

PARK DESCRIPTION

The Rithet's Bog Conservation Area is a Saanich municipal park and nature sanctuary. The park covers 38 hectares and has a 3.2 km gravelled perimeter trail that is popular with walkers, runners, birders and other natural history enthusiasts.

One of the park's outstanding features is its high level of biodiversity. It contains a wide variety of wetland and upland ecosystems, while providing habitat for several species at risk including the Vancouver Island ringlet butterfly and Purple sanicle wildflower.



TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that Rithet's Bog lies within the traditional territories of the **W̱SÁNEĆ** and **lək'wəŋən** Peoples.

RITHET'S BOG CONSERVATION SOCIETY

We are a group of volunteers dedicated to preserving the unique wetland ecosystems of Rithet's Bog for the benefit of present and future generations and also educating the public about the ecology of Rithet's Bog. Our society works closely with Saanich Parks and their Pulling Together Volunteer Program. It is a non profit charitable society that is funded by grants and donations.

For more information about the park and our society, please see our website at:

www.rithetsbog.org

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

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

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 past its prime is a part of the ecosystem and contributes to the habitats of other species.

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

Guinness cairn

Weir

Park boundary

Emily Carr Drive

Quadra St.

to Broadmead Village Shopping Centre

Royal Oak Ave.

Information kiosk

Bike rack

Dalewood Lane (P)

..... Perimeter trail (2.8 km)

➔ Trail entrances

□ Bus stops

✕ Benches

S Interpretive signs

P Parking

T Trash cans

Bridge

Gabo Creek

Rolston Trail to Emily Carr Park

HABITAT ZONES

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

Perimeter ditch

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P

Fir Tree Glen

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.

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.