"FROM THE FOREST TO THE SEA" WALKALONG FOR LEARNING

Save the date! **Saturday, August 31**st, **2013** marks the day for the First Annual Galiano Conservancy Association end of summer Walkalong fundraiser.

The Galiano Conservancy Association (GCA) has recently completed the purchase of the 'missing link' - DL 58 – to connect to DL 57, the Learning Centre land, and to complete the mid-Island Protected areas network.

We are hosting a Walkalong for Learning – a walkathon - both to feature some of the areas in our protected network and to raise funds for our long standing "From the Forest to the Sea" environmental education programs. What better way to engage people, have a chance to walk along the trails where we conduct many of our education programs, and support the Conservancy by getting pledges for your walk. The 6-kilometre route is long enough to be a real walk but short enough to include people of all ages, making this a true family event. It will take anywhere from 2-3 hours, including time to pause and appreciate the surroundings.

We will begin at Laughlin Lake and do a loop. We'll walk south to the Restoration Interpretative Trail on DL 63, down that trail and then to Cable Bay. At this lovely cove, we can take a break, before heading south along the trail to Pebble Beach, then up the Pebble Beach Trail through the old forest of DL 60. Then its back north along the road to the sign at the Pebble Beach Trail head and return to Laughlin Lake. Then it will be time to go to the Learning Centre land at DL 57 for a CELEBRATION! The GCA Bus will be available to shuttle people between the Learning Centre and Laughlin Lake.



Our Education Programs have been offered since 2000 and have reached well over seven thousand people, primarily children, many of whom have never before had an opportunity to be in, learn about and appreciate such natural beauty and diversity as Galiano offers. As the Conservancy now works towards building the new Learning Centre, we want to ensure that these foundation programs continue to thrive so we can build on them for future longer term learning opportunities.

Watch for updates and the pledge form on our website <u>www.galianoconservancy.ca</u> so you can easily send it around to family and friends to invite them to support you and contribute financially.

Please support this important work for the love and health of the land and its future inhabitants.

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