

Yorke Island Field Days - October 19-22 2017 - Email for potential participants:

Thank you for your interest in the October 2017 Yorke Island Field Days. Representatives from VAA and BC Parks are working with project consultants to develop a training plan and field schedule, which will guide our efforts on Yorke.

We view this event as an opportunity to build the foundations for a long-term volunteer framework for the Island, discuss specific management issues and contribute to the conservation of the heritage values at Yorke.

The following is a draft outline for the event. There are two alternative weather schedules. On Tuesday October 17 a decision will be made if the weather forecasts looks good enough for safe transport for fieldwork component. Alternative 1 is if the weather deteriorates allowing for only one day on Yorke Island. If the original decision is for unsafe weather, then Alternative 2 allows for a one day workshop to be held in Nanaimo close to the ferry to allow participants to make a one day trip.

We are still working out some details around logistics, specific training/field work activities and meals etc. We are hoping to do group meals, bag lunches, and shared “dorm/camping style” accommodations to reduce costs for all participants. We are investigating if some or all the costs of meals and group accommodation could be covered.

As it is important to have a sense of numbers to arrange for transportation to and from the island as well as the activities on the island, we need to **confirm attendance for the event by Thursday, October 12th. It is possible that space may be limited, so please confirm ASAP.**

Please RSVP to David.Jack@gov.bc.ca; LeonJ1@hotmail.com and treetraveler@hotmail.com

In your response, please indicate:

- **your availability (all or partial days and what nights you'll be looking for accommodation)**
- **whether you would be interested in participating in the alternate weather options**
- **anything you'd like us to know regarding your expectations or interest in the event**

Simplified Schedule:

Thursday October 19th

0000 Travel to Sayward (arrange own travel)

1700 Registration/Meet and Greet at Sayward Legion

1800 Dinner at the Sayward Legion (to confirm)

1900 Sharing Perspectives on Yorke Island – Laying the Foundations for Understanding Place

2130 Accommodations: **Sayward Legion** OR **On Own**

Friday October 20th

0700 Breakfast and packed Lunches (Sayward Legion)

0800 Context Setting, Intro/off-site training and Logistics
1000 Travel to Yorke Island
1030 On-site training / Fieldwork
1530 Return from Yorke Island
1800 Dinner at the Sayward Legion (to confirm)
1900 Roundtable discussion for Yorke Island Conservancy
2130 Accommodations: **Sayward Legion** OR **On Own**

Saturday October 21st

0700 Breakfast and packed Lunches (Sayward Legion)
0800 Logistics and sharing from Friday
0900 Travel to Yorke Island
0930 On-site training / Fieldwork
1530 Return from Yorke Island
1600 Evening / Dinner - **on own**
1600 (OPTIONAL: travel home (arrange own travel))
2130 Accommodations: **Sayward Legion** OR **On Own**

Sunday October 22nd

0700 Travel Home (arrange own travel)