

COWICHAN LAKE FORAY – OCTOBER 21 – 23, 2022

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Cowichan Lake Foray - 2022 will be at the same location as last year, “Cowichan Lake Education Centre” (CLEC).

The Cowichan Lake Foray has two participation options:

- 1) - 3 day weekend comprised of 2 forays with fungi experts, opportunity to learn and identify fungi species, room and board and meet the other participants and experts during the evening social time.
- 2) – 1 day (Saturday) attendance comprised of 2 forays with fungi experts and limited species identification.

CLEC is on Cowichan Lake and consists of five buildings; four accommodation buildings, a “Great Hall” for eating and socializing and a conference room.

Download the Cowichan Foray 2022 Registration Form from the bottom of the Docs menu on the svims.club website for both the Weekend and Day participants. This form outlines the information and fee structure for each level of participation. Please complete a separate form for each participant and email it to Kurt Raeder at: svims.treasurer@gmail.com. OR mail it to the address on the form.

Payment can be made by cheque (Payee: “South Vancouver Island Mycological Society”) or e- transfer to the email noted previously (use password “Foray22”). The registration cut off date for this event is Saturday, October 8, 2022. Sorry no PayPal payment processing at this time.

Once registered, the email you provide on the form will be used to communicate more Foray details shortly after the cut off date.

Overview of Lake Cowichan Foray

The Cowichan Lake area has many natural forested areas and trails to collect and identify a variety of fungi. On Saturday, during a morning and an afternoon foray, the groups will access these trails and those on the 44 acre CLEC site. Each Foray group will have an expert leader and assistants to help identify the many fungi found on these trails and surrounding terrain. The collected mushrooms will be brought back to CLEC’s conference room for further identification and analysis (over 115 different species were collected in 2021). Participants can work with the experts in the conference room and learn the various ways to identify the many mushroom species.

Accommodation

The facility is comprised of a “Great Hall” combining the kitchen and eating area and used for social gathering in the evening. It comes with a piano and fireplace.

The remaining complex is comprised of four accommodation buildings;

- 2 buildings – comprised of 13 private rooms with their own bathrooms (there are 2 single beds per room). This allows sharing with a friend or partner at a reduced fee.

- 2 dormitory’s – each dormitory has 5 separate rooms comprised of multiple bunk beds. There is a common/shared washroom in each dormitory. These washrooms contain 3 separate shower stalls, 3 toilets and several wash basins. A few of these rooms will be kept for single occupancy and the remainder for shared accommodation. One dormitory will house lady participants and the second will house men participants.

Please note that none of the rooms in the 4 facilities have a cooking or fridge facility. If you are bringing food for your own consumption please ensure you store it properly.

Weekend Participants:

The Weekend fee includes 2 nights' accommodation (Friday & Saturday); 2 breakfasts (Saturday & Sunday), 1 dinner (Saturday) and 1 lunch (Saturday). All bedding and linens are provided. There is Wi-Fi on site and good cell phone reception.

The Kitchen will try to accommodate various eating allergies and preferences. So please insure you complete the registration form if applicable.

The private room fees reflect the privacy aspect. A few of the private rooms will be available for single use only but it is encouraged to share these rooms and enjoy the reduced fee. When registering please provide a separate registration form for individual you are sharing with. SVIMS will not assign participants for sharing. Both participants must be members of SVIMS.

Dormitory buildings (Dorm 1 & Dorm 2): the fee structure for these rooms reflect the shared washroom but also provide options for a few single use rooms. It is encouraged that you share a dorm room and enjoy the reduced fee. When registering please provide a separate registration form for each individual you will be sharing with. SVIMS will not assign participants for sharing. Both participants must be members of SVIMS.

Day Participants:

This option allows for SVIMS members to attend the main Saturday portion of the foray including the morning and the afternoon foray sessions. The morning session starts about 8:30 AM and the afternoon about 1:00 PM and goes till about 3 PM. The fee is \$50/participant.

In the past, an option to order a separate hot lunch was made available to the Day Participants. The cost of providing this service in 2022 by CLEC is \$33.75/participant. This option has been included on the registration form but you can opt to bring your own lunch for the day. If you select the hot lunch option please complete the registration form indicating any food allergies you might have.

Social Time

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT COW CAFÉ: Let us know if you are planning to attend the dinner. Dinner usually starts about 5:30 pm and goes to about 7 pm as participants will be arriving at different times due to work or personal commitments. This helps us arrange seating and ensure adequate restaurant staffing. Applicable Covid protocols will apply. This meal is at your own expense. Address: 51 N. Shore Road; Lake Cowichan, BC.

EVENING SOCIAL: Friday and Saturday evenings provide the opportunity to meet with other participants in an informal setting, relate stories, experiences and perhaps sing a song or two. Bring your own preferred libation and snack food to enjoy and perhaps share with others. There are no common fridges so please ensure your food is properly stored. If you play a musical instrument, please bring along and share your talents.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Should you require additional information prior to this event, please contact Kurt Raeder at svims.treasurer@gmail.com .

Don't forget space is limited so please register early. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

SVIMS – Cowichan Foray Committee