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Wed May 25, 2016

Leader: **Chris Carter**

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Eleven Hikers and one Rubber Duck made the hike out to Tree Island in near perfect weather. Chris revised the route to the Morningside Park access after finding the stairs to the Beach were in good condition. Thanks to Regional District Parks Staff who look after the park.

The first flush of spring flowers was over but some smaller Alliums were seen in profusion. Krista spotted a large number of eagles...Can you supply the details Krista ?

The best picnic places were occupied with a large group of kayakers who were set up to camp. Maybeth's Rubber Duck had a paddle in a tide pool and aroused much photo interest. The new Cable Ferry worked without incident and gave a smooth crossing. Altogether a great day.

I counted 34 eagles on the east side reefs - there were probably more immatures but they were difficult to count due to heat haze. Flowers included Hooker's onion, Menzies' larkspur, yellow sand-verbena & a bit of seablush. (Krista)



*A fine staircase to the beach/
[Chris Carter photo]*



*The east side of the approach is interesting and a contrast to the shellfish beds on the west side.
[Chris Carter photo]*



Oops !
[Chris Carter photo]



Tim Penney does some wildlife photography.
[Chris Carter photo]



One of many eagles spotted today
[Tim Penney photo]



Heading to Tree Island
[Tim Penney photo]



Rubber ducky and hiking buddies
[Tim Penney photo]



Dunlin in breeding plumage
[Krista Kaptein photo]



Hooker's Onion
[Krista Kaptein photo]



Most of the gang with ice-cream
[Krista Kaptein photo]

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