

Maris Nature Park

Address: Near Eagle's Drive
Merville

Date Range: 25-Sep-2023 to 11-Oct-2023

Area: Comox Valley, Regional
District of

Inspection General

Location: Maris Nature Park

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Address: Near Eagle's Drive
Merville

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Area: Comox Valley, Regional District of

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Inspection Group: General

Next Inspection Date:

Checklist: Inspection General

Person contacted	Marie Lapp
Title of Contact	Procurement Technician
Initial Inspection Date	25-Sep-2023

Summary and General Description

Notes

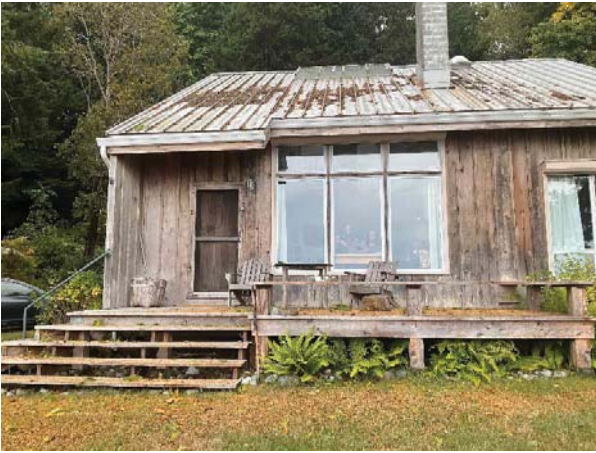
The Maris Nature Park is currently an undeveloped piece of land that was gifted to the regional district through the federal government's ecological gifts program. The intent is to activate the space by having a few trails pass through the existing forest area and provide more clear beach access but to otherwise leave the majority of the land natural and passive.




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Is this location free from recommendations 1?

No 

There is no signage for the space. There are various residents in the area and users are aware that there are routes that lead to waterfront or beach type property, however, the Maris Nature Park is currently undeveloped and unmaintained. It is recommended that the regional district consider implementing signage communicating:

- No unauthorized Access
- Unmaintained Natural Area
- Downed Trees, Uneven Footing, Wildlife Present
- Areas that there is a potential fall from height
- Directional indicators that assist users to navigate to a sanctioned/developed pathway for use
- Emergency Contact Number
- Regional District Contact Number to report maintenance issue or incident

Has the fault been repaired? No

Priority: Low

Fault since: 06-Oct-2023

Is this location free from recommendations 2?

No 


There are roadways owned by MOTI that provide access either directly to the Maris Nature Park space or adjacent greenways, trails that allow access to the Maris Nature Park and are used by the public. It is recommended that the regional district consider space delineators such as fencing or gates that close access to the roadway or natural delineators such as logs, boulders, or similar at the perimeter of the Maris Nature Park lands (particularly at fall from height areas) to limit or prohibit access to the space by the public.

Has the fault been repaired? No

Priority: Low

Fault since: 06-Oct-2023

Is this location free from recommendations 3?

No 

The area is currently full of vegetation and trees, and the intent is to keep the space natural. It is currently unclear if there is a formal inspection and maintenance policy for trees and trails. It is recommended that the regional district consider adopting a formal policy that reflects current operational practice, if one is not already in place.

Has the fault been repaired? No

Priority: Low

Fault since: 06-Oct-2023

Is this location free from recommendations 4?

Is this location free from recommendations 5?

Is this location free from recommendations 6?

Is this location free from recommendations 7?

General Risk Management Considerations

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Contract / User agreement in place?


Yes 

List user groups that use / rent space.

Ministry of Transportation owns the greenway adjacent to and providing access to the Maris Nature Park site, and the regional district is responsible for maintenance as per an agreement.

The regional district also contracts with various volunteer groups, societies and associations for maintenance and upkeep of their parks, trails and other public spaces as needed.

Injury waiver / Hold-harmless agreement in Place?

Yes 

Proof of insurance is part of the contract

Yes 

Is there special insurance coverage in place, if applicable?

Is the local government being added as an additional insured?

Yes 

Is there an inspection and maintenance policy?

Yes 

What's the inspection and maintenance frequency?

Does the policy reflect current operational practice?

Yes 

Inspection Details

Is a criminal record check required / needed?

Are permits required / needed?

Are there special certifications (Serving it right / Foodsafe / First Aid)?

Is the process standard, documented, and stored?

Are waivers in place?

Is PAR-Q used / applicable?