

JUNE NEWSLETTER

2024 BEACH CLEANUPS

11:00AM - 1:00 PM



SURFRIDER
FOUNDATION CANADA™
SOUTH VANCOUVER ISLAND

- Feb 11 - Selkirk Waterway 
- March 10 - Whiffin Spit
- March 24 - French Beach*
- April 14 - Willows Beach
- May 12 - Gonzales Beach
- June 2 - Witty's Lagoon**
- July 14 - Clover Point 
- Aug 11 - Esquimalt Lagoon
- Sept 8 - Songhees Walkway 
- Oct 13 - Cadboro Bay
- Nov 10 - Island View Beach
- Dec 8 - Lime Bay 



Hold on to Your Butt Cleanup

*World Water Day Cleanup
**In partnership with Ocean Week Victoria

PNWTS JUNE UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE EMPLOYEE
VOLUNTEER
POLICY HAS BEEN
RELEASED

ON MAY 22, 2024

Physical copies are on the clipboards on both floors in the office.

PNWTS DAY OF
GIVING 1
BEACH CLEAN-UP ON
JUNE 2

We've got 12 staff members ready to hit the beach for the clean-up on June 2!

If you can't make it this time, no worries—we're co-organizing another one on August 11.

PNWTS DAY OF
GIVING 2
JAMES BAY COMMUNITY
SCHOOL FIELDTRIP ON
JUNE 5 & 11

We are donating our wheels to the school to help kids roll out on their field trips!

Time to Give

PNWTS employees can choose these beach cleanup days or another event as your free day to serve - with pay! That's right. Everyone gets a day to give back to the community in a way that is meaningful to them. All we ask is that you book well in advance, you send a note capturing what that experience meant for either yourself or someone you helped. Let's build an amazing story board of giving back to a world which gives us so much! Email your experience to Isabella@pnwts.com.



If you are a new biker but still interested in biking, here are some free online courses that might help you to bike on the road:

[Cycling Education](#)
[Injury Prevention for Cyclists and Bike Fit Tips](#)
[Adaptive Cycling: From Rare to Everywhere](#)

GO BY BIKE WEEK JUNE 3 - 9 2024

ENTER TO WIN AN E-BIKE OR EVEN A CYCLING ADVENTURE IN ITALY!

Both [the province](#) and [the city](#) are hosting various activities to celebrate Go By Bike Week. Ride your bike to work, or anywhere really. Any destination counts. There are hundreds of prizes to be won. Once you register your GoByBike account, please join our team [PNWTS Wheel Warriors](#).

Learn more: <https://gobybikebc.ca/>

007 At Ground Level

Every company has its leadership or “M” at the top but what really keeps our PNWTS traffic moving is our ground crew. They are the first encounter for guests and we would like to acknowledge our flaggers and ground transportation team for the work they do and the people they move.

Some days it looks like a James Bond movie with the wild driving behavior of off-site service providers and the zig zag of pedestrians. It can be “positively shocking” but that is never too much for our crew who so expertly flag and manage the flow of nearly one million folks per season. No small feat - even for Bond.

Bonds favorite drink was a martini and we would love to honor you with a well-deserved toast featuring non-alcoholic, ice-cold drinks - neither shaken or stirred. Cheers to you - our fearless flag and ground transportation teams for creating a safe environment for our guests. Drop by the office during the week of June 10 for your complimentary bubbly.

Dates To Note:

June 1: International Trails Day
www.orcbc.ca/bctrailsday

June 2 to June 8:
 Canadian Environment Week

June 3 to 9:
 Spring GoByBike week
<https://gobybikebc.ca/>

June 5: World Environment Day
<https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>

June 6: World Transplant Day

June 8: World Oceans Day
<https://unworldoceansday.org/>

June 16: Father’s Day

June 22 – World Rainforest Day

Beef Dip

One of our tour stops at PNWTS is *Cattle Point*. It's a beautiful outcrop with spectacular views surrounded by the elite homes of the Uplands. This entire area was once one huge island farm called the Upland Farm. Between 1860 and 1910 it was leased to the BC Cattle Co. Steamwheelers from the mainland would stop just off the point and force the cattle overboard into the sea. Once dipped into the water, the cattle would swim to shore where they would be gathered by local cowboys.

First Right Holders Fishing Village

From Cattle Point there is an uninterrupted view of Willows Beach. This long beach with beautiful sand was originally called *Sitchanalth*, named by the Songhees nation of the Coast Salish people who had been there for all time. It was an active village of several thousand persons who lived off the surrounding land and the sea. Long houses lined the beach and active trade between First Nations communities made this an economic centre.

Post colonization the area was renamed Willows Beach after the Willows fairground and racetrack that was placed there. This was once Victoria's main horse racing venue. The fairgrounds and racetrack are gone but the peaceful presence of the Songhees remains.

Star Struck

Return back to Cattle Point and the surrounding Gary Oak reserve at night for an astronomer's extravaganza.

The *Royal Astronomical Society of Canada* designated Cattle Point as an *Urban Star DARK SKY Park* in 2013, one of the two such parks in all of Canada. There is very little light pollution in the area and location is perfect for star gazing. Check out the vast open skies from sunset to sunrise to experience something truly extraordinary.

