



## COMPLETED TRAIL PROJECTS

Fort Rousseau Causeway

Sea Lion Cove

Starrigavan Estuary

Baranof Lake

Mosquito Cove Trail

Path of Hope

Verstovia Trail

Cross Trail  
Kramer to Gavan

Indian River Trailhead

Beaver Lake Loop

Herring Cove Loop

Thimbleberry Lake

Thimbleberry—Heart  
Lake Loop Trail

Sawmill Creek Path to  
Whale Park

Harbor Mountain

Lake Eva Trail

Starrigavan Valley

## CROSS TRAIL CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

**Get ready for lots of activity on the Cross Trail.** Reconstruction will begin in June. The old trail (picture below) from the Gavan intersection to Yaw Drive and then to Indian River Road is going to be completely rebuilt. The new trail will be gravel and at least eight feet in width.

The work is made possible by a grant from the Federal Lands Access Program and is administered by the Federal Highway Administration, Western Federal Lands Highway Division. The grant was awarded last year and the project is a cooperative effort between the City and Borough of Sitka, Sitka

Trail Works and the Forest Service. The project partners have completed an impressive list of pre construction tasks. The US Forest Service Sitka Ranger District wrote the specialist reports needed to comply with NEPA. Lynne Brandon and Gary Baugher, City staff, obtained the Army Corps permit and easements from the Mental Health Trust and Baranof Island Housing Authority. Construction will be done by Sitka Trail Works and Troy's Excavation.



# Keep Sitka Trail Works strong.

## Please make your donation today.

## HUG THE TALLEST SITKA SPRUCE - Salmon Lake Hike on July 19th

Join us on an exploratory hike to a seldom-visited trail at the head of Silver Bay. Rich with history, this trail connects to the Lucky Chance Mines corduroy road and to Redoubt Lake; however we don't plan to hike all the way to Redoubt on this hike. Local historian Bill Foster will accompany the group and the goal is to visit an impressive stand of old growth spruce and pay homage to a giant towering over 225 feet tall. For more information; Google "Salmon Lake Trail Sitka Alaska" to visit the US Forest Service website OR call the STW office.



## HIKE THE HIGHEST VOLCANO—Mt. Edgecumbe Hike on June 21st



James Poulson, Daily Sitka Sentinel Photographer

Last year Zuill Bailey the Artistic Director Designate of the Sitka Summer Music Festival surprised his companions by carrying his cello to the top of Mt. Edgecumbe and regaling the hikers with a musical interlude. This hike is on many people's "Bucket List." One year a couple got married on this hike and Ellen Frankenstein created a video. This hike is more than just a hike...it is an event! Let this be the year you say, "I climbed to the top of Mt. Edgecumbe!" The hike is 14 miles round trip, but the nice part is the second half is all downhill. In the ten years that Sitka Trail Works has offered this hike over 95% of all the hikers make it to the top and back. Give it a try!

## STROLL THE LONGEST WHITE SAND BEACH — Sea Lion Cove Hikes May 10th and Aug 17th

If you can hike the Mosquito Cove trail, we encourage you to try the Sea Lion Cove Hike. This hike is fun and amazing because it seems you are never hiking for more than 15 minutes in the same sort of area. First an estuary, then a hillside, next a muskeg, then a lake, then the downhill, then another estuary and then...the most beautiful beach in Southeast Alaska. We are allowing plenty of time, so pack a picnic lunch and bring a bag for beachcombing. It is less than six miles round trip.



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## SITKA TRAIL WORKS 2014 GUIDED GROUP HIKES

Call 747-7244 for Reservations – Donations cover cost of fuel and help support STW

**ALL HIKES ARE FUN AND LED BY VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS**

Participants should bring a daypack with snacks and water. Radio and First Aid supplied by STW Hike Leaders

Date	Hike Total Distance	Meet at	Donation
May 10 Saturday Reservations Required	<b>Sea Lion Cove</b> 5 miles	Depart Crescent <b>8:30 AM</b> Depart Kalinan <b>6:30 PM</b>	\$100
May 17 Saturday	<b>Starrigavan Loop</b> 3 miles	Old Sitka State Park <b>9:00 AM</b>	Free
May 24 Saturday Reservations Required	<b>Kruzof Bike Ride &amp; Beach Play Day</b>	Depart Crescent <b>8:30 AM</b> Depart Mud Bay <b>6:30 PM</b> Individual Choice for Distance	\$55
May 31 Saturday	<b>Gavan Hill Ridge</b> 4 miles	Sitka HS Parking at Cross Trail <b>9:00 AM</b>	Free
June 7 Saturday <b>National Trails Day</b>	<b>Herring Cove</b> Trail Maintenance	Herring Cove Trailhead <b>9:00 AM</b>	Free
June 14 Saturday	<b>Beaver Lake Loop</b> 3 miles	Herring Cove Trailhead <b>9:00 AM</b>	Free
June 21 Saturday Reservations Required	<b>Mt. Edgecumbe</b> 14 miles	Depart Crescent <b>8:30 AM</b> Depart Fred's Creek <b>6:30 PM</b>	\$100
June 28 Saturday	<b>Harbor Mountain</b> 6 miles	Sitka HS Parking at Cross Trail <b>9:00 AM</b>	Free
July 5 Saturday <b>Ted Stevens Day</b>	<b>Verstovia</b> 5.5 miles	Verstovia Trailhead on SMC Rd <b>9:00 AM</b>	Free
July 12 Saturday Reservations Required	<b>Causeway Kayak Tour</b> Limit of 12	Sitka Sound Ocean Adventures <b>9:15 AM</b> Big Blue Bus at Centennial Hall Appx. 5 hrs.	\$100
July 19 Saturday Reservations Required	<b>Salmon Lake</b> Silver Bay 4 miles	Depart Crescent <b>8:00 AM</b> Depart Salmon Lake <b>5:30 PM</b>	\$55
July 26 Saturday	<b>Indian River Waterfall</b> 9 miles	Indian River Trailhead Parking Area <b>9:00 AM</b>	Free
August 9 Saturday	<b>Verstovia</b> 5.5 miles	Verstovia Trailhead on SMC Rd. <b>9:00 AM</b>	Free
August 16 Saturday	<b>Thimbleberry Loop</b> 3.7 miles	Thimbleberry Trailhead on SMC Rd <b>9:00 AM</b>	Free
August 17 <b>SUNDAY</b> Reservations Required	<b>Sea Lion Cove</b> 5 miles	Depart Crescent <b>6:30 AM</b> Depart Kalinan <b>4:30 PM</b>	\$100
August 23 Saturday	<b>Herring Cove/Thimbleberry</b> 4.5 miles	Herring Cove Trailhead <b>9:00 AM</b>	Free

Hikes departing from Crescent Harbor are fundraising events for Sitka Trail Works, providing an opportunity for members to experience great new hikes and to get out on the water. These hikes are always 100% full, so don't wait too long to make sure you have a space. Call the Sitka Trail Works office at 747-7244 for details and to make your reservation. **Allen Marine** and **Sitka Sound Ocean Adventures** offer their transportation at a discounted rate especially for Sitka Trail Works members. **THANK YOU**



## HERRING COVE TRAIL STORM DAMAGE PROMPTS TRAILS DAY MAINTENANCE

Sitka Trail Works, the City and Borough of Sitka and the US Forest Service are working together to address the storm damage on the Herring Cove trail. Saturday June 7th is **National Trails Day** and a work party will be underway to repair the damage to the lower part of the trail. Please call the Sitka Trail Works office if you would like to volunteer. We will be digging drainage ditches and packing gravel to re-establish the trail tread.

The upper portion of the trail in the area just below the big waterfall was damaged by the fall storm that brought 6 inches of rain in six hours on top of frozen ground and moved large volumes of rock. The trail is passable, and plans are being made for possible reconstruction of the trail in this area. Please hike carefully .



## THE CAUSEWAY IS NOW CLEAN AND SAFE TO VISIT



Clean ammo magazines, wide and safe Causeway trails and fantastic views await visitors to Fort Rousseau Causeway State Historical Park.

### WARNING

VISITORS TO THE CAUSEWAY SHOULD NOT ANCHOR IN WHITING COVE.

ACCESS TO THE BEACH SHOULD ONLY BE MADE AT + ONE FOOT TIDE OR HIGHER.

D.VEX. AN INVASIVE COLONIAL TUNICATE HAS BEEN FOUND TO OCCUR IN THE SUB TIDAL AREA CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO PREVENT IT'S SPREAD



**Sitka Sound Ocean Adventures** offers kayak tours of the Causeway. 907-752-0660.

**Sitka Harbor Tours** offers drop off and pick up services. 907-738-2458

