

[Volunteer Profile]



Mike Pickford

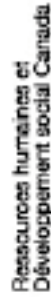
Mike Pickford is an enthusiastic new addition to Greenways Land Trust this summer.

Not only does Mike attend almost all of our public events, he is currently in Grade 12 at Carli High and is an active member of the Carli High Green Team, Venture Scouts and volunteers with many different organizations such as Nunns Creek Stewards.

It has been really special meeting Mike and seeing how much of a difference youth can make and how rare it is to find a youth so willing to volunteer to improve the environment.

Without the help of dedicated volunteers like Mike, Greenways Land Trust wouldn't be able to participate in as many projects as we do!

Keep up the good work and thank-you for all your helping hands! •



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Volunteers make an extra effort at Beaver Lodge Lands



This summer,

Greenways Land Trust volunteers Beaver Lodge Trust Committee, River City Cycle Club, and a team of provincially and federally funded displaced forestry workers have been working together to upgrade the trails in the Beaver Lodge.

Some of the completed projects include danger tree removal, re-routing trails, trail restoration, establishing culverts and replacing bridges. The volunteers even found some time to re-paint the entrance kiosks!

GLT's summer student Patricia Gooch worked meticulously on designing new displays for the BLFL entrance kiosks. They include trail etiquette and safety standards, as well as a new trail map to help orient trail users.

In Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 Howie Harslaw from the University of BC conducted a visitor survey to establish baseline statistics on recreation use and attitudes within the BLFL. It was highlighted in this study that mountain biking was fast becoming one of the primary user groups in the BLFL.

Together with Greenways Land Trust and the Beaver Lodge Trust Committee, the River City Cycle Club is working to construct trails in the BLFL that will include some mountain biking features.

They are also working with the team of

displaced forestry workers to remove unauthorized biking structures popping up within the boundaries of the BLFL. These unauthorized features have a negative impact on the forest because they create soil erosion, impact stream health, collect litter and damage local flora and fauna.

GLT wants to thank all of the groups for their tremendous efforts this summer. We can't wait to see the final project.

For a detailed copy of the BLFL 2008 user survey, please contact Greenways Land Trust. •

[Our Mission]

To enhance the community through the creation and management of greenways networks, based on principles of stream and land stewardship and development, within public and private property partnerships.

[Spring Fish Counts]

The spring fish fences were in operation this year from April 16th – June 7th. The smolts exiting these local creek systems were very promising. To become involved as a volunteer, please contact Greenways Land Trust.

Co = Coho Salmon, Ct = Cutthroat Trout, Pk = Pink Salmon



Simms:
7130 Co, 225 Ct

Woods:
2699 Co, 80 Ct

Casey:
46 Co, 32 Ct,
605 Pk



April Hike Month

In March, the Campbell River Spirit of BC Committee and Greenways Land Trust partnered for the first time to present April Hike Month.

Greenways Land Trust hosted events each weekend in the month of April that were focused on recreation, ecology, land restoration and volunteerism. The calendar month of events included interpretive walks about stewardship through Nunns Creek Park and Willow Creek, a Broom Bash at Robron Park that focused on clearing of invasive plants, and a hands on educational walk called "Leaves: the Original Green Power."

There were over 50 people who turned out to the events, with especial enthusiasm for the Broom Bash which saw an increase of 40% in volunteer participation.

Wayne Ryan, a new Greenways Land Trust volunteer won a spirit of BC prize package after attending multiple Hike Month events.

The Hike Month message was there are so many great trails in Campbell River, and even more residents spend their time and effort to maintain them.

Richard Hamilton
President of Greenways Land Trust

[Fall Walk]

Campbell River Canyon View Trail

Come out and view first-hand the tremendous return of spawning salmon this year to the Campbell River. This trail follows along the river, but also has a spectacular highlight of crossing the river canyon on a 25m walkway. Other highlights include nice trees and whitewater rapids. This is an easy loop on a well marked trail. Total time is just over an hour.



Tim Hortons Clean-up

Campbell River's first annual Tim Hortons Community Cleanup was a wild success! Seventy six volunteers showed up to clean up downtown Campbell River. In total, the volunteers donated over 200 hours, and collected two city dump truck loads of trash and Scotch Broom! So far, this has been the best volunteer turnout Greenways has on record! Thank-you to Tim Horton's for sponsoring this event.



Patricia Goes Back to School

GLT had the pleasure of hiring Patricia Gooch this summer. Patricia was an extremely welcome addition to GLT. Every task given to her was done creatively and efficiently. We hope to have her back next year! We wish her all the luck in her schooling this year.

[Upcoming Events]

- Broom Bashes**
- Watershed Interpretive Walks**
- Tree Planting Events**
Occur throughout the year – email GLT to be placed on the monthly event notifications
- Greenways Gallop**
- Bike-to-Work Week**
- Campbell River Salmon Foundation Fundraiser**
May 2010
- GLT AGM**
- Oceans Day**
- Beaver Lodge Appreciation Day**
June 2010
- Canada Day Tree Give Away**
- Tim Horton's Community Clean-up**
July 2010
- Shoreline Clean-up**
- Haig-Brown Festival**
Sept 2010
- Christmas Bird Count**
Dec 2010



[Snowberries of the Fall]



Then the berries (or "drupes," the term for fleshy fruits with pits, like cherries) remain on the leafless, twiggy plant for most of the winter. Common Snowberry is an important winter food source for grounds birds, but is considered poisonous to humans. These white snowberries have a subtle and unexpected beauty compared to the brilliant red, purple, orange or blue of most berries.

The Fall time usually revolves around winterizing gardens and raking up fall leaves. However there are still many beautiful sights along local trails in the fall. The Common Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*) has decorative white berries ripen in early fall, side by side with the last of the summer's small pink flowers.

[Stewardship News]

Simms Creek Stewards

Our major project this summer was the creation of an additional water augmentation pond adjacent to the ERT road in the Beaver Lodge Lands. Based on the success of a similar project, the Butterfly Pond, we had an area of about 750 square metres excavated to a depth of one metre and rebuilt a small existing weir to increase its height and incorporate a drainage pipe and valve. It is expected that this additional stored water will extend the dry season flow for approximately an additional month.

Storie Creek Streamkeepers

The Storie Creek Streamkeepers have been battling very cute but very industrial beaver populations in their streams. Beavers can have both a positive and a negative impact on the environment.

When beavers build dams, they create new wetland environments for other species. Beaver dams can also cause problems. Dams can slow the flow of water in streams and cause silt to build up and some species can lose habitat. Because Beavers are native to BC, streamkeepers try to use the dams in a positive manner, but keep an eye out to mitigate the negative implications such as loss of the fish spawning habitat.

Nunns Creek

Nunns Creek Stewards have been focusing this summer on development permits that are taking place adjacent to Nunns Creek; this includes monitoring the creek closely for increases in the level of sediment or unnatural discharge. As well, they have release 45,000 chum and coho fry into the stream. The final restoration project they have been working on into the fall is increasing the large

woody debris (LWD) in Nunns Creek. LWD refers to the fallen trees, logs and stumps, root wads, and piles of branches along the edges of streams, rivers, lakes. Our native fishes are more abundant and diverse in rivers with LWD. The fish take advantage of the slower flowing water upstream of LWD to escape the river flow. Also food resources, such as invertebrates, are often more abundant around LWD. Pools created by LWD are important habitats for fish, particularly during summer dry periods when many streams stop flowing. In these pools, LWD provides shade under which fish can escape the harsh summer sun.

Into the Wild Family - Nature Club

Are you and your kids interested in getting together with other families for fun outside? Into the Wild - Family Nature Club holds monthly events. To learn more check out our blog at: intothewildnatureclub.blogspot.com.