



SWI SEPTEMBER 2026 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Learn more about and enjoy the natural world of Strathcona Park through our workshops and guided hikes for people of all ages and fitness levels

Saturday September 5th - Interpretive Walk - Details TBA

Sunday September 6th - 9:00AM - 3:00PM - Guided Hike - Mt. Elma

Experienced hike leader Janet Beggs will lead this moderate hike up Mt. Elma (12km round trip, 350m elevation gain with steep sections up to the ridge/summit), featuring panoramic views of the park. Pack a lunch and plenty of water.

Saturday September 12th - Interpretive Walk - Details TBA

Sunday September 13th - 9:30AM - 3:30PM - Guided Hike - Croteau Lake

Experienced hiker Sarah Thornton will lead this easy/moderate day hike (12km round trip, 270m elevation gain) through the plateau in its spectacular early fall colours and out to picturesque Croteau Lake. Pack a lunch and plenty of water.

Saturday September 19th - 8th Annual Sub-Alpine Mycology Workshop

Vancouver Islands premier mycologists will host this full day workshop, featuring in-class sessions on mushroom ecology and identification, presentations, and forays into the park searching for sub-alpine fungi.

\$75 registration fee (\$25 for seniors and students). Limit of 16 participants.

Sunday September 20th - Mycology Workshop Hike

Expert mycologists will lead this hike in either the rich old-growth forests of the Divers Lake area or in the Buttle Lake area on the west side of the park, identifying mushrooms and sharing their expertise on the various fungi found throughout the trails.

Saturday September 26th - SWI Annual Elders Memorial Hike and Tea

SWI will host this special event to honour the legacies of Strathcona Park's and SWI's greatest supporters. Please join us for a hike out to Croteau Lake and a spot unofficially named "Chris Carter Lookout" (easy/moderate, 12km round trip, 270m elevation gain) followed by tea and cookies in the Ruth Masters Nature Hall at the Strathcona Park Wilderness Centre.

Unless otherwise indicated, all hikes and presentations start from and take place at
Strathcona Park Wilderness Centre, Paradise Meadows.

Sturdy footwear is essential - be prepared for sudden weather changes in the mountains.

Always carry water. No dogs, please.

If you have potentially been exposed to somebody with an illness or are feeling sick yourself,
please do not join our workshops/hikes.

Pre-registration is required.

For more information and to pre-register, please email: strathconawilderness@gmail.com

There is no charge (except where specified), but as a volunteer-run non-profit organization, SWI relies on your support through donations.

