

FAQs

- **What is the cost?** The event is free, and if you want to support our conservation work, donations are encouraged.
- **Is this a family-friendly event?** Absolutely. We will have kids' activities; bring the whole family!
- **Is there parking?** Yes. We will have the upper and lower parking lot open. We ask that people not park on the road due to the amount of traffic on Blackburn and its lack of shoulders. Consider taking the bus to Blackburn Rd. and making an 8- to 10-minute walk to the reserve.
- **Can I bring my dog?** Due to our habitat restoration efforts and the Species at Risk that we protect at the reserve, we ask that dog owners leave their dogs at home.
- **Do you have drinking water available?** We encourage people to bring their own water bottles as this will be a zero waste event. And we will have drinking water available on site.
- **What does zero waste mean?** Zero waste means that everything that we provide or do will not contribute waste to the landfill or the environment.
- **Can I buy food there?** We won't have food vendors, but please bring a picnic! Remember, it's zero waste. That means you'll need to take your garbage and non-recyclables with you when you leave.
- **Can we buy or bring alcohol?** This is an alcohol-free family event.
- **Can we smoke at the event?** In respect of others and for fire safety, we ask that people not smoke on the Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve during the event.
- **Is it wheelchair accessible?** Designated disabled parking will be available in the lower parking lot. Travelling beyond the office will likely be difficult as the trails are not paved.
- **Which access to the nature reserve should we take?** The only access available for this event is at 265 Blackburn Rd. We'll greet you there.
- **Can we swim in Blackburn Lake?** There is no access to the lake from the nature reserve.
- **Are there buses to and from the reserve?** Salt Spring Transit buses pass Blackburn Rd. on the Fulford-Ganges route. Tell your friendly bus driver that you want off at Blackburn Rd. It's an 8- to 10-minute walk to the reserve from the bus stop. See the [schedules here](#).
- **Is there shade?** Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve has both open and shaded areas further into the reserve. Outdoor shade is less abundant around our office building.
- **What happens if it rains?** If it's a light summer rain that starts and stops, we'll continue. If it's a downpour, we'll post an update on our Facebook page and event website:
<http://saltspringconservancy.ca/art-and-nature-fest/>

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