

VOCene #6 ☺ May 19th, 2010

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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

- 1) Ultimate on the Beach (ongoing, Wed - Today!)

On every Wednesday when it is not pouring rain, you'll find VOC'ers down at the beach playing Ultimate Frisbee. Come out and enjoy some exercise with fellow VOC'ers, and maybe even some sunshine!

Where: Jericho beach, on the lawn by the parking lot at the foot of Tolmie st.
When: 6:30ish

- 2) Weekly Kayak Polo (ongoing, this week on Thu)

For a while now, VOCers have been holding weekly kayak-polo sessions at the UBC pool. Typically, half the time is spent practicing rolls, as there's always people that want to learn, and the rest of the time we play kayak-polo. The practices were recently moved to the beach, and are usually on Tuesdays 8:30-10:00pm (but this might change). Please check the message board thread for updated information (scroll down to the bottom - it's long).

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=10773&t=10773>

- 3) Brew Recce, May 22-24 (Sat-Mon, long weekend)

The plan is to go up to our Brew Hut, and take measurements and notes and otherwise fine tune our plans for the two renovation trips which will happen in June. We will probably not do a lot of work on this trip unless we get bored.

This is a three day weekend, but we probably have a max of 2 days work to do on the recce, so we have time for some serious hiking around in addition to working. If you want to stay only one night, that should also work, depending on your

driver.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/2010_Brew_recce_trip

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13155&t=13155>

4) Kayaking - Desolation Sound, May 22-24 (Sat-Mon, long weekend)

Ignacio, Noriko and Pascale want to explore Desolation Sound this coming long week-end (May 22-24). The launch will be at Lund, going around Malaspina Peninsula to Desolation Provincial Marine Park, and then going back through Roscoe Bay and a few islands on the way. There are many options for camping and water supplies. That route should suit beginner to Intermediate. We have been doing a few kayak trips and still fall into that category. So we are looking at people who have at least done a few kayak day trips and any overnight trip (hiking, cycling, skiing...)

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13191&t=13191>

5) Son of Rock, May 29-30 (Sat-Sun)

Son of Rock is the traditional spring/summer instructional climbing trip. The rock is finally dry, the snow sucks, and the days are long. The plan is to have several stations set up in the vicinity of the Smoke Bluffs in Squamish. There will be at least one instructor at each station. All ability levels are welcome and no climbing experience is necessary. Tentatively there will be 4 skill levels: absolute beginner, anchor placement, sport lead climbing, and trad climbing. Group size will be determined by instructor availability.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Son_of_Rock_2010

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=13194&t=13194>

6) VOC Summer BBQ, June 2 (Wed)

The second VOC Summer BBQ for this summer is coming up! These are a great place to meet new friends, have trip meetings, or talk about ideas and plans for the upcoming month. Don't forget to bring your own hamburgers, weiners, roastable veggies or whatever along. Someone usually brings a barbecue. Frisbee, hacky sac, and slack lines are also encouraged.

Where: Jericho beach, on the lawn by the parking lot at the foot of Tolmie st.

When: First Wednesday of May, June, July, August and September, 6:30ish

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Summer_Barbeques

II. Miscellaneous

1) Ms. Manners

Do you have a question for Ms. Manners? If so, email it to to your friendly neighbourhood VOCene editor and he'll forward it to Ms. Manners for review. Remember, there's no such thing as a stupid question, so ask away.

Dear Ms. Manners,

I'm running out of ideas for trips. I've been to all the usual places, such as Elfin Lakes, Gariabaldi Lake, the Lions and Black Tusk. I'm looking for new ideas

of places to go. Please help me out.

Ciao,
Been There

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Dear BT,

Luckily, in South West BC there is a wealth of worthwhile destinations for all abilities. To get some more ideas of where to go, why don't you try the following:

1. VOC Wiki: http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Trip_ideas

An excellent source of information, right at your fingertips. Sorted by location and trip type.

2. Books

The VOC has many guidebooks that you can borrow for free, or you can borrow from a friend, the UBC or public libraries, or even buy a guidebook which looks useful. Some guidebooks to look out for are:

Hiking/Scrambling: 103 Hikes, Scrambles in Southwest British Columbia

Backcountry skiing: Exploring the Coast Mountain on skis

Mountaineering: Alpine Select

Rock climbing: The Climbers Guide to Squamish, Squamish Select

Mountain Biking: Mountain Bike Adventures in Southwest British Columbia: 50 Rides

Kayaking: Wild Coast (volume 3)

3. Clubtread

An online forum with lots of free information, mostly about hiking/scrambling.

BC Trip Report Forum: http://www.clubtread.com/sforum/forum.asp?FORUM_ID=29

Hiking trails: <http://www.clubtread.com/Routes/>

4. Off the beaten track

Bivouac (<http://bivouac.com/>) an online encyclopedia (paid membership required) with trip reports, photos, and road bulletins

A Guide to Hiking and Climbing in Southwestern BC (Bruce Fairley)

Google Earth (of course), and just staring at a map for hours...

Yours,
Ms. Manners

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