

Enjoy a Day of Discovery!

The BC Forest Discovery Centre is a 100 acre, open-air museum with a railway. Educational programs are offered for students between the ages of 5 - 12. All programs meet Ministry of Education prescribed learning outcomes.

The programs vary in length from 1.5 to 2 hours and focus on engaging children with unique activities and meaningful learning opportunities.

Each program is led by a knowledgeable tour guide and is structured to encourage interaction and active student participation.

The Forest Heritage, Forest Ecology and O' Christmas Tree programs can be customized for students in special needs



Forest Heritage

Fallers, Flunkies & Families Ages 6 - 8 / Grades 1 - 3

Children travel back in time when they visit the heritage logging camp. With a focus on community, we discover what a camp community was like in the early to mid twentieth century.

Be a logger for a day!

Springboards & Swedish Fiddles Ages 9 - 12 / Grades 4 - 6

This engaging program focuses on the technology and transportation used within logging camps and communities in the early to mid twentieth century. Children learn the unique language or “lingo” that was used in logging camps.

What are monkey blankets and cackleberries anyway?



Forest Ecology

Eagles & Ecosystems Ages 6 - 8 / Grades 1 - 3

This is an exciting and educational program focused on the forest ecosystem and the animals and plants found within them. A gentle walk through the mature-growth forest leads children to the eagles’ nest and back.

Forest Discovery has never been so much fun!

Timber Stamps & Tree Rings Ages 9 - 12 / Grades 4 - 6

A walk through the mature-growth forest introduces children to the concepts of tree parts and functions, forest recycling, forest technology, and how trees are used as a resource. Their learning continues with walk through the mature-growth forest to the eagles’ nest.

It's an experience that's a cut above!



Indigenous Education

Stone Tool Collection: Indigenous Artifacts Program

The Marsh Collection is an assortment of Indigenous stone tools collected at the former Cowichan Tribes S'amunu Village, and site of the BCFDC between 1951 and 1964.

This interactive program will allow students the opportunity to observe which artifacts are similar, what they were used for, and who would have used them. Cultural characteristics, technical innovations, and their interconnections will also be discussed.

Uncovering Indigenous Tech!

Seasonal

Oh Christmas Tree Ages 5 - 8 / Kindergarten - Grade 3

This festive program allows students to explore the evolution of the Christmas tree. Inside the historic 1905 schoolhouse students will experience how trees have changed, from candles to modern LED lights. After creating a keepsake Christmas tree ornament, the students will ride on the decorated Christmas Train.

The excitement of heritage at Christmas time!



Testimonials

What did other educators think of the BC Forest Discovery Centre's programs?

"A well-planned and executed programme."

"The tour guide was very adept at drawing out questions and encouraging my students to participate in the tour and got them excited about the topic."

"We really enjoyed ourselves."

"A fun and informative day."

"Great day - beyond my expectations."

"We had a great time and learned a lot! I look forward to bringing my class again next year."



Program Information

Program Availability and Rates

Forest Ecology and Heritage programs

May, June and September

\$10.00 per student + GST

Offered during the Centre's regular operating season and include access to:

- Picnic area and playground
- Exhibits
- Heritage buildings
- Forest and marsh walking trails
- Train rides

O' Christmas Tree

December

\$10.00 per student + GST

Includes education program and train ride



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Education Programs



Forest Heritage & Forest Ecology
Christmas
Kindergarten - Grade 7

Booking Information

- Programs are designed for max. 30 students
- Programs can be modified for smaller and larger groups upon request
- Programs commence rain or shine
- 48 hour cancellation policy

For booking availability and for more information contact:

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