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## **Backcountry Experience: 3 day 2 night**

**Grade 6-12**

### **Day 1**

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| <b>11:05AM</b>       | <b>Ferry arrives at Sturdies Bay from Tsawwassen</b>  |
| <b>11:05 – 11:40</b> | <b>Drive to Millard Learning Centre</b><br>Need on-island transportation? Rent our bus! Seats up to 54 small students or 36 adults.   |
| <b>11:40 – 11:55</b> | <b>Site orientation and welcome</b><br>Your class will be camping at our 188acre Millard Learning Center with access to a full kitchen, flush toilets and showers!  |
| <b>11:55 – 12:30</b> | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| <b>12:30 – 1:00</b>  | <b>Explanation of schedule &amp; gear sign-out</b><br>We have a full supply of tents, sleeping mats, sleeping bags, hiking bags, day bags, water bottles and camp stoves all donated by Mountain Equipment Co-op! |
| <b>1:00 – 1:30</b>   | <b>Bag-packing discussion and pack bags</b>   |
| <b>1:30 – 1:45</b>   | <b>Bus to Laughlin Lake</b>   |
| <b>2:00 – 3:00</b>   | <b>Hike to Pebble Beach through plantation forest to mature forest</b>  |
| <b>3:00 – 3:15</b>   | <b>Snack Break on Beautiful Pebble Beach</b>  |
| <b>3:15 – 4:00</b>   | <b>Hike Pebble Beach to Great Beaver Swamp</b>  |
| <b>4:00 – 4:10</b>   | <b>Topographic Map Discussion &amp; short rest stop</b>   |
| <b>4:10 – 5:10</b>   | <b>Hike Great Beaver Swamp to Learning Centre (7km total)</b><br>Students will see ecosystem changes as we go from sea level to 120m high on the ridge and back down to the Learning Centre.                      |

<b>5:10 – 5:40</b>	<b>Set-up tents &amp; sleeping gear</b>
<b>5:40 – 6:00</b>	<b>Explanation of camp cooking etiquette &amp; leave no trace and how to operate MSR stoves</b> Student cook groups (4 people/group) will have pre-planned all their food and meals for this 3 day trip. They will use MSR cook stoves to cook each meal.
<b>6:00 – 7:30</b>	<b>Dinner &amp; Clean Up</b>
<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>GCA Staff Leaves</b>

## **Day 2**

<b>7:30 – 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Wake-up</b>
<b>8:00 – 9:00</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:30</b>	<b>Clean-up &amp; free time</b>
<b>9:30</b>	<b>GCA Staff arrive</b>
<b>9:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>Day Bag Talk &amp; Pack Day Bags (with MSR Stoves for Lunch)</b>
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Compass Skills &amp; Orienteering Activities</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:20</b>	<b>Snack Break</b>
<b>11:20 – 12: 20</b>	<b>Invertebrate Pond Study</b> Using nets, buckets and ID books students find and catch fresh water bugs and creatures in our wetland pond located at the MLC.
<b>12:20 – 12:40</b>	<b>Hike to Cove via Bluff Trail with Day Bags</b>
<b>12:40 – 1:20</b>	<b>Prep Lunch with MSR stoves</b>
<b>1:20 – 2:00</b>	<b>Lunch, Clean-Up &amp; Free time at Cove</b>
<b>2:00 – 2:15</b>	<b>Hike to Ridge Line Classroom</b>
<b>2:15 – 3:15</b>	<b>Wildlife Safety, Food Caching</b>
<b>3:15 – 3:30</b>	<b>Switch &amp; Snack</b>
<b>3:30 – 4:00</b>	<b>Knot &amp; Tarp-Shelter Competitions</b>

**4:00 – 4:30**                      **Walk back to MLC Classroom**

**4:30 PM**                         **GCA staff leaves**

### **Day 3**

**7:30 – 8:00 AM** **Wake-up**

**8:00 – 9:20**                      **Breakfast & Clean-up**

**9:20 – 10:30**                    **Gear take-down, personal gear pack-up & learning centre clean-up**

**10:30**                              **GCA Staff Arrives**

**10:30 – 11:00**                   **Check in & gear inventorying**

**11:00 – 12:00**                   **Native Plant Teaching Train**  
Students will be masters of one plant station and teach their peers what they have learned about it. Each student group will rotate through each station and learn fun facts and how to ID key native plants.

**12:00 – 12:45**                   **Lunch**

**12:45 – 1:45**                     **Wilderness First Aid Lesson & game**

**1:45 – 2:00**                       **Tea Harvesting with native plants**  
Take a nice walk in the forest and harvest abundant native plants for a delicious hot tea!

**2:00 – 2:30**                       **Native plant scavenger hunt**

**2:30 – 2:45**                       **Snack & Tea Tasting**

**2:45– 3:30**                        **Wrap-up**

**3:30 – 4:00**                       **Bus to Sturdies Bay terminal**

**5:10 PM**                           **Ferry departs from Sturdies Bay to Tsawwassen terminal**