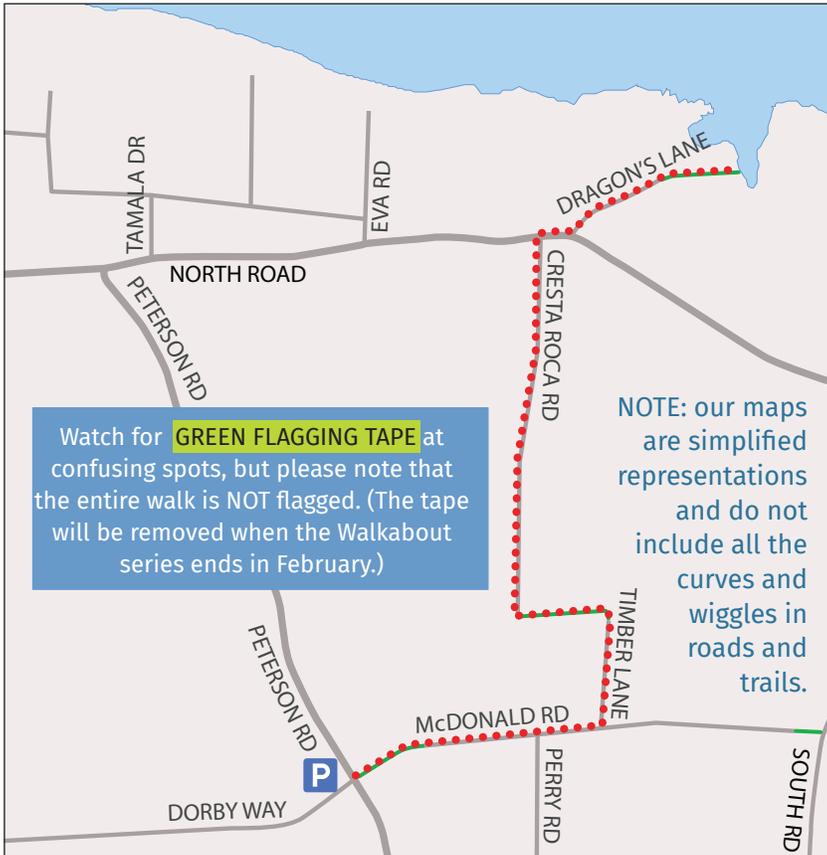


Walk #9



Peterson to Dragon's Lane

GaLTT's Great Winter Walkabout



What to expect

Approx time: 85 mins

Approx distance: 4 km return

Difficulty: easy with a moderate hill

Begin: Peterson Road at Dorby Way

Walk on lush forest connector trails and through quiet neighbourhoods to a cove with an interesting past.

The trails on our Great Winter Walkabout cross public and private lands. Please obey all posted rules, pick up after your dog, and keep it leashed where required and under full control elsewhere.

Directions

On the east side of Peterson by the trail sign, head into the lush green forest on the road allowance and along two long board walks built by GaLTT several years ago to make this neighbourhood connector trail passable in winter.

Emerge onto McDonald and stroll through this quiet neighbourhood, taking a left on Timber Lane. At the end of the road, cross the ditch to the left of the wooden gate and follow the forest trail out onto Cresta Roca. Turn right before reaching the public basketball hoop installed by the Cresta Roca Basketball Society (why not come back to shoot a few hoops!). Wander down Cresta Roca, cross North Road, bear right and then left on Dragon's Lane.

Walk down the hill to the trail at the bottom, to the right of the gate for Dragon's Lodge. Admire the small nursery stumps as you hop streams en route to the view point over the cove of Peterson Bay and the mainland beyond. (Please respect the owner's property and don't sit in their inviting red chairs!).

In the 1950s Len Dobinson built the Grande (pronounced Grandie) Hotel on the bluff which, under owners Tom and Eva Shaw, became a favourite watering hole for island residents. Tales abound of happenings at the hotel including the capture of bank robbers from Ontario. Check <http://gabriolahistory.ca/gabriolore.ca/tag/the-grande/index.html> for stories. The building is now a wedding venue known as Dragon's Lodge.

Retrace your steps back to Peterson and Dorby.

Do at least 6 out of 12 walks by February 12 and return your Trail Journal to North Road Sports for a chance to win a waterproof Patagonia day pack or head lamp.



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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.