Outerbridge Park

European skipper | swallowtail catterpillar | cedar waxwing | red-flowering currant, a hummingbird favourite | house finch | anise swallowtail butterfly | hummingbird at vetch | eight-spotted skimmer | crocosmia provides nectar for birds and butterflies

Photo: Angela Wyatt (European skipper)
Photo: Angela Wyatt (swallowtail catterpillar)
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Photo: Angela Wyatt (house finch)
Photo: Mrs. Outerbridge (crocosmia)

This park is a sanctuary for wildlife, particularly birds, in a setting that people can also enjoy. Notice how the trees, shrubs and flowers provide habitat and food. The nectar-producing plants benefit butterflies and hummingbirds – one of Jo Ann's favourite bird species.

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Jo Ann's Legacy

Created by Joan (Jo Ann) Outerbridge in her late 60s and 70s, this park evolved out of nine properties she bought along Blenkinsop and Royal Oak roads.

By subdividing and amalgamating their undeveloped portions she created this 3.8 ha (9.4 acres) property. In 2005, Jo Ann transferred the land to the District of Saanich in order to protect the sanctuary in perpetuity – the result is today's Outerbridge Park. A restrictive covenant has been registered against the land to ensure that it continues to be protected.

* Please respect Mrs. Outerbridge's vision by staying on trails (including pets) and leaving wildlife and vegetation undisturbed.

Positive Impact

Outerbridge Park is an example of the positive impact one person can have on our lives and the environment. You can honour Jo Ann's work by reflecting upon the beauty and value of natural spaces, and on the importance of preserving them. What can you do to help? Respect natural habitat. Learn about birds and their requirements for shelter, nesting and food, and then provide them if you can.

Think about it

As you experience the quiet beauty of Outerbridge Park, you may wish to follow in Jo Ann's footsteps by asking yourself this question:

What can I do to protect wildlife for the generations yet to come?

The ponds reveal the origin of Lochside Creek, which continues south to Blenkinsop Lake. Land bordering any waterway (known as a riparian area) is valuable wildlife habitat.
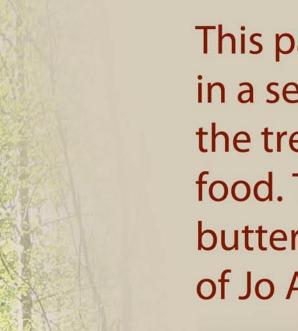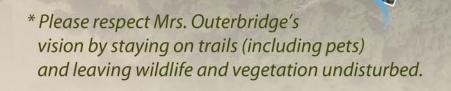
Saanich Parks partners with the **Horticulture Centre of the Pacific** (HCP) for the ongoing operation of the park. Mrs. Outerbridge's vision is kept alive by the hard work of dedicated volunteers and HCP horticulture students. For more information please contact us at 250-475-5522, or email parks@saanich.ca.

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Map labels: Royal Oak Avenue, Entrance, P, Boulder Pond, Stone Henge, Gardens, Secret Pond, Main Pond, Rhododendron Walk, Storage Shed, Lochside Creek, Volunteer Centre, Entrance, Blenkinsop Road, N, W, E, S