



**Galiano
Conservancy**
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Backcountry Experience: 3 day 2 night (or 3 day, 3 night)

Day 1

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| 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 |

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- 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.
- 5:10 – 5:40 **Set-up tents & sleeping gear**
- 5:40 – 6:00 **Backcountry Cooking Lesson**
Learn the basics of cooking on compact MSR 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 – 9:00 **Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 9:30 **Clean-up & free time**
- 9:30 **GCA Staff arrive**
- 9:30 – 10:00 **Day Bag Talk & Pack Day Bags (with MSR Stoves for Lunch)**
- 10:00 – 11:00 **Compass Skills & Orienteering Activities**
- 11:00 – 11:20 **Snack Break**
- 11:20 – 12: 20 **Invertebrate Pond Study**
Using nets, buckets and ID books students find and catch fresh water bugs and creatures in our wetland pond located at the MLC.
- 12:20 – 12:40 **Hike to Cove via Bluff Trail with Day Bags**
- 12:40 – 1:20 **Prep Lunch with MSR stoves**
- 1:20 – 2:00 **Lunch, Clean-Up & Free time at Cove**
- 2:00 – 2:15 **Hike to Ridge Line Classroom**
- 2:15 – 3:15 **Wildlife Safety, Food Caching**

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3:15 – 3:30	Switch & Snack
3:30 – 4:00	Knot & Tarp-Shelter Competitions
4:00 – 4:30	Walk back to MLC Classroom
4:30 --	GCA staff leaves

Day 3

7:30 – 8:00	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	<p>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.</p>
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch
12:45 – 1:45	Wilderness First Aid Lesson & game
1:45 – 2:00	<p>Tea Harvesting with native plants Take a nice walk in the forest and harvest abundant native plants for a delicious hot tea!</p>
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	Ferry departs from Sturdies Bay to Tsawwassen terminal

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