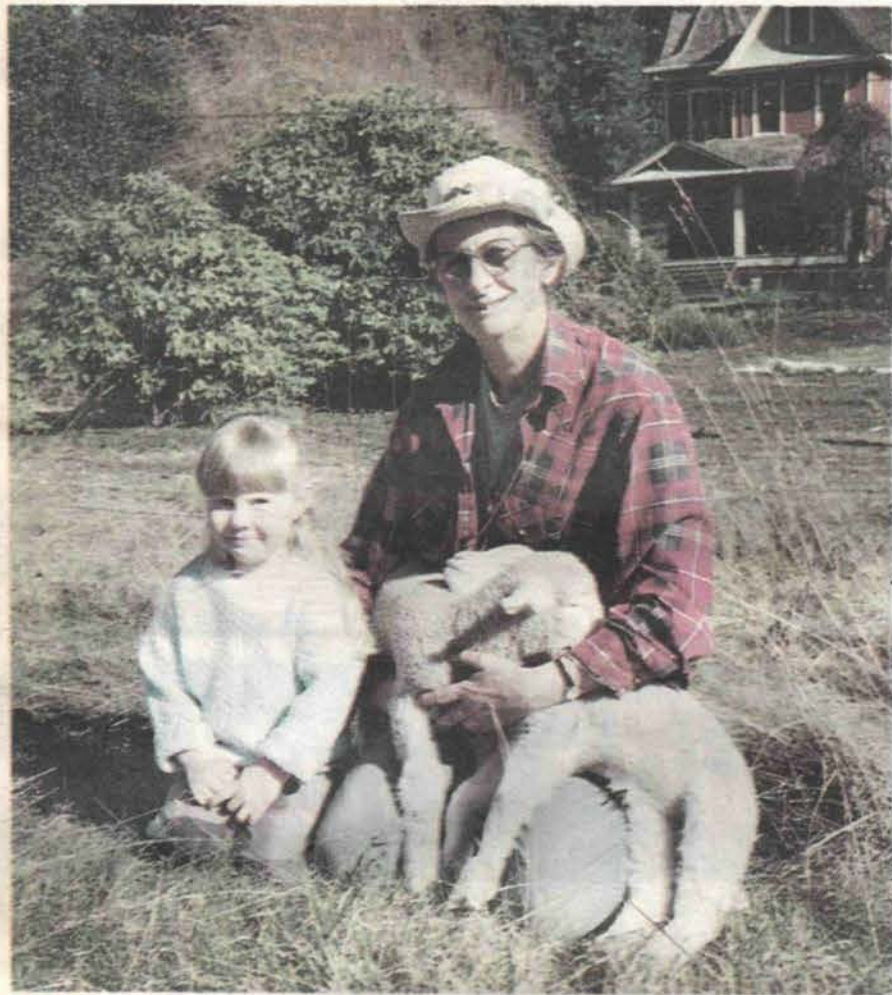


Island shepherdess cares for a family of 227



FOSTER MOTHER: Young Brooke Shergold (left) is introduced to "Guy" and "Nibs," two orphaned lambs held by "foster mother" Gwen Ruckle. The island shepherdess has a flock of 82 ewes, 15 yearlings and 130 lambs. As Ruckle notes, sheep farming has its ups and downs.

Peace flows like a river at Beaver Point's Ruckle Farm on Salt Spring Island. Gwen Ruckle's sheep evoke a soothing image of contentment.

By GEORGE C. CLOGG
Special to the Gulf Islander

Until last year, Ruckle's 80-year-old mother Lotus farmed 60 years at Ruckle, not just caring for sheep but milking cows as well.

Now 59-year-old Gwen Ruckle has become shepherdess to a family of 82 ewes, 15 yearlings, and 130 babies. Born at Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring, Ruckle has spent all her life at Ruckle Farm, learning the intricacies of sheep raising and agricultural methods.

Ruckle is a family tradition started off by great grandfather 130 years back, when he purchased 27 acres at \$1 an acre.

Today, sheep graze everywhere on the verdant pastures.

1991 saw the dawning of the Chinese New Year with the sun rising on the Year of the Sheep or ram. The symbol of peace is very predominant in the year of the ram, claim the soothsayers.

Rearing sheep gives the mind a rest, bringing tranquillity. But it has its problems. There are technical hitches concerning the earth's most valued domestic creatures. Early mornings and late nights go hand in hand.

"With a bit of luck, like this year, things go fairly smoothly," Ruckle said. "But we have to keep watch and make sure the sheep don't get on their backs, because they can't get up again and would probably die.

"This means inspecting them a couple of times a day, particularly when they are heavy before lambing. Everyone has to be the right way up."

Decade after decade, Lotus has fostered

scores of babies, some orphaned at birth. Lifesaving missions meant bringing out feeding bottles to suckle the tiny mites.

For feed the Ruckles use a University of British Columbia developed lamb formula, the nearest thing to a lamb's natural milk, full of fat and protein.

"They grow quickly as weeds spring up," Ruckle said.

Lotus still lends a hand. She feeds the orphans at 7:30 a.m. and five times throughout the day, until they are bedded down for the night. Then the routine begins all over again, soon after daylight.

Like humans, some sheep have trouble giving birth. There may be a lamb inside the ewe with too big a head, or with a leg

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twisted back. A certain amount of veterinary work must swing into action.

Contrary to what many believe, eagles are not generally a threat to newborn lambs. But ravens can be.

"Ravens can be very vicious. An eagle will only take a sick lamb, or a dead one. I have yet to see an eagle take anything healthy," remarked Ruckle.

She is not sentimental towards the lambs: "In five months, these little fellows will become lamb chops. They will end up as lamb to eat. Salt Spring is famous for lamb."

It is now eight years since Gwen has been off-island, although she used to leave twice a year. She hates crowds, but enjoys watching the world outside, on television.

"Yes, I watch a lot of TV and I keep up on all the news and events happening around the world, but I don't like travelling. I don't like strange food. Give me plain old meat, potatoes, and lamb. I live on it!"

Raising sheep is a hobby to Gwen, who stressed that younger and more serious farmers face the headaches of high feed costs, and lower lamb profits.

Dogs can cause havoc for sheep breeders on Salt Spring, she added.

"They can be a real hazard. No attacks this year so far, but I have had three years of severe damage. Owners don't realize just how much damage a dog can do in five minutes.

"They chew the sheep and kill them. Sometimes the sheep run until they die of exhaustion.

"During the last three years these dogs have come from neighbours, just let out. Two came from Beddis Road, a distance away, while the others were nearer.

"Unfortunately, the only answer is to shoot them. After last year, perhaps people realize now that I really mean business. I have warned people that I have a gun and I'll do it (shoot) again. Last year two dogs ran the sheep for two days, the week the sheep were due to lamb.

"We had a hideous month, and lost 26 lambs. When mothers run, their lambs shift position. Many were upside down, some tangled together. To us this was a lot of hard work, wear and tear, and financial loss."

Will she continue shepherding for the remainder of her life? Some days she thinks she will give it up, and at other times adores being a shepherdess.

Ruckle farm — verdant pastureland, an environment which has stood still in time

— is leased from the government. The property was sold to the government for a park. Two hundred acres were leased back to the family and only a legislative change can alter this. There are plans to develop the property and eventually grow demonstration crops, such as grain, so that the old horse drawn equipment will come into its own again.

"Ruckle is the oldest family farm in B.C. The archives revealed that when my great grandfather bought it for a \$1 an acre, until the land was sold for a park, it never changed hands for 100 years. In 1972, the land was valued at \$600 an acre; and now it is worth . . . I don't know.

"When all the family dies, Ruckle (farm) will go back to the park. One side will be heritage and the other side will be contracted as farmland."

For thousands of years sheep have been closely associated with humans. Tired adults count sheep when they can't sleep, and the baa-baa bleat of baby lambs has long been bedtime fodder for babies. Poets have written romantically about sheep throughout the ages. Songs and music have been tapestried around sheep.

After visiting Ruckle Farm, sheep may have a different meaning for visitors.

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SAIL BY: Campers at Ruckle Park on Salt Spring can enjoy peaceful views over the Pacific. Boats and ferries ply the waters alongside the park's rocky shoreline on a regular basis.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Camping opportunities found on three islands

Salt Spring, Pender, Galiano

Camping and visiting parkland in the Gulf Islands can be a restful experience.

On Salt Spring, Ruckle Park at Beaver Point offers sea-level views of passing ferries. There are 40 camp sites available along with picnic areas and miles of hiking trails.

Maxwell Park covers the top of Mount Maxwell, and while there is no camping allowed in the park, the peak affords the most impressive view in the Gulf Islands.

Mouat Park is in Ganges. Visitors have a choice of 15 vehicle or tent campsites. Being so close to the village, the site allows campers to mingle with residents and easily obtain supplies.

Bellhouse Park on Galiano Island is also restricted for camping but the area is close to Sturdies Bay and supplies. It serves as a friendly picnic area.

On the opposite side of the island, Montague Harbour Marine Park is accessible from the road and offers 18 vehicle camping spots plus 14 walk-in campsites.

Prior Centennial Park on North Pender Island holds 17 sites for tenters or vehicle camping. The forested area invites hikers to savour the stillness.

On South Pender, Beaumont Marine Park features 11 walk-in campsites.

Campers and park visitors are reminded the blacktail deer are not tame and although they exist with human folk on every side, the deer are shy.

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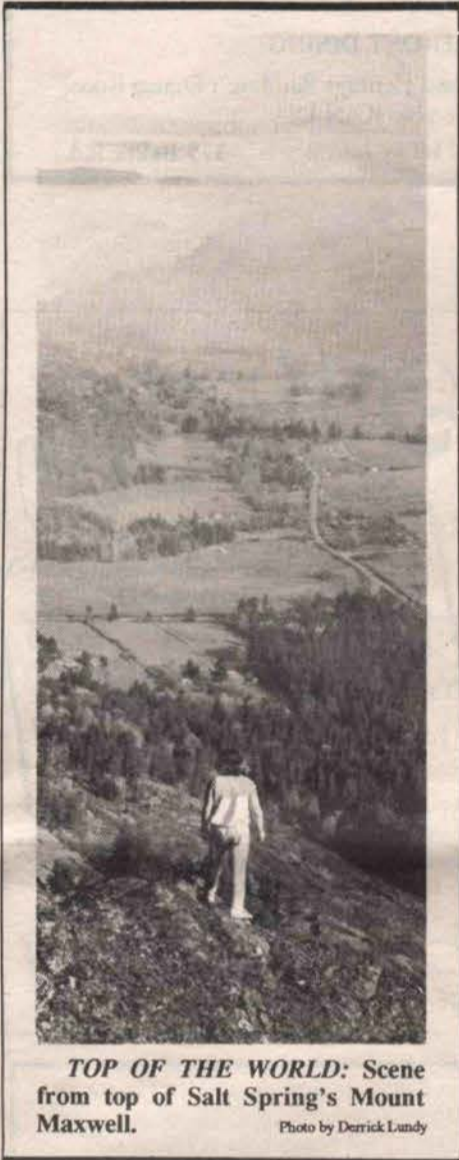
Salt Spring Island

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Lots of hiking trails available for all ages

Most visitors to Salt Spring come to enjoy some aspect of the island's outdoor beauty and recreational opportunities.

Hikers or walkers will find several trails of varied lengths and levels of difficulty in a number of locations on the island. Few trails are boldly marked with flashing neon signs, so pay attention to directional instructions. If in doubt, ask for help from someone who looks like he might live on the island.



TOP OF THE WORLD: Scene from top of Salt Spring's Mount Maxwell. Photo by Derrick Lundy

Many Salt Spring trails frequently travelled by residents or the local trail and nature club are on private property, but property owners are naturally reluctant to open up their land for full-scale public use. Please respect all *No Trespassing* and *Private Property* signs posted — they were put there for a reason.

All visitors are also asked to leave an area untouched and not litter any trail or recreational area.

Dogs should be kept on a leash at all times, to avoid them chasing wildlife — especially deer — or farmers' sheep.

Following is a synopsis of major trails

open to the public on Salt Spring.

Ruckle

Ruckle Park is a provincial park located 10 kilometres from the Fulford Harbour ferry terminal, at the end of Beaver Point Road. The road is on the right at the top of the hill after getting off the ferry and is marked with a directional sign.

The nearly 1,200-acre parcel of land was first designated as a provincial park in 1975, with a 200-acre farming reserve held by the Ruckle family.

Approximately six miles of trails and 125 acres of the 1,200 acre park have been developed for walk-in camping. There are a small number of parking spaces for campers.

Many walking areas throughout the park show panoramic ocean views and allow thorough exploration of the seashore.

The remainder of the park has been left in its natural state and is heavily wooded with dense undergrowth. Hikers are advised not to strike out on their own through the dense forest cover, as it is easy to become disoriented.

Well-marked comfortable walking trails wind throughout the park. Few parts pose any difficulty and are ideal for families of all ages and hiking abilities.

One trail of note leads from the camping area at Beaver Point and travels two miles along the oceanfront to the old Ruckle farmhouse. Another starts near the yellow emergency access gate and provides a 45-minute scenic round trip walk towards Cusheon Cove and back again.

Beaver Point Park

Another trail winds within the 40-acre Beaver Point Park, which is located next to the "little red schoolhouse" and close to the recently refurbished Beaver Point Hall.

The 1.5-kilometre circular trail is easily accessible to persons of all ages and begins at the stone steps by the schoolhouse, returning to the hall. Another trail at the north-east corner of the park, hooks up with Ruckle Park.

Both trails provide walkers with beautiful examples of old-growth forest and rolling landscapes.

Reginald Hill

Also in Salt Spring's south end is a short, more difficult hike up Reginald Hill, which affords full views over Fulford Har-

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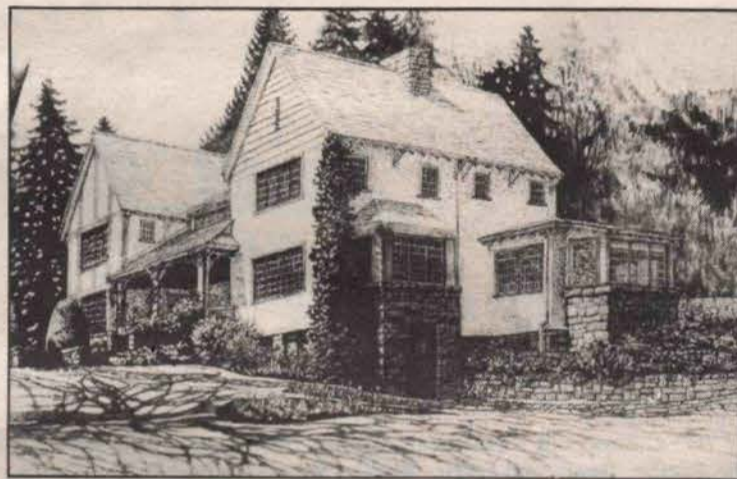
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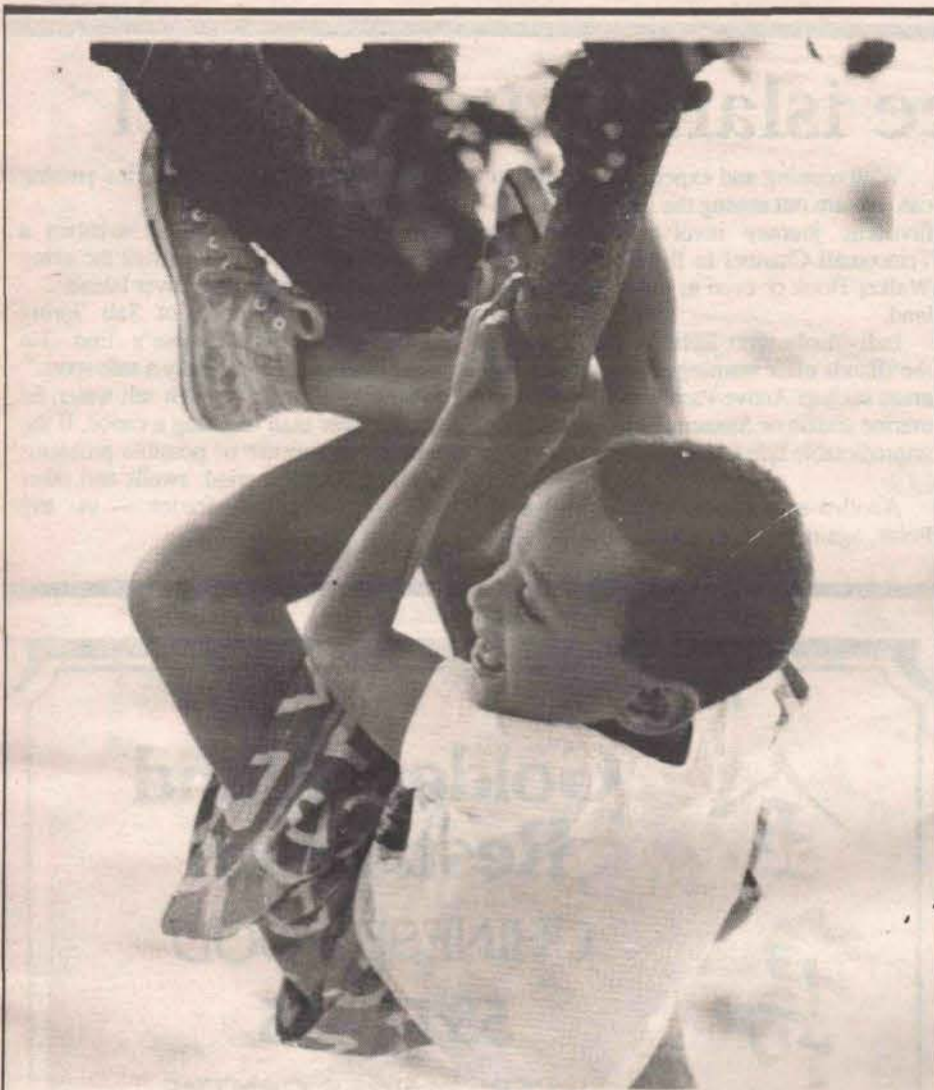
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MONKEYING AROUND: Gulf Island parks and trails offer recreational fun for people of all ages and interests. Here a young Salt Spring boy takes a look at the world from a different viewpoint.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

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bour, Burgoyne Valley, Orcas Island and most of the other southern Gulf Islands.

This trail is accessed by driving along Morningside Drive (first right off the Fulford Harbour ferry) until you reach the entrance to Reginald Hill subdivision. Park at the gate, walk in and look for red markers on the left to indicate the beginning of the trail.

While the trail is less than a kilometre in length, some sections may be difficult for small children or the disabled.

Southey Point

At the opposite end of the island is a short and easy walk to a beach area on the north-east side of Salt Spring.

The trail begins about 100 metres down Southey Point Road, which is where North End Road meets Sunset Drive. A red marker on a tree designates the beginning of the approximately 1 kilometre-long trail.

After reaching the beach, a low tide walk along the shoreline will take you all the way to Fernwood.

Peter Arnell Park

Peter Arnell Park is located just off Stewart Road, with a picnic area and small woods walking area on the west side of the road, and a more extensive hiking trail on the other side.

The trail commences clearly at a sign marked *Trail*, located immediately after a sharp corner if you came to Stewart Road from Cusheon Lake Road. If you are travelling up Stewart Road from the Beaver Point area, you will see the upcoming sharp bend soon after you have passed the Peter Arnell Park sign on the left.

The main trail is quite clearly marked and winds first through an arbutus grove and then into the forest for a few kilometres. Most parts are easily negotiable, with steeper inclines in certain areas.

Mount Bruce

Mount Bruce is one of the south island peaks that is a serious hiker's paradise on Salt Spring. Mount Tuam and Hope Hill

To get to the Mount Bruce area, travel along Isabella Point Road about three-quarters of a kilometre to Musgrave Road on the right. Bounce up Musgrave Road for about 5.5 kilometres, watching for a large swamp full of dead trees on your right. Shortly after passing this spot (which is interesting to check out, by the way), is a road on the right leading to Mount Bruce.

Once on Mount Bruce Road, travel a short ways until you come to the second road on the left. A four-wheel drive vehicle will be required to drive any further, but it is also a good place to start your journey on foot.

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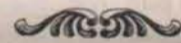
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Kayaking -- chance to see islands at sea level

Gulf Island scenery assumes a different perspective at sea level -- especially from the seat of a kayak.

Steadily gaining in popularity, kayaking allows an individual to go with the flow of nature. But enjoyable as the sport can be, kayaking demands a store of knowledge which can only be picked up through teaching.

Basic knowledge, such as how to swim, is a necessary part of the experience. If a visitor decides to attempt kayaking "cold," he is advised to stay close to shore.

Sea water is cold even in summer and

hypothermia can affect a person quickly. If the kayaker is dumped close to shore, the swim to safety is easily achieved.

Getting out of a rolled kayak is known as a wet exit.

The kayaker should take a paddle, a floatation device, a water pump, and a spare paddle.

For the less experienced paddler, a trip down Ganges Harbour, near the shore to the Sisters and then back along the string of islands can take the better part of a day. There are several beaches which beckon for picnic stops.

With training and experience, a kayaker can venture out among the larger islands. A favourite journey involves paddling up Trincomali Channel to the sandy beach at Walker Hook or even as far as Wallace Island.

Individuals who have kayaked around the islands offer warnings about attempting areas such as Active Pass with its tides and marine traffic or Sansum Narrows with its unpredictable tide actions.

Another spot to steer clear of is Beaver Point, again because of the marine traffic,

particularly the number of ferries passing to and fro.

Another interesting paddle involves a trip around Southey Point to visit the string of small islands near Vancouver Island.

Talk to Fred Sanders of Salt Spring Marine Rentals at Harbour's End. He states, "Kayaking is basically a safe sport."

Paddling a kayak through salt water, he says, is easier than handling a canoe. If the kayaker stays aware of possible problems presented by tides, wind, swells and other traffic -- particularly ferries -- the trip should be enjoyable.

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western side of Mount Bruce, which slopes down to the Sansum Narrows and offers the hiker a mix of trees and vegetation from flowering dogwoods to grassy knolls and giant Douglas Fir.

The views at the top of Mount Bruce are breathtaking.

Mount Tuam

Another take-your-breath-away view is the reward for a three-kilometre climb to the top of Mount Tuam with many beautiful spots along the way.

Isabella Point Road is also the starting point for finding the Tuam trail. Drive down Isabella Point Road until you come to Mountain Road marked on the right. As with Mount Bruce access, a four-wheel drive is ideal, but you can drive at least 3.5 kilometres until you reach an obvious path on the right.

This trail ascends steadily through interesting terrain noted for its variety of delicate vegetation. Hikers should give themselves several hours to properly enjoy the Tuam hike.

Hope Hill

The third of the series of high elevation trails is the Hope Hill summit, reached by travelling three kilometres down Musgrave Road, which is also the route to Mount Bruce.

At about the 3.5 kilometre point of the road, look for the Hope Hill trail off to the

left. A rather arduous yet beautiful route takes you to the summit through both second growth coniferous and deciduous trees and grassy cleared areas.

Mount Maxwell

Mount Maxwell lies within a provincial park but has minimal facilities. Follow the Mount Maxwell provincial park sign which directs you off Fulford-Ganges Road up Cranberry Road and left onto Mount Maxwell Road.

A five-kilometre network of trails from the parking area provides an opportunity to make a hike as long or short as desired.

Views of Vancouver Island, Fulford Valley and Burgoyne Bay are excellent from the viewpoint, with forest exploration offered by trails away from the cliff's edge.

Mount Erskine

A Mount Erskine hike provides an interesting trek with varying vegetation and great views over Sansum Narrows to Vancouver Island.

Travel down Rainbow Road until it turns into Collins Road. At about the half-kilometre point of Collins Road, look for an orange diamond trail marker on the left hand side of the road, across the street from a line of distinctly leaning arbutus trees.

The 1.5-kilometre trail to the summit ranges from moderately to extremely steep and may be unpleasant for the not-so-fit, toddlers or disabled.

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On Pender, a short trip — 1.6 kilometres along South Otter Bay Road from the ferry terminal at Otter Bay — locates the golf course. A nine-hole, 2,341 yard challenger, the golf course carries a 33-stroke par for nine holes and 66-par for a round of 18. The course has been rated at 62 for men and 63.5 for women.

The fourth hole typifies the demands of the course. At 362 yards with a par four, this hole tests a golfer's savvy. From the tee on a hill, the first shot must be placed accurately. Too long and the ball ends up in the woods across the dip in the fairway. Too short and the second shot must be made facing a large reservoir of water.

The length of the holes varies from 515 yards on the first fairway to a short, but demanding 100 yards from the second tee.

The Salt Spring Golf Club began in 1928 when a group of islanders joined forces to create a dully incorporated club with 44 members.

Over the years, membership grew until currently close to 550 members pay for the privilege of trekking the course.

Not all was peaceful. In 1959, the members faced the possibility of the land being sold and subdivided into half-acre lots. Plans were quickly formulated to purchase the farm and the club was reorganized. The Wilson house which had been used as a clubhouse burned in 1959 and the club bore the expense of building a replacement.

Despite drawbacks and roadblocks, the club flourished.

Members vie for a variety of trophies and the play for each stretches over much of the year. Visitors are asked to check if a competitive event is underway on any particular day.



Photo by Derrick Lundy

FRIEND AND FOWL: Everyone likes a good round of golf.

The Pender course features a series of dog-leg fairways as well as several elevated greens and tees. The seventh hole is the longest, at par four, stretching 364 yards.

The sixth hole is shortest at 137 yards and par three. The toughest hole is the third. Only 215 yards, but it is a tough par three. The tee is elevated and the green is almost surrounded by water.

The Galiano Golf and Country Club is located on Ellis Road just up Sturdies Bay Road from the ferry wharf.

At 3,988 yards, the course boasts a par 32 for nine and 62 for 18 holes. Players will find two extra holes to allow a different route for the front nine and the back nine.

The longest hole is the eighth at 360 yards, carrying a par four. But the shortest hole, the fourth, at 79 yards is also the toughest par three around. The green is uphill from the tee and with trees lining the fairway, accuracy is demanded.

The course on Salt Spring is located mid-island on Lower Ganges Road. While not the toughest course in the area, the Salt Spring link is very demanding.

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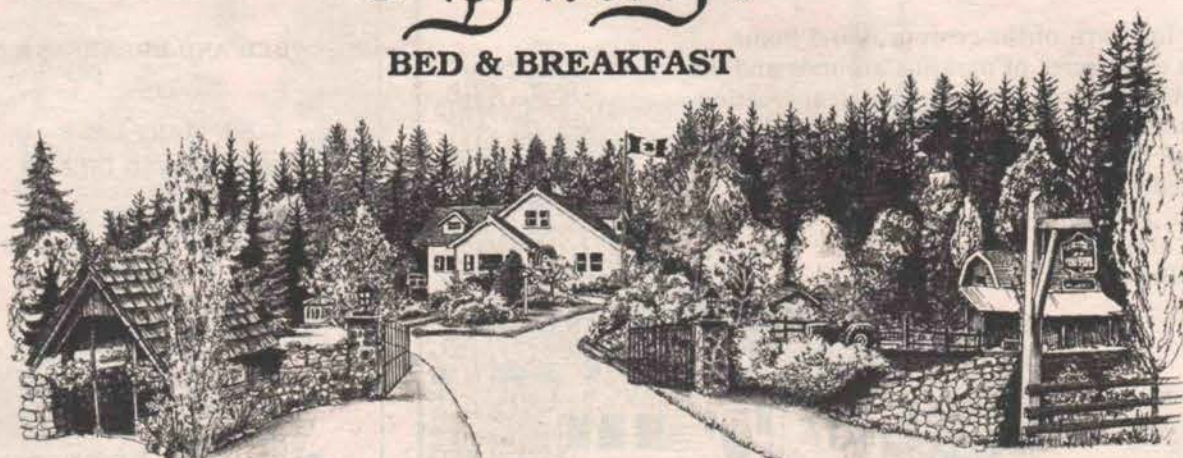
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PLAY IT AGAIN SAM: Salt Spring Island musicians keep foot-tapping time in Centennial Park each Sunday afternoon. The event is a weekly crowd-drawer.

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Accommodations vary from contemporary houses to heritage homes over a century old. Many Salt Spring facilities offer only non-smoking accommodation but puffers can find operations which will allow them to indulge.

A check with the Chamber of Commerce on each island will elicit information about facilities available. Bed and breakfast

operations are also listed with various associations. In the government publication *B.C. Accommodation, 1991* for instance, bed and breakfast registries take up a full page. Listings for specific locations cover many individual operations.

While government rulings regulate B and B operations, municipalities bear direct responsibility for them. However, enforcement of regulations is often lax and the industry itself has become self-regulating.

To a certain extent, visitors exert a profound influence: if they aren't happy with a particular operation — the word spreads.

Local government agency the Islands Trust has established certain regulations for B and B operations through the Gulf Islands.

On Salt Spring, Trust rules limit an operation's number of bedrooms to three. An extra bedroom is allowed if the property is greater than 0.8 hectares (two acres). Cottages can be used, but each cottage counts as one unit.

Another Trust stipulation sets out the need for off-street parking. Each B and B unit must have a parking space and the spaces are not supposed to be visible from adjacent properties.

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H.M.S. Ganges was built in Bombay, India. Rated "second class," she carried 84 guns on her three decks. With a length of 196 feet and 52 feet across the beam, *Ganges* carried a crew of 700 men.

Admiral Sir Robert Baynes used her as flagship; John Fulford was her captain. *Ganges* came to the West Coast to keep law and order during the Fraser River gold rush.

The warship ended her service as train-

ing vessel for boys entering the Royal Navy, at Falmouth until 1889 when she was moved to her final berth at Harwich. The last boys left her in 1905, but she served until 1929 on various duties under other names.

Those who visit Centennial Park in Ganges can sit on the captain's bench located at the rock cairn. The board is all that remains in the seaside village for which it was named.



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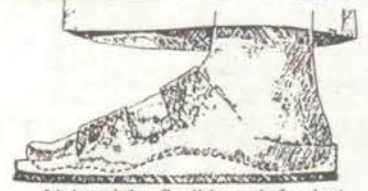


FUN IN THE SUN: Hot summer months in the Gulf Islands provide the perfect opportunity to relax and enjoy the rays. At top, children at Vesuvius Beach on Salt Spring ham it up for the camera, while at side, woman relaxes on board the sailing vessel RFM.

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Operated by the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission, the courts are located at Fulford in the south and at "Central," just north of Ganges.

Time on the courts is reserved on a first-come-first play basis. At least one court is left open for public use at Central even if a tennis tournament is underway.

The Salt Spring Tennis Association has an active membership ranging in age from young to elderly, and in playing ability from racquet holder to expert.

With four courts, the Central facility attracts much attention throughout the year. Lights illuminate one court for evening play.

The one court in Fulford is located beside the firehall on Fulford-Ganges Road.

One interesting aspect of island tennis life centres on efforts by a dedicated group of tennis players who object to their game being halted by snow and cool winter weather. The group has banded together to purchase a tennis bubble for use during winter months.

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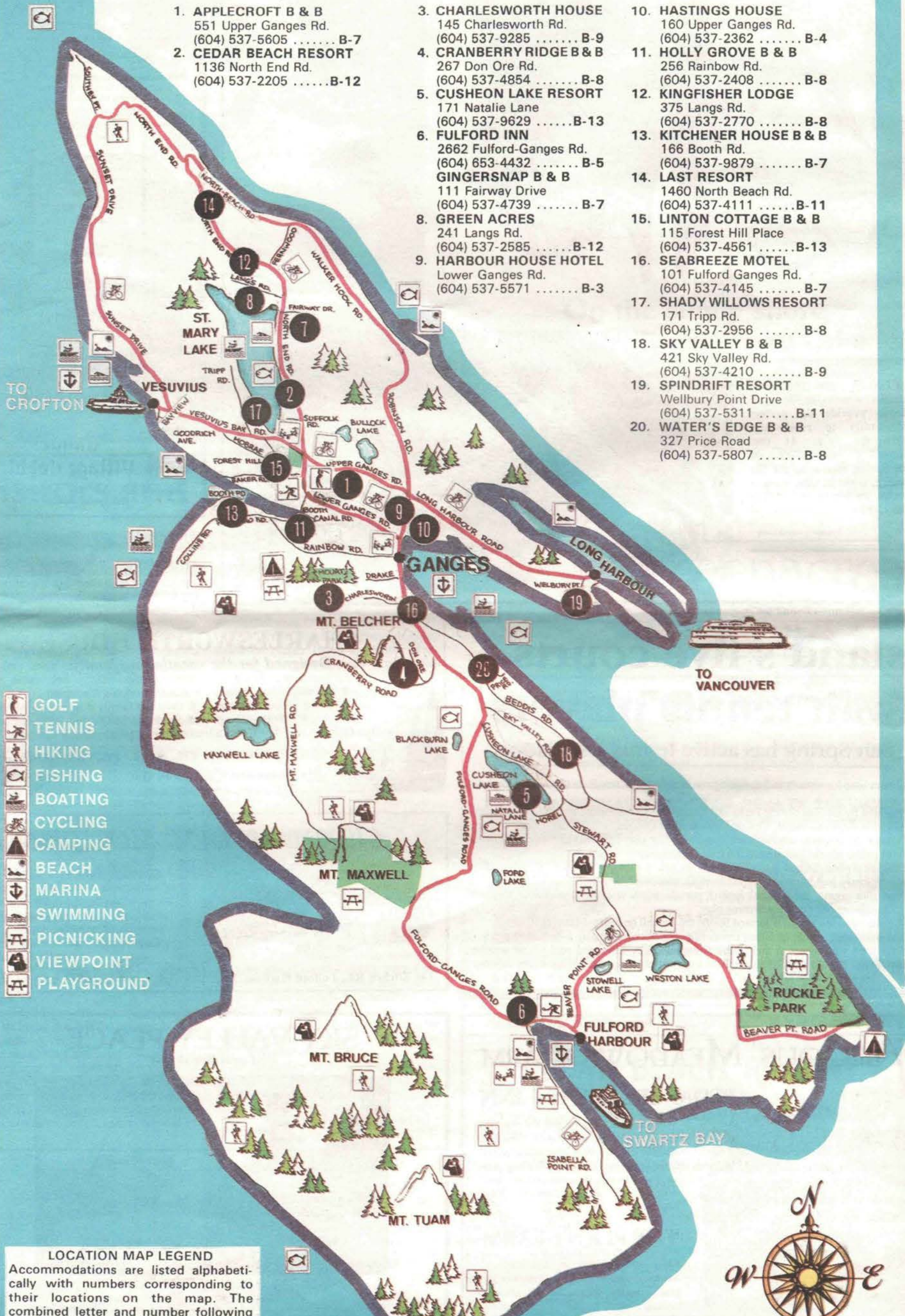


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LOCATION MAP LEGEND
Accommodations are listed alphabetically with numbers corresponding to their locations on the map. The combined letter and number following



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B.C. Ferries provide regular service to each of the Gulf Islands

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After June 28, the *Queen of Tsawwassen* leaves the mainland at 6:30 a.m., visits each of the Outer Gulf Islands before docking at Swartz Bay on Vancouver Island. The boat makes a similar trip to and from the mainland each day.

The *Queen of Nanaimo* stops at each of the Gulf Islands (except Saturna) en route to Tsawwassen several times each day. The first run leaves Long Harbour on Salt Spring at 6:30 a.m.

Salt Spring travellers who can not make vessels sailing between the islands can purchase a "through" ticket at Fulford Harbour, sail to Swartz Bay and catch a mainland- or Outer Gulf Island-bound ferry from there.

The ticket is to be used on the earliest connecting ferry at Swartz Bay and not considered as a stop-over passage. The ticket does not guarantee space on the boat.

From Swartz Bay, the *Bowen Queen* heads for Fulford Harbour every 1.5 hours beginning at 7:15 a.m. and running until 9:10 p.m.

After June 28, the *Queen of Chilliwack* makes regular daily runs through the Outer Gulf Islands.

While each of the Outer Gulf Islands has one ferry terminal, three terminals serve Salt Spring. At Vesuvius, on the north end of the island, ferry service runs hourly between Vesuvius and Crofton.



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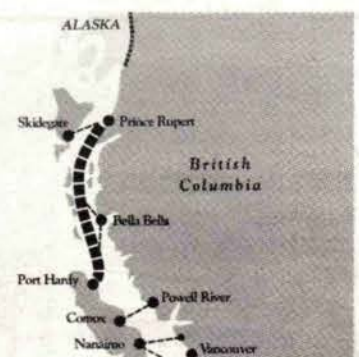
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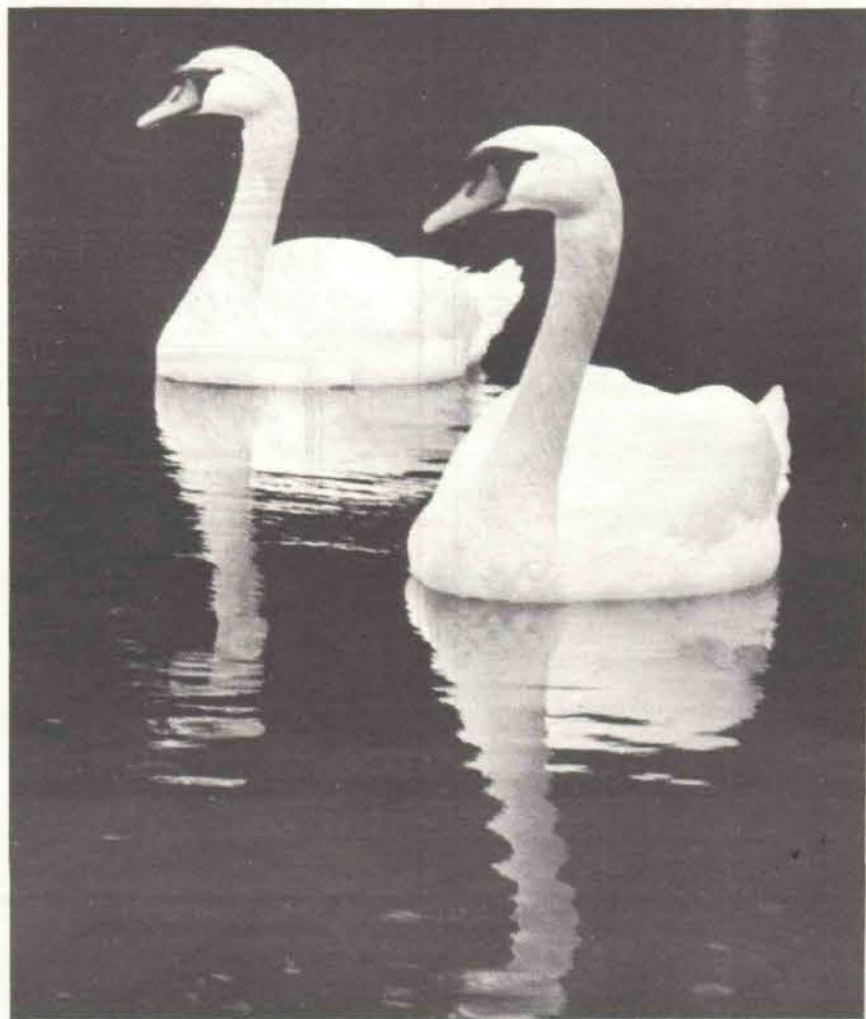
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MIRRORED: Pair of swans drifts through calm Fulford Harbour waters. The Gulf Islands are home to numerous such birds.

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Visitors and locals asked to keep ocean litter-free

British Columbia's coast is renowned for its beauty and biological richness, yet our seemingly untainted shores are showing signs of suffering.

By world standards our marine environment may be relatively uncontaminated. A minor population and industrial complex puts less stress on our oceans than some other areas and greater environmental awareness in the past few decades has had some effect.

Unlike other coastal countries which must engage in frantic attempts to restore life to their marine habitat, Canada can concentrate primarily on preventative measures.

However, serious problems are there to be faced — especially in our harbours, estuaries and near-shore waters.

Warning signs from our oceans indicate we could be heading in the direction of other more populated, industrialized nations which have pushed their marine resources to the limit and suffer the consequences of marine pollution.

Discarded plastics have increasingly been targeted as harmful to marine life. Beer six-pack holders are a particular peril, as they can become lodged over birds' heads or the bodies of fish. As animals grow, the plastic tightens around them and death is inevitable. Fishing gear and line thrown overboard also cause great havoc and suffering for marine mammals, fish and birds.

Environment Canada advises people to get together in volunteer environmental groups to work towards developing "longterm strategies to deal with emerging threats and establish a philosophy and practice to conserve, protect and sustain our en-

vironment and natural resources. This will develop only from an active appreciation of the importance and value of the marine environment by government, industry and individual citizens."

One action-oriented marine-aid group based on Pender Island has begun coordinating an intensive beach cleanup and survey of marine quality. Put together by the Coastal Cleanup Campaign, the first annual B.C.-wide Beach Cleanup and Survey is set for Saturday, May 25, 1991. It will rely on the help of thousands of volunteers and schoolchildren to ensure its success.

In response to the problem of marine pollution affecting B.C., the B.C. Coastal Cleanup Campaign was developed to encourage action, promote public awareness through education and work at the community level to assess the state of our coastal waterways' health.

The campaign was initiated by Pender Island resident Michelle Marsden, who has created and distributed "beach cleanup packets" to over 100 elementary schools from the Queen Charlotte Islands to Tsawwassen.

Participating groups will be collecting valuable data along with seaside litter. Data sheets cataloguing the number and type of debris picked up will be completed for each beach area tackled.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Marsden at Box 80, Pender Island, V0N 2M0 or 629-3227.

A November 1989 cleanup of nine beaches on Pender Island netted 350 pounds of marine debris in 15 large green

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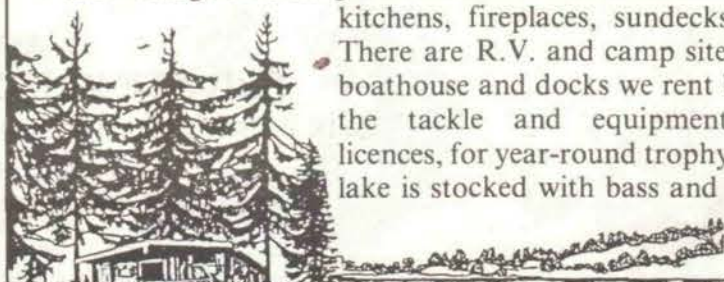
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GULF ISLANDER POLLUTION

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Boaters and beach-walkers are advised to not dispose of any — and in particular, plastic or non-biodegradable — items. The federal government's department of fisheries and oceans notes that plastic bags or wrapping or empty styrofoam coffee cups can kill a seagull or an otter. If swallowed, plastic debris can cause intestinal blockage and eventual starvation.



KEEPING IT CLEAN: Visitors and islanders are asked not to pollute our waters.

"Marine life confuses brightly coloured plastics with real food. Sea turtles even mistake partially submerged plain plastic bags for jellyfish. Whales can make the same error. One whale was found to have ingested 48 plastic bags. Today, marine life is ingesting everything from cigarette lighters to glass beads to discarded toys. Garbage dumped into our oceans is a lethal lure."

It is easy to bring all garbage home or to public trash receptacles after an outdoors trip. Retrieving trash from local beaches and the water while enjoying what they offer is also an act with positive effects.

Tourists to the Gulf Islands are asked to please contribute to the protection and enhancement of our marine environment by not dropping debris and picking some up from areas visited.

"Natural beauty is easily destroyed when replaced by the debris of momentary indiscretions."

Other marine pollutants come in many forms — some we can see and pick up and others are detectable only through scientific testing.

Our coastal waters currently receive large quantities of man-made wastes and chemicals, directly from outfall pipes and indirectly from noxious runoff. Land and airborne pollutants reach the ocean in the form of acid or toxic rain.

Of particular concern are industrial and municipal effluent discharges into harbours and estuaries, wastes disposed of and spills from all sized and shaped boats, pulp mill and mine discharges and the cumulative impacts of continued coastal development.

Many wastes are regularly dumped at sea, as if its size can absorb without effect all poisons we feed it.

In local waters, effluent from the pulp and paper and mining industries have reduced oxygen levels in the ocean. Sewage discharges have closed shellfish areas. Chemicals have been found in some coastal species and tumours are prevalent in some harbour fish.

Environment Canada notes that "considerable treatments and controls exist to ensure that the greater part of each marine environment remains unspoiled. Yet, the most practical means of protection is to prevent contaminated material from being disposed of, in harmful concentrations, in the oceans."

For example, few communities on B.C.'s coast fully treat sewage before it is pumped into local waters. Despite costs, Environment Canada says even primary or secondary treatment can have major benefits to local waters, shorelines, sediments and marine life.

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In his geographical expeditions in this area in 1859, Captain Richards of the *Plumper* surveyed, mapped and named many Georgia Strait islands.

He named Galiano Island for Dionysio Alcala Galiano, Spanish explorer in the area in June, 1792.

Richards named other areas on the island for the Spaniard as well: Mount Galiano (1121 feet) and Mount Sutil (named for his schooner). Located midway on the island are Bodega Ridge (926 feet) and Quadra Hill named for Joan Francisco de la Bodega Y Quadra, explorer of this coast several years before Galiano.

To many visitors these names bring to mind other times and other places. Considered along with the natural beauty of Gulf Island paradise, they help make Galiano a memorable place to visit.

Long and narrow, the island lies roughly

in a south-east to north-west position. Despite this fact, one part of the island is known as the south end and the other, the north. Most businesses on Galiano are located at the south end and many are near Sturdies Bay where B.C. Ferry Corporation operates a docking facility.

Ferries from the mainland arrive and depart for Tsawwassen terminal daily — morning and evening. Sailing times and frequencies vary, however, so visitors are advised to check a ferry schedule before attempting a crossing. Reservations are required, particularly during the busy summer months.

Ferries to Swartz Bay on Vancouver Island also sail from Sturdies Bay. Sailings are more frequent on this route and no reservations are necessary.

Near the Visitors' Association at Sturdies Bay (where tourists can find valuable island information) is the island's only gasoline station, post office, real estate office and the cooperatively run Dandelion

Gallery of Fine Art. The art gallery features island-produced crafts and writing. Up the road is a deli and liquor store.

Galiano's second "commercial centre" is about 1.5 kilometres along the main road at the junction of North End (Porlier Pass Drive), Georgeson Bay and Sturdies Bay roads.

Just up the road is the Galiano (South) Community Hall and a few steps further the Hummingbird Inn, a popular pub and eating place.

Past the intersection is a corner store which carries a complete line of groceries and drugs.

The Galiano Market — featuring fresh vegetables and fruit — is across the road. Nearby one will find the South Galiano

Volunteer Firehall and senior citizens' housing.

Georgeson Bay Road leads to the bay of that name at the "western" end of Active Pass.

Midway along Georgeson Bay Road from the pub and the corner store is Montague Harbour Road which leads to the area so named. This beautiful spot, the site of an ancient Indian midden, is now a provincial park. Supervised campsites are available on a first come, first served basis. Campsites cost a modest sum and are available for use up to a 14-day limit. Group accommodation is now available for 15 to 40 campers. Phone 539-2115 for reservations.

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GALIANO ISLAND

SIZE: 57 square kilometres

POPULATION: Approximately 910

SETTLEMENTS: Sturdies Bay (liquor store, fuel, post office, groceries)

CAMPSITES: Montague Harbour Park

FERRY SLIPS: Montague Harbour and Sturdies Bay

Galiano Island is one of many islands, coves, harbours and waterways in the Gulf Islands archipelago with Spanish names.

This island was named after Commander Dionisio Alcala Galiano, of the Spanish Navy, who in 1792 explored the waters between what is now known as Vancouver Island and the mainland. What he saw back then probably wasn't that much different than what we see today: unspoiled beaches, magnificent rock formations along the shorelines and thickly forested land.

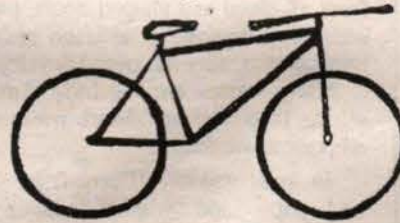
There are a rich variety of settings a traveller can enjoy — hike through the heavily forested acreage at Bluff Park, where you can witness the impressive views of the southern Gulf Islands from the top of the 600-foot-high bluff, or stroll along the immaculate beaches such as the one found at Coon Bay.

Other activities worth investigating while visiting the island include playing a round of golf on the island's nine-hole course, taking a charter sailing trip around the islands or having a leisurely afternoon of horseback riding.

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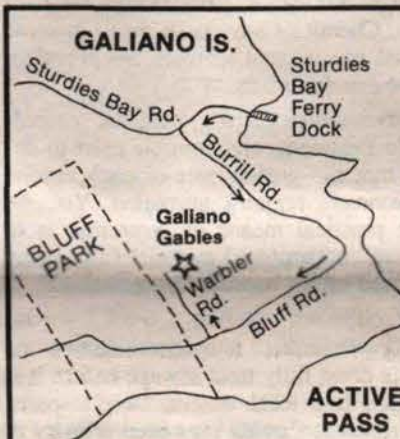


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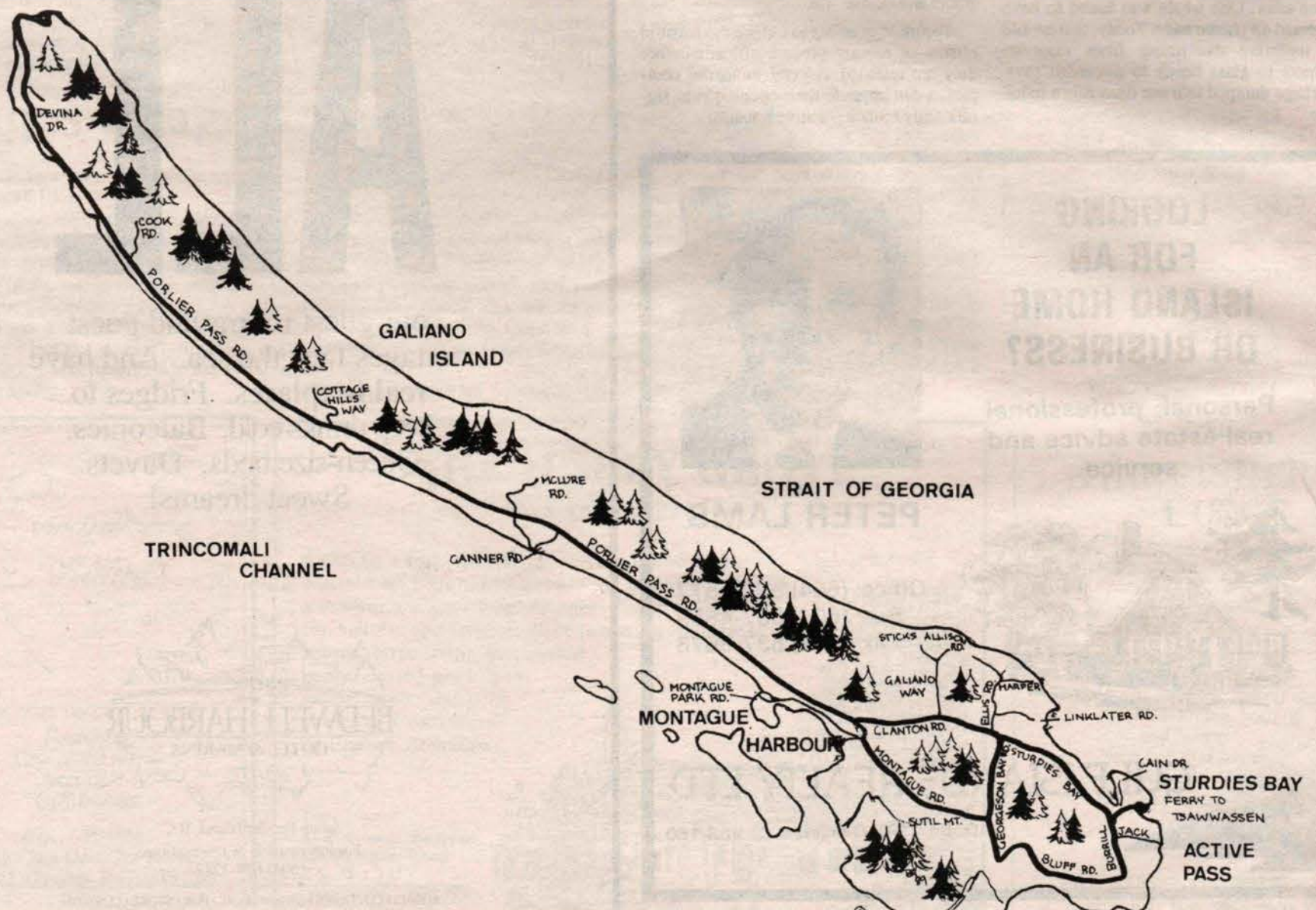
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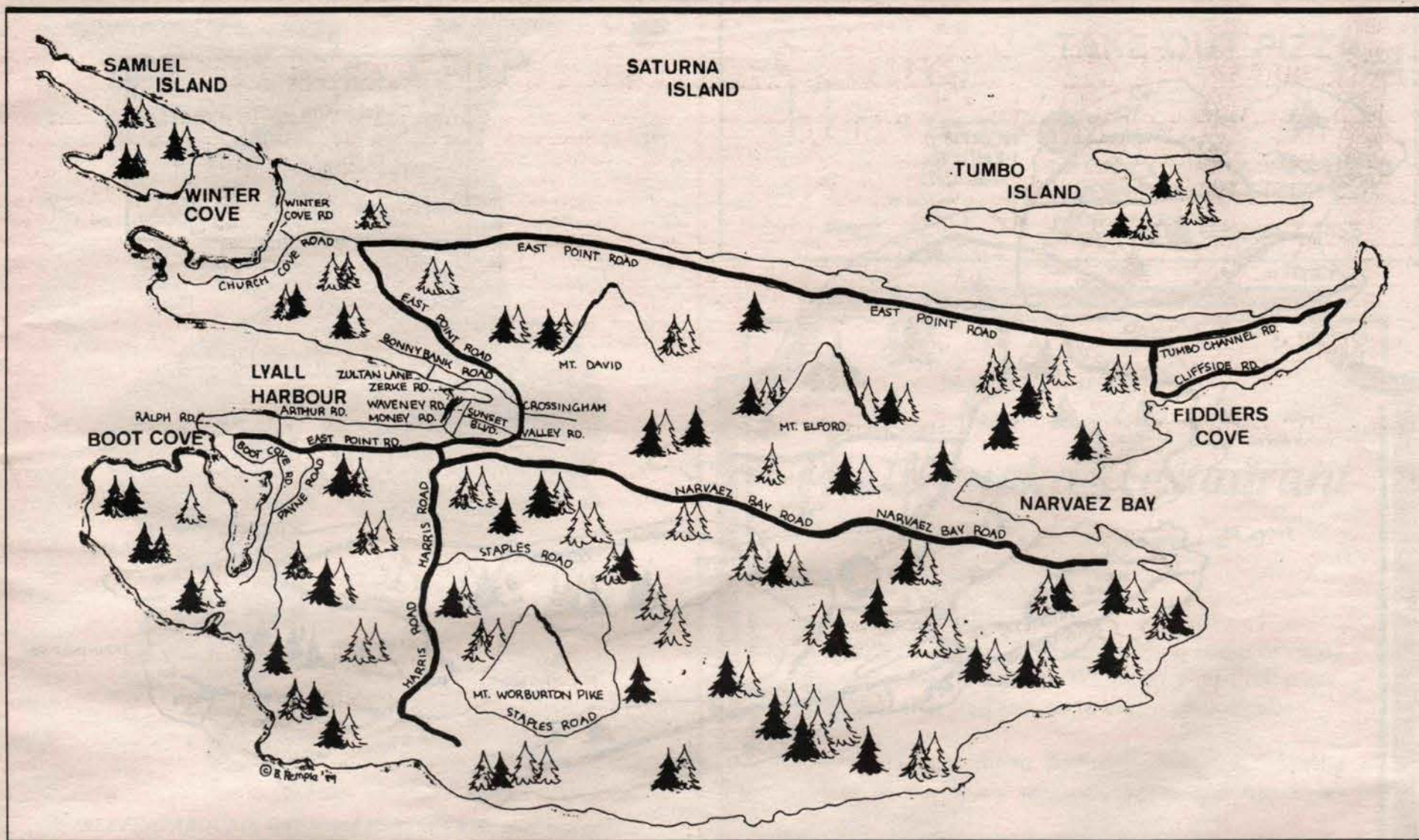
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SATURNA ISLAND



GALIANO TOUR

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Montague Harbour's protected waters are a favourite place for pleasure craft attempting island voyages. Montague Marine offers moorage, gasoline, groceries and souvenirs.

Canton Road leads up the hill to Porlier Pass Drive, the 21-kilometre road leading to North Galiano. A long country road, it is well maintained and has a good surface, but it is narrow with many hills and corners—a challenge for both cyclists and drivers.

On the north-eastern tip of Galiano is Coon Bay and Dionysio Point—one of the most beautiful areas in all of the islands.

Visitors can rent a kayak from "Island Kayaking" and see the island from a different perspective.

On Ellis Road just north of the pub, is the Galiano Golf and Country Club. For a modest green fee, golfers can play the nine-hole course and enjoy the beauty of its island setting. Snacks are available at the clubhouse.

Burrill Road, not far from the ferry wharf, gives glimpses of Active Pass and leads to Bluff Park. Here one can enjoy a profusion of wild flowers during the spring and early summer months. Bluff Park commands a breathtaking view of the pass, the other Gulf Islands and the San Juan Islands beyond.

Travelling along Burrill Road to the bluffs one passes St. Margaret's of Scotland. An Anglican Church, it holds regular services each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. with lay readers, Anglican or United Church ministers. At 1 p.m. a Roman Catholic Eucharist is held.

A little further along, the visitor comes to the Lions Club Fiesta Grounds, where on B.C. Day in early August you can enjoy that group's annual fiesta—"A Salute to Summer."

In addition to hotels and lodges, the island has close to a dozen bed and breakfast establishments, most of them only minutes away from Sturdies Bay and the ferry. Taxi service is available, but there is no regularly scheduled bus service or other public transportation.

Recreation opportunities (fishing, boating, horseback riding) also abound—visitors should check the Visitors' Association for information.

Galiano's doctor in residence has an office near Sturdies Bay just across the road from Bellhouse Park. The latter is a splendid place to sit quietly and view the comings and goings of ferries in Active Pass.

Galiano's tourist operators and business people are sensitive to the needs and wishes of their neighbours and fellow islanders. To help islanders and tourists alike, they have published a brochure

SATURNA ISLAND

SIZE: 31 square kilometres

POPULATION: Approximately 280

SETTLEMENTS: Saturna Point (liquor, fuel, pub, food), Boot Cove

CAMPSITES: No public facilities

FERRY SLIPS: Lyall Harbour at Saturna Point

Quiet and relaxing, Saturna Island is the most remote of the Gulf Islands in terms of transportation services.

Travel arrangements might involve ferry transfers and island-hopping, but once there, the visitor will find it worth the effort.

Although slightly larger than Mayne Island and nearly as large as Pender, Saturna boasts the smallest population of the Gulf Islands—and the most untouched landscape. These factors, combined with the amount of effort it takes to reach its shores, gives Saturna a peace and quiet that can no longer be found on other Gulf Islands.

There are no camping facilities and travellers may have to line up for a room at either the Boot Cove Lodge or the Breezy Bay bed and breakfast operation. There are also several islanders who rent cabins.

Scenic spots to visit while on the island include the East Point Lighthouse, and Winter Cove Marine Park—which is accessible by land or sea and offers the traveller sandy beaches and acres of forest with hiking trails throughout.

Most services are concentrated at Saturna Point, which offers food, fuel and a neighbourhood pub in which to relax. St. Andrews, a non-denominational church, is located on East Point Road.

As far as official events are concerned, Saturna Island has a far-reaching reputation for its annual July 1 lamb barbecue. The event began in 1950 when a handful of local residents gathered to roast a few lambs; today, as many as 26 lambs are roasted on spits to feed the upwards of 1,500 visitors who come to the event.



Photo by Allison Ross

JAMBOREE: Galiano Islanders of all ages enjoy the July 1 Galiano Jamboree celebrations.

A government wharf can be found at Retreat Cove about midway on Galiano and another at Spanish Hills, close to the northern tip of the island. Just north of the area is the North Galiano Community Hall (the former North Galiano School—1927) and site of North Galiano's annual July 1 Jamboree.

Further north yet is the Indian Reservation and Porlier Pass light station. This "still manned" station consists of two beacons. It was established in 1904 to

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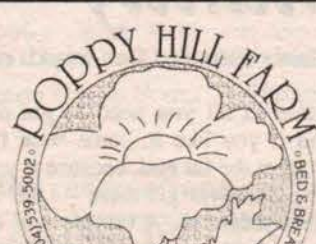
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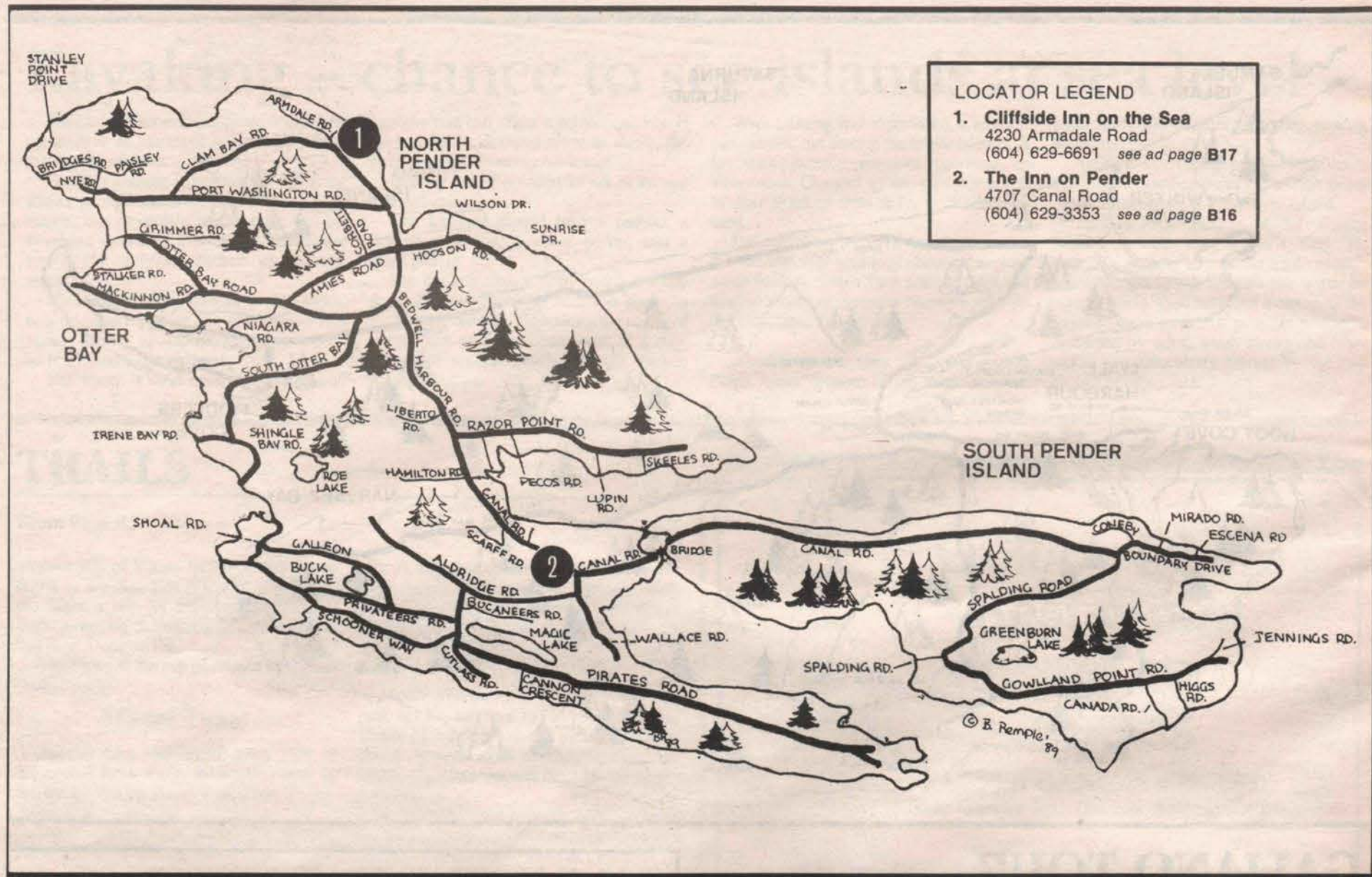
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PENDER ISLANDS

SIZE: 24 square kilometres

POPULATION: Approximately 1450

SETTLEMENTS: Driftwood Centre (liquor, fuel, post office, food), Port Washington, Magic Lake

CAMPSITES: Prior Centennial Park, Beaumont Provincial Marine Park

FERRY SLIP: Otter Bay

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Pender Island is actually two islands, North and South Pender, which are separated by a narrow canal.

The two islands are joined by a one-lane wooden bridge which affords an extensive view of both Browning and Bedwell harbours. Medicine Beach in Bedwell Harbour and Hamilton Beach in Browning Harbour are favourite spots for family outings and picnics.

While there are roads which extend to the far reaches of both islands, the majority of the full-time residents live on North Pender, particularly in the Magic Lakes Estates subdivision.

Inland, scenic lookouts can be found at the 120-metre point on Bald Cone, which is reached on foot after a short walk up a logging road.

On South Pender you can visit Mount Norman. The 260-metre summit can be reached by either land or sea, by travelling through Beaumont Park.

If you are planning an overnight excursion, there are a variety of lodges and bed and breakfast operations to choose from which will satisfy both the budget and most discriminating tastes.

Among the resting spots on Pender Island is the Bedwell Harbour resort, located on the south island, which has a Customs office for boating visitors travelling from the United States.

For recreation buffs, there is a nine-hole golf course on the island which seasoned golfers and duffers will find challenging. If frisbee tossing is more in your line, the Frisbee Disk Park, located on Magic Lake, is the site of an annual tournament which attracts competitors from around the world.

As with the rest of the Gulf Islands, Pender is also home to a large number of artists and craftsmen. Their works are offered for sale through a number of shops at Port Washington and at the mid-island Driftwood Centre, as well as at many roadside stands.



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PENDER ISLANDS

PENDER TOUR

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Situated at the extreme easterly end of South Pender Island, Gowlland Point is a good opener for the leisurely return tour of the Penders. There are two Gowlland Points; there's the summer one, with gentle waves caressing the baking hot shingle beach, then there's the winter one, heroically braving a shrieking southeaster. Both impressive — take your pick.

Gowlland affords splendid views of the U.S. San Juan Islands across adjacent Boundary Passage, and Mount Baker's silver cone is frequently visible, poking up above the sea haze.

It's a good place to catch a glimpse of whales — it's right beside a major killer whale migration route — and the steady procession of deep-sea shipping lends it a certain romanticism.

A few miles back along your return route is Mount Norman Regional Park.

Mount Norman is the highest point on the Penders — over 300 metres — and a half-hour hike up the old logging road plus a short, steep scramble will reward you with a magnificent panorama over Bedwell Harbour and beyond.

Another few kilometres along your route is Pender Canal, separating North and South Pender.

North and South Pender used to be connected by a narrow isthmus, but are now linked by a single-lane trestle bridge.

It's a narrow bridge, so take care you don't become somebody's hood ornament. Head down to adjacent Mortimer Spit — a sand and shell promontory — for sunbathing and general beach frolic.

A side jog into the nearby Magic Lake area has its own rewards. It is unlike any other subdivision you are likely to see.

And for something completely different,

head for Magic Lake's Golf Island Disc Park. Some local mad-caps (or public-spirited citizens) heard about disc — or frisbee — golf. That's where you head around a course aiming for a basket, or a post, with a frisbee.

The Pender course is the world's first, and only, wilderness course.

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If old Pender still exists, it exists at Port Washington. Shingle-sided cottages nestle around a cove, with a public wharf, and a general store (established in 1910, but recently closed) as focal point. Orchards and fields right in the village, it dozes in the reflective tranquillity of old age. No garish modern home or bustling through road disturbs its serenity, and the busy little crafts centre adds vitality, but detracts nothing.

Port Washington peeks out at the passer-by from behind its high fences and thick hedges, much like an old English village, but without trying to be. A surviving example of what the Gulf Islands all used to be. The ideal tour terminus, it will leave some of its peaceful ease in your soul.



Typical Gulf Island scene

Photo by Derrick Lundy

MAYNE ISLAND

Several points of interest found on Mayne Island

Here are some suggestions for touring Mayne Island:

St. Mary Magdalene Church

Since its inception, St. Mary Magdalene

has served as a community church on Mayne, drawing worshippers of all denominations. Today, as in its early days, volunteers of many church backgrounds assist with its program and maintenance.

Lay readers, representing the Brethren, United Church, Pentecostal and Evangelical Free Churches take their turns in Scripture readings.

Museum

Visitors shouldn't miss browsing through the local museum, open to the public throughout July and August.

Located at the junction of Fernhill Road and Village Bay Roads, the museum boasts a display of Indian artifacts documenting the long history of Indian culture in the Gulf Islands; a prized collection of tools and utensils used by the first white settlers and numerous albums.

Of particular interest is a diorama containing relics from the barque Zephyr which sank off Mayne Island on February 13, 1872.

Lighthouse

No visit to Mayne Island would be complete without a stop at the Active Pass lighthouse.

Located right on the tip of Georgina Point, at the entrance to Active Pass, the lighthouse is the first feature spotted as the ferry plies its way between Tsawwassen and the islands. The lighthouse, towering 55 feet with its matching keeper's dwell-

Diner Park is special to residents

Mayne Island's Diner Bay Park has been described as "a fairyland of beauty," overlooking Navy Channel and Active Pass. Surrounded by towering evergreens, the park is hidden away from most island traffic.

Many islanders were involved in developing the park, making the area very special to Mayne residents. The Diner Bay site — once owned by a sea captain — was seen as the ideal spot for a park. Monthly volunteer work bees were staged with "everyone and his aunt" turning out to lend a hand to the community project.

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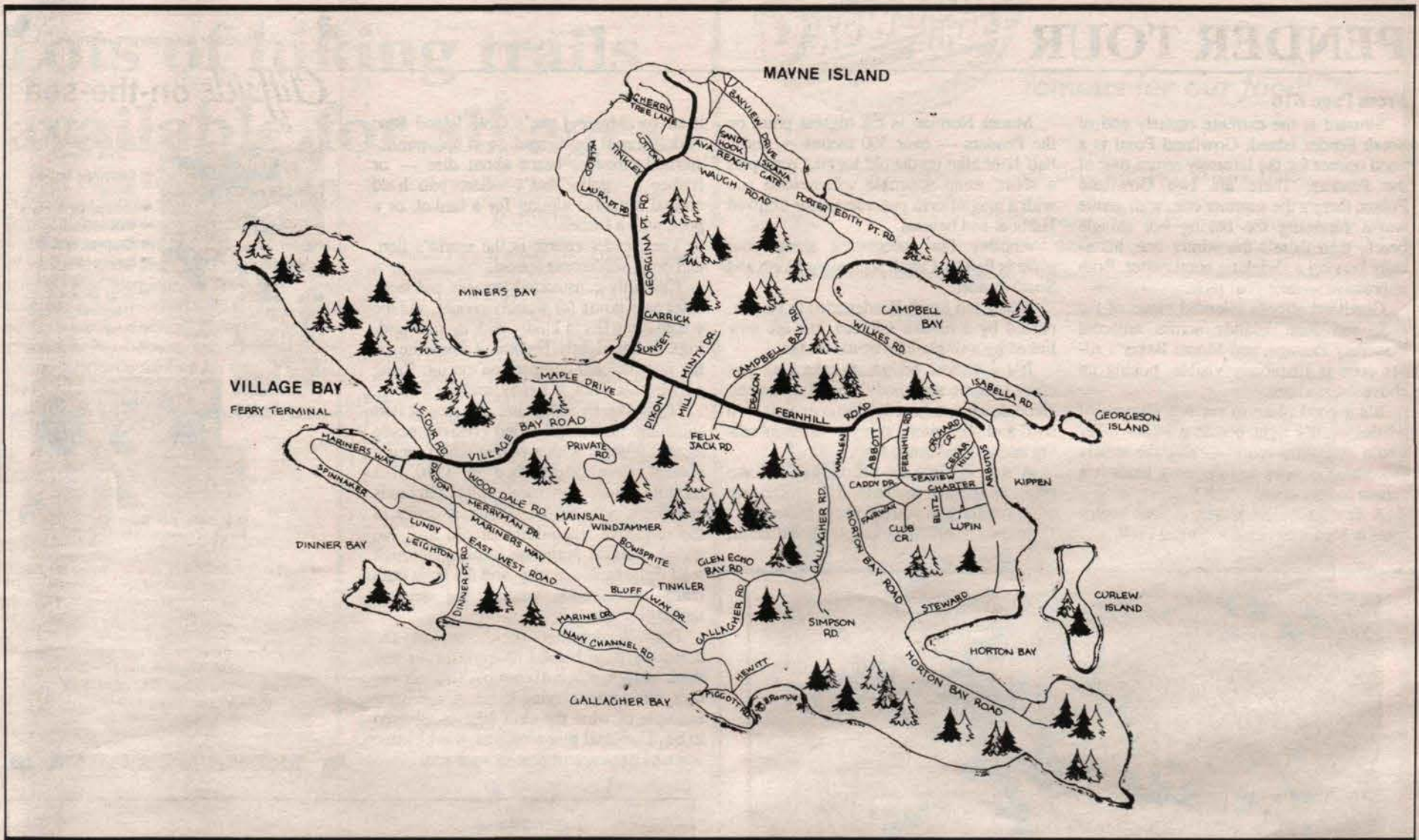


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MAYNE ISLAND



MAYNE ISLAND

SIZE: 21 square kilometres
POPULATION: estimated 805
SETTLEMENTS: Miners Bay (liquor, fuel, post office, food), Bennett Bay
CAMPSITES: No private facilities
FERRY SLIPS: Village Bay

Mayne Island, the second smallest of the populated Gulf Islands has a great deal to offer the visitor.

The small population and rolling hills, dotted with farms, along with the peace and tranquillity, all combine to give the traveller a welcome respite from everyday cares.

The farming connection goes a long way back in the history of Mayne Island. When the island was first settled in 1861, the new residents had to raise most of their own food just to survive, hence the farming community began.

The island is also noted for its orchards and is generally regarded as the first place in B.C. where apples were grown. Today, the island continues to embrace agriculture — sheep farming, for instance — and retains the cleared, rolling farmland which underlines its heritage.

The island also enjoys a place in history as a stop-over point for gold-seeking miners on their way to the Fraser River, in the rush of 1858. Fresh water sources, and a relatively flat camping area beside a gravel beach, made the area an attractive rest stop to these weary travellers.

Shortly thereafter, the area became known as Miners Bay.

Today's explorer of the island has a large selection of hotel or bed and breakfast accommodations to choose from. While you're at it, check out the numerous art galleries located here, for a look at the outstanding works produced by the local artisans.

A local event well worth attending is the annual fall fair held each August. It's a combination of contests, expositions, baked goods and logging sport competitions, all located within easy reach of the historic Mayne Island Agricultural Hall.

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By 1939, the wooden tower of the lighthouse needed replacing with the new one completed in 1945. The light remained a part of the living quarters until 1969 when it was removed to a separate tower.

Springwater

Mayne Island has the distinction of

Active Pass, was built around 1890 to accommodate visitors disembarking from the tri-weekly passenger boats docking at Miner's Bay. It was first operated by William Tomkins Collinson who came to Mayne in 1871 from Yorkshire, England. He built the structure as a home for his own large family on land he had pre-empted at the head of the government wharf at Miner's Bay.

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Sidney celebrates 100th birthday

This summer the town of Sidney on the Saanich Peninsula begins to celebrate its centenary with the first of six major events scheduled right through to December.

A centennial logo designed by Sidney resident Jack Bowley was chosen over 15 submissions in a contest and will be used on a variety of souvenir items to commemorate the centenary.

Schools, churches, service clubs, youth groups and special interest organizations will be involved in the 100th birthday celebrations throughout 1991. Citizens have been encouraged to design and wear turn-of-the-century costumes at major events.

From May 18 to 20 at various locations throughout the town there will be celebrations to highlight the Queen's birthday. The focal point will be the foot of Beacon Avenue, the wharf area and Port Sidney. Bands, Maypole dancing, the selection of two town ambassadors, a bonfire, time capsule dedication and opening of the new town bandshell will take place.

A triathlon competition will feature kayaking, sailboarding, bicycle races and a 10-kilometre run. Bus tours to historic sites as well as museum and mammal displays will all be part of the festivities.

Pioneer Days take place June 22 and 23 and will focus on Sidney's heritage. Saanich Pioneer Society and Saanich Historical Artifacts Society will play prominent roles. Oldtime costumes, a town crier, display of historical artifacts, a pioneer tea and fashion show as well as a pioneer dinner will be part of the program.

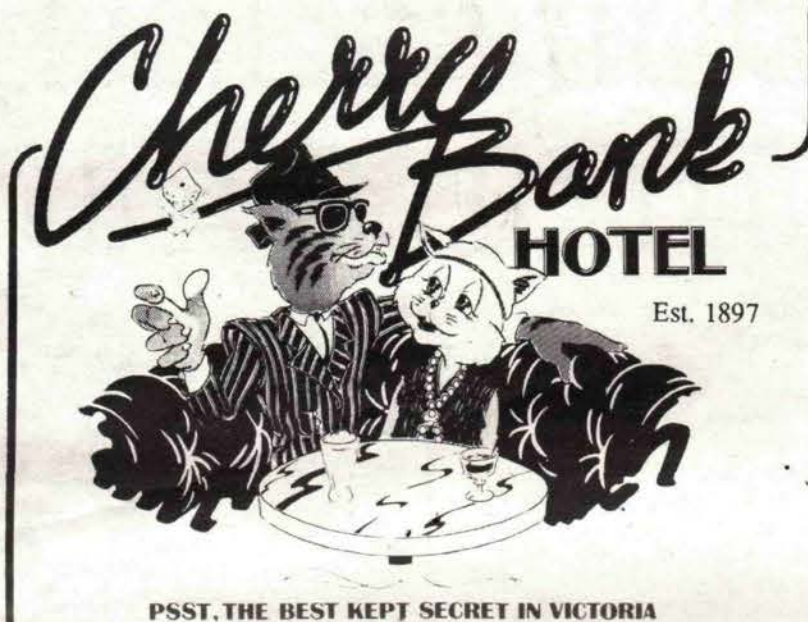
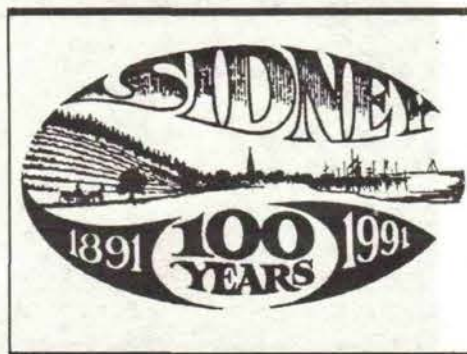
June 29, 30 and July 1 are dates for the ever popular Sidney Days to be held at Tulista Park, Sanscha Hall, Beacon Avenue, the waterfront and various sport venues. A wide range of activities is planned from quick boat building, a parade, fireworks, Canada Day ceremony, kids'

carnival, petting zoo, golf, beer gardens, sidewalk sale, sports events to more pioneer recognition. Pancake breakfasts, salmon barbecue, a food fair, craft show, jazz band performance and bed races are scheduled along with many other activities.

An international airshow will take place August 5 at Victoria International Airport.

A variety of bands will entertain at Music Festival 91 from September 20 to 22. Jazz, Dixieland, swing, country and western, blue grass and rock performers will play at various locales through the community.

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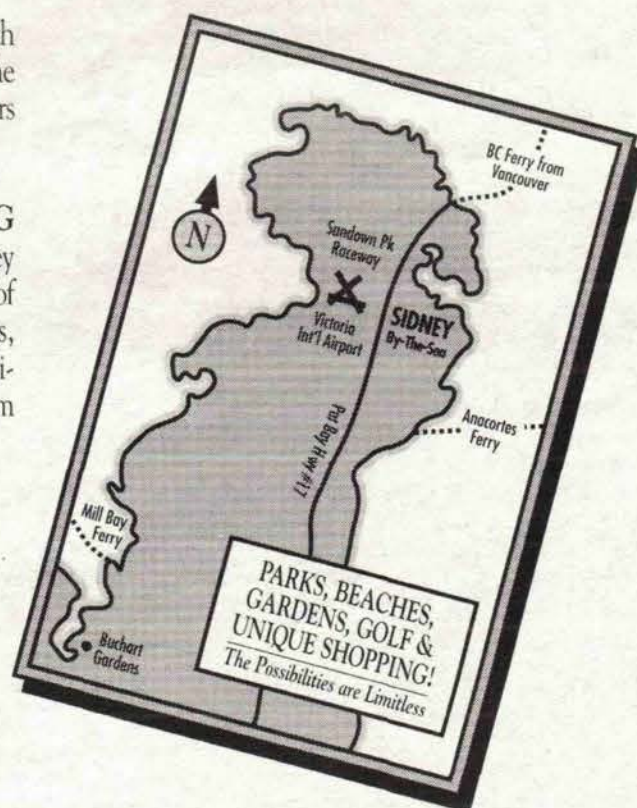
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