

GALIANO CONSERVANCY NATURE CAMP 2024



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Conservancy
ASSOCIATION

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ABOUT



The **Galiano Conservancy Association** (GCA for short) is a community-based, environmental non-profit organization and a registered charity (BN886092998 RR0001) based on Galiano Island, BC.

OUR WORK

The GCA is dedicated to: land and marine protection, conservation, ecological restoration, sustainable food and energy production and environmental education.

Our hands-on, nature-based programs have proudly been developed over 20+ years. Programs serve to introduce youth to nature in a fun, safe and meaningful way. Our activities are designed to reflect the BC K-12 curriculum, resonate local Indigenous voices and foster youth environmental leadership.

NATURE CAMP

We are so excited to offer 2 summer camps! Camps will be offered as two sessions for two specific age groups. We will spend our days exploring and hiking across Galiano Island. From forest to sea - we'll cover it all!

JULY 10-12
AGES 9-12



JULY 17-19
AGES 13-17



WHAT CAMPERS ARE SAYING:

"I'm going to be 9 this summer, I CAN GO!!!"






Zahia, Age 8



EDUCATION CONTACT

Office (Mon-Fri 9:30AM-4PM): 250-539-2424
Email: bookings@galianoconservancy.ca

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The 188-acre **Millard Learning Centre**, our home base on Galiano Island, is where all of our programming takes place. Our trail network will have partial closures to the public to ensure our Campers have a safe, private experience!

VISIT & LEARN

NATURE CAMP LOCATION

Our Nature Camp takes place on the unceded, asserted territory of the Penelakut, Lamalcha, Hwlitsum, other Hul'qumi'num-speaking and SENĆOTEN-speaking Peoples and on the ceded, asserted territory of the Tsawwassen First Nation.

It is because of the love, respect and stewardship of the land over thousands of years by generations of Coast Salish Peoples that the place we now refer to as "Galiano Island" continues to have abundant wild spaces and a healthy diversity of local flora and fauna to this day.

CAMP ITINERARY & MENU

NATURE CAMP ITINERARY *

WEDNESDAY

- 12:00 PM - Ferries arrive at Sturdies Bay
- 12:00 - Meet GCA Staff and load bus
- 12:15 - Drive to the Millard Learning Centre (10825 Porlier Pass Rd)
- 12:30 - Welcome & Orientation
- 1:00 - Lunch
- 1:30 - Ice breakers & games
- 2:30 - Native Plant walk to Chrystal Cove
- 3:00 - Beach exploration
- 4:00 - Harvest plants for tea
- 4:30 - Make tea & cyanotyping
- 5:00 - Cook dinner together
- 6:00 - Dinner
- 6:30 - Clean up
- 7:00 - Movie night under the stars!
- 9:30 - In tents & bed for the night
- 10:00 PM - Lights out

THURSDAY

- 8:00 - Rise and shine!
- 8:30 - Breakfast & clean up
- 9:30 - Prep for the day ahead!
- 10:00 - Hike across Galiano Island! Hike the Vanilla Leaf Trail from the MLC to Pebble Beach! (10km roundtrip)
- 12:00 - Lunch at Pebble Beach
- 12:30 - Beach Exploration
- 2:00 - Hike back to the MLC
- 4:00 - Nature art activity
- 5:00 - Cook dinner, dinner & clean up
- 7:00 - Evening games & activities
- 10:00 - Lights out

FRIDAY

- 8:00 - Rise and shine!
- 8:30 - Breakfast & clean up
- 9:30 - Pack up camp
- 10:30 - Wrap Up & Goodbyes
- 11:00 - Load bus and drive to Sturdies Bay Ferry Terminal
- 12:30 PM - Ferries depart Sturdies Bay

SAMPLE MENU *

WEDNESDAY

- Lunch - BYO bagged lunch
- Dinner- pasta & salad

THURSDAY

- Breakfast - pancakes
- Lunch - veggie wraps & hummus
- Dinner- build your own pizza!

FRIDAY

- Breakfast- cereal & oatmeal
- Lunch - Wraps to take on ferry

*sample itinerary & menu, subject to change.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

CAMP AT THE MILLARD LEARNING CENTRE

Sleep under the stars at our quiet and private 188-acre home base, the Millard Learning Centre.

Our campground area is tent-only on well-defined platforms and has fresh water, a covered picnic area, outhouses and a firepit. Plus access to Chrystal Cove Beach on the Learning Centre property. More Info: <https://galianoconservancy.ca/education/mlc-facilities/>

FRONTCOUNTRY CAMPGROUND

This "glamp"-site is right next to our Classroom building, where you have access to a full kitchen, showers, flush toilets and wifi (emergency use only). The Classroom has an open dining hall that we will utilize in the event of inclement weather.



FRONTCOUNTRY CAMPGROUND RAISED TENT PLATFORMS



CLASSROOM AT FRONTCOUNTRY CAMPGROUND



Q: CAN MY CHILD TENT WITH THEIR FRIEND?

Coming with friends? No problem! Let us know and we can arrange tents accordingly. If you are coming solo you can have your tent to yourself!

CAMPING GEAR RENTALS

Don't have camping gear? We have tents (1-4 person), sleeping bags, sleeping mats and headlamps available for rent.



CHRISTAL COVE BEACH

TRAVEL INFORMATION



BC FERRIES

Get to Galiano Island easily with BC Ferries. We're a short 1-1.5 hour trip from the Tsawwassen ferry terminal in Vancouver or the Swartz Bay ferry terminal in Victoria.

FERRY SCHEDULES & SERVICE NOTICES

Ferries can travel to multiple Gulf Islands within one trip. You may be required to transfer boats during your sailing. **Review your ferry schedule and check for service notices before you travel** here: <https://www.bcferrries.com/routes-fares/schedules>

TICKET RESERVATIONS

It is your responsibility for booking and paying for ferry tickets. Reservations can be made for Tsawwassen - Gulf Islands ferry travel but cannot be made for Swartz Bay - Gulf Islands ferry travel.

Book vehicle and foot-passenger tickets here: <https://www.bcferrries.com/>

FARES & DISCOUNTS

Ferry fares are not included in GCA fees. Students can travel for free between Swartz Bay and Galiano and at a special reduced rate from Tsawwassen to Galiano. Not a student? No problem! Groups over 10 also receive special discounts.

More Info: <https://www.bcferrries.com/routes-fares/ferry-fares>

STOWED LUGGAGE

Excess luggage can be stowed below deck on the Tsawwassen - Southern Gulf Island route. The luggage cart does not come off the ferry at the Sturdies Bay terminal. **Remove your stowed bags from the luggage cart before disembarking.**

Q: WILL YOU MEET MY CHILD AT THE FERRY?

For a small fee, GCA Staff will chaperone campers on and off the ferry. We will walk on the ferry from Sturdies Bay to Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay, greet you, and accompany you back to Sturdies Bay and make sure you get on our bus safe and sound!



TRANSPORTATION ON GALIANO

GCA SCHOOL BUS

There is no public transportation or taxi service on Galiano Island. You can bring your own vehicle(s) or ride along in the GCA school bus.

Our bus will meet you at the Sturdies Bay ferry terminal on Galiano and bring you to the Millard Learning Centre, where we will set up camp.

CAMP & REGISTRATION

WEATHER

Be prepared - camp happens rain or shine! Bring lots of warm layers, sun protection, and extra clothes in case you get wet. In dangerous conditions (high winds) we will stop programming and seek shelter. **High winds may result in ferry delays or cancellations.** If you are unable to leave Galiano Island due to weather, you will have access to overnight accommodations at the Millard Learning Centre at no additional charge.

WATER

Please bring a 1L water bottle. The Millard Learning Centre has potable water at the Office and Classroom where you can refill your water bottle throughout the day. We will be doing a lot of hiking, so it is important that you have a large water bottle!

FOOD

Pack a bagged lunch for the first day of camp. The rest is included! We will cook breakfast, lunch and dinners together as a team. Please notify us of any dietary restrictions prior to camp. In addition, we will provide snacks throughout the day (popcorn, granola, smoothies, etc.)

HIKING DIFFICULTY & ACCESSIBILITY

Most of our days will involve hiking along maintained forest and beach trails that range from easy to difficult in intensity. The Millard Learning Centre's Classroom building and Frontcountry Campground are wheelchair accessible. Please contact us if you are concerned about physical fitness or have mobility limitations so that we can recommend the best field trip for you.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register by June 10th. Camp requires a minimum of 15 campers to operate. If enrollment numbers are low we will notify you on June 11th. A full refund will be issued. Contact the GCA Education staff at bookings@galianoconservancy.ca to register and we will send you all of the required forms and paperwork.



SAFETY

CHAPERONE RATIO

At least one GCA education staff member (or volunteer) will be present for every 15 youth in attendance.

POLICE & VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECKS

All GCA education staff members have completed police and vulnerable sectors checks. We can provide you with a copy of police and vulnerable sectors documents upon request.

FIRST AID

At least one GCA education staff member facilitating Nature Camp is Wilderness First Aid and CPR-C certified. They will carry a standard first aid kit and a cell phone to communicate with emergency services. We can provide you with a copy of first aid certifications upon request.

EMERGENCIES

Galiano Island is a remote community with limited access to emergency services. We have one medical clinic (Galiano Healthcare Society), a local ambulance service, two volunteer fire departments and a RCMP office.



What happens if my child/student gets hurt or sick during Camp? If your injury or illness is beyond GCA staff's scope of care, we will refer you to the Galiano Healthcare Society, or during the Clinic's afterhours contact the Doctor or Nurse on-call. Depending on the severity of your condition, you may need to be transported off Galiano. In all life-threatening instances, 911 will be called.

I am a parent - Who do I call if I need to reach my child? Call the GCA office at 250-539-2424 (office hours 9:30AM-4PM Monday-Friday) or Chessi Miltner (Executive Director) 250-222-2442 (afterhours and emergencies only) or email bookings@galianoconservancy.ca.

SWIMMING

Swimming is not allowed during Camp. No lifeguard is on duty at the Millard Learning Centre or on other beaches on Galiano Island.

CAMP FORMS

We will ask you to sign a sign safety acknowledgment, media release and registration form before Nature Camp.

MORE SAFETY FAQs

Visit our FAQ page to read our safety measures, emergency protocols, emergency contact lists and view printable copies of forms: <https://galianoconservancy.ca/education/faqs/>

WHAT TO BRING

DAY GEAR

- Sturdy 2 strap daypack/backpack
- 1L water bottle
- Sturdy hiking shoes
- Sturdy sandals [Crocs, Keens] water shoes - **No Flip Flops!**
- Sun protection [sunscreen, hat, sunglasses]
- Clothes to change into in case you get dirty or wet
- Bathing suit and towel (for water games)
- Personal medication (EipPen, etc.)
- Packed lunch for Day 1

OVERNIGHT GEAR In addition to the Day Gear list, please bring:

- Tent*
- Sleeping bag*
- Sleeping mat*
- Flashlight or headlamp*
- Warm pajamas or thermal underlayers (sweatpants, long johns, sleeping sweaters)
- Thick sleeping socks
- Warm hat/toque
- Personal toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, hair brush, deodorant etc)
- Shower items (towel, soaps & shampoo, shower sandals)
- Clothing for rain or shine adventures!

* Available for rent



OPTIONAL ITEMS

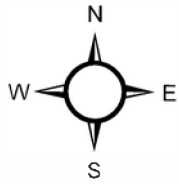
- Money for ferry food
- Board games, cards, journal or drawingpad for afterhours/ ferry entertainment

PLEASE DO NOT BRING

- Personal electronics (the GCA is not responsible for damage or loss of any personal gear)
- Alcohol or marijuana
- Smoking paraphernalia (cigarettes, vape pens etc.)
- Knives or weapons

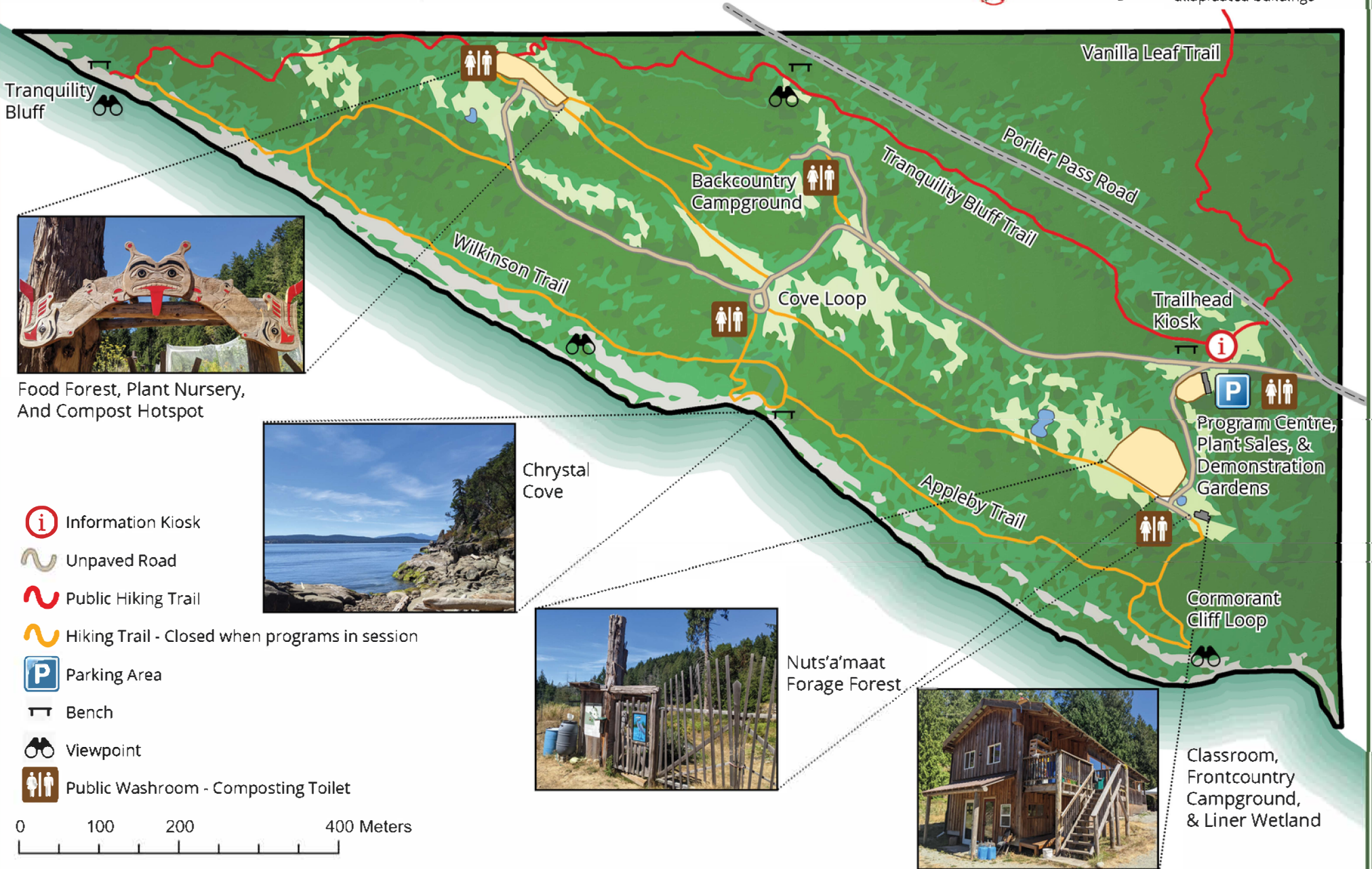


Millard Learning Centre



Partial trail closures during education programs.
Check signage at GCA Office upon arrival.

- This area contains natural and human hazards
- No fires
 - No Hunting or Fishing
 - Dogs on Leash
 - No Smoking
- Please stay on designated trails !
- Avoid
- steep slopes & cliffs
 - dilapidated buildings



Tranquility Bluff



Food Forest, Plant Nursery, And Compost Hotspot



Crystal Cove



Nuts'a'maat Forage Forest



Classroom, Frontcountry Campground, & Liner Wetland

- Information Kiosk
- Unpaved Road
- Public Hiking Trail
- Hiking Trail - Closed when programs in session
- Parking Area
- Bench
- Viewpoint
- Public Washroom - Composting Toilet

