

PARK ETIQUETTE

The Rithet's Bog Conservation Area is a nature sanctuary. Its primary purpose is to provide habitat for native plants and animals. Please remember that the park is their home and we are guests in it.

Dogs must be kept on leash and on the main perimeter trail, as required by the Saanich Animal Control Bylaw. Dog droppings must be collected and disposed of in garbage cans. Dogs should never be allowed to approach wildlife.

Bicycles may not be ridden anywhere within the park. There is a bike rack beside the kiosk at the Chatterton-Dalewood corner.

Please stay on the main perimeter trail. Side trails are service trails for the use of Saanich staff and Pulling Together volunteers to do maintenance and restoration work. They are not safe for public use and also pass through sensitive ecosystems and habitats.

Please do not pick wildflowers or remove any vegetation from the park. Native plants are an important part of the ecosystems in Rithet's Bog. Even vegetation we consider to be past its prime is a part of the ecosystem and contributes to the habitats of other species.

Please do not feed the ducks, or any other animals in the park. Feeding is disruptive to the ecology of the park. Grain is not healthy food for ducks, it is just not as unhealthy as bread crumbs. Feeding also interferes with natural behaviours that are critical to these creatures survival. Left over food attracts rats.

Please try to minimize interactions with wildlife. These are wild creatures that should be respected and allowed to pursue their natural behaviours. Interactions with people disturbs their ability to forage, avoid predation and reproduce.

PARK DESCRIPTION

Rithet's Bog Conservation Area is a Saanich municipal park and nature sanctuary located near the southwest corner of the Broadmead community in the Royal Oak area, northeast of the Patricia Bay Highway/Quadra overpass. It covers 42 hectares and has a 2.8 km gravelled walking trail.

One of the park's outstanding features is its high level of biodiversity. It contains a wide variety of wetlands including shallow open water, cattail and bulrush marshes, treed and shrub swamps, wet meadows, fens and a bog forest. It also has upland habitats such as Garry Oak meadows and Douglas Fir/Arbutus forest.

We respectfully acknowledge that Rithet's Bog lies within the traditional territories of the WSANEC (and Lekwungen ?) Peoples.

Rithet's Bog Conservation Area

Trail Map



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***Rithet's Bog
Conservation
Society***

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The Trail is:

- Surfaced with fine hard packed gravel.
- Generally flat with some moderate hills.

Pedestrian underpass to Royal Oak Shopping Centre

Chatterton Hill Pk.

Pat Bay Highway

Chatterton Way

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Coffee shop

Quadra St.

to Broadmead Village Shopping Centre

Royal Oak Ave.

Information kiosk

Bike rack

Dalewood Lane (P)

Bridge over Gabo Creek

Rolston Trail to Emily Carr Park

Perimeter ditch

Emily Carr Drive

To protect this sensitive environment and yourself:

- Dogs must be on leash and on the trail at all times.
- Owners must clean up dog droppings.
- Bicycles are not allowed on the trail.
- Stay on the trail to protect sensitive habitats and avoid dangerous concealed deep water.

..... Perimeter trail (2.8 km)

➔ Trail entrances

□ Bus stops

✕ Benches

S Interpretive signs

P Parking

T Trash cans

HABITAT ZONES

- 1 West Wetland
- 2 Southwest Wetland
- 3 Southwest Upland
- 4 Annular Swamp
- 5 Central Bog Forest
- 6 South Wetland
- 7 Southeast Upland
- 8 East Wetland
- 9 Northeast Upland
- 10 North Wetland
- 11 Northwest Upland

Parking is available:

- In the Fir Tree Glen parking lot.
- Curbside on the south side of Dalewood Lane.
- In the Chatterton Business Complex outside of business hours.

There are no washrooms in the park.

