

Fall 2016

Join us for a celebration of
World Rivers Day with events that honour our
city's rich heritage of waterways.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

11 AM - 2:30 PM

BOWEN PARK LOWER PICNIC SHELTER

SALMON BBQ HOSTED BY NALT

(Nanaimo & Area Land Trust)

BBQ wild BC salmon filet on a bun
with all the fixings

\$10 • Service starts at 12 noon

LIVE MUSIC BY LOCAL BANDS

11 am • Mt Benson Ceili Band

12:15 pm • Dave Hart

1:30 pm • TerraZetto

Ever wonder where your drinking water comes from? Join
us on **Friday, Sept 23 at 9:00 am** and follow the journey of
our water from Jump Lake to our Water Treatment Plant

-Nanaimo River Watershed Bus Tour • (barcode #151690)

Meet at Bowen Park, Wall Street Parking lot

RIVERS DAY TOURS HOSTED BY NANAIMO RIVER WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE

(Pre-registration is mandatory. Some fees apply.)

See the Fall 2016 Activity Guide for details.

Tours starting from Bowen Park

Wall Street Parking Lot:

- Morden Colliery Historical Park Bus Tours •
9 am on SUN, SEP 25 (#151686)
- Nanaimo River & Wild Play Adv. Centre Bus Tour •
9 am on SUN, SEP 25 (#152126)
- Nanaimo River Regional Park Bus Tour & Eco-Walk •
9 am on SUN, SEP 25 (#152127)

Tours starting at other locations:

~Nanaimo River Estuary Walk • 9:30 am on
SUN, SEP 25 (#151687)

Meet at end of Raines Road in Cedar

~Vancouver Island's Largest Estuary by Raft • 9:30 am
(#151688) • 1 pm (#151689) on SUN, SEP 25

Meet at Living Forest Campground

Boat Launch



Buddleia Dividii



Red Osier Dogwood

Have you noticed that from somewhere a **Buddleia Dividii** (Butterfly bush) has sprung up in your yard? The light weight seeds are dispersed by wind and water over many kilometers. It is said that one spike of flowers can have 40,000 seeds. If you are to keep this plant in your garden cut the flowers before they turn to seeds.

If you are looking for a native plant look at our **Red Osier Dogwoods** at Maffeo Sutton Park. The beautiful red stems are very attractive all winter. The red osier dogwoods have very good wildlife value from white flowers and fruits produced in the summer and fall.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR NEIGHBOUHOOD?



THE COMMUNITY GARDENS PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW...

The community garden at Pawson Park (89 Machleary St) is one of 5 thriving community gardens in Nanaimo Parks. This garden saw bountiful crops of kale, peas, carrots, beets, lettuce, potatoes squash and more this spring! Volunteers are also looking to expand this garden with more beds to tend.

For more information on how to start a community garden on city land please visit our [website](#) for step by step instructions in the [PIP toolkit](#). You will also find a list of other community gardens operated by private organizations and school groups.

STAFF CHANGES...

Margaret Mills, has stepped into the horticulture supervisor's shoes and is already busy planning the red and white flower arrangements for the Harbour City's gardens for Canada's 150th birthday celebrations.

Rob Lawrance is stepping in for Kirsty MacDonald as Parks and Open Space Planner while she is on maternity leave. He is looking forward to his new role and an opportunity to blend his perspective on environmental conservation and sustainability into this position and work portfolio.

NS3 has moved!

Nanaimo Science and Sustainability Society has moved to a new location - Mt Benson School at 4355 Jinglepot Rd. The Science Studio will be open for free drop in on Saturday, Sept 24 from 10-2:00pm.

Save the date - join NS3 at Bowen Park on October 30th for their annual Spooktacular Science Challenge. Plan for a howling good time. To find out more info visit NS3's website <http://nanaimoscience.org>

The Great Canadian Shoreline Clean up

Back in 1994, a small team of employees and volunteers at the Vancouver Aquarium decided to clean up the local beach in Stanley Park to help protect the city's Shorelines. Today over 20 000 volunteers take part in every Canadian province and territory and is now recognized as one of the largest direct action conservation programs. To get involved visit <http://shorelinecleanup.ca/en/search/cleanups/fallwinter2016>

Park Projects

Restoration projects continue in Third Street Park to reintroduce the Vancouver Island Beggartick plant to the wetland around the NIC, where they disappeared from 10 years ago.

The city also continues to support several volunteer groups working on stream restoration projects around the City.

Click [Here](#), for info on Nanaimo Rivers Day & other upcoming Special Events