

BC NATURE CAMP ON SALT SPRING ISLAND

April 27 – May 2, 2010



Samsun Narrows from Mount Sullivan

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Salt Spring Island is the largest of the Southern Gulf Islands. Its geographical location between Vancouver Island and the outer Gulf Islands creates a mild climate with only half the amount of rain compared to Vancouver. Salt Spring's wildlife, its vegetation, and its people are a product of its unique physiography. In April, wildflowers are most abundant, Garry Oaks are budding and Hairy Manzanita is flowering on the dry slopes, migratory birds as well as sea mammals return or make a stopover. We invite you to explore all these aspects of our island and more.

This BC Nature camp is organized by the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club and features expert leaders and presenters covering all aspects of natural history, including birding, botany, geology and marine life. Please note, that the excursions are rather strenuous involving long day hikes over steep, rough trails, walking over slippery shorelines, and getting in and out of a zodiac. So participants are expected to be in good physical condition.

Fee: \$600 per registrant based on double occupancy (\$180 extra for single rooms); 50 % is due upon registration. Costs include five nights accommodation, five breakfasts, four dinners, all events and presentations, and a ½-day marine wildlife tour; not included are travel and ferry costs, lunches, and dinner on the first night. Cheques payable to Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club.

For information and registration, **contact Nieke Visser at 250-537-5443 or niekevisser@shaw.ca on or after November 16, 2009, at 10:00 am.** Early registration is recommended **but not before November 16!**