

Kanishay and Sumac Parks

This is a one and a half booter because it's a fairly long route (maybe close to 2 hours) with some of the time on ungrooved trails and a couple of uppy bits.

1. The parking is on the side of Woodcreek Drive, off Lands End Road. The trail entrance is on the south side, with an extension down to Lands End Road on the north side.
2. Follow the trail into Kanishay Park and keep left at the T-junction. The trail brings you up to West Saanich Road, which you cross and walk up Brickley Close. At the top, turn left and follow the steepish trail down to Readings Drive.
3. Cross Readings Drive and take the short trail down to Bluebell Park. Keep right on the trail through the park until you come to Bluebell Place. About 200m up the road you'll see a trail off to the left. Again, on this part of the trail keep right.
4. Eventually you'll come to an emergency access road. To the left is a short walk up to a great viewpoint overlooking Saltspring Island but the walk's route leads to the right, up to Oceanspray Drive.
5. At Oceanspray, turn left and about 20m down on the right hand side of the road you'll see a trail sign (at 'B'). At the first T-junction ('C') turn right onto a groomed trail that will lead across Honeysuckle Place and Sumac Drive to Sumac Park. At 'D' keep left and continue through the park until you get to the next T-junction where you turn right.
6. The trail leads into Reading Park. Keep an eye open for a trail leading off to the right to Readings Drive at 'F'. At Readings turn left down to Hillgrove Road, where you turn right.
7. The road leads up a hill and the road then swings off to the right to Acorn Place. If you look to the left just where the road turns you'll see a trail leading downhill. The trail leads down a steepish hill to link up with Hillgrove.
8. Follow Hillgrove to West Saanich and turn right. Walk on the west side of the road facing the traffic – there's a wide grassy verge. The first road you'll come to Kanishay Road; turn left there.
9. At the bottom of the road you'll see a trail which follows the horse training area. Follow the trail through the trees and turn left on the trail you used at the beginning of the route. And hope that you find the cars!