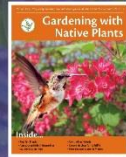


HAT Native Plant Sunday May 3 10am to 4pm Garden Tour 2015

Visit 5 private and 4 public gardens in your neighbourhood, ask gardeners questions and get tips on creating your own backyard oasis.

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Free GUIDE



For first 200 visitors

Enter for one of many
GIFTS including:

Bird box, native seeds, easy-to-grow
 native plants, 1 hour consultation with
 garden GURU Pat Johnston, and more!

	Public Garden Locations	Private Garden Locations	
	Oak Bay Native Plant Garden (Margate Ave and Beach Dr.)	1201 Judge Pl (Cedar Hill)	
	Government House (1401 Rockland Ave.)	1119 Chapman St (Cook St. Village)	
	Uplands Park (2900 Block of Beach Dr.)	1709 Carnegie St (Gordan Head)	
	Garry Oak Learning Meadow* at Fort Rodd Hill Fisgard Lighthouse NHS (603 Fort Rodd Hill Rd.)	2203 Kinross Ave (Uplands)	
	*small fee applies at this location	961 Pembroke St (Victoria City)	



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HAT NATIVE PLANT GARDEN TOUR GUIDE BOOKLET

10am - 4 pm SUNDAY May 3rd 2015

Join us for our annual Native Plant Garden Tour on Sunday May 3rd. Bring the whole family for a free tour filled with new friends, experiences, and ideas for your own property. There is a mix of five public and four private gardens that you can visit at your leisure throughout the day. Some gardens are strictly native while others incorporate native species with ornamentals. Shady forest gardens, sunny rock outcrops, wetlands, nurseries, ponds, and plants await your visit. Visitors will meet garden owners and native plant experts at each location. Please ask them for specific information like plant choices, restoration techniques, and gardening tips. Find out why interest in native plant gardening is growing!

Gift Basket Giveaway!

At each location, fill out a short survey to be entered to receive one of the gardening gift baskets that include: native plants, gardening supplies, and a free 1 hour consultation with Patricia Johnston, Garden Consultant. All gift baskets were kindly donated by Saanich Native Plants, Parks Canada, and Russell Nursery.

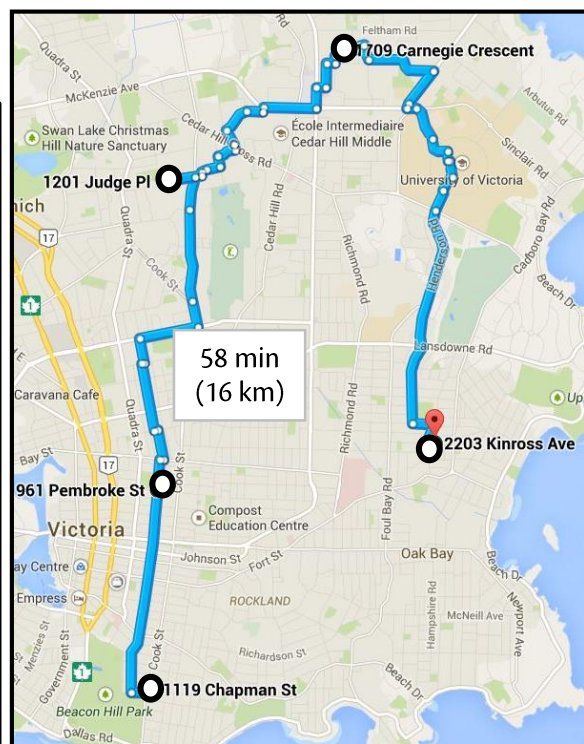
Garden Biking Tour



All of our beautiful **private** and **public** gardens are located within the Greater Victoria region! Weather permitting, all private locations can be reached by bike in less than an hour. Otherwise, they are all easily accessible by bus or car. Many of our Public Gardens can also be reached en route.



Private Garden Bike Tour



PRIVATE GARDEN LOCATIONS

Location: 1201 Judge Pl

Your Host: *Pam Sinclair*

Garden description: This beautiful garden has been established for 25 years. It contains a diversity of native plants within a natural landscape of Garry Oak habitat, rocky outcrops, meadows and thickets. Come learn from an experienced, long-time gardener.



Location: 1119 Chapman St

Your Host: *Sherry Kirkvold*

Garden description: This 6 year old garden displays how you can combine both native plants and ornamentals in one small front yard garden. This shade tolerant garden is magnificent in the spring and is a great example of a low-maintenance, easy to care for but stunning garden in an urban setting.



Location: 1709 Carnegie Cres

Your Host: *Linda Travers*

Garden description: This young garden, planted in 2013, is a perfect example of how to begin replacing a front lawn, with a stunning native plant garden that requires no mowing and very little maintenance overall. This garden was designed and inspired by Pat Johnson, from whom Linda took the Native Plant Gardening workshop.



Location: 2203 Kinross Ave

Your Host: *Jennifer Sutton*

Garden description: This garden was established in 2008. The front lawn was converted into three berms with mainly native plants, with some draught-resistant plants (lavenders). This garden has not been watered since 2008 and the garden has looked very attractive every year! This garden encourages the public to include at least some native plants in their landscaping



Location E: 961 Pembroke St

Your Host: *Todd Doherty*

Garden description: This North Park Native Plant Demonstration Garden includes the South-west corner of Vancouver and Pembroke Boulevard, plus the adjoining side and front yards belonging to Todd. This garden was established in 2008, and is a tremendous example of a purely native plant understory, canopied by three London Plain Trees. The gardens are left mostly wild looking.



PUBLIC GARDEN LOCATIONS

Oak Bay Native Plant Garden

Location: *Margate Ave and Beach Dr*

Your Host: *Carol Davies*

Garden Description: In 1939, this native plant garden was gifted by Ada Beaven to the municipality of Oak Bay that now maintains the area with the help of Carol Davies. April Pettinger spearheaded a group to remove the ivy, blackberry and holly, and replanted with native shrubs and trees. This garden is a small natural area (.21 hectares) in a residential neighborhood featuring several species of mature trees and native shrubs and plants indigenous to Oak Bay including a rare and vulnerable species of plant. A short loop trail circles two re-circulating ponds built in the natural rock formation. Trees include: mature oaks, arbutus and a tall Douglas fir. Over 100 species, including camas, fawn lilies, chocolate lily, mock orange. Currently in this garden, there are efforts being made to remove the invasive lesser celandine.



Government House Woodlands

Location: *1401 Rockland Ave (parking available near entrance to Woodlands Trail)*

Your Host: *Janet Renouf and Kathleen Martin*

Garden Description: This area is 22 acres of Garry Oak ecosystem. Invasive plant species removal was first initiated at this site in 1991, with native plant installation beginning in 2004. Public tours were introduced in 2003, which follow the Woodlands Trail marked by an interpretive sign. The planting of the BC

Native Plant Garden in the parking lot was a Camosun student project with plants donated by UBC Botanical Garden and is maintained by contract gardeners, not the Woodlanders. There are three areas that all Native Plant lovers should see: 1) the *Native Plant Garden* in the center of the lower parking lot; 2) the *Woodlands Trail* with 9 numbered stones marking plants of special interest; 3) the *Viewpoint Garden*, located up the Fire Trail from the parking lot.

Garry Oak Learning Meadow

Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Site of Canada

Location: 603 Fort Rodd Hill Rd, Colwood

Your host: Aimee Pelletier

A site entrance fee applies: Adult \$3.90; Senior \$3.40; Youth \$1.90; Family/Group \$ 9.80



Garden Description: Enter this historic site through the visitor kiosk. Walk down the path past Upper Battery towards the main field for 100 metres to the entrance of the *Garry Oak Learning Meadow*.

A fully accessible gravel walking path circles a rock outcrop and through a restored Garry Oak meadow. Bring a lunch and sit at the picnic tables with spectacular views of spring wildflowers against the backdrop of the Lower Battery and Fisgard Lighthouse.

Wind your way through an ocean of blooming camas lilies serenaded by the steady murmur of bees. Take a tour with a naturalist (every hour, on the hour) to learn some tips on growing rare wildflowers and attracting bees and butterflies into your own colourful garden naturescape.

Uplands Park

2900 Block of Beach Drive, Oak Bay (north of Dorset Rd, south of Rutland Rd)

*Parking at Cattle Point entrance and walk back across Beach Dr.

Your hosts: Kathleen Matthews & Margaret Lidkea

Garden Description: Uplands Park, established in 1946, has one of the greatest concentrations of rare plant species in all of Canada. This 75 acres of natural area includes endangered Garry Oak ecosystems with 21 species of rare plants. This is an excellent location to see where native plants grow and thrive naturally in our climate with low maintenance.

The garden tour coincides with the annual *Friends of Uplands Park Camas Day*. Bring a picnic, listen to the music of Ron Carter and the Bald Eagles Band, and enjoy a nature tour. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about natives and invasive species, take part in activities and have the opportunity to bring home a free native plant for their own garden.



Our Partners

Many thanks go out to the many partners and supporters of Habitat Acquisition Trust that made this Native Plant Garden Tour possible. This includes Aimee Pelletier at **Parks Canada**, Kristen Miskelly with **Saanich Native Plants, Russell Nursery** and our friends at **Native Plant Study Group, Victoria Natural History Society**, and the **Compost Education Centre**.

A special thanks goes to **Patricia Johnston**, a Native Plant Gardening Consultant who has donated a great deal of time and energy to support our tour. For the past 15 years, she has been helping private and public gardeners incorporate native plants into their landscapes. She has also partnered with the Capital Regional District's Water Department and Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary to facilitate over 200 Native Plant Gardening Workshops. Pat, along with other gardeners, developed a native plant demonstration garden in her own yard and has worked in various native plant gardens in Victoria. Pat's passion about our native flora inspires others to want to use them in our gardens. Contact Pat at patty.j@shaw.ca

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Jill Robinson at jill@hat.bc.ca
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HAT provides **free and confidential consultations** for landowners throughout the region every year. Consider meeting with us for a gardening prescription and to learn more about conservation strategies relevant to your land to help enhance wildlife habitat (including bird and bat boxes).

