

Walk #12



Lois Lane/Clamshell GaLTT's Great Winter Walkabout



What to expect

Approx time: 65 mins

Approx distance: 3.2 km

Difficulty: easy

Begin: park at Community Hall

Walk on two community connector trails and through Gabriola's Seafood District.

The trails on our Great Winter Walkabout cross both public and private lands. Please respect other users, obey all posted rules, and keep your dog leashed where required and under full control elsewhere.

Directions

Park at the Community Hall, pass in front of the building, beside the yellow gate and slightly right on Garland to the trail head marker across the road. Enter the trail 'to Lois Lane' and walk through the open forest and the potentially wet trail. You can see that despite attempts by the land owner to control Daphne laurel, it has taken hold in the forest understory. (Check galtt.ca/invasives for info on how to effectively remove this invader). Turn left on the Garry Oak Loop and skirt the edge of the farm field along the fence, continuing on the road allowance beside land cleared for development.

Emerge on Lois Lane, turn left on Stokes and right on Clamshell. As you pass through this neighbourhood, nicknamed Gabriola's Seafood District, you'll see a small community park with its lone picnic table and interesting yard art. Walk to the end of the road and enter the trail posted to South Road. Stay left following the fence line that

overlooks a beautiful oak tree. Plan to revisit this area in the spring to see the large patch of chocolate lilies beside the trail.

Walk to the left along the wide shoulder of South Road for about five minutes and cross over when you reach the mail boxes by the cemetery. The cemetery was founded in the 1880s and many pioneers with familiar names are buried here. Walk down the laneway for a lovely view over Mudge and Link Islands. If you have time and the tide is right, you can walk along the beach towards El Verano and Brickyard Beach.

Pass back over South Road and up Stokes to Lois Lane and the trail back to the community hall, taking the left side of the loop through the forest.

You have until February 28 to hand in your trail journal to North Road Sports for a chance to win a prize. Due to extremely wet weather, trail markings will remain in place until the end of February.



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PLEASE REMEMBER that even the easiest Gabriola trails may have mud and rough or rooty sections that make sections awkward or slippery.