edible, poisonous and medicinal properties of wild and cultivated mushrooms.

QR Codes: Cool tool or passing fad?

Dawn Hanna and Stephen Suddes

You've likely seen them - in newspapers, on posters, bus shelters, store shelves, even the television - even if you didn't know what they were. But are these two-dimensional barcodes something you can use? Or just the latest techno trend? Dawn Hanna will show you the basics of QR codes, how they're being used and how you can use them to show off your projects, link people to your organization, and engage visitors like never before.

Dawn Hanna is the visitor services specialist for West Area of Metro Vancouver Regional Parks, Stephen Suddes is the division manager for public programs. Both are working on several QR code projects within regional parks.

12:15 to 1:00 pm **Lunch**

1:00 to 1:45 pm **Forests and Fungi: Notes from the underground** **Andy MacKinnon**

Research over the last 20 years suggests that our forests may function in a fundamentally different manner than we have always believed. Andy will explore some of these connections and talk about the actual function of our "Roots of the Future". He'll also touch on how what we don't know might affect parks planning and management.

Andy MacKinnon is a biologist who works with the BC Forest Service and others, and is an adjunct professor at Simon Fraser University. He may be best known as the co-author of the naturalists' "bible": Plants of Coastal British Columbia as well as other field guides.



2:00 to 3:15 pm **Workshops**

Tall Trees Tales and Singing Frogs

Lori Bartley and Peter Lawrance

Want to add some pizzazz to your interpretive program or public presentations? Join Lori Bartley and Peter Lawrance for this interactive session that explores the art of theatre, storytelling, song and puppetry and learn how to spice up your programs. Be prepared for fun!

The program will be led by Metro Vancouver park interpreters Lori Bartley and Peter Lawrance.

Ethnobotany of Coastal BC: Native plants as food and medicine

Leigh Joseph

During this session Leigh Joseph will explore the uses of native plants as foods and medicines that have been used for thousands of years by First Nations people in Coastal BC. Leigh will incorporate knowledge that has been shared with her from her Squamish Nation family and other teachers on the cultural importance of these plants.

Leigh Joseph is a member of the Squamish Nation and a graduate student at the University of Victoria pursuing a master of science degree in ethnobotany under the guidance of Dr. Nancy Turner.

Fun with Frogs (and Toads and Salamanders)

Harry Parsons

Herpetologist Harry Parsons will introduce forest denizens who creak, twitter, gabble (or are very, very quiet) in the forests of the South Coast. He'll also talk about some of the other creatures you can expect to find hanging out with our coastal amphibians. The workshop will continue until everyone can identify all of the 10 or so amphibian species!

Harry Parsons is a herpetologist and interpretive specialist with 30 years experience in parks and protected areas. He has written two books on reptiles and amphibians: Foul and Loathsome Creatures and The Nature of Frogs: Amphibians with Attitude.

Trail Troupers: Turning Kids on to Nature

Lauren Wright and Madeline Barois

Cool things can happen when youth mentor an even younger generation - especially, when those youth continue to learn about ecology and stewardship from an older generation of experts. The overall result is a plethora of new ideas and awareness that cascades from generation to generation. Join Lauren Wright and Madeline Barois to find out more about this exciting program.

Lauren Wright and Madeline Barois graduated in 2010 and are now university students. They have maintained their connections with local high schools to promote this valuable initiative.

3:15 to 4:15 pm **Wrap up, door prizes and evaluation forms**

MORNING

AFTERNOON