



Wetland-keepers Training

April 25-27, 2003

Comox, BC

Learn how to monitor and protect wetlands

Wetlandkeepers is a 2.5 day introduction to wetland stewardship. The course offers individuals an opportunity for hands-on practice of wetland conservation skills, such as conducting wetland plant and bird surveys, wetland cleaning-up and raising public awareness. Participants that successfully complete the course are awarded a Wetlandkeepers Certificate.

Wetlandkeepers Course Fee:
Wetlandkeepers Handbook: \$32.10

Course Schedule:

6 - 9 pm Friday, May 2	Classroom Location
9 - 5 pm Saturday, May 3	Classroom / Field Location
9 - 5 pm Sunday, May 4	Field / Classroom

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Wetlandkeepers Outline

Friday April 25th, 6:00 pm - 9:00pm

- I. Introductions
- II. Wetlandkeepers Program
- III. Introduction to Wetlands and Classification
- IV. Initial Wetland Assessment: Identifying and mapping wetland boundaries
 - A. Importance of viewing a wetland in a landscape perspective
 - B. Introduction to maps
 - C. Introduction to air photos
- V. Classroom Activities
 - A. Identification of drainage basins, inflows and outflows, features and surrounding land-use activities using a topographic map
 - B. Interpreting aerial photographs
 - C. Production of field maps for wetland

Saturday April 26th, 9:00am - 5:00pm

- I. General introduction to surveying
- II. Wetland components (hydrology, soils, nutrients, vegetation)
- III. Plant identification
- IV. How to determine map scale
- V. Overview of field work: Establishing a baseline
- VI. Field Activities
 - A. Compass bearings and determining the scale of a map
 - B. Ground truthing map
- VII. Compile data in classroom and discuss results

Sunday April 27th, 9:00am - 5:00pm

- I. Review previous day's work
- II. Bird Surveys (Field Naturalist)
- III. Overview of field work: Vegetation survey
- IV. Field activities
 - A. Transects and quadrats along baseline
 - B. Identify wetland zones and survey plants using quadrats
 - C. Bird and fauna survey
- V. Compilation and discussion of wetland survey data in classroom
- VI. Legalities of wetland protection
- VII. Group Discussion: Wetland Issues
- VII. Wrap-up, Return Equipment, Evaluation Forms

