



The Edge

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The Edge Hours
Tues – Fri: 10 – 4
Sat: 10 – 2
322a Monashee Ave

BC Rivers Day

"The care of rivers is not a question of rivers, but of the human heart." -Tanaka Shozo

Thousands of British Columbians celebrate BC Rivers Day on the last Sunday in September each year, making it Canada's largest river appreciation event.

BC Rivers Day generates public awareness about British Columbia's waterways. Recreational clubs, conservation organizations, community groups, schools, and local governments host BC Rivers Day events across the province.

The Outdoor Recreation Council has seen the event grow exponentially over the past 30 years. This growth can be attributed to British Columbians' growing concern for the state of local waterways. BC Rivers Day provides a positive opportunity for diverse groups to show why BC waterways are important. Planned events celebrate the following river values:

cultural • ecological • historical • aesthetic • recreational

Past Rivers Day events include:



- River Clean-ups
- Riverside nature walks
- School projects
- Community festivals
- Habitat enhancement
- Paddle trips Art exhibitions

This year's BC Rivers Day coincides with World Rivers Day.



4th Annual Art Walk in the Park



August preparations for our 4th annual 'Art Walk in the Park' coming up on September 21st. Let us know if you'll be participating; contact information for The Edge can be found at the bottom of this paper. Keep in mind that the theme surrounds that of rivers in our community.

Endangered Rivers

2013 marks the 21st annual "most endangered rivers" list from the Outdoor Recreation Council. The preparation of this list is the most comprehensive initiative of its kind in Canada. It is an accurate snapshot of the issues that face our rivers and those facing the greatest threat to their ecological health. Please join us in this effort to raise awareness and engage all British Columbians in the better management and conservation of our rivers.

- BC's Most Endangered Rivers of 2013;
1. Peace River (hydro-electric dam proposal)
 2. Lower Fraser (urbanization, industrial development, habitat loss)
 3. Elk River (development, increasing selenium levels, wildlife migration issues)

Rivers to Watch in year ahead;

Coquitlam River (sedimentation, urbanization – but progress evident)

Tamihi Creek – (independent power project)

Each year, the Endangered Rivers List is compiled by ORC and released to media outlets across BC and Canada. It receives significant media attention, highlighting the rivers and issues that are most important to British Columbians.

New Interns at The Edge

There are two interns now presently working at The Edge – Isaac and Emilee. They will be around to help every operating day during hours posted. Isaac will be with us for the next two months. He then plans on moving to Hawaii, where he will be surfing it up and laying on the beach. Emilee recently moved from Kelowna where she resided for the last 19 years and is glad to have finally escaped the concrete jungle. Her passions range all over the place and she plans on going on to do many awesome things in her future.

Information on rivers from orcbc.ca and commons.bcit.ca/riversday

Registered charities in Canada perform valuable work in our communities, and Canadians support this work in many ways.

The Edge's Registered Charity #86745 45 RR0001. We welcome regular givers.

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