



McDonald Campground, Sidney

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Campfire Magic

Fridays in June, July and August, 7pm – 8pm

Share the magic of a traditional Canadian campfire with your family. Join an interpreter for songs, stories, s'mores and more! Bring a flashlight and a mug for hot chocolate. For families with children 12 and under. *Note: we will gather around a lantern if there is a fire ban.*

Junior Naturalists

Thursdays in July and August, 11am – 12pm

Love nature? Bring your curiosity and join the club! Collect a new sticker each week and get a prize for collecting all 4. For children 6-12 with an adult. *Note: This 4 part program will repeat in August.*

For all weekly programs at McDonald Campground, please park at the adjacent Blue Heron Park and follow the signs to the campground. Meet at the group campfire ring.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Learn to Camp

Saturday June 14, 1pm to Sunday June 15, 12pm

Keen to camp with your family, but not sure where to start? We can help! Parks Canada, Mountain Equipment Co-op and volunteers will show you how it's done at an overnight event. Learn how to set up a tent, cook over a camp stove and rainproof your site. Enjoy special workshops with Coast Salish guests. Circle up around the campfire with new friends and a mug of cocoa.

\$22 per person, includes most equipment and some meals. Registration opens April 18. Contact 1-888-773-8888.

Town of Sidney

World Oceans Day

Beacon Park • Sunday June 8, 11am – 3pm

Check out the fantastic live marine creatures inside the Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre. Outside on the Sidney waterfront enjoy music, face-painting and exhibitions by local environmental organizations. Visit the Parks Canada booth for fun marine activities.



Saturna Island

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Sunset Wildlife Watch East Point

East Point • Fridays in July and August, 8pm – 9pm

Discover the wildlife of the Salish Sea and relax into the peacefulness of an East Point sunset. Dress warmly and bring blankets, chairs and flashlights. Enjoy the talents of island musicians and storytellers. Meet out at the point (5 min. walk).

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East Point • Saturdays in July and August, 2pm – 2:30pm

A short, engaging update on the endangered southern resident killer whales. East Point is a prime spot for land-based whale watching. Bring a blanket or a chair. Meet out at the point (5 min. walk).

GPS Family Adventures

Winter Cove • Sundays in July and August, 11am – 1pm. Drop-in.

Set out on these family activities equipped with a GPS and a clue book. Choose from three adventures: Wildlife Trackers, Smelly-Sticky-Prickly or Nature Photographers (bring your camera for this one). Drop-in anytime but allow 1 hour to complete an adventure.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturna Lamb BBQ

Winter Cove • Tuesday July 1, 10am – 4:30pm

Celebrate Canada Day with islanders at a country fair picnic. Play games and win prizes at the Parks Canada booth. Learn traditional skills from our Coast Salish guest.

Parks Day – Under the Sea

East Point • Saturday July 19, 1pm – 3pm

Fish with horns, eel-like creatures and maybe even a giant pacific octopus! Come see what the divers will bring up from the deep! Drop-in and join Parks Canada and the Saturna Island Marine Research and Education Society for fun marine activities. Enjoy free ice-cream courtesy of Saturna Island Parks and Recreation. Tour the Fog Alarm Building with Saturna Island Heritage Committee volunteers.

Geocaching – Self Guided

*Vancouver, Sidney, Pender and Saturna Islands
• May 15 to September 1*

Try one of our geocaching programs and embark on a self-guided adventure to experience the park's cultural and natural hotspots. Choose from two routes: a family-friendly treasure hunt or a more strenuous route. Each visitor to complete a route receives a limited edition geocoin. First person to find the caches at season start-up wins a special coin. See website for more info.

Trail Guide App

Want to explore the park at your own pace?

Love gadgets?

Check out our brand new trail app — available to download from the App Store and Google Play onto your smart phone, July 1st. Discover the park in a whole new way with mini quizzes, historic photos and insider info!

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More Information

ALL PARK PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Costs: Free unless indicated

Ages: All ages

Registration: Not required unless indicated

Bring: Water, hat, jacket, sunscreen and appropriate walking gear

Meeting place: At the park kiosk/info sign at the location listed, unless otherwise noted

To get here: Travel to Sidney Island by Alpine Ferry (www.alpinegroup.ca); travel to Saturna Island by BC Ferries (www.bcferries.com)

To reserve an activity in French: Please contact the park office

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