



Friends of the Forest

*Dedicated to the preservation of the Anacortes Community
Forest Lands through education, outreach & stewardship*

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From the Director:

“Bed in Summer”

By Robert Louis Stevenson

In winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candle-light.
In summer quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
Or hear the grown-up people's feet
Still going past me in the street.

And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is clear and blue,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to go to bed by day?

While Robert Louis Stevenson speaks here with the voice of a child, even as an adult, this poem encapsulates my feelings about the coming of summer, the lengthening of days and the feeling that I'm missing out by being a responsible person and going to bed at a reasonable hour. My inner child protests: but there's still time to spend outside exploring! But I'll miss the birdsong and subdued colors of sunset! How can I possibly sleep when the sun itself has not gone to bed? The poem captures the FOMO, or fear-of-missing-out, to the uninitiated, so prevalent in the summer. The feeling of having too many fun things to do, as well as the daylight to do them with, but having to prioritize responsibility.

Summer, indeed, has arrived, not only in feeling but in name as well. Here in the Pacific Northwest, the days grow long well before the solstice arrives. The wildflowers come and go, bursting forth in blanketing splendor and fading just as quickly. The



rain, this year anyway, is a distant memory, leaving the air hot and dry, begging you to jump into one of the precious bodies of water we have throughout this beautiful island.

The forest lands see a huge influx of visitors in the summertime. And why shouldn't they? The trails twist and wind through a multitude of ecosystems, bringing cool shade and relief from the sun as well as hot, chaparral-lined paths, open to the sky and perfect for a sunrise or sunset stroll. The lakes, placid and calm in the winter months, are brought to rippling life with swimmers and paddle boarders, boaters and fishers and cliff jumpers. Climbers cling to the rocks of Mount Erie in the early morning sunlight only to retreat to the water below as the day grows bright and hot.

Increased use inevitably turns to increased impact. Trash and beer cans start to pile up in hidden (or not so hidden) mounds. Dog waste litters the ground in increasingly larger piles. More frighteningly, cigarette butts lay discarded in dry duff that is just waiting for an errant spark to ignite. One can't help



but be drawn back to the fire next to Little Cranberry Lake just a few short years ago, a prescient reminder of the great responsibility we have to care for the ACFL.

The good news is we all have the power to protect the forest, even through the heat and throngs of the summer. In this newsletter, you'll find two sections with a variety of simple guidelines to follow that will keep our forest safe, and beautiful, through summer and beyond. So much time and energy have been spent protecting the ACFL. We are standing on the proverbial shoulders of the giants that dedicated themselves to keeping it safe; now it's all of our responsibility to ensure it stays that way.

Along with the increased daylight and number of visitors that summer brings, this year we'll also see some new programs coming from Friends of the Forest! In addition to our flagship summer program, Forest Discovery Day Camp, we'll be partnering with the Boys and Girls Club as well as the Anacortes School District program, Project Impact, to run some exciting new activities with the youth of Anacortes. Our very own Forest Educator, Melissa Courtney, will lead excursions into Washington Park with Project Impact where they will use their inherent observation tools (their senses) to learn about adaptations, habitats, and life cycles. Melissa will also work with the Boys and Girls Club to get the kids into the ACFL for quality time in nature spent exploring, playing games, and learning about the beautiful forest land.

All of our programs, Forest Discovery Day Camp included, are able to run thanks to you, our generous members and donors. Your support allows us to not only continue the high-quality outings you've come to know and love, but to expand our programming to reach a broader audience and educate them about the Forest Lands and our role in enjoying and protecting them. It is this education and outreach that will help to maintain the critical balance of use and preservation as the number of people using the forest increases in the summer months and for years to come.

So make sure to get out to the ACFL this summer! Enjoy the long days, the plethora of trails, the myriad activities; haul out a little more than you bring in; don't smoke in the forest land; and help others remember how important our actions are in keeping the forest healthy and strong. -Asa Deane



Melissa's Message: Leave No Trace



The ACFL is an important part of our community and many people enjoy spending time in our forest lands. Our favorite trails are an essential component of the outdoor experience, whether mountain biking, hiking, or taking a horseback ride through the woods. As summer approaches, these trails and the forest will feel the increased impacts as more people in our community get outside to enjoy nature and other outdoor activities. A lot of people consequently means a lot of impacts and these impacts can accrue quickly, especially on fragile ground.

According to Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, 9 out of 10 people in the outdoors are uninformed about their impacts. With that in mind and summer approaching, I would like to share some of the ways we can lessen our impacts, based on Leave No Trace principles, to help the forest flourish into the future.

1. Plan ahead and prepare to stay safe, reduce stress and make the most of your visit:

- Know the rules, regulations and special concerns of the ACFL.
- Check the trail maps for elevation, and bring it along with you if you are venturing into a new area.

2. Stick to trails to protect fragile areas such as rocky outcrops with lichens, moss and plants, and respect private property:

- Walk and ride in the middle of designated trails.
- Do not create new trails or trample undeveloped areas. User-created “social trails” can lack important features of properly designed ones, leading to greater erosion and heightened impacts on plants and animals.

3. Trash your trash and pack out animal waste

- Pet waste has a major impact on our local watershed by introducing pathogens and nutrients. Bagging it up and bringing it out with you is the best way to ensure that our waters stay clean.
- Pack it in, pack it out. Put litter— even crumbs, peels and cores— in bags and dispose of in garbage cans.

4. Leave it as you find it

- The best way to show your appreciation for our forest inhabitants is to leave them as you found them. Everything in the forest has a purpose.
- Treat living plants with respect. Carving, hacking or peeling trees or plants may kill them.

5. Keep wildlife wild

- Observe wildlife from a distance and never approach, feed, or follow them. Stressing wildlife in these ways damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Know and follow leash rules for your pet to minimize wildlife interactions and off trail disturbances.

6. Be considerate of others to increase the enjoyment of the outdoors for all visitors:

- Keep your pet under control to protect it, other visitors, and wildlife.
- Yield to other users on the trail.
- Leave generous space between you and other visitors.
- Avoid making loud noises, yelling, or listening to music through speakers. Many people visit the forest for solitude and peace; plus you have a better chance of seeing and hearing wildlife!



It is important that we do our best to protect the ACFL as users of this wonderful natural resource. It is also the season to be particularly mindful of the lack of rain and the flammability of dry plant matter in the ACFL. According to the National Park Service, nearly 90 percent of wildland fires in the United States are caused by humans. The agency attributes negligently discarded cigarettes as one of the primary causes of these wildfires; one mindlessly dropped cigarette could mean serious unintended consequences.

Educating ourselves and others about ways we might impact the ACFL and how to lessen impacts by practicing Leave No Trace principles, we can do our part to preserve the forest ecosystem and continue to enjoy it into the future. For more information about Leave No Trace, and to learn about how San Juan County is using these principles to protect their natural areas, visit: www.lnt.org





Summer Calendar 2019



Get to know your community forestlands!
**It's time to join a guided hike and begin to learn more
about the fascinating wild green heart of our island.**

The Friends of the Forest is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands through education, outreach, and stewardship. We have been serving the needs of the forest and Fidalgo Island residents since 1987. Our education program includes K-12 guided school field trips, Adult/Senior hikes, All ages hikes, Extra gentle hikes, fitness hikes, Forest Discovery Day Camp, adult Ethnobotany Field Seminar, a quarterly newsletter, and our two comprehensive school district programs: Growing Wild for all 3rd graders, and Middle School Watershed Discovery for all students in 7th grade.

Our community hikes are **FREE** and no registration is required. Please join us this spring as we continue to explore and learn more about the ACFL together. For more info about our group of these hikes, please contact our office at (360)293-3725 or visit our website at: www.friendsoftheacfl.org. **Please understand that our hikes are for people only we ask that you leave your pets at home.** Hope to see you in the woods!

Fitness Hikes

For the very fit only! We will cover a lot of ground on these fast-pace fitness adventures.

Jean's Favorite Views Fitness Hike

Friday, July 19th from 4:30 pm- 7:30 pm

This hike is about 6 miles roundtrip with approximately 1200 feet of elevation gain and is for the very fit only!

A challenging physical adventure featuring Jean's favorite views from sugarloaf and the spectacular trail 247. Take off from work early Friday, bring water, sturdy workout gear, and meet at the base of Mt. Erie on Ray Auld Drive. This will be a fast paced, three miles per hour, workout adventure. Comparable to about the same pace you will walk if you are trying to sneak out of work before anyone sees you.

The ACFL Inclusive Fitness Hike

Saturday, September 7th from 9 am- 3 pm

This hike is approximately 20 miles with over 2500 feet of elevation gain and is for the very fit only! There is an option to join the group for a smaller loop of about 4.5 miles with about 900 feet of elevation gain.

Are you physically ready to see all three corridors of the forest lands in one day? Join us for a day's worth of hiking at a fast pace looping the lakes and taking in the summer time vistas. Bring plenty of water, sturdy workout gear, and a snack for this cardio-adventure. Don't think you want to go the whole way, but want to get an idea of what a fitness hike is all about? Join us at the beginning of the hike for a shorter 4.5 mile loop which will take us right back to where we started. Meet at the base of Mt. Erie at the parking lot on Ray Auld Drive.

Extra Gentle Hikes

Each of these outings is a mile or less on gentle trails and will last about an hour.

The Keystone Beavers Hike

Wednesday, September 4th from 9 am- 10 am

Distance: This gentle hike is about 1.2 miles roundtrip with about 50 feet of elevation gain.

The Little Cranberry Lake area is filled with a network of beaver ponds created and maintained by local beaver families. We will explore one trail that reveals their dams and daytime clues to their nighttime ways. Meet at the ACFL kiosk on "A" Avenue and 37th St.

Senior/Adult Hikes

For any adult with a desire to learn more about our community forest through an easy hike.



Our Sanctuary Hike

Friday, August 9th from 10 am-12 pm

Distance: 2.4 miles roundtrip w./ elevation gain of about 340 feet.

There's no better place to take time for yourself than in the middle of our forest sanctuary. Get to know the heart of the forest while enjoying the company of the forest community on this elevated hike up along the ridge on the northwest side of Whistle Lake. Meet at Ray Auld Drive parking lot.

Fires and Our Forest Hike

Friday, September 6th from 10 am-12 pm

Distance: 2.1 miles roundtrip with 225 feet of elevation gain.

We will trek along the west ridge of the lake above the bat cave and observe the fresh understory growth on the land marked by the 18-acre fire of 2016. Along the way, let's take note of and compare the biota we see in the burned and surrounding areas. Meet at the water tower at the end of 29th Ave.

All Ages Hikes

Great for families and folks of all ages: these are hearty hikes with a naturalist guide.

Animals of the Evening Hike

Thursday, July 18th from 5 pm- 7 pm

Distance: This hike is about 1.8 miles roundtrip w./ approximately 175 feet of elevation gain.

July brings forth a multitude of berries, deep green growth, and long summer days. There is no better place to be in the middle of summer than enjoying our wooded sanctuary! Let's spend some time near the end of the day learning about the animals that delight in the evenings around Little Cranberry Lake. Meet at the water tower on 29th Ave.

Wetland Wonders Walk

Saturday, August 10th from 10 am- 12 pm

Distance: This walk is about 2 miles roundtrip with about 25 feet of elevation gain.

What has our wetland done for us lately? Wetlands are special ecosystems that help improve the quality of our entire forest lands. Let's walk along the 32nd street swamp and Big Beaver Pond and see the kidneys of the forest firsthand. Meet at the ACFL kiosk on "A" Avenue and 37th St.



Save the Date!

Who? You and your family, fiends, or co-workers

What? Friends of the Forest Annual Benefit Event

When? Evening of Saturday, November 2nd, 2019

Tickets on sale in September.

FOREST ADVISORY BOARD		CITY OF ANACORTES ELECTED OFFICIALS			
The City Forest Advisory Board meets every first Thursday of the month at 6:00pm at Fidalgo Center and is open to the public.		Meetings are Mondays, 6:00pm in Council Chambers.			
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Ways to give:



Our work depends on a healthy mix of funding sources. All contributions to our group are tax deductible. Please consider the following options for financial contribution to our organization. You may contact our office to discuss any of these options.

1.Active Membership: Dues are due in January! There are different categories of membership to suit your preference. Any contributions to our group above your membership level are greatly appreciated. See our membership form on the back page.

2.Individual Contributions: We greatly appreciate any contributions to help support our education and outreach program. You are welcome to make these in honor or in memory.

3.Friends of the Forest Endowment Fund: We have an endowment fund established with the Skagit Community Foundation. The purpose of this fund is to create an endowment that will eventually provide interest income to our organization. This is an excellent option for sizable donations to our group.

4.Planned Giving: If you are making estate plans, please consider including our organization.

Don't Just be Wise...be Firewise!

The increased threat of fire that we've seen over the last decade can often leave people feeling frightened and helpless. However, there are simple steps you can take that go a long way towards protecting your home should a fire ever break out nearby. Below, Anacortes Fire Department Chief Dave Oliveri lets you know what you can do to stay Firewise:



The keys to having a Firewise Home:

Firewise Landscaping

Home Ignition Zone: Keep leaves and needles off your roof and deck. Create a fuel-free area within 3-5 feet of your home's perimeter. From 5 feet to a minimum of 30 feet out, thin and space vegetation, remove dead leaves and needles, prune shrubs and tree limbs. Keep areas around decks, sheds, fences and swing sets clear of debris and vegetation.

Landscaping & Firewise Plants: To prevent fire spread, trim back branches that overhang structures and prune branches of large trees up to 6 to 10 feet from the ground. Remove plants containing resins, oils and waxes; make sure organic mulch is at least 5 feet from structures. Choose Firewise plants- find lists @ www.firewise.org

Be Prepared

Action Plan: Develop, discuss and practice an emergency action plan with everyone in your home. Include details for pets & large animals. Program cell phones with emergency numbers. Know two ways out of your neighborhood and have a predesignated meeting place. Maintain an emergency water source. Always leave if you don't feel safe- don't wait to be notified.

Emergency Responder Access: Identify your home and neighborhood with legible, clearly marked street names and numbers. Make your driveway at least 12 feet wide with a vertical clearance of 15 feet and a slope of less than 5 percent to provide access to emergency vehicles.

Firewise Construction

Fire-resistant Roof Construction: Use fire-rated shingles such as asphalt, metal, slate, clay tile or concrete products. A fire-resistant sub-roof adds protection. Box in eaves, but provide adequate ventilation to prevent condensation and mildew. Roof and attic vents should be screened to prevent ember entry.

Fire-resistant Attachments: Any attachments to your home such as decks, porches and fences must be fire-resistant. If not, your home is vulnerable to ignition.

Fire-resistive Walls and Windows: Embers can collect in small nooks and crannies and ignite combustible materials; radiant heat from flames can crack windows. Use fire-resistant siding such as brick, fiber-cement, plaster or stucco and tempered or double-paned glass windows to protect your home.

Home Safety Checklist

- ☐ Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles.
- ☐ Replace or repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles.
- ☐ Enclose under-eave soffit vents or screen with metal mesh.
- ☐ Cover exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8".
- ☐ Repair or replace damaged or loose window screens and any broken windows.
- ☐ Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- ☐ Move any flammable material away from wall exteriors mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, firewood piles – anything that can burn.
- ☐ Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches.

All of these simple fixes will make your home safer from embers and radiant heat

Proposed Bike Skills Course



Photo: Joan Pringle,
Skagit Valley Herald

When the old city dump was capped and put out of commission about 10 years ago we were unsure what we could do with that land. The rules regarding closing and capping the dump prohibit the city from replanting it as a forest. Tree roots could penetrate or uproot the cap exposing what is below.

An option we are exploring is turning this brownfield into a bicycle recreation park. This park or skills course would have different features to enhance the abilities of young riders. A gravel path could help riders learn how to ride on uneven surfaces once they have mastered riding on smooth paths like the Thompson Trail. Another element could be a pump track or other skill building features.

In addition to learning skills, the park can help us teach local youths about conservation and stewardship. There will be opportunities to build rain gardens to treat storm water run-off from the skills course. City Engineering staff are advising us on the best way to do this. We may also have a chance to remove invasive plants off of the dump cap and replace them with native species. A wetlands delineation was done to establish wetland buffers and define the boundaries of the potential park.

The Parks and Recreation Department wants to hear from you about this idea. The project could be a success for recreation, conservation and stewardship.

-Jonn Lunsford

THE FUTURE OF TRAIL 132



During a yearly inspection of trail 132, which is a shoreline trail on the southern shore of Little Cranberry Lake, it was found to be in rough shape. This hiker-only trail, along with shoreline trails 101 and 102, have always been considered our most “rugged” trails in the ACFL, traversing rocks and roots, making the trek challenging for many trail users. And the folks who use these trails like it that way. Attempts to make portions of these trails easier have been met with resistance. A positive aspect of keeping them rugged discourages the users not allowed on trail like bikers, horse riders, and motorcycles: a management strategy in disguise. But with many shoreline trails, keeping them from eroding away is problematic.

The eastern half of trail 132 is eroding. Wave action during winter months is undercutting the trail. Steep terrain along with rocks and tree roots adjacent to the trail prevent moving the trail south away from shoreline. A rock wall/cliff is also present preventing the movement of the trail. Turnpikes that were installed many years ago have now failed due to water and erosion. And the erosion continues.

On March 26th the ACFL Trail Committee, along with members of the Washington Trails Association Arlen Bogaard (Northwest Regional Manager) and Richard Mellon (volunteer) and Friends of the Forest’s Melissa Courtney joined me to hike trail 132 and discuss options for the future of this trail. Getting input from the Trail Committee, along with experienced trail builders, proved beneficial in coming up with various potential options and insight on not only the trail but also the habitat the trail passes through and the surrounding flora and fauna the trail effects.

Shoreline trails can disrupt animal movement to the shoreline, especially during mating season. Unlike the other lakes, which have shorelines free of trails, at Little Cranberry Lake, the entire shoreline is encircled by trails. Some of the options discussed were closing the entire trail (with trails 106/11/105 being the alternative route), closing the eastern damaged portion and having the trail dead end from the west with a bench and an interpretive sign discussing the closure and the ecosystem we are protecting, or rerouting the eastern portion from trail 106 or from 105 to connect to the western portion of trail 132. These discussions are continuing. The main option we all agreed to is that the eastern portion of the existing trail is not repairable due to terrain, tree roots, and water erosion.

If you have suggestions for the future of trail 132, please contact Dave Oicles at daveo@cityofanacortes.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

-Dave Oicles

Forest Monitoring Project Update



Have you noticed some changes in the forest recently? Dying cedar trees, along with other observations from locals in the ACFL, were the catalyst for a citizen science forest monitoring project that has been in the planning phase for the past few months. Transition Fidalgo & Friends is a volunteer-led nonprofit whose mission is to raise awareness of and develop solutions to the challenges of climate change at the community level. They've taken on this project and the group is moving forward with conducting city-approved baseline studies that will monitor changes in the environment as climate change intensifies in the coming years.

Transition Fidalgo is now finalizing protocols and getting the project underway. Volunteer teams are working with local scientists and forest experts to lay out and designate official plots within the ACFL that will be used for plot studies. Hydrology data will also be collected. Some volunteers are mining historical records for clues; searching for dates and details of major ecological events like fires or logging.

Others will be taking photos at plot points to be visually compared over time. Photos from specific vantages at the Little Cranberry Lake fire site, are one such example. Some volunteer teams will be participating in trail-based tree monitoring; they'll be walking the trails and using rapid qualitative methods to collect large-scale data. Weather data has also been gathered and a database will be set up to help record and sort these metrics.

The objective of this project is to document the current conditions and track the forest's response to environmental changes. The data from these studies will be shared with scientists and land managers to learn how forests adapt and perhaps identify solutions for how we can help them adapt successfully.

The volunteer teams performing these studies have been trained, so if you see small groups working off-trail, with or without official vests, don't be alarmed. This is just fine and the methodology has been city-approved and led by experts in forest ecology and resource management.

Would you like to be a citizen scientist volunteer with the ACFL Forest Monitoring Project? Reach out to our office and we'll put you in touch with Jack Hartt, who has been hired as a part-time volunteer coordinator and project liaison. Transition Fidalgo is still seeking volunteers to participate in the science portion, as well as education, data entry, and article writing. We, at The Friends, are excited to see this inspiring community project take off and the important data that can be gleaned from these collaborations!

Student Stewards Awarded Scholarships

One of the most important pieces of work we do at Friends of the Forest is educating future stewards in hopes of inspiring them to continue utilizing and protecting the ACFL, and the planet as a whole, for the next generation of citizens. It is in this vein that the Friends established, in 2009, an academic scholarship to be distributed yearly to seniors or graduates of Anacortes High School. This scholarship is given to students that have shown enthusiasm and desire to continue learning about and protecting the natural world.

This year, we were thrilled to be able to offer \$1000 scholarships to three outstanding young people in order to support their continuing education. Saville Feist will be attending Portland State University and plans on majoring in Environmental Engineering and Spanish. Cabry Biddle will be studying Environmental Science at Western Washington University. Finally, Sally Vaux is currently at Western Washington University studying Environmental Science and Environmental Education.

All three of our scholarship recipients have shown, through their words and actions, inspiration from and a commitment to the natural world. We are excited about their pursuit of further education and their dedication to entering the environmental field to make a difference in how we all interact with nature!

Membership notes:

- Our regular office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 1 pm & always by appointment.

- Please renew or join today! We accept donations online. Visit our website and go to contribute.
www.friendsoftheacfl.org

- Confused about a hike location? Check out our website for links to driving directions to each hike location.

- Need an ACFL trail map? We have an electronic version available for download on our website, as well as a listing of where maps are available for sale.

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Areas of Interest _____ Topics for general meetings or newsletter _____

Please mail memberships/contributions to: Friends of the ACFL, P.O. Box 2213, Anacortes, WA 98221 or visit us at 611 R Avenue, Anacortes, WA 98221

Thank you to all friends who have renewed their dues and a reminder to those who haven't sent in this year - we need it! Keeping your dues current with the Friends of the Forest is one of the best ways to Think Globally and Act Locally. On Fidalgo Island, thankfully we have the ACFL, and it needs Friends to ensure its preservation. Our Education Program depends on your support. Thank you!