



Media Release

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Baikie Island Tours

Sept. 30, 2012 is World Rivers Day, and it will mark the official opening of the Baikie Island Nature Reserve. Once an industrial site, Baikie Island has now been reclaimed and returned to its natural state. The transformation has been shortlisted twice for national reclamation awards. To celebrate the opening of the nature reserve, the City of Campbell River Recreation & Culture Department is offering three free, escorted tours of the island. The first tour takes place on Tuesday, Sept. 18. This tour is suitable for the older adult. There will be a relaxed walking tour followed by time for questions. Visitors will be guided by Jim van Tine, a specialist in estuary and foreshore restoration, whose involvement has been key in the reclamation of the island.

On Wednesday, Oct. 3 a tour for kids and families will be led by Robin Williams, a specialist in outdoor education for children. Robin will help you discover the treasures of the island. Try your hand at nature bingo and identify the creatures that make the island home.

The last tour is offered by Jim van Tine on Saturday, Oct. 13. This 90-minute tour will cover most of the nature reserve, including the fish spawning channels on the Campbell River. This should be an excellent time to watch the early salmon runs.

All tours start at 10:30 a.m. Pre-register by calling 250-923-7911 or 250-286-1161 to book your spot.

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