



# THE OSPREY

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WEST KOOTENAY NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION

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Backpackers at Lake of the Hanging Glacier, August 2008

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## GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month, 7:00 pm, *except as noted*. Check newsletter for each month's venue. **Changes may be mentioned at meetings, and/or in your local newspaper.** Beverages will *not* be available at Nelson meetings until someone steps forward to handle this task. Venues for '08/'09: Sept – Nelson, Oct -- potluck always in Robson Hall, 6 pm. BYO dishes, cutlery, etc, Nov – Trail, Jan – Castlegar, February – Trail, March – 35<sup>th</sup> Ann dinner, Castlegar, April – Robson, May -- Nelson. For June annual picnic venue, see appropriate Field Trip Schedule. No meetings in July, August, or December. **"The Osprey" is distributed at September, January, and May meetings.** Please attend to pick yours up or ask a friend to also request yours, unless you are receiving it by email. Saving postage keeps costs down and dues stable.

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## FIELD TRIPS

For all field trips, please call the contact person for meeting time and place

### MARCH

<b>Saturday March 7</b>	<b>OR Sunday March 8</b> Ski/snowshoe at Champion Lakes. Easy	Pamella Wik 250-368-3385
<b>Saturday March 14</b>	Hike Yellow Pine Trail. Easy	John Golik, 250-359-7278 Nell Plotnikoff, 250-359-7406
<b>Saturday March 21</b>	Ski/snowshoe at Kootenay Pass. Moderate to strenuous	Dave Adams 250-357-9299
<b>Friday March 27</b>	Annual Banquet – Presentation: 'The Dempster, Yukon & Ecology North and South' by Joan Snyder & Vince Salvo. Fireside Inn, Castlegar. <b>** SEE NOTE BELOW</b>	Sharon Lelliott 250-365-1161
<b>Saturday March 28</b>	Snowshoe Double Diamond/Plewman Ridge cabins loop. Easy to moderate	Harvey Pitman 250-368-6691

### APRIL

<b>Saturday April 4</b>	Birding at Beaver Creek Park. Easy	Michael McMann 250-365-5647
<b>Saturday April 11</b>	Zuckerberg Island & Millennium Trail. Hike and history presentation. Easy	Margo Saunders 250-693-2229
<b>Saturday April 18</b>	Hike Mel DeAnna Trail. Easy	SW Webster 250-365-2572
<b>Saturday April 25</b>	Hike bluffs above old Brilliant School. Moderate	Ed Beynon 250-365-7806
<b>Monday April 27</b>	Potluck and AGM. Robson Hall, 6 pm SHARP. Presentation: Assiniboine River canoe trip plus extras, by Margo Saunders	

### MAY

<b>Saturday May 2</b>	Birding – Leader's Choice of venues. Easy	Gwen Nicol 250-362-7282
<b>Saturday May 9</b>	Hike Violin Lake. Moderate	Margo Saunders 250-693-2229
<b>Sat/Sun May 9 &amp; 10</b>	CVWMA Opening	
<b>Saturday May 16</b>	Leader's Choice hike. Easy	Pat Thomson 250-362-5795
<b>Saturday May 23</b>	Birding at CVWMA. Easy	Michael McMann 250-365-5647
<b>Monday May 25</b>	General Meeting and Presentation: Betty Offin of Bear Aware Venue: Selkirk College, Nelson	
<b>Saturday May 30</b>	Leaders' Choice hike. No rating	E&M Knudsgaard 250-362-9572
<b>Sat/Sun May 30/June 1</b>	FBCN Regional Meeting	


### JUNE

<b>Saturday June 6</b>	Castlegar Spring Bird Count	
<b>Saturday June 13</b>	National Rivers Day. If you have any suggestions of what we can do, contact a FT Director, or volunteer at a general meeting	
<b>Sunday June 14</b>	Paddle Creston delta in joint trip with Columbia Canoe Club	Michael McMann 250-365-5647
<b>Saturday June 20</b>	Hike Champion Flats. Easy	John Golik, 250-359-7278 Nell Plotnikoff, 250-359-7406
<b>Saturday June 27</b>	Annual Picnic. Venue TBA at May general meeting	

**\*\* NOTE:** Banquet this year is in March. The February meeting will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, at a Trail venue, and Lynn Westcott, local research biologist, will present "Bees and Pollination", highlighting the critical role bees play in reproduction of local flowering plants and the new threats to the breakdown of this process.

## \*\*JUST A REMINDER \*\*

1. **Everyone likes cookies and squares!** We need TWO people to bring them to each meeting. Contact Shirley Coffin to volunteer your baking skills. Get your name in early and choose your month (new list begins each September).
2. **Do you have any suggestions for new areas to visit?** Would you be willing to lead a hike? Please contact a Program Director with your great ideas. Thank you to all the contacts/leaders in all seasons. We learn so much from each of you.
3. **Common courtesy and common sense** dictates that you call the contact person to confirm your attendance at an event on the program. Lead time for the newsletter is as much as nine months between planning and execution. Nothing is written in stone and changes may have to be made from time to time, due to weather conditions or personal reasons. We would not want you to miss out on a single chance to enjoy our environment! **Don't wait until the last minute** to phone if you are interested in any of our events.....leader may have already left, especially if camping or long distances are involved.
4. **The leader of an outing is responsible for:**
  - ✓ Finding a replacement contact/leader if you cannot be available for your planned outing. A replacement *leader* may choose to do the same outing, or they may suggest another,
  - ✓ Getting the waiver form signed by every person attending, and forwarding this form to Webb Webster immediately. Waiver forms are included in your newsletter (if you are getting hard copy), one for each hike you are leading. If you are getting your newsletter by email, please request the waiver as an attachment and the Editor or the Treasurer will be happy to supply it,
  - ✓ Make it a policy with the entire group to keep the person behind you in sight. If your follower on the trail is lagging, slow your pace to keep them in sight. If everyone in the group continually checks to make sure they can see the person behind them, it is impossible for anyone to get into serious trouble. If you split into groups, do not allow any one person to 'take off' by him/herself.
  - ✓ Making sure that no one is left behind with car trouble at the parking area, especially in winter,
  - ✓ Arranging to have the trip report forwarded to the Editor. It is not necessary to write it – you may delegate this, of course, but please advise the Editor from whom to expect it. In a perfect world, we would have a different participant write each report, so we could have many different viewpoints. The writer also has the obligation to get the report submitted *in time*.



**HELEN CHRISTINE COYLE**

Coyle, Christine Helen succumbed to ALS related respiratory failure on Friday Sept.19, 2008 at age 67.

Born November 22, 1940  
to Willis & Agnes MacIntosh in North Vancouver, Helen Christena was the youngest of seven children. She met and married her husband of more than 30 years John Coyle in Prince Rupert B.C. She is survived by their children, Richard (Patricia) and Michelle (Jeremy), 2 Grandchildren, Julian & Nyah and numerous nieces and nephews.

God saw that you were hurting, and a cure was not to be, so He put His arms around you & whispered come with me. For years we watched you suffer & slowly fade away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A Golden Heart stopped beating, busy hands went to their rest. God broke our hearts to show us He only takes the best.

## Deal Saves Pulpit Hike

from Colin Payne in *The Weekender*  
December 2008

After months of uncertainty, the fate of Nelson's iconic Pulpit Rock trail has been secured. The future of the trail had been in question because access is located on private property slated for development. But, recognizing the importance of the trail, Friends of Pulpit Rock and the Regional District of Central Kootenay announced that they had leveraged enough funds to buy a small piece of the private land below the existing trail that will provide a new access point to the hike.

## TRIP REPORTS

### Saturday, September 6, 2008:

Nine hikers turned up on a warm late summer day for a hike along the Rail Trail at Ymir. After observing the remnants of the Yankee Girl Gold Mine directly across the river from downtown Ymir, we headed at a leisurely pace towards Salmo, following the Salmo River, observing the flora and a few birds. The abandoned railway line is in good condition for walking or biking. We had lunch at a naturally formed 'swimming hole' complete with diving plank installed in a rock siding 12 feet above the water surface. Although none of us were in the mood to walk the plank, we did enjoy a rock skipping contest. The weather started off warm, became hot later in the afternoon, and as we returned to the cars, clouds appeared and a light rain started. We relaxed with a coffee at a café in downtown Ymir, and after that, we were treated to a tour of the art collection at the Hotel Ymir. The owner, Hans Wilking, personally gave us the tour, explaining how he came to be in Ymir, and entertaining us with stories of his more than 450 works of art placed throughout the hotel, and we saw every one of them; it was thoroughly enjoyable and an interesting end to the hike.

Alan McCuaig

### Saturday, September 13, 2008:

Four Nats and one keen participant took three cars to see and learn about Yellow Arum on the north-east side of Monte Christo Mtn in Rossland. We left one at the Happy Valley gate on the mining road and two up by the Block Motel, where we began our explorations. The day was a perfect autumn one – cool, yet hot in the sun. We went looking for the Yellow Arum, which is a large tropical looking swamp plant, with brilliant yellow spathes (small leaves that wrap around the flower stem). This spathe unfolds to reveal the spadix (stalk with small greenish flowers). Then, the oval leaves emerge to form huge fan-like leaves. Bears consume the whole plant. For us, this plant produces a stinging sensation in our mouth, due to calcium oxalate. Natives roasted and dried the root to produce flour (edible). We saw numerous plants, with their enormous leaves in an area on the NE side of the mountain. This area is named Coyote Swamp.

Pat Thomson

### Sunday, September 14, 2008:

Deer Park Raptor Watch -- definitely a bust! Several Nats showed up in the middle of a September heat wave -- high 20+ C's. The day before had been down to 15C so I predicted that we had probably just missed a big day. But we car pooled and drove the 25km out to Peter Sherrington's hawk watch site on the north face of Deer Park Mtn. We sat there in nice warm 29C temps with some very patient birders until 1pm and saw zero raptors -- not even a Red-tailed Hawk or Turkey Vulture! The only time I've been skunked like this is after a big day -- many raptors flying through. The theory is that the birds bunch up waiting for optimum weather (cooler temperatures in this case) and then all go through at once. You won't see more until other birds' biological clocks tells them it's time to migrate and they start bunching up again. That's Peter's theory. Anyway it's a lot like fishing – tough to predict a good day several months in advance.

Michael McMann

### Saturday, September 27, 2008:

Monte Cristo\*/ Kootenay Columbia\*\*, Rossland. Hike time 3 1/2 hrs.

Six Nats set out on a beautiful sunny Fall morning. We started with a steady climb on a logging road on M.C.\* then turned onto our trail which took us along a well marked mountain bike trail. Trees, shrubs & plants were showing their Autumn colours of gold & rusty reds. There was a good showing of Mountain Ash berries also. We passed Coyote Swamp with the remains of many old Skunk Cabbage. The old cedar forested areas very pleasant to hike through - several types of lichens, mosses & berries seen. (Our trail took us from M.C.\* onto K.C.\*\*\*) A short hike up got us to the top. We sat and enjoyed our lunches while taking in the great views of Rossland, down to Trail (Columbia River) Waneta Plaza and Rock Island.

Margaret Knudsgaard

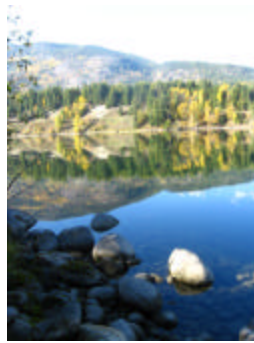
### Saturday, October 11, 2008:

Fourteen Nats gathered for the hike around Nancy Greene Lake. It was a beautiful sunny day. The trail is in splendid shape with several new bridges having been installed. Not much wild life present, but the leaves were turning, making for some beautiful views. We finished by having our lunch in the sunshine at the picnic tables on the lake shore.

SW Webster



New bridge on Nancy Greene Lake trail



Reflections, Ward's Ferry Trail



photos by Margo Saunders

**Saturday, October 18, 2008:**

Twenty-two hikers turned out on an early autumn day for a hike along the Ward's Ferry Trail. As we started off from the Glade end of the trail, the morning was cool (7 degrees C) and misty. Len Dunsford gave a brief history of the trail's construction and a history of Tom Ward and his ferry to Shoreacres. The trail runs along the Kootenay River and provides many views of the river and Shoreacres on the opposite shore. The stillness of the river provided stunning views of the opposite landscape being reflected off the water. For the most part, the trail is in good condition. There are a few places where nimble footing is required as we traversed narrow pathways with steep drop-offs; at one location a rope railing, securely fastened into the rock face, was helpful in safely walking the trail. A few birds were seen (heron, geese, robins). We were amazed with the abundance in types and numbers of mushrooms; unfortunately there were no mycologists among us, so we were not able to identify them. Wild ginger was also in abundance. We had lunch at a campsite just before reaching the Meadow. Most hikers then continued on a short distance to the Meadow, where we took a brief break. When the time came for the return trip, the sun had burned off the mist revealing clear blue sky, and the temperature had reached the high teens. It was a great turnout and an enjoyable hike.

**Alan McCuaig**

**Saturday, October 25, 2008:**

Five Nats drove up the Columbia & Western rail trail to Shields, walked all the newly decked and railed trestles to Cub Creek, then back to the cars (10k). One left via Shields Creek Road and the rest rode with the leader to Quinn Creek. The participants especially enjoyed the ride through the Bulldog Tunnel. We made several stops for spectacular views and history vignettes, and arrived back at the Pumphouse Gate just before dark at 6 pm.

**Margo Saunders**



Photos by: Nell Plotnikoff

Margo Saunders

**Missing reports: August 24**

**Coming Event: Mark this on your calendars!**

Are you interested in the "duffle & daypack" trip to Lake O'Hara in Yoho National Park the first week of August? If so, reread the article in the last newsletter and get your name on the list. There are some updates and those already on the list will be getting an email during the last week of February (or a copy with this newsletter if you do not have email).

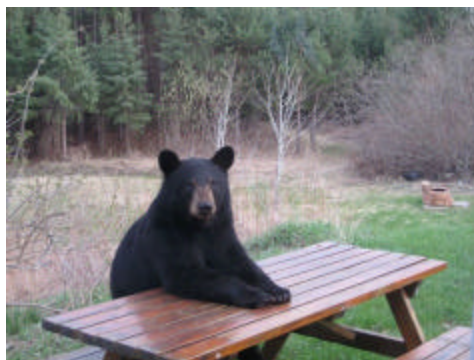
**Deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is April 15, 2009**

Material accepted by the Editor any time up to this date

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**<http://www.columbiariver.ca/wkna/>**

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Waiting for Dinner

# VALHALLA MILE

## Fundraising Update

Submitted by Lorna Visser

We are very close to having all the money raised, pledged or committed (total needed: \$1.5 million) in order to acquire the Valhalla Mile and make it part of Valhalla Provincial Park. We've extended the fund raising deadline to end of February, so we have a comfortable margin in which to raise the last bit needed. We aren't all the way there yet, we can SEE our way to the end of the tunnel, but still need to raise the last \$40,000 to \$70,000 ( will be updating my spreadsheet this week, stay tuned, I will let you know exactly). We really appreciate your support in getting the word out! We hope that by the end of February we can wind up our fundraising efforts. We still need your support to raise the last bit, so if you are planning to give, please do so!

The local villages of New Denver and Silverton, as well as the regional district (Regional District of Central Kootenay) are among the government bodies that have officially endorsed the Valhalla Mile acquisition, and the regional district has also provided funding. We have support from the Regional District, the Villages of New Denver and Silverton, our local MLA Corky Evans, and our federal Member of Parliament Alex Atamanenko. As well, the project is officially endorsed and supported by the Slokan Lake Stewardship Society and the West Kootenay EcoSociety. We have received numerous donations from canoeing, kayaking, climbing, hiking and naturalists' clubs and organizations, and support continues to pour in to our office from generous individuals, and groups such as Friends of West Kootenay Parks and West Kootenay Naturalists' Association.

Community fundraising & individual donors component: We have raised, as of today's date, MORE THAN \$195,000 (total of donations and pledges) from individual donors such as you; this is an amazing accomplishment in just five months' time. Slokan Valley communities are united in support for the Valhalla Mile acquisition. We are also getting support from all over the province of BC and from further afield, including Europe and the United States. We are finding that people who have vacationed here and experienced the special nature of our Slokan Valley and Slokan Lake, are happy to give in order to preserve the wilderness experience that had here.

Along with our campaign partner organization, The Land Conservancy of BC (TLC), we feature the Valhalla Mile prominently on our web site (see [www.vws.org](http://www.vws.org) and [www.conservancy.bc.ca](http://www.conservancy.bc.ca)) and we have done extensive promotion of the acquisition in our newsletters and other outreach. As well, volunteers have organized dances, dinners, auctions, house parties, music events, fairs and festivals to raise funds. We have had a generous and enthusiastic response to each of our newspaper ads in the Valley Voice and other media in the local area. We have sent out hundreds of solicitation packages to family, friends and conservation-minded supporters, with an excellent response rate. On Dec. 11 we had a fundraising dinner and silent auction in New Denver at the Heart's Rest Retreat Centre and in just one evening we raised \$11,500! That is the kind of amazing support we have been getting -- it is so heart-warming!

When we started planning this campaign last spring, our original estimate for the individual donor component of the fundraising campaign was \$300,000. Now, however, we feel we can revise this target downward to somewhere around \$250,000, as it looks like the difference will be made up from grants from institutional sources (as explained in the next section). With Christmas donations very successful and people responding warmly to our "Give Us An Inch and We'll Take A Mile -- The Valhalla Mile" gift certificates (still available, you can 'adopt' an inch of the Valhalla Mile for \$100 and get a full-colour gift certificate) and several large fundraising events still to happen in January and February, we are confident we will receive adequate donations to complete this component of campaign. The finish line is in sight.

Institutional Fundraising: We have had many very encouraging conversations with, and made our formal submissions to, several large funders (such as Columbia Basin Trust, Trust for Public Lands, BC Hydro Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program, Mountain Equipment Co-op, and others). While, unfortunately, we cannot yet formally announce specific support amounts from each organization (we must wait until these funders hold their various board meetings in late January before they can formally announce their contributions), we can say that we are confident of support to the tune of between \$500,000 to 600,000 from institutional funders. The response has been very positive.

Provincial government support: The provincial government has confirmed its support of \$700,000 from the BC Parks land acquisition budget. They have been the cornerstone funder of this project from the start. BC Parks is solidly behind this land being acquired to maintain the pristine wilderness values and ecological integrity of Valhalla Provincial Park.

It gives us a great deal of joy to be so close to completing this campaign, as the lake and Valhalla Park mean so much to us. Seeing the Valhalla Mile protected will be one of the most rewarding accomplishments we can collectively achieve in our lifetimes -- thank you so much for being a part of protecting this vitally important piece of land. If you have any questions or require clarification on any component of the campaign, please feel free to phone or email me personally, or you can contact the Valhalla Foundation office at 250-358-2796. Thank you for your generous support.

Donations can be made payable to the Valhalla Foundation and mailed to: Box 63, Silverton B.C. V0G 2B0,

To give online: [www.conservancy.bc.ca/donate-to-valhallamile](http://www.conservancy.bc.ca/donate-to-valhallamile)

For more information: <http://www.savespiritbear.org/documents/ValMileprospectus-pledgeform.pdf>

Featured Campaign: **Help Save "The Valhalla Mile"**



North bdy – rock at right (Cove Point)      South bdy – just north of far point on right  
 Framed photo donated to auction by Margo Saunders, to raise funds to purchase property

## SURVEYING THE HORIZON FOR WKNA POSSIBILITIES

[verbatim from submitted copy]

Both the BC Nature AGM (Penticton), “A Century of Change”, and the FGM (Sorrento), “Preserving the Spirit of the Shuswap”, powerfully demonstrated how wonderfully fortunate we are to have the leadership of President Bev Ramey, Past-Presidents Jeremy McCall and Anne Murray, who have worked just as hard on Conservation, BC Nest Records, Breeding Bird Atlas, IBA, BC Nature Foundation, Strategic 5-Year Vision Plan, the amazing guidance of excellent Secretary Maria Hamann, and a new office (page 9 Summer 2008)! Probably, the only way we can reward them is with hard work, vision, and unexcelled integrity! A provincial transformation!

Committees produced the awesome AGM/FGM: “Healing the Okanagan – Canada’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Endangered River”, “A Century of Endangered Plants”, “Butterflies and People in the Okanagan/Similkameen Valleys” (Butterfly, Bird, Plant Checklists)! Dick Cannings: *An Enchantment of Birds* 2008, Bird Studies Canada, COSEWIC: Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada. FGM “Liquid Waste Management – a Two-Year Voyage” (Paul Watts), “Flora and Fauna in the Shuswap – Threats to Survival” (Jim Cooperman), Shuswap Environmental Action Society (SEAS), “Media as a Community Development Tool” (David Baxter – freelance CBC Broadcaster).

**For Field Trips**, we met at the Kekuli, Anglican Sorrento Centre, Sorrento: (1) Roderick Haig-Brown Park and Adams River Sockeye Spawning Grounds. (2) BC Forest Service Skimikin Seed Orchard where we saw varieties of trees and the Coastal Western Red Cedar crossed with the Valhalla Red Cedar.

For the West Kootenay Naturalists, what stirs you from BC Nature? Example:  
 Fall 2008, page 8: “Sunshine Coast BioBlitz a Success!”, Pat Westheuser p. 10, Nature Vancouver – stunning Telkwa Mountains near Smithers with Bulkley Valley Naturalists.  
Lillooet Naturalist Club (Summer 2008, p. 26): Feb. 16 AGM, including IPP letter result! Bathouse. Williams Lake (p. 24) Scout Island Nature House activities. Please list BC Nature items which could make a difference to our WKNA.

Have copies of Taking Nature’s Pulse (Biological Diversity) The Status of Biodiversity in British Columbia (summary report). In this day and age, we need more Biologists in our membership; we lost one last year! Scout around.

The WKNA is long overdue to host an AGM and/or a FGM. What about laying the foundations this year?

Brenda Balaam, BC Nature Kootenay Coordinator