



Galiano Conservancy ASSOCIATION

*Galiano Conservancy Association
10825 Porlier Pass Road
Galiano Island, B.C.
V0N 1P0*

*Tel/fax: 250-539-2424
bookings@galianoconservancy.ca
www.galianoconservancy.ca*

Backcountry Experience: 2 day 1 night (or 2 day, 2 night)

Day 1

11:05am	Ferry arrives at Sturdies Bay from Tsawwassen
11:05 – 11:40	Drive to Millard Learning Centre Need on-island transportation? Rent our bus! Seats up to 54 small students or 36 adults.
11:40 – 11:55	Campsite orientation and welcome Before you arrive - choose to stay at either the Millard Learning Centre's rustic
	rustic "Backcountry" or deluxe "Frontcountry" Campground.
11:55 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 1:00	Explanation of schedule & gear sign-out Camping gear rental is included for all lengths of the overnight Backcountry Experience program.
1:00 – 1:30	Basics of Bag-packing Learn how to ergonomically pack a 50L hiking bag
1:30 – 1:45	Bus to Laughlin Lake
2:00 – 3:00	Hike to Pebble Beach through plantation forest to mature forest
3:00 – 3:15	Snack Break on beautiful Pebble Beach
3:15 – 4:00	Hike Pebble Beach to Great Beaver Swamp
4:00 – 4:10	Topographic Map Discussion & short rest stop
4:10 – 5:10	Hike Great Beaver Swamp to Learning Centre (7km total) Watch for ecosystem changes as we go from sea level to 120m high on the ridge and back down to the Learning Centre.

Sample itineraries are subject to change depending on ferry schedule and age group. Please contact us at bookings@galianoconservancy.ca

- 5:10 – 5:40 **Set-up tents & sleeping gear**
- 5:40 – 6:00 **Backcountry Cooking Lesson**
Learn the basics of cooking on compact backpacking fuel stoves in your cooking group.
- 6:00 – 7:30 **Dinner & Clean Up**
- 7:30 - **GCA Staff Leaves**

Day 2

- 7:30 – 8:00 **Wake-up**
- 8:00 – 9:20 **Breakfast & Clean-up**
- 9:20 – 10:00 **Get ready for the day - Gear take-down, personal gear pack-up.**
- 10:00 **GCA Staff Arrives**
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Check in & Inventory rented gear**
- 10:30-11:30 **Orienteering and Compass Navigation**
- 11:30– 12:00 **Native Plant Teaching Train walk down to Chrystal Cove Beach**
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 – 1:00 **Lunch at the Cove with cook stoves**
- 1:00 – 2:00 **Hike to Ridge Line Classroom**
Wilderness Safety & First Aid
- 2:00– 3:00 **Knot Tying & Shelter Building**
- 3:15- 4:00 **Walks back to MLC Wrap up and Feedback**

- 4:15 **Bus Departs for Ferry Terminal. Ferry departs from Sturdies Bay to Tsawwassen terminal 5:45PM OR extend your stay - make it a 2 day, 2 night field trip!**

Sample itineraries are subject to change depending on ferry schedule and age group. Please contact us at bookings@galianoconservancy.ca