Island Tour: ICCA Tribal Parks & UNESCO Biosphere Reserves
Weekend of May 6-7 2017

* This tour is designed as an optional activity for participants in the P. E. Trudeau Foundation symposium *Indigenous Peoples’ Land Rights and the Roles of Ethnoecology and Ethnobotany: Strategies for Canada’s Future*, taking place at the University of Victoria May 2-5, 2017.

**Tour Description**

In the work we do on Vancouver Island and beyond, we strive to forward a philosophy of Reconciliation—reconciliation both among diverse peoples within Canadian society and between society and the environment. The Island Tour is an opportunity to see this philosophy in action within two internationally recognized regions on Vancouver Island: The Mount Arrowsmith UNESCO Biosphere Region ([mabr.ca](http://mabr.ca)), and Tla-o-qui-aht ICCA Tribal Parks within the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve ([clayoquotbiosphere.org](http://clayoquotbiosphere.org)).

In the Mount Arrowsmith UNESCO Biosphere Region (MABR), participants will receive a traditional welcome by Snaw-Naw-As First Nation. MABR Coordinator Monica Shore will speak of Reconciliation in the region through the lens of a community garden project led by Snaw-Naw-As Elders and designed through a collaborative process with MABR staff and graduate students from Vancouver Island University. In May 2017 the ‘Garden of Spiritual Healing’ will be in its first season of planting. Tour participants will be invited to share a meal and to participate in a planning session with Elders and community members.

Leaving the MABR and entering Clayoquot Sound, participants will receive a traditional welcome by Tla-o-qui-aht and learn about the ICCA Tribal Parks model that saved this area from clear-cut logging in the 1980s, a time of coming together between Indigenous and local communities around shared values. The “War in the Woods” may ring a bell for many.

- [Watch this 50-minute TVA documentary](http://www.tva.org) about the fascinating history of the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve, produced in 2016 by Striking Balance.

Eli Enns will lead the Tribal Parks tour and subsequent activities in Clayoquot Sound where participants are invited join a parallel event called *Tribal Parks 2017 Gathering: Exploring the Intersections of Social and Ecological Reconciliation*. This gathering will involve participation from Vancouver Island Indigenous Peoples and local communities to explore the possible collaboration between ICCA Tribal Parks and UNESCO Biosphere Reserves in forwarding Social and Ecological Reconciliation. At this event, participants from Victoria will be invited to sit on a panel facilitated by Eli Enns to discuss some of the takeaways from the previous week’s symposium.
Tour Agenda

Saturday May 6:
- Tour participants leave Victoria at 9am
- Pause in the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region (MABR) for lunch and a talk from Monica Shore, MABR Coordinator, at the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation ‘Garden of Spiritual Healing’
- Rest stop at Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park
- A Tla-o-qui-aht welcome at the entry point into the Territory (Sutton Pass)
- A guided tour of the Ha’uukmin Tribal Park including renewable energy projects and eco-tourism assets
- Dinner and accommodations arranged in Tofino

Sunday May 7:
- Participants join the Tribal Parks 2017 Gathering: Exploring the Intersections of Social and Ecological Reconciliation. Participants to bring forth outputs from the Victoria workshop as well as presentation time in a panel on the supporting role of ethnobotany and ethnoecology to Tribal Park-type initiatives.
- A brief tour of Tla-o-qui-aht’s award winning land development project. Videos about this project.
  - Tyhistanis Lands Award: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxwtP8NYAd8
  - Tyhistanis Planning Process: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Fuj5fMXQME
  - Below are three videos from our Tribal Parks 2016 Gathering.
    - In the provincial legislature: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wouAR9B6VQA
    - Overview: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-4USXGiB4s
    - Rights & Responsibilities: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGrS1zRL_OA
- Return transportation to Victoria. (Participants have the option of staying an extra night in Tofino if so desired.)

Estimated cost: $490 (covers transportation, accommodation, food, and interpretive guide)

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