



# PKOLS-Mount Douglas Conservancy

## Summer 2025 Newsletter

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## Territory Acknowledgement

PKOLS - Mount Douglas lies within the traditional territories of the W̱SÁNEĆ peoples, represented by the W̱JOŁŁP, BOKEĆEN, S̱ÁUTW, W̱SIKEM and MÁLEXEL Nations; as well as the the lək'wəŋən peoples, represented by the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations. The W̱SÁNEĆ and lək'wəŋən peoples have been here since time immemorial, and their relationship with the land and water is long and rich.

## lək'wəŋi?nəŋ and SENĆOTEN Names for 'Mount Douglas'

On June 3, 1955, Songhees Band member James (Jimmy) Fraser (c.1871-1857) provided a name for Mount Douglas to a reporter from Victoria's Times newspaper:

- **"Chu-utchin"**. Meaning : "heavenly mountain".

Saanich [W̱SÁNEĆ] elders provided a different name for Mt. Douglas which is similar to the name given by Songhees advisors to Mt. Tolmie (*Pkaals*):

- **"PKOLS"** - "white head". David (Dave) Elliott 1990:27 (revised edition from 1983 edition)
- **"PKOLS"** - "means white head". (David Elliot 1983:64)
- **"Pepkey'as"** - "white berries"; refers to white berries that grow on the slopes."

Saanich elder Ernie Olsen provided this name for Mt. Douglas to Douglas Hudson in 1969. Hudson #87. This name is that of the snowberry. It is also spelled as *Pepkiyos*. Elsie Claxton (Tsawout) and Chris Paul (Tsartlip) note that this plant is poisonous but also used as a medicine (Turner and Hebda 2012).

- **"pq'als"** - Saanich Classified Word List # 1870. Montler, Timothy (1991:88)

*We thank Grant Keddle for providing this historical summary of Indigenous place names*

## Mount Douglas Park Charter

"The lands known as Mount Douglas Park are hereby reserved in perpetuity to the protection and preservation of the natural environment for the inspiration, use and enjoyment of the public.

This land has been transferred by the Province of British Columbia to the Corporation of the District of Saanich on the condition that it be maintained and preserved as a public park.

With this charter, the spirit and intent of the original crown grant of 1889 is maintained while its scope is expanded to include within Mount Douglas Park all adjacent municipal parkland present and future, so that the whole will continue as a wilderness preserve for generations to come.

Proclaimed this 22nd. day of November 1992 by the council of the Corporation of the District of Saanich on behalf of the citizens of Saanich."



## Conservancy Updates, Events, and Initiatives in 2025

### January: Annual Salmon Carcass Transplant

On January 18th, 2025, the PKOLS-Mount Douglas Conservancy hosted, as we have done for many years, a Salmon Carcass Transplant to ensure nutrients for the Chum and Coho Salmon that are now beginning to return to the creek. More than 100 enthusiastic people showed up to participate in the process. Among the many attendees was Saanich—Gulf Islands M.P. Elizabeth May who shared: *"Our wild Pacific Salmon are a miracle. This is an act of gratitude, and in some ways, it's an act of love to put these salmon back in the creek."* We presented the Goldstream Volunteer Salmonid Enhancement Association (GVSEA) with a \$1000 donation in appreciation and recognition for their dedication and exceptional work in supporting and enhancing wild salmon habitats throughout the region. We thank all those who attended, and all those who have helped bring salmon back to this creek over the years.



Video: [CHEK News Vital People: PKOLS-Mount Doug salmon restoration](#)

## February: Annual General Meeting

Our Society AGM was held on February 5th. The keynote speaker was Hunter Jarrett, a restoration practitioner with a BSc in Natural Resource Protection. Hunter (known on social media as 'The Invasive Species Guy') gave an excellent presentation on *Garry Oak Ecosystems and Recreational Impacts in PKOLS*. You can follow him on social media ([@invasivespeciesguy](https://www.instagram.com/invasivespeciesguy/)), where he shares excellent educational content about Garry Oak ecosystems and how we can all do our part to protect them.

## March: Saanich News Article



### On the trail to extinction: Rogue Saanich hikers threaten future of park plants

**Saanich News**  
Says a trail not reaching the state and forest in PKOLS-Mount Douglas Park is on the edge of "local extinction".  
Once striking landscape features have been simplified by "erosion" and "new trails", says the article, the park's biodiversity and ecological integrity are at risk.  
"There are some new plants in the park that are very, very endangered," says the author, who is a hiker and a member of the park's board of directors. "Because they're so rare, it's important to protect them."  
While protection of the park's biodiversity has been an ongoing concern for the community, the article says, the park's board of directors has not been able to do much to protect the plants.  
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We thank journalist Ben Fenlon with Blackpress Media for his article published earlier this spring about the concerning levels of ecological degradation occurring in PKOLS (Mount Douglas Park) as a result of recreational activities. The article made the front page of the Saanich News and was a top trending story on their website for several weeks.

If you missed the article then, you can read it online:

[On the trail to extinction: Rogue Saanich hikers threaten future of park plants →](#)

## April/May: Salmon Population Enhancement

Following a remarkable return of Chum (and Coho) salmon to the creek in the fall of 2024, efforts to enhance and restore salmon populations and creek habitat continue. This year marks 30 years of salmon habitat restoration efforts in Douglas Creek! In April of this year, 25,100 Chum salmon eggs were placed in an artificial redd in Douglas Creek, to hatch and begin their journey downstream. Throughout April and May, several SD61 classes released Chum fry into the creek at the Outdoor Classroom. The fry were raised from eggs by the school groups as part of the *Stream to Sea Salmonids in the Classroom*.



**Video:** [Newly-released fry swim underwater in Douglas Creek →](#)



## June: BC Wild Salmon Day Celebration



On June 1st, we celebrated BC Wild Salmon Day with an information booth and educational displays set up at the base of Churchill Drive. The *Esquimalt Singers and Dancers* opened the morning with a wonderful performance of traditional song and dance — hikers on the way down from Churchill Drive shared that the sound of drums could be heard at the summit! We spoke with many parkgoers throughout the morning (including some who were visiting the Park for the very first time) about ongoing salmon habitat recovery efforts, and the importance of the Park as a natural area. A trivia game challenged visitors to test their salmon knowledge, and many were surprised to learn the park contained a creek at all, let alone a creek that supports three species of Salmonids! Many thanks to all the Conservancy volunteers who ensured the day's success; August Thomas and the *Esquimalt Singers and Dancers*; Carolyn Knight; and all attendees and visitors for making the BC Wild Salmon Day in PKOLS (Mount Douglas Park) a great success. Thanks also to Claire Atwell for sharing photos.

## PKOLS Renaming and Sign Rededication Ceremony



On July 2nd, representatives from our Conservancy had the honour of being invited to attend and witness the PKOLS Renaming and Sign Rededication Ceremony. The PKOLS sign — originally carved by the late Dr. Charles Elliott (TEMOSEŦET) and refurbished by his son Temoseng Chazz Elliott — has been reinstalled in its original location at the summit parking lot, and looks more stunning than ever. Thank you (HÍSWKE) to the ṼSÁNEĆ Leadership Council, ṼSÁNEĆ community members, and the District of

Saanich for hosting very special day to honour this important occasion. May we continue to do good work together as we strive to protect and care for these sacred lands.

## Conservancy President Honoured with King Charles III Coronation Medal

**We are proud to share that Dr. Darrell Wick, President of the PKOLS-Mount Douglas Park Conservancy, has been awarded with a King Charles III Coronation Medal.**

The medal was presented by Elizabeth May, M.P., during a special ceremony on February 27, 2025, recognizing 25 outstanding community members from Saanich–Gulf Islands who have made significant contributions to Canada or brought honour to the country through their achievements abroad. An excerpt from the ceremony program reads:

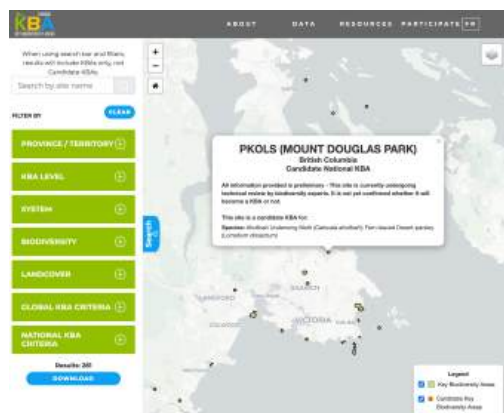
*“Dr. Darrell Wick, President of the PKOLS-Mount Douglas Park Conservancy, has dedicated 40 years to preserving Mount Douglas Park in Saanich, BC, including the past 16 years as president. His leadership has been instrumental in protecting the park’s globally imperiled ecosystems, vital to local First Nations. Dr. Wick’s accomplishments include preventing a roadway through the park, developing a long-term protection charter, and creating a land acquisition strategy to expand park boundaries. He led a successful salmon restoration program and helped establish an educational amphitheater. His advocacy has made the Conservancy a successful model for non-profit groups in Greater Victoria.”*



**Website:** [Learn more about the King Charles III Coronation Medal recipients →](#)

## PKOLS (Mount Douglas Park) is a Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) Candidate

PKOLS (Mount Douglas Park) has officially been identified as a candidate site for Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) designation — a designation that recognizes the most important places in the world for rare species and ecosystems.



This internationally-recognized designation reflects the park's critical role in biodiversity conservation on a regional, national, and global scale. PKOLS (Mount Douglas Park) is currently being assessed for its significance to two at-risk species associated with Garry Oak Ecosystems: **Aholibah Underwing Moth** (*Catocala aholibah*) and **Fern-leaved Desert-parsley** (*Lomatium dissectum*).

The initial KBA report was co-authored by Conservancy VP Michelle Watt, and the site is currently undergoing technical review by biodiversity experts as part of the KBA evaluation process. Once confirmed, PKOLS (Mount Douglas Park) will become the second park in Saanich (following Swan Lake-Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary) to receive a KBA designation.

We are confident that PKOLS will further qualify based on its rich mosaic of globally imperilled Garry Oak and Douglas Fir ecosystems. Progress on ecosystem-based KBA criteria has moved more slowly than that of species criteria, due to the lack of a cohesive national vegetation classification system. However, this national framework is now in development and expected to be completed quite soon. Once finalized, it will align provincial data with national and global classifications, paving the way for ecosystem-based KBA designations — which PKOLS is well-positioned to meet.

An official KBA designation will underscore what many in our community already know and respect: PKOLS (Mount Douglas Park) is a vital sanctuary for rare and valuable biodiversity, deserving of our continued protection and care.

**Website:** [Learn more about Key Biodiversity Areas in Canada →](#)



## Long-Serving Board Members Retire



**Graham Shorthill** was one of the founding members of our group way back in 1988 and has served on the board as a strong supporter ever since. He had a key role in the park transfer from Victoria to the Province and then to Saanich between 1990 and 1992. During those years, it wasn't a protected park giving the engineers the opportunity to move Cordova Bay Road as a new route well into the park and also to install the first major tower with a large communications building at the summit. Graham was a key person in stopping the road

realignment and we worked successfully with the then Lands Manager for a less intrusive, buried communications building at the summit. Graham's many roles included Society President in the 1990s. This is the first year he has not been on our board and we miss him, but wish him well in retirement and thank him for all of his valuable contributions.

**Nancy Lewthwaite** has been our absolute best treasurer for a long time, fulfilling every aspect of that role to perfection. Although she gives credit to her husband Lorne who does the financial end of year reports, it's Nancy that is on top of every one of our external interactions including dealing with Saanich, with insurance, and with grant applications. These are easy words to say, but not always straight forward or easy tasks. Many of you have likely met her enrolling members at our events. Nancy has requested we find a replacement Treasurer so that she can retire this summer. She has prepared a work calendar to ease the next Treasurer's task. We will miss Nancy after all her exceptional work and wish her well.

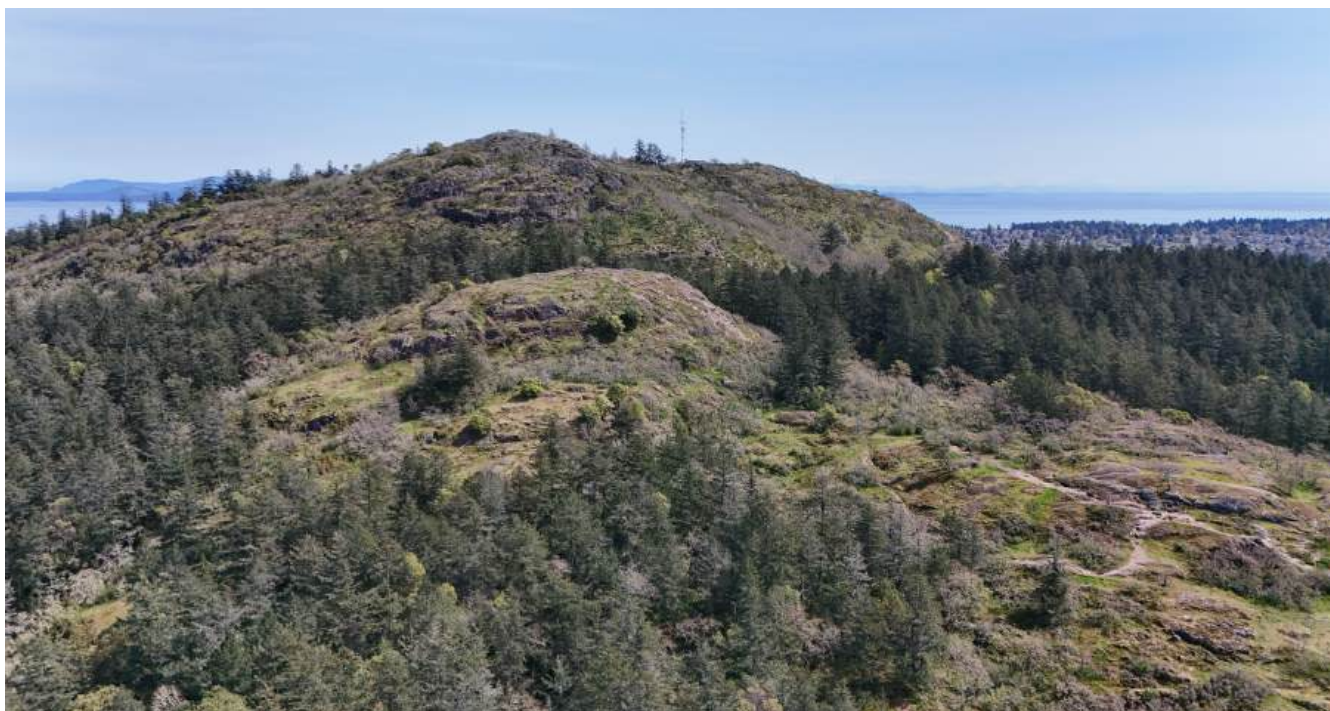


Many of you know **Judy Spearing** as our Pulling Together lead steward and strong board member. Judy kept a great group of volunteers together as they regularly met pulling invasive plants and restoring sections of the Park. Without before and after photos, it's hard to understand and appreciate the tremendous amount of work and accompanying Park improvements she accomplished. She fought to have split rail fences installed after their work since pulling invasives made off-trail excursions possible and too many didn't notice the small

returning natural plants. Along with Judy's enhancing relationships with Parks staff she had an unswerving focus on the flora (both its diversity and its health) in the Park. We and the Park miss her but wish her the very best.



## Photos: Bird's Eye View



*'Little Mount Douglas' and the summit of PKOLS as seen from Blenkinsop Road — April 2025.*



*The tidal mouth and intertidal channel of Douglas Creek at high tide — March 2025.*

## Park Project Updates

### Animal Bylaw Changes in Effect

New signage reflecting the Animal Bylaw changes has been installed throughout the Park, informing visitors about leash regulations and appropriate park/trail etiquette for dogs. However, only temporary signage has been placed at the Churchill Drive parking lot, and there is still no permanent signage at the six trailheads leading from that area — a significant gap in ensuring visitors are properly informed. A revised sign for the Welcome Kiosk, which will include the new regulations, is currently under development, though no estimated installation date has been provided. As of late June, Parks staff are in the process of adding small “You Are Here” wayfinding markers on the installed signage, so that park users are aware of which trails are leash-only/leash-optional while visiting the park. The People, Pets, and Parks Strategy was approved with the recommendation and understanding that the leash-optional trail section would be *fully fenced* to prevent further ecological degradation from occurring off-trail in these areas. To date it appears there are no plans to proceed with this fencing. We are concerned and disappointed by this pivot from previously approved environmental protection measures and will continue to seek clarification while advocating for effective solutions.



### Communications Tower Replacement Project

Construction for the new tower is scheduled to begin in fall of 2025. The following memo from the District of Saanich was shared on June 6, 2025::



*“We confirm that in February and March of 2025, the Contractor, Consultant and staff met with the PKOLS-Mount Douglas Conservancy representatives. The Conservancy was provided with an update on tower location and information on the cable ducting.”*

*Pre-construction operations will begin immediately, noting that in early fall of 2025 the actual physical construction is expected to be ongoing for up to four months. There will be periods of time when the summit is closed to public access. The District will work to ensure adequate public notification is provided and handle the project with Saanich protocols and standards.”*



## Douglas Trail Boardwalk

This is the third year that a new boardwalk along the seasonally flooded section of Douglas Trail near the Outdoor Classroom was supposed to be installed, but has since been further delayed. This section of the park contains sensitive wetland habitat, and the trail borders (at times, becoming part of) a vernal pond. This wetland fills up quickly after the first few rainfalls in late fall, and fully dries out by late spring. Once completed, this boardwalk will prevent further trail widening and vegetation trampling by park users who wish to avoid traversing through the flooded, muddy trail sections during the wet seasons.



*The Douglas Trail vernal pond in December...*



*...and in July!*

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## New Bridge Project and Engineering Study

We want to see a new bridge installed across Douglas Creek near the creek outlet. It would connect the Beach Trail 50-100 m above the stairs with the rogue trail connecting with the Durling Loop. Currently there are many rogue trails in this area and visitors often walk down the rogue trail from the Durling Loop and through the creek to cross it. This location is the primary spawning ground for Chum salmon. Walkers scare the spawners or step and crush the redds buried in the creek gravel. It's much like the current bridge at the outdoor classroom — prior to installation, rogue trails and bare ground were everywhere and folks regularly attempted to cross the creek. Now, with the bridge, the rogue trails are gone and restoration has been very successful. This new bridge will provide a loop trail connecting the Beach and Durling Loops. The views in this area are spectacular, viewing locations will be included. Unfortunately Saanich Parks has been extremely slow with any support for this project. We have asked for a plan leading to a summer 2026 installation with no luck. Further, the Engineering Department now wants to perform their own study but no actual action thus far. We intend to make a significant financial contribution and hope to add a Pacific Salmon Foundation grant but haven't yet been able to discuss any finances to date.



## New Summit Trail

The Parks department has been tasked with replacing the poor existing trail from the summit lot to the new tower and they have asked for our input. We have been meeting with them to review ideas from Saanich and from our Conservancy and we are very appreciative of these good consultations. The resulting trail will include good safe stairs suitable for workers carrying supplies to the tower and for future park visitors.

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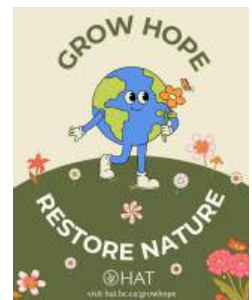
## Fisheries Window 2025 Projects

A Fisheries Window refers to the period of the year when work in and around waterways can be done with the least risk to fish and their habitats. In Douglas Creek, this timing window is a brief period in late summer when no salmonids (Chum, Coho, or Cutthroat Trout) are present—making it the only opportunity to complete important in-stream or bank restoration work each year. Two priority restoration projects have been identified for the 2025 Fisheries Window in PKOLS:

- **East Bridge Trail Repair** – Erosion tarps running parallel to the trail need to be removed, and the trail (currently more than 2 metres wide) should be narrowed to match the adjacent 1.2-metre bridge. This will help restore natural conditions and reduce further erosion along the streambank.
  - **Creek Bank Washout** – Near the creek outlet, a minor washout has expanded significantly after a tree fell into the creek, causing a second washout. Subsequent investigation has identified the entire bank just prior to this area is gradually sloughing into the creek. Despite the urgency of this erosion, there has been little visible action or planning around this issue.
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## Hats Off to the HAT Field Crew!

Last year, Saanich Parks partnered with Habitat Acquisition Trust's *Growing Hope, Restoring Nature* pilot program which brought the HAT restoration field crew into the park to tackle heavy infestations of Broom near the summit area. The work this small but mighty crew completed in a relatively short period of time was exceptional, and we are pleased to report the program has been funded for another season, allowing the field crew to continue their good work in PKOLS (Mount Douglas Park).



**Website:** [Learn more about HAT's Growing Hope, Restoring Nature Program →](https://www.hat.ca/growinghope)

## Ecosystem Feature: Western Redcedar / Osoberry

### Western redcedar

*Thuja plicata*



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### Osoberry (June Plum)

*Oemleria cerasiformis*



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This lush forest ecosystem can be found in the lower, gently sloping areas of PKOLS, particularly those with a southwest to northwest exposure. The soils here are rich and varied, made up of ancient marine and glacial deposits, and may include everything from silts and clays to gravels. Water levels in these areas rise and fall throughout the year, leaving the ground moist in summer and very wet in winter. Thanks to these diverse conditions, this ecosystem supports a wide variety of plant life. The forest canopy is mostly made up of towering *Western Redcedar*, *Bigleaf Maple*, *Grand Fir*, and *Red Alder*. Below that, the shrub layer features *Osoberry*, *Trailing Blackberry*, and *Snowberry*. The forest floor is often carpeted in *Western Sword Fern*, with *Three-leaf Foamflower* and *Western Trillium* appearing in spring. Here you will also find *Wild Gooseberry* and *Fringecup*, two key indicator species of this ecosystem. *Common Feather Moss* and *Badge Moss* add a soft green layer to the forest floor.



**Badge Moss**  
*Plagiomnium insigne*



**Western Sword Fern**  
*Polystichum munitum*



**Three-leaf Foam Flower**  
*Tiarella trifoliata* var. *trifoliata*

## From The Archives

### ***“Mount Douglas Public Park: Beauty Spot That is Little Known”***

***Victoria Daily Times, Saturday, July 9, 1910 (Edited for Length)***

Many people wish they could take a trip to Europe in order that they might enjoy the splendid scenery going through Canada, and also see the delightful spots in the Old Country. How many realize that right here within eight miles of their doors is a finer sight than will meet their gaze throughout the long journey? A Victorian recently visited this park. and it might be well to let him tell the story of his visit in his own words:

Leaving the road which leads from the city to the foot of the mountain, I entered the park opposite the Todd arm, and, leaving my bicycle in a bush, found a trail leading towards the growth of comparatively young fir which covers the south end. Up this trail I wandered through straight trees averaging about a foot and a half in thickness. Although only a trail, the route was such a good one that it might easily be converted into a road. It wound along in a very picturesque manner until, at the summit of a ridge or hog's-back, it emerged into a splendid road leading directly to the foot of the mountain. This was a very picturesque road and to traverse it was alone worth the trip to the hill. Here and there were large fir trees with a girth of twelve and fourteen feet, a yard above ground. Giant oaks with their fantastic gnarled branches were here and there among the smaller. firs and oaks, and as the road ascended, the foliage became more varied.

At last it opened on a sand hill, where the scattered oaks gave it a decidedly park-like appearance, one old tree in particular seeming to form a natural gateway to the road which led still upward. Soon the path became steeper and the road lost itself as the path ascended. It was hard climbing now, and the sun shed its rays on the

climber, making it necessary to go slowly. A fine clump of maples seemed to have been a camping place for someone recently and, like so many campers, these seemed to have been unable to refrain from chopping and damaging the trees in the neighborhood, a crime which should be punishable with imprisonment without the option of a fine.

Among the rocks the climbing was difficult, but the top was not far away. An Alpenstock would have been a good thing, for the leather soles of the shoes slipped on the parched grass, and footing was hard to get. The temptation to turn now and then and enjoy the first delights of the scenery could not be withstood. In spite of these delays, one hour from the foot, taking the climb very easily, brought me to the topmost point, where I sat on the highest rock I could find and filled up with the joy of the sight.

Being up, the next question was how to get down. Many people have been up and down on the south side of the hill, but now I intended to try the north side. Commencing to descend, the difference between that side and the other was most marked. Not only was it steep, very steep, but green moss covered the rocks: ferns of a number of varieties snuggled here and there between them: and everything had been brown, dried up with the heat of the sun. Half way down the hill, large timber began to be seen, one particular patch being especially noticeable. The timber was very fine, tall and clean and the trees averaging three feet in diameter. Most of it was Douglas fir, but there was occasional balsam fir and the first cedar I had seen. There were also maple here and there. Although the underbrush was thick in places there were open



spots there was only some way of getting to it without all the climbing it would be a splendid park.

Nearer the foot of the mountain the underbrush became thicker, and more inaccessible. Salal, bracken, salmonberry and wild currants were all as high as one's head and there were occasional dogwoods, splendidly green at the present time, although a month or two ago they were white with blossom. It was hard work pushing the way through the thickets, but at least the road was reached, and the splash of the sea could be heard a few feet beyond.

I could not say that I had explored the park. I had been through it, that was all, but I had seen enough to know what the possibilities might be. I am convinced from what I saw that Victorians have something there the likes of which they never dreamed. It combines all the attractions of Stanley park, Vancouver, with the added advantage of the hill in the centre with its glorious view. It is on the seashore with a mile of beach. It has all sorts of scenery. A week could easily be spent exploring its hidden depths. All that is now needed is to have it opened up. Roads and paths are necessary running here and there through it and winding around, in order that it may not be such a work of brawn and muscle to reach the best points..

From a natural history point of view the place is unexcelled. There are numbers of dells that would be eminently suitable for a botanical garden, especially on the north side. Birds abound in its thickets. One of the first sounds that greeted me when I was sitting on the topmost rock was the chicka-dee-dee of a tiny bird with black head and throat as it hung upside down in one of the scrubby Douglas fir trees that send their roots down into the apparently solid rocks at the summit. A minute later a hawk swooping by came near and alighted on another tree to take a look at the visitor. A covey of blue grouse were startled from their scratching

bushes right at the top, and woodpeckers, juncos, tree-creepers and many other birds were seen on the way down. Squirrels scolded now and then, and there was no lack of company. In the matter of flowers there were not many in bloom, only the beautiful syringa<sup>1</sup> and the creamy plumes of the spirea<sup>2</sup> and a few plants not known to me. Yes, and there was the coral-rooted orchid, a belated specimen, and on the north side belated hucra or wild gypsophila.<sup>3</sup> Ferns were everywhere on the north side, and the mosses were most interesting. It was a place where a naturalist could revel and enjoy himself for weeks.

A word to those who intend to climb the hill. Do not carry any lunch baskets with you. Take nothing but a bottle. Take tea or lemonade, but it must be something in a bottle. By the time you reach the top you will have a great thirst which must be appeased, if you are to enjoy the trip. Others have realized this for there were broken bottles at the top. The breaking of these in a pleasure ground is a crime and should be avoided by anyone making the trip.

A good many depredations have been made in the park already. Trees have been cut, and if this is allowed to continue, the park will be badly injured. Some surveyors have been among the guilty ones, for they have cut the limbs from some of the Douglas firs right at the top. Apparently the limbs were in their way, so they lopped them off.

It is the opinion of the writer that action should be taken at once in order to have this park brought under the care of the city officials, and a determined effort should be made to keep it in its natural state as much as possible, while making it accessible to visitors.

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<sup>1</sup>Likely referring to Mock Orange (*Philadelphus lewisii*) or Hardhack (*Spiraea douglasii*)

<sup>2</sup> Ocean Spray (*Holodiscus discolor*)

<sup>3</sup> Small-flowered Alumroot (*Heuchera micrantha*)

## Get Involved

### Seeking a Treasurer

Are you a member of the Society with financial skills and a passion for environmental advocacy and conservation? Maybe you've been a member for years and have been wondering how to get more involved. This could be your opportunity. The Treasurer helps to manage Society funds, prepare financial reports, prepare grant applications, and support the Board in making informed financial decisions that guide our work. If this sounds like a good fit, we would love to hear from you. Please reach out to [darrell@PKOLS-MountDouglas.ca](mailto:darrell@PKOLS-MountDouglas.ca) and tell us a little about yourself.

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### Attend a Board Meeting

Attending our board meetings is a great way to learn more about the PKOLS-Mount Douglas Conservancy and contribute without the full commitment of becoming a Board member. We welcome and encourage members who want to stay engaged and informed in this way! Please reach out to [darrell@PKOLS-MountDouglas.ca](mailto:darrell@PKOLS-MountDouglas.ca) if you are interested in attending an upcoming meeting.

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### Volunteer with Saanich Parks *Pulling Together* Program

From the Saanich Parks Pulling Together Lead Steward in PKOLS (Mount Douglas Park):

*"We will be working at the Whittaker Trail restoration site (accessed via Cedar Hill Road) over the summer and early fall. Our goal over the next few months will be to manage the invasive grasses and remove the Broom and Himalayan Blackberry regrowth so that we can prepare a section of the site for replanting and reseeding with native plants this fall."*



Contact [stewardship@saanich.ca](mailto:stewardship@saanich.ca) or 250-475-5522 if you are interested in volunteering with Pulling Together in PKOLS (Mount Douglas Park).



***Renew your Membership or Purchase a Gift Membership Online***

**[pkols-mountdouglas.ca](http://pkols-mountdouglas.ca)**

Providing information via this newsletter about the Park is an important Society function. We want to reach more Park users and Park neighbours. Why not give someone you know a gift subscription and include it with your renewal? A one-year membership isn't much more than the price of a good cup of coffee! You provide the gift and we'll send notification to the recipient of your generosity. We hope you will continue to support the work of the Society for another year.

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