

Free the Fern is a non-profit society on the unceded and traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səlílwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.



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February 2023

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Native Food Forest Project

Free the Fern is excited to announce the launch of our [Native Food Forest Project](#). With \$10,000 in funding from the City of Vancouver's [Neighbourhood Matching Fund](#), we will be able to offer [10 free events](#) for the public, leading to our Native Food Forest planting on the [Red Alder Trail](#) on Saturday, Oct 21, 2023.



Free the Fern NATIVE FOOD FOREST

free public events in Champlain Heights

OUTREACH

PUBLIC OUTREACH SESSION (ZOOM) - THURS, FEB 9, 2023 - 7-8PM

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NATIVE PLANT WALK - SAT, MAY 13, 2023 - 10AM-12PM

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COLLABORATIVE PLANNING EVENT (ZOOM) - THURS, JUNE 8, 2023 - 7-8PM

STEWARDSHIP

INVASIVE PULLS - SAT, MARCH 4; APRIL 1; MAY 6 - 10AM-12PM

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INVASIVE REGROWTH PULL - SAT, SEPT 2, 2023 - 10AM-12PM

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NATIVE FOOD FOREST PLANTING - SAT, OCT 21, 2023 - 10AM-12PM

ECO-ART

IVY WEAVING WORKSHOP - SAT, MARCH 11 - 10AM-12PM & 1-3PM

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BIRD NESTING CAGES WORKSHOP - SAT, APRIL 15 - 10AM-12PM & 1-3PM



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These events will include: public outreach, eco-art workshops (including ivy weaving and bird nesting cages workshops), a native plant walk, and invasive removal sessions. Help be a part of this historic Native Food Forest project in South Vancouver.



You can find out more and register for our Native Food Forest events on our [website](#).

Upcoming Events



Free the Fern Invasive Pull

Saturday, February 4, 2022

10am-12pm

On **Saturday, February 4, 2022, 10am-12pm**, Free the Fern will be hosting an [Invasive Pull!](#) on the Red Alder Trail. We welcome volunteers of all ages to sign up to help (children must be supervised by an adult). We will provide gloves, tools and refreshments. You can sign up to volunteer [here](#).



Public Outreach Session

Thursday, February 9, 2022

7pm-8pm

Our [Native Food Forest](#) project will begin with a [Public Outreach Session](#) via Zoom on **Thursday, February 9, 2023, 7pm-8pm**. This will be an opportunity to learn more about [what](#) is a native food forest, [where](#) it will be located, and [how](#) you can be involved. Members of the public will be invited to share ideas and ask questions. Please join us and be part of this historic Native Food Forest project in your community.



Weaving with Ivy Workshop

February 16, 2023

7-8:30pm

Free the Fern President and founder, Grace Nombrado, will be running a [Weaving with Ivy workshop](#) at Champlain Heights Community Centre on **Thursday, February 16, 7-8:30pm**. All the stages of weaving will be taught, from preparing the ivy to completing a handmade basket. You can register for the workshop on the City of Vancouver website [here](#).



ECPC Invasive Pull

Saturday, February 25, 2023

10am-12:30pm

If you are eager to volunteer at other invasive pulls in our neighbourhood, [Everett Crowley Park Committee](#), organises monthly invasive pull events. Their next scheduled pull is: **February 25, 2023, 10am-12:30pm** Contact ecpcstewards@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to sign up.



Free the Fern Fridays

9:30am-10:30am

For those interested in getting together and volunteering on a Friday, Free the Fern is launching our **Free the Fern Fridays**. Every Friday (weather dependent), we will meet at the [Douglas Fir Teaching Garden](#) at 9:30am, for an hour of invasive plant removal together. Gloves and tools will be provided. Please bring your own water and a snack. This will be a more casual chance to socialise and connect with other stewards. Please email us at freethefern@gmail.com if you are interested to join us. Happy Fridays!

Nature News

in the Community



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Community Seed Library

Public libraries in Southeast Vancouver will be launching seed libraries early this spring. Library patrons will be able to take small packets of various seed varieties to try out in their gardens. Libraries are also planning to have some library programming at the same time on the topics of urban food gardening and food security. Check with your local library branch to learn more.



Youth Climate Innovation Lab

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[City Hive](#) has just opened the applications for the second cohort of the [Youth Climate Innovation Lab](#)

This is a cohort-based program for youth ages 18-30 living across Metro Vancouver to collaborate with municipalities, civic institutions and community organisations while learning, upskilling and creating bold actions to address climate challenges and advance a just transition.



A Forest Saved

In a historic deal the forestry giant, Interfor Corp has agreed to give up 75,000 hectares of forest in Incomappleux Valley, Southern BC. This is a valley of old growth forest, lakes and wetlands, nearly 200 times the size of Vancouver's Stanley Park. Read more [here](#).

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