

Watershed Tours

Frequently Asked Questions

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What Should I Bring

We suggest you bring the following items:

- Lunch or snacks
- Water
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- A camera
- A jacket or sweater

How Should I Dress

Dress for outdoor activity (no opened toed shoes). The weather inside the watershed changes very rapidly, we suggest you dress in layers and pack an extra sweater or jacket. Tours happen rain or shine so dress appropriately for the weather.

Are There Washrooms

Outhouses are located at each tour stop. There are no flushing toilets on the tour and no washrooms on the tour bus.

How Much Walking is Involved

There will be a short walk from the bus to most tour stops. Additionally, there will be a brief forest walk along a short, relatively flat and easy trail. If you are unable to walk longer distances, you can stay on the tour bus during the forest walk and join in at the next tour stop.

Is There a Waitlist

YES – If a tour date is full, we suggest selecting an available date, so you don't miss out on the tour. If you are only available on a certain date that is full you can add yourself to the waitlist. You will be notified by email if a spot becomes available on the date you waitlisted for. **Please note, you will only have 24 hours to accept your spot on the waitlist so make sure to check your email or spam folder often and confirm your attendance.**

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What About Bicycles

Feel free to cycle to the tour meet up location. We will have bike racks for you to lock your bike up. Bikes are not permitted on the tour bus or inside the watershed.

What Will I See on The Tour

- Sooke Lake Reservoir dam and spillway
- Rithet Creek (main tributary supplying Sooke Lake Reservoir)
- Deception Reservoir and dam
- Goldstream Disinfection Facility
- Picturesque nature
- Possibly some of the watershed's furry friends

Is the Tour Bus Accessible

Accessibility is dependent on tour dates, due to the type of bus available (some busses are not wheelchair equipped). Wheelchair accessible tour dates will be marked as **(Accessible Tour)**. **If you require an accessible tour, please ensure you book on a tour date marked (Accessible Tour)**. There are some uneven and gravelly paths on the tour, so please ensure that your wheelchair or walker can handle these conditions. At any point on the tour if you do not feel comfortable navigating the terrain you can remain on the bus and join in at the next tour stop.

What Should I Do When I Arrive for the Tour

Please check in with our tour guides once you have arrived so we can check you off our attendance list. Please check in with us **before** getting on the bus.

What Other Important Information Do I Need to Know

- There is very limited cell phone coverage inside the watershed
- Pets are not permitted on tours
- Strollers are not permitted on tours
- Smoking and vaping are prohibited on tours

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What Should I Do If I Have to Cancel or Modify My Registration

If you are no longer able to attend the tour, please give as much notice as possible to allow those on the wait list an opportunity to attend. You can unregister yourself or modify the number of tickets in your group registration directly through your Eventbrite registration.

If you need assistance with your registration, please contact us at: 250.474.9627 or watertours@crd.bc.ca.