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Wed Mar 21, 2012

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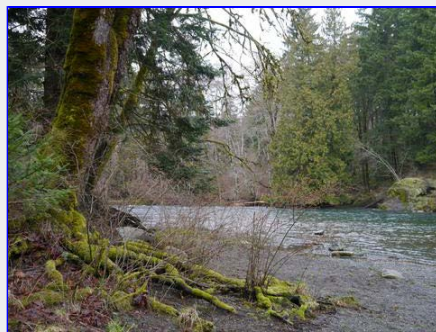
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A beautiful morning for half a dozen of us who went up the Puntledge River & down Morrison Creek, a 7 km. circuit.

Morrison Nature Park was donated to the Nature Trust of BC (managed by the City of Courtenay) by Roy Stewart Morrison in 1992 & dedicated to his parents Annie (McQuillan) & Hugh Morrison. The east half of the wooded area is actually SD71 property (below the top of bank)

Swamp lanterns (skunk cabbage) are out everywhere, as well as some fawn lily & bleeding-heart leaves; coltsfoot is starting to emerge at Puntledge Park. Birds encountered included kingfishers, mergansers, Pacific Wrens, and a Pileated Woodpecker - lots more were heard, such as nuthatches, chickadees, & a determined woodpecker (possibly a flicker).

Angela showed us some special spots of nature interest; Chris contributed some photo advice; Jacqueline shared some recent travel experiences; as did Diana & Terry, along with stories of Ruth. Any day outdoors learning a few new things is a good day!



Puntledge River
[Krista Kaptein photo]



*Swamp Lantern & Fawn Lily
leaves in Masters Greenway*
[Krista Kaptein photo]



Ruth Masters Interpretive Sign
[Krista Kaptein photo]

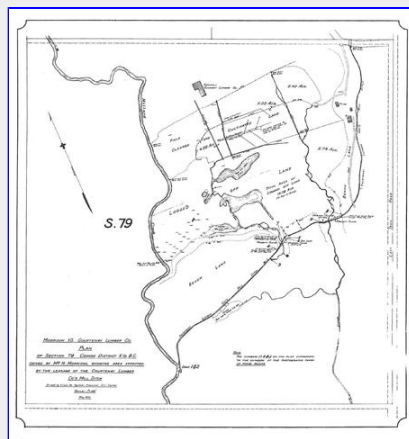


*Map of Morrison Commons:
nature trail between houses &
Morrison Creek wetlands
(properties on left half are not
yet developed)*
[Krista Kaptein photo]

*Snack break on Morrison
Commons Trail*
[Krista Kaptein photo]



*Remnant shape of historic log
flume in Morrison Park*
[Krista Kaptein photo]



*1921 map of Morrison Creek
Park area showing diagonal
line of log flume (map
courtesy of Morrison Creek
Streamkeepers)*
[Krista Kaptein photo]



Morrison Creek overlook
[Krista Kaptein photo]

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