

Stickleback Urban Trail

Stroll or roll through 6.5 kilometres of urban trail on the Stickleback Urban Trail, connecting the Galloping Goose Trail at Kirby to Clarkson Park on Broomhill.

Opened in fall 2020, the Stickleback Urban Trail was developed in partnership with the Juan de Fuca Trail Society. The Stickleback Urban Trail links existing paths to form a functional route throughout the community. In addition to its remarkable natural beauty, the trail features wayfinding posts, map tables, a central kiosk, and a water fountain with water bottle filling station and a faucet for pets.

The Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society is a coalition of hikers, cyclists and equestrians in the District of Sooke and the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area. They work to encourage appreciation and respect for our natural features and environment through community trails opportunities promote and create a legacy of community trails for walkers, cyclists and equestrians in the Juan de Fuca area. To learn more about the Juan de Fuca Trails Society, please visit jdftrails.ca.



WESTERN RED CEDAR. Western Red Cedar can grow up to 70 metres tall. A thriving species in the Pacific Northwest, red cedar is plentiful where the rainforest meets the sea. Give a thumbs up to this native plant species in your photo here.



SWORD FERN. The western sword fern is an evergreen fern native to western North America, where it is one of the most abundant ferns - so, this one should be easy to find. Give a thumbs up to this native plant species in your photo here.



ENGLISH HOLLY. Holly is an invasive species and one in the District, in collaboration with the community, is working to remove. Interested in getting involved? Learn more on our website at sooke.ca/parks. Give a thumbs down to this invasive species in your photo.



YOUR TRAIL TREASURE. What else did you find on the trail? Show us your favourite spot on the trail: a remarkable viewpoint, a particular plant or animal perhaps? Search our website "Caution Nature" or visit Wild Wise Sooke, a volunteer run wildlife educational program working to promote coexistence between the Sooke community and our wild neighbours, to learn more about wildlife in Sooke.

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SEEK 'N SNAP SCAVENGER HUNT



Did You Know?

The term "T'Sou-ke" originates from a Salishan word for the stickleback fish found in plenty at the mouth of the Sooke River.



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The District of Sooke is within the unceded traditional territory of the T'Sou-ke peoples.

The District thanks the Juan de Fuca Trail Society and all members who contributed their time and talents to make the Stickleback Urban Trail possible.

Let's celebrate nature together!

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The word T'Sou-ke *tsa-awk* is the name of the Stickleback fish found in the estuary of the Sooke River in the SENĆOŦEN *sənčáθən* language of the T'Sou-ke Nation. The anglicized name of T'Sou-ke is Sooke.



The 6.5 km Stickleback Urban Trail is a community initiative that utilizes existing trails & sidewalks from the Galloping Goose Regional Trail, through the Sooke Town Centre, to Broomhill. Our goal is to create scenic, safe and enjoyable routes through our beautiful town.

LEGEND

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| | Walk | | Golf Course |
| | Hike | | Campground |
| | Bike | | School |
| | Accessible | | Shoreline Access |
| | Equestrian | | Public Dock & Wharf |
| | Park | | Museum & Info Centre |
| | Playground | | Library |
| | Athletic Field | | Public Washroom |
| | Bike Park | | BC Transit Bus Stop near Trail |
| | Bike Repair | | Parking |
| | Skate Park | | |
| | Seaparc Leisure Complex | | |

Emergency Calls
911 Police, Fire & Ambulance

Report Wildfires
1 800 663 5555
*5555 from a cell



We acknowledge the Stickleback Trail is located on the unceded Coast Salish Territory of the T'Sou-ke Nation.

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STICKLEBACK ON POST. With cultural artistry, the stickleback leads the way along the trail. Find at least 3 of these symbols on posts along the 6.5 kilometre route.



SEAPARC LEISURE COMPLEX. Operated by the CRD with funding support from the District of Sooke, this community facility is home to an area, swimming pool, and fitness studio. Visit their website for schedule info: seaparc.ca



BROOMHILL PLAYGROUND. Smiles, laughter, and all of the colours of the rainbow found here. Fun for all ages, this park features multiple play structures, picnic and washroom facilities, and a multi-purpose sports surface for street hockey.

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- 1 Seek out these items on the trail.
- 2 Snap a photo with the item.
- 3 Share your photo with the District at sooke.ca/connectedcommunity



SPIRIT BEAR AT SOOKE REGION MUSEUM. A celebration of local history found here. Local artists Gene Sebellus and Bonnie Spence designed "Kody" the Sooke Spirit Bear through Sooke Program of the Arts (SPA), the Sooke Harbourside Lions Club, and the Sooke Lions Club. Find Kody and snap a "selfie".



STICKLEBACK FISH ROAD MARKINGS. The stickleback leads the way along the trail. Find at least 3 of these symbols on the pavement along the 6.5 kilometre route.



SOOKE BIKE PARK. Adventure found here. The Sooke Bike Park opened March 2015. A community-driven project, funded by the CRD, SEAPARC, Juan de Fuca Electoral Area and the District of Sooke. Snap a pic here, on your bike, or passing with the Douglas Fir forest as your backdrop.

You are encouraged to participate at any time.

During the Stickleback Urban Trail opening, October-November 2020, there are additional incentives to participate. With each photo you share, you will be entered to win fabulous prizes from local businesses!

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Tag the District of Sooke and use the hashtag #SeekSnapSooke

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