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GO FOR GREEN WEEK!

July 9th - 12th (Wed. to Sat.) 2025

Join us! UNBC Campus Ring Rd, (first left after the UNBC daycare up on the plateau)

FREE daily recycled crafts for kids! 12:30 pm—2:30 pm
2 DIFFERENT CRAFTS EVERY DAY! INCLUDING...



COFFEE CAN PLANTER



EGG CARTON HANGING PLANTER



EGG CARTON CATERPILLAR



WATER BOTTLE BOUQUET



PAPER CUP WIND CHIME



TOILET PAPER ROLL BUTTERFLY

Parents take the opportunity to have your recycling questions answered or check out our display of where and what can be recycled in Prince George.

Contact REAPS for more info!

Phone: 250-561-7327

E-mail: events@reaps.org

REAPS NEWS

Web Pick of the Month

<https://www.foei.org/>

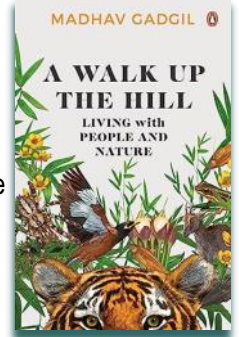
The website provides news stories and resources on global issues such as climate justice and food sovereignty, with a focus on sharing local perspectives from different communities around the world.



Book of the Month

A Walk Up the Hill: Living with People and Nature by Madhav Gadgil ISBN: 9780670097043

This book is an account of his life walking up and down the country's hills and dales, watching peacocks dance and elephants prance, living among fisherfolk on the west coast, horticulturists on Western Ghats, and the tribals of Manipur and Maharashtra, all the while being a part of a vibrant scientific community.



REAPS Summer Staff

We are very happy to introduce 2025 summer staff:

Angela Laurel Madi and Kathryne

Madi and Kathryne's positions are funded in part by Canada Summer Jobs.

Angela and Laurel's positions funded in part through Community Gaming Grant, RDFFG, PHABC.

Francia was with us briefly and we wish her well on her new adventures.

Staff are busy at the Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden, delivering presentations to daycares and summer camps, hosting workshops for residents, creating school newsletters, revamping school presentations and more.



LEARN HOW TO INSTALL A DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Location:
Growing Knowledge
Community Compost Garden
at UNBC across from daycare on the plateau

Sat. July 19
10 am - 2 pm



BENEFITS

Adding drip irrigation to your garden offers numerous benefits, primarily focused on water conservation, plant health, and convenience. Drip Irrigation delivers water directly to the plant roots, minimizing water loss through evaporation and runoff, making it a highly efficient watering method.



HANDS ON



INSTALLATION



MAINTENANCE

RSVP : EVENTS@REAPS.ORG 250-561-7327

E-cargo bikes

We are excited to announce that REAPS has acquired two e-cargo bikes to be used in partnership with UNBC Sustainability Dept. and Everyone At the Table.

These bikes can hold up to 250kg (or a person) lol.

They are available for loan to community groups. To inquire email recycling@reaps.org

This project was made possible with funding from the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction and facilitation from the Public Health Association of British Columbia and Food Banks BC.



LOCAL NEWS

Huble Homestead PSA - Historic Places Day July 13

Every place has a story – learn more about Huble Homestead's on Sunday, July 13 with From Then to Now!

From 11:00 to 4:00, explore the site's journey from family homestead to historic site with displays, photographs, and a special treasure hunt. Snap a pic at the photo station, and take a special behind-the-scenes tour that focuses on the restoration of the historic Huble house.

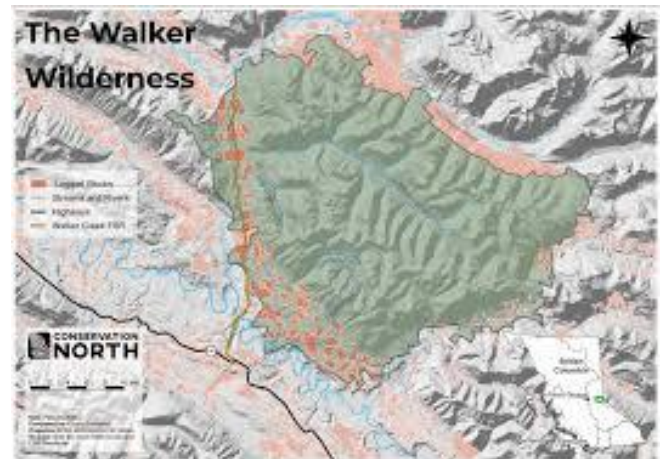
Historic Places Days is a national event from July 11 to 20 that helps Canadians discover Canada's history through historic places.

Huble Homestead Historic Site is located 40km north of Prince George, just off Highway 97 on Mitchell Road. For more information visit hublehomestead.ca or call 250-564-7033.



Dome Creek Community Association presents: The Walker Wilderness

Sunday July 13th in Dome Creek! Join the DCCA's first event in our "**Discovery Series**". Conservation North will be screening a short 11 minute film about the **Walker Wilderness**, followed by an update on their conservation efforts in the area and a Q&A. **Pop-up coffee shop and market opens at 11am, show starts at 11:30am.** See you at the Dome Creek Heritage Hall 13760 Dome Creek Road, Dome Creek BC



The Food Systems North PG Project

Everyone at the Table PG is pleased to announce that they have launched their online Local Food System Survey.



The purpose of this survey is to supplement the information they have gathered at their workshops and outreach events. The information collected will be used to further support the design and development of a food charter and by extension a food policy council.

Your input matters! Complete at your own convenience and pace. All you have to do is click the link below to get started.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdP4bpBYs9b48FT6pCY_ZNm3jCAgRXigK6WsodjTxj1mbHg8g/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=113849332266401703998

4 Week Wild Inspirations Art and Nature program

Join CBAL and Valemount Learning Centre for a **FREE** four-week nature and art program. Guided scenic walk with biologist

- Create art prompted by nature
- Write poems or stories
- Indigenous basketry workshop
- Free Lunch included

Advance registration is required.

This is an intergenerational program for teens/young adults (13-28) and seniors (55+).

Creation and Creativity Inspired by Nature

Date: Tuesdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Week 1 – Start of marsh boardwalk at the end of Ash St. Weeks 2 – 4 – Valemount Learning Centre #16 1295 Gordon Road

To register or learn more contact:

Ann Bridge, Program Facilitator abridge@cbal.org
or text 778-915-4934

AROUND BC

[UNBC Styrofoam replacement technology](#) PG Citizen

[First phase of North Coast transmission line construction to start next year](#)
PG Citizen

[The Fight Over Seabed Mining Comes to Vancouver](#) The Tyee

[Moving Farming Inside and Up](#) The Tyee

[Next-gen hydrofoil ferry makes waves in B.C. waters](#) The Interior News

[From roundabout gardens to park meadows, how cities across Canada are encouraging pollinators](#) CBC

[Khasdzoon Yusk'ut Botanical Garden Unveiled at UNBC](#) PG Citizen

[UNBC names laboratory in recognition of industry partner's support for sustainable innovations](#) PG Daily News

[Glaciers disappearing at a record-setting pace](#) PG Daily News

[UNBC debuts in impact rankings and signs sustainable development goals accord](#) PG Daily News



AROUND CANADA

[Edmonton program repairs, restores damaged stained clothes at thrift stores](#)
CityNews Everywhere

[Larger-than-life sculptures made from plastic pollution on display at Calgary Zoo](#) CTV News

[Plan for the Ban: Federal Plastics Registry Portal is Now Live](#) mcmillan

[Wear It Forward: how a new platform is helping Canadians love their clothes longer](#) VITA

[Indigenous-led efforts bolster EPR collection in remote parts of Canada](#)
WasteDIVE

[Canada had a big EV battery recycling plans, but without regulations it's the Wild West, expert warns](#) CBC

[Fix it, don't pitch it: How smart Canadians save thousands on home appliances](#)
BBN Times

[Surfrider Foundation Canada Unleashes "Blue Barrel" surf gear repair and recycling center.](#) Surfer

[Cleanfarms launch 5 year pilot program for recycling bale wrap and silage plastic in BC](#) realagriculture

[New recycling program in BC diverts thousands of Kgs of medical PPE from landfills](#)
Vancouver Sun

[Cleanfarms launch 5 year pilot program for recycling bale wrap and silage plastic in BC](#) realagriculture



AROUND THE WORLD

[Report: Big-name brands 'lack accountability' for climate targets](#) edie

[Supply of EU forest carbon removal credits outpaces demand](#) edie

[How bricks made from invasive seaweed clean Mexico's beaches](#) Coastal Angler

[Leading businesses pledge to protect and restore global freshwater resources through freshwater challenge](#) Wetlands International

[WRAP and Tesco call for urgent action to reduce global food loss and waste](#)
WRAP

[New hub uses microbes to turn trash into treasure](#) The University of Edinburgh

[Beverage and bag producers fined for recycled resin failures](#) Plastic Recycling Update

[PepsiCo abandons plastic reduction target](#) gets Canadian Plastics



AROUND PRINCE GEORGE

REAPS GROWING KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY COMPOST GARDEN

We are excited to be entering our second year of planting! With over 80 fruit bushes (kiwis, pears, apples, cherries, haskap, blueberries and more), 58 veggie beds, greenhouse, large scale vermicomposter, 12 composters, signage, brochures and weekly workshops we are here to serve our community. Drop in Tuesday to Saturday noon to 4 p.m. If you would like to meet at a different time let us know at gard@reaps.org Our produce is donated to various agencies.


We are located on the plateau across from the UNBC Daycare.



REAPS Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden



Mini Bee School Prince George



Lab: Aug 2
9-4:30


Field: Aug 3
10-3

Please join us at UNBC for a 2 day bee biology and identification workshop instructed by Bonnie Zand. We will learn about the diversity of common bee species observed in Prince George! bee specimens will be examined using digital microscopes, to look at the key ID features that can be observed in the field and photographs.

Participants will also learn about the habitat and forage requirements of bumblebees and solitary bees - including nesting and overwintering.


Suitable for beginner and intermediate learners
Bursaries available for financial need

bcnativebees.org/event-details/mini-bee-school-prince-george-register

 Prince George Naturalists Club

 BCnature
FEDERATION OF BC NATURALISTS

 UNBC
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA
Sustainability

 BC NATURALISTS FOUNDATION

THURSDAY, Jul 3 & Aug 7

IT'S EASY BEING GREEN

Learn new ways to waste less and save money!

Jul 3 - Plastic-Free July
Aug 7 - Take Effective Climate Action at Home

ADULTS | FREE DROP IN
THURSDAY, JUL 3 & AUG 7 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM
BOB HARKINS BRANCH, DOWNTOWN

Presented by the Recycling and Environmental Action Planning Society (REAPS)

Visit www.pgpl.ca/events for full descriptions of topics.

 The Prince George Public Library
www.pgpl.ca

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Dumpy's Tip of the Month

Keeping Cool in the Summer

1. During the hottest parts of the day, close your blinds or drapes to prevent sunlight from entering and heating up your rooms. This can significantly reduce the load on your air conditioner.
2. Consider taking cool showers or using a spray bottle with water to wet your skin for evaporation.
3. Consider swimming or engaging in other water-based activities to cool down.
4. Eat smaller meals and choose cooling foods like fruits and vegetables, which can also help with hydration.



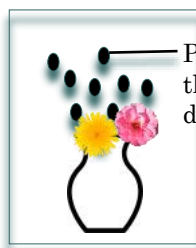
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RECYCLE CRAFT CORNER

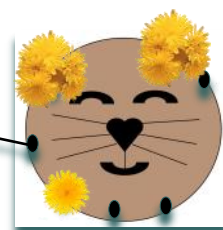
Toilet paper rolls are great for creating summer crafts with the kids. From fish, birds, sheep, turtles, chickens, binoculars, dragons and more! Just search tp roll crafts.

Another great idea is to create a wildflower bouquet or lion's mane as you collect wildflowers along your walk.

On a piece of cardboard draw a vase or lion's head and poke holes for kids to pop their flowers into creating a beautiful nature's art piece.



Punch holes in the cardboard drawing



The few dollars from your membership makes a much bigger difference than you may realize!

Students and Seniors: \$5.00
Individual: \$8.00
Family: \$15.00
Business: \$25.00

CHARITABLE DONATION:

REAPS provides charitable tax receipts for any donation over \$20

Consider donating to our Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden near UNBC

To Donate:

Mail to: PO Box 444 PG, BC V2L 4S6
e-transfer to: recycling@reaps.org
paypal on our website www.reaps.org

in "notes" state what payment is for ie/ membership; donation

