



SANDY HOOK BEAR SURVEY

(Read other side first, please)



1. Number of years living in Sandy Hook _____
2. Your address is requested (but optional) so we can correlate problems to particular locations _____
3. Address _____
4. Are you full time or part-time residents during the "Bear Season" (spring through fall) Full Part
5. Number of people usually living at your address _____
6. During the last year how often did you see bears, or evidence of bears (droppings, broken fruit tree branches, garbage or compost feeding) on your property? _____ times per week / month / year.
7. During the past year, have any members of your family felt unsafe because of bears? If so, describe why:

8. How many fruit trees do you have on your property? _____ On how many is the fruit not being picked? _____
9. Are you interested in participating in the fruit recovery program? Yes No
10. Are you interested in having any of these fruit trees removed if the service was provided at a discount by a local tree service? Yes No
11. If these fruit trees are removed, would you be interested in replacing them with ornamental trees if they were available at a discount through a local nursery? Yes No
12. Are you interested in receiving the hardwood fruit tree chippings to use as garden mulch? Yes No
13. If you answered "yes" to any of the previous 4 questions, please leave your name and contact phone number.
Name _____ Phone No. _____

CHECK LIST

- | | Yes | No |
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| 14. Do you have a bird feeder? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. Has your bird feeder been used as a food source by bears or raccoons? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. Do you leave food out for wildlife (other than bird feeders)? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. Do any of your close neighbours leave food out for wildlife (other than bird feeders)? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. Do you have a compost heap? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. Do you put kitchen waste in your compost? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. Is your garbage bear-proof (except on "garbage pickup morning")? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21. Do you ever put your garbage out on the road the night before "garbage pickup morning"? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 22. Do any of your neighbours put their garbage out the night before "garbage pickup morning"? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

WHILE YOU ARE AT IT—HOW ABOUT FILLING IN THIS MEMBERSHIP FORM

send it all in with a cheque for \$10.00 per person in the provided envelope.

Please print clearly

Name (s): _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Sandy Hook Address: _____
(If different)

EMAIL: (Privacy Protected) _____ (Receipts by Email when possible)

SANDY HOOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2006 MEMBERSHIP

Don't forget to mail it now or pay online with your credit card at www.sechelt.net



Sandy Hook Bear Care Program

Every year, bears are destroyed in BC, usually because they have been habituated to human food. When bears associate human habitation with food and lose their natural fear of humans they are often seen as a safety threat. The Provincial wildlife service does not have the resources or manpower to relocate “problem bears” **so they are destroyed.**

Two years ago a mother and two cubs became resident in Sandy Hook. There were several incidents where 2-legged Sandy Hookers felt threatened by the behaviour of the new 4-legged residents. The Provincial Wildlife Service was notified and the bears were slated to be destroyed. Fortunately, the bears moved on before they could be destroyed.

I'm sure all Sandy Hookers share concern for our bears and would prefer they stay in their natural environment rather than risk destruction as “problem bears”.

The food that attracts bears comes from 3 main sources:

- garbage,
- Fruit trees and
- Well-intentioned deliberate feeding.



The early morning garbage pickup in Sandy Hook has the potential to keep bear-garbage exposure to a minimum, but only if garbage is **not** put out the night before pickup. If bears are getting into cans before garbage day, the cans can be locked up inside a garage or garden shed. Some people keep potentially stinky food scraps in the freezer until garbage day. Kitchen scraps in the compost heap attract rats and raccoons as well as bears.

Fruit trees are a major bear attractor unless fruit is picked as it ripens. Bears are very fond of over-ripe fallen fruit and are attracted by the scent from a great distance. If fruit is not being used, it is best (for the bears) if the trees are removed.

There are a few well-intentioned people that deliberately feed bears because they enjoy having bears around, much the way bird feed is used to attract wild birds. Unfortunately, if neighbours are not as comfortable with bears, they may report a “problem bear”. This way, well-intentioned feeding can result in destruction of the bears.

Your Sandy Hook Community Association has initiated a **Bear Care Program** to lessen the risk of “problem bears” being destroyed. This involves:

- **Education** on bear/people interaction. Please find enclosed a pamphlet from the Provincial Wildlife Service with useful information on bears.
- **Fruit Tree Removal Program.** A local tree service has offered significant discounts to Sandy Hook residents who wish to remove unwanted fruit trees as part of the Bear Care Program. The resulting hardwood chippings will be made available to Sandy Hook gardeners.
- **A “Bear Care Survey”.** This is used to determine where in our community bears frequent, garbage handling practices and location of unwanted fruit trees. It is also an opportunity for you to express your views on the topic. Helpful ideas are most welcome! The survey can be anonymous if you wish. However, it is helpful if you can provide your address so we can map out bear behaviour. If you wish to take advantage of the Fruit Tree Removal Program, please include a contact phone number.

Thank you for your participation in the Sandy Hook Bear Care Program. Let's make Sandy Hook a safer place for bears!

BEAR SURVEY

The Sandy Hook Community Association is conducting a survey to determine the extent of Bear Problems in our neighbourhood and how residents prefer to deal with it. Your participation is appreciated and confidential.

Please see the other side and complete the form

Please return it in the provided self-addressed envelope (maybe along with your membership?)

Dear Sandyhooker,

We are pleased to enclose our new Sandy Hook Bear information and Survey form . One small item to show how your Association is working for you.

With this we are on our never-ending membership drive. While the fees are needed for our work, the most important aspect of having all residents as members is the support it shows for the work done and to enable us to be a common voice for ALL residents.

If you gain from any of the following, shouldn't you help out?

If you have children (grandchildren?):



- ♥ We work with the district to upgrade and renew the playground equipment. See the new Jungle Jim at Sandy Hook Park. SHCA worked with the District over 5 years.
- ♥ We are working on new park areas for play.
- ♥ We are encouraging the installation of new safety signs and are following up on the road safety survey of last year—many meetings and presentations with the DoS
- ♥ It was your Association that pointed out the danger of the hydrant at the Tot Park and had the protective barrier put in.



For your roads and streets:

- || We work with the district to improve roads and for repaving of them.
- || Again, are following up on the massive safety survey of last year which resulted in many recommendations. Many meetings have been held with DoS staff and near professional presentations have been made.
- || Our efforts have resulted in new Stop signs. We are working to upgrade the street name signs
- || We work to improve the drainage ditching on Sandy Hook Road and elsewhere.
- || ALL the bulletin boards in Sandy Hook were built by and are maintained by your Association.



For recreation and your environment:

- 🌲 Association volunteers create and maintain the paths in the Sechelt Heritage Forest.
- 🌲 The new 'Deerhorn Park" was built and is maintained by your Association.
- 🌲 The SHCA developed the formal plan for the Hidden Grove that was adopted by the District and continues to very actively work towards formalizing this precious area as a protected legacy forest. SHCA has a special sub-committee devoted to this.
- 🌲 Together with other associations we are working to protect and improve your beach accesses
- 🌲 We are part of a committee meeting with CAL on a regular basis help mitigate the impact of operations that can cause noise, dust and smoke.
- 🌲 Together with other associations we are investigating mitigating the massive burns expected with the huge new developments.



For Your Safety:

- ① Your board is investigating what we can do in regard to Emergency Preparedness to be ready in the event of a forest fire, earthquake or other disaster.
- ① Bear safety survey enclosed with this flyer.
- ① Tips at our web site— www.sechelt.net



Did You Know?

- ? A member of your board attends virtually every meeting of the District Council, Planning and Public Works committees and Sechelt Community Association Forum group plus other relevant meetings so that plans which may impact Sandy Hook are not without input from you or your board.
- ? Your association is considered one of the most active on the Sunshine Coast and is the only one with frequent newsletters to keep you informed. Last year we had by far the highest per capita membership on the Sunshine Coast. Help us keep it that way, please.

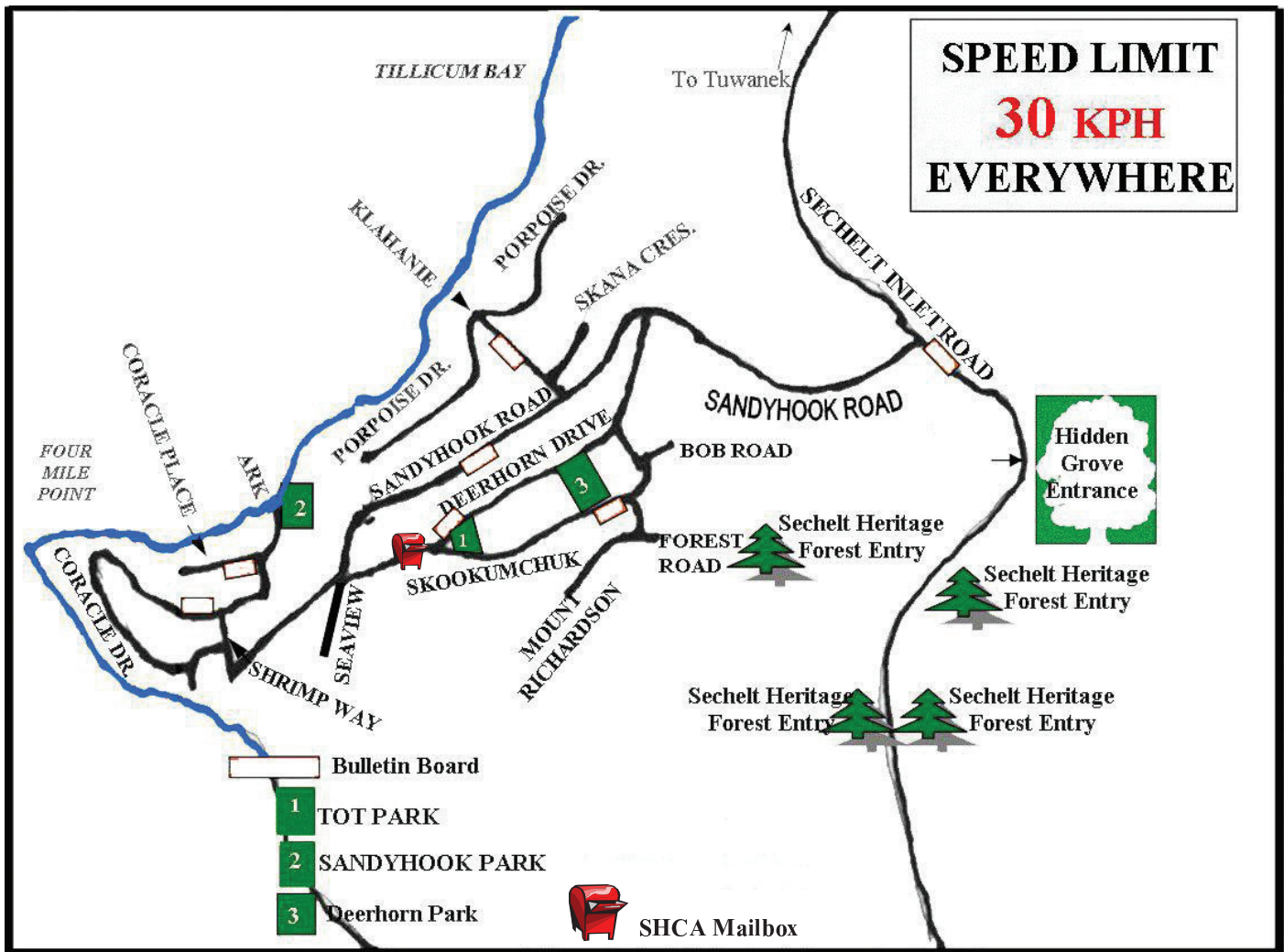
JOIN US!



It cost so little but gains so much. Please take the few minutes to send in your membership.

A FORM IS INCLUDED A PART OF THE BEAR SURVEY ENCLOSED

OR do it online including with a Credit Card payment at www.sechelt.net



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30 KPH
EVERYWHERE

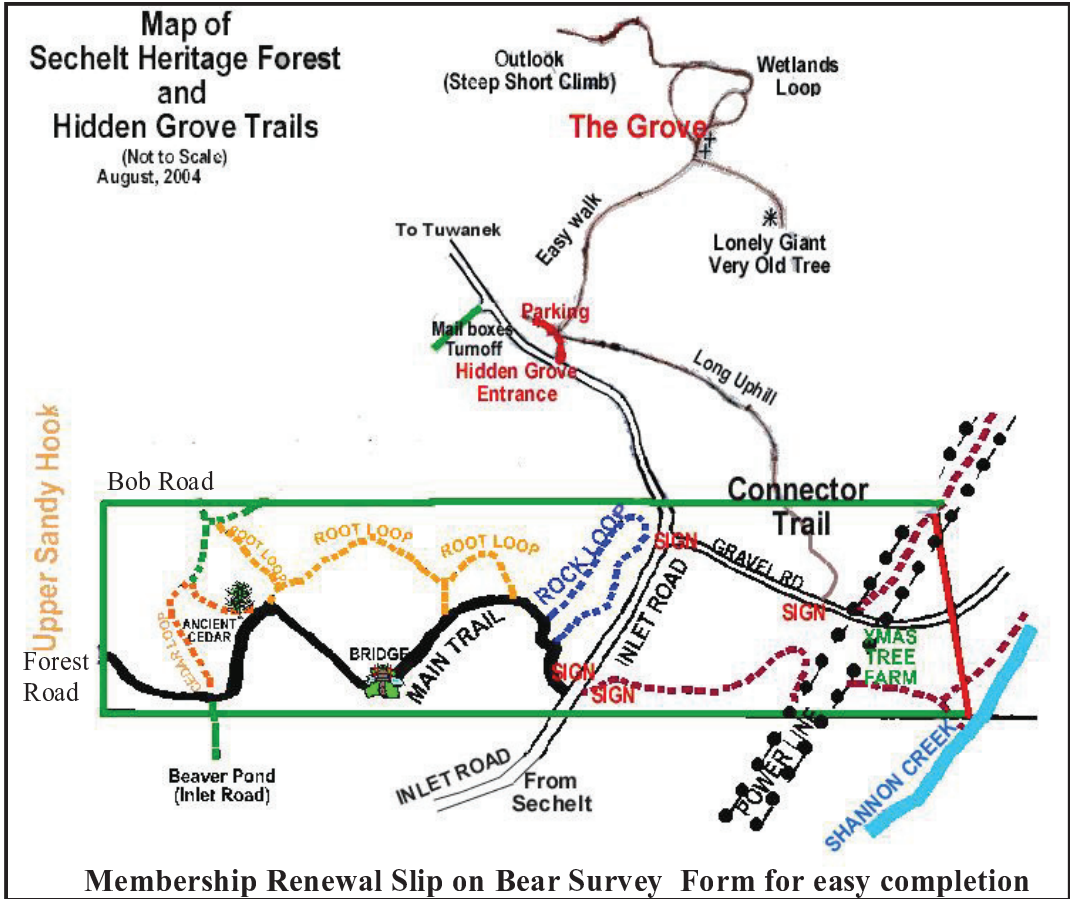


- Bulletin Board
- 1 TOT PARK
- 2 SANDYHOOK PARK
- 3 Deerhorn Park



RENEW YOUR SHCA MEMBERSHIP
Some 2005 Projects

1. Clean up parties on Sechelt Inlet Road
2. Traffic and Safety Survey
3. Hidden Grove works
4. Trail upkeep in SHF
5. Safety fence
6. New Bulletin Boards
7. Deerhorn Park work
8. Two Meet and Greet gatherings
9. Playground equipment into Sandy Hook Park
10. Working on committees for :
 - A) Beach Access
 - B) Smoke
 - C) CAL work
 - D) Silverback (Terraces)
11. 5 newsletters to keep you posted
12. Website updates of news



Membership Renewal Slip on Bear Survey Form for easy completion
 OR do it online including with a Credit Card payment at www.sechelt.net