

## Siskin Forest Park & Siskin Forest Trails Guide

Community trails

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Siskin Lane is a project of the Renewal Land Company (RLC); an innovative development that balances residential development with forest conservation to promote sustainable living on Cortes Island. There are 23 private, bare-land strata lots and a shared Forest Conservation Area.

### SISKIN FOREST PARK

Siskin Forest Park, 13 hectares (32 acres), was donated to the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) by RLC as public parkland as a requirement of subdivision. Direct access to Siskin Forest Park is at the signed trailhead off Cemetery Road, 0.4 km west of the junction of Sutil Point & Cemetery Roads.



### SISKIN FOREST TRAILS

Siskin Forest Trails, also administered by the SRD and linked to Siskin Forest Park, form an extensive network of public trails, for permanent community use, through the Siskin Lane Forest Conservation Area. Multiple access points at Hayes, Siereen, Sutil Point, Highfield, Seascape Roads and Siskin Lane, provide critical trail linkages between Manson's Landing and points west, south and east. Whether on foot, horseback or bicycle, the public use of Siskin Forest Trails continues a Cortes tradition of using trails to get to school, to the mail, to work or just to visit friends!



The name Siskin honours the pine siskin, a small seed-eating finch that is found in coniferous and mixed forests and demonstrates a highly gregarious nature; beautifully emulating the vision of Siskin Lane – forest conservation and community.



Siskin Forest Trails meander through coniferous and mixed forests filled with birdsong; the diversity of forest habitat directly related to the diversity of bird species – Pacific wren, red-breasted nuthatch, brown creeper, chestnut-backed chickadee. Of note, the evenings are filled with the sound of the common nighthawk, a provincially significant species at risk, feeding overhead on an abundance of aerial insects. The Cedar Grove boasts veteran old-growth western redcedar. Wildlife trees support an abundance of woodpecker species and a rich understory of forest shrubs & herbs dominate the trails with the colour green. Bathe in it!



For your own protection and to protect the park, trails and privacy of Siskin Lane residents:

**PLEASE STAY ON TRAILS;  
BICYCLES & HORSES WELCOME.  
RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY.  
NO FIRES ALLOWED AT ANYTIME.**

Exercise caution at all times in the park as you are in ungroomed wilderness. Trails may not be safe during high winds due to falling branches and tree blow-down.

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PLEASE... STAY ON TRAILS – PACK OUT WHAT YOU PACK IN  
KEEP DOGS ON LEASH & UNDER THEIR OWNERS CONTROL AT ALL TIMES  
NO FIRES ALLOWED AT ANY TIME, BE FIRE SAFE