

## ABOUT THE BEAVER LODGE FOREST LANDS:

The BLFL are located within the Coastal Western Hemlock biogeoclimactic zone, which is typical for Vancouver Island. Prior to European settlement, this area would have experienced moderate natural fire frequency. The drier portions of the forest grow species adapted to fire cycles such as douglas fir, big-leaf maple and red alder. Wetter areas favour red cedar, grand fir and sitka spruce.

Due to experimental forestry practices in the **1930's, several tree species now grow in the BLFL.** This has created several diverse habitats, **including areas with 'old growth' characteristics** such as multi-level tree canopies and a well **developed under story.** 'Snags', or standing dead trees, create important habitat for cavity nesting birds and insects. Decaying logs on the forest floor provide habitat for plants, insects and other animals, as well as helping restore nutrients to the soil.

The BLFL is home to several animal species including coho salmon and cutthroat trout in **Simm's Creek, as well as blacktail deer, black bears, bald eagles, owls, small birds and waterfowl.**



## TRAIL ETIQUETTE:

The BLFL is a multi-use area. Please be respectful and courteous to all other users, so that everyone can have a safe and enjoyable experience.

### All Users:

No fires - DO NOT smoke  
No Littering  
Do not cut trees or remove plants  
Do not feed wildlife  
Stay on designated trails  
Do not pass through waterways - This damages valuable fish habitat!  
DO NOT dump yard waste - it is a fire risk and contains invasive cuttings, seeds, and plant diseases!  
Respect private property and 'No Trespassing' signs  
Take only pictures and leave only footprints!

### Walkers:

Yield to horses

### Dog Walkers:

Pick up after your dog  
Leash up when approaching others  
Yield to horses



### Bikers:

Yield to walkers and horses  
Do not construct trails or structures  
Be cautious, especially at corners and intersections  
Remember to warn others on corners, and when passing

### Horseback Riders:

Pick up horse manure

ATV and Dirtbike use is not encouraged in the BLFL

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## INTRODUCTION:

The Beaver Lodge Forest Lands (BLFL) are located on the southern side of Campbell River, within the **Simm's Creek watershed.** **The land was logged by railway in the early 1900's.** It was then reforested, and additional areas have been logged over the years. Evidence of the railway logging still exist today.

## HISTORY:

In 1931, 1028 acres of land was donated to the province of British Columbia by the Elk River Timber company. It was to be held in trust for experimental work in reforestation and forest management, and became one of the first plantations in B.C. Since then, the land has been administered by the Ministry of Forests and has been available for public use.

To develop a management plan for the BLFL, the Ministry of Forests struck the Beaver Lodge Forest Trust Committee. In 2006, Greenways Land Trust became primarily responsible for stewardship within the BLFL.

# Beaver Lodge Forest Land Trails



**Beaver Lodge Lands Trail Map**

- Beaver Lodge Land Trust
- Main Trails
- Single Track Trails
- Streams
- Public Parking
- Wheel Chair Accessible

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