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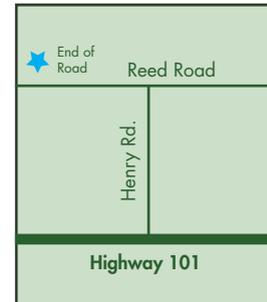
# The Forest that Holds Water (aka Reed Rd Forest Reserve)

Learn about the ecology and history of this threatened “watershed reserve” that is part of the Gibsons’ aquifer recharge zone. Walk in its Stanley Park like setting under towering 80 metre high mature Douglas-firs. This forest was going to be logged years ago but community pressure stopped it. It’s become a favorite destination now for many locals who wish to see this area designated as a park.

During the hike, we invite you to take a photo and write a letter on what the forest means to you and why it should be protected to Minister Katrine Conroy at [FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca) with a copy to the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Council at [council@squamish.net](mailto:council@squamish.net).

**SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021**  
**9:30AM – 11:30PM**

Meet at the end of Reed Road after Henry Rd at the sign that says “End of Public Road”, rain or shine. Bring a friend, water, snacks, and questions. Wear good hiking shoes. Level of difficulty is moderate - incline with some steeper sections. Participation is at your own risk and by donation if desired. All ages are welcome.



*We acknowledge that this forest is within the traditional territories of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) First Nation and subject to aboriginal rights and title.*

## WHY THIS FOREST MATTERS

This forest, home to a mature stand of Douglas-fir and Redcedar was first set aside as a Watershed Reserve by the Ministry of Lands in the 1950s for good reason. As part of the Town of Gibsons’ aquifer recharge zone, the standing trees and their deep roots allow water to percolate to the substrate level eventually making its way to the aquifer. The forested slope prevents erosion and flooding of nearby farms and neighbourhoods.

## About the Summer Hiking Program

Produced in collaboration with and guided by Elphinstone Logging Focus, and generously sponsored by Empowered Healers Academy, the program connects you with the lower Sunshine Coast’s threatened natural forests and explains why their protection is so critical at this time of climate and biodiversity crises and what can be done to conserve them.



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Visit [www.livingforestinstitute.ca](http://www.livingforestinstitute.ca) for details on the full Summer Hiking program including upcoming Sunday hikes on July 25 and August 22 and 29.

