



# INVERMERE BRANCH UPDATE

2017



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## NATURE IS CALLING

At Wildsight, we believe that nurturing our human connection with nature is not only crucial to our wellbeing, but that this in turn will foster environmental stewardship. That's why we've put together an exciting summer program to educate and guide you through our local wild places. Explore the Columbia Wetlands, North America's longest intact wetland. Listen to birdsong. Hike up to Jumbo Pass in the Purcells. Learn more about bears, bees and medicinal wild plants. Our programs are built around our mission: To inspire action and lead the way in conserving wild spaces and improving our relationship with nature.

## A WEEKEND WITH BEES

Wildsight is excited to host renowned bee scientist Lincoln Best this fall. There will be an evening presentation where Lincoln will talk about native bees in the East Kootenay and how important they are for local flora. And on the weekend, participants in the bee workshop will explore bumblebees and native bees of the East Kootenay, including the unique endemic bee in Canal Flats. The workshop will look at biodiversity, floral ecology, habitat restoration, landscape design and conservation strategies we can implement to help our local bees thrive. Visit [www.wildsight.ca/](http://www.wildsight.ca/) events for information and to register.

## ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT?

There are endless ways for you to get involved in Wildsight. Can you contribute your skills as an organizer, ideas incubator, social media guru, weed puller or biologist? Sign up for our monthly newsletters or email us at [invermere@wildsight.ca](mailto:invermere@wildsight.ca). Tell us what interests you the most. Wildsight only exists because of the grassroots support of our community, including the enthusiastic volunteers on our board, our committees and the many helpers that make our events and work bees happen. Whatever time and energy you can contribute is most appreciated. Come join us!

# MEET YOUR LOCAL WILDSIGHT TEAM



Our Board of Directors is a passionate group of people from all walks of life. What brings us together is the love for our wild backyard. See you out there!

Wildsight Invermere Board of Directors 2017:

Baiba Morrow (President), Jillian Cochrane, Jessie King, Marianne Ober, Cam Gillies (Vice President), Nory Esteban and Mandi McRobbie (Branch Manager).

Missing in photo: Becky Blakely (Treasurer).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <b>Weaving from the Wild – Traditional Pine Needle Basket Making</b><br>With Shuswap Elder Verna Stevens       | <b>June 24</b> |
| <b>Wild Food &amp; Medicinal Plants – A Wild Walking Tour</b><br>With Kalista Pruden of Avalily Permaculture.  | <b>July 15</b> |
| <b>Jumbo Wild Hike</b>   | <b>August</b>  |
| <b>Exploring Bees in the East Kootenay</b><br>With bee scientist Lincoln Best.                                 | <b>Fall</b>    |
| <b>Flycatchers to Nutcrackers – A Birding Adventure!</b><br>With local naturalist and avid birder Cam Gillies. | <b>Oct 14</b>  |

Book online at [www.wildsight.ca/Invermere](http://www.wildsight.ca/Invermere) or email [Invermere@wildsight.ca](mailto:Invermere@wildsight.ca) for more info. Stay tuned for more community events and work bees throughout the summer and fall!

## A SELF-GUIDED HIKE AT LAKE ENID



Check out the boardwalk built by Wildsight volunteers and the nature interpretive signs at Lake Enid, 6km west of Wilmer. Walk the easy 3km trail around the lake and see the results of our trail rehabilitation and repair of this sensitive marsh area. Watch for loons, grebes, muskrats and Western painted turtles, BC's only native freshwater turtle. Bring your bathing suit since this is a favourite local swimming hole.

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