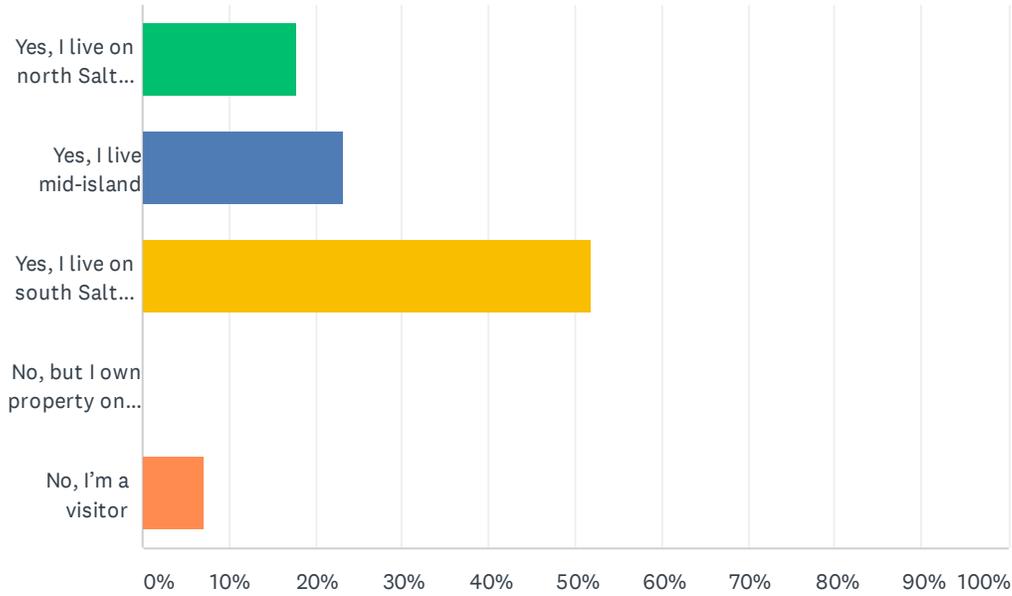


Q1 Are you a resident of Salt Spring Island?

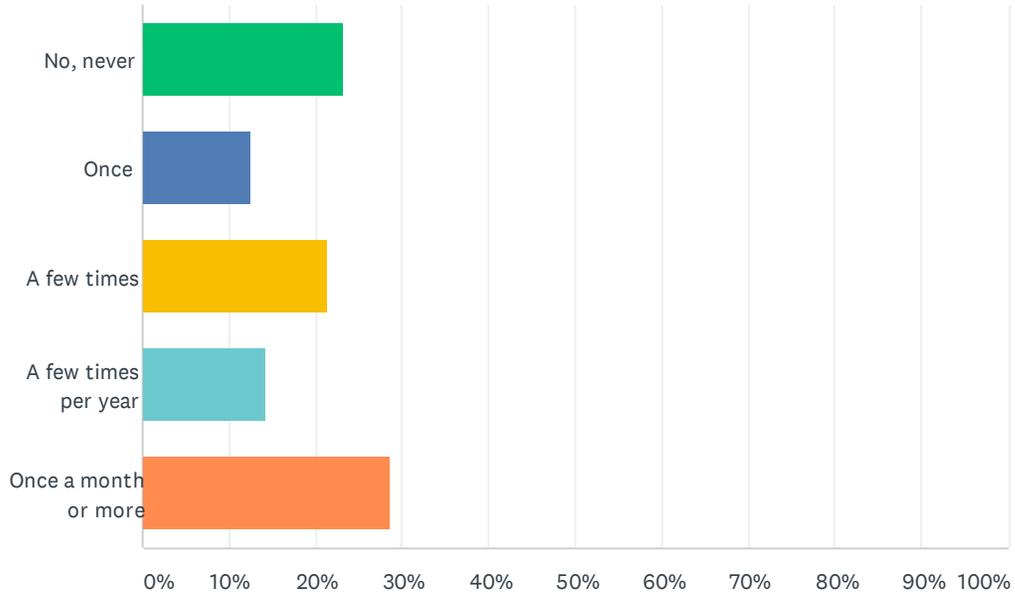
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I live on north Salt Spring Island	17.86%	10
Yes, I live mid-island	23.21%	13
Yes, I live on south Salt Spring Island	51.79%	29
No, but I own property on Salt Spring Island	0.00%	0
No, I'm a visitor	7.14%	4
TOTAL		56

Q2 Have you ever visited Ruby Alton Nature Reserve? If so, how often?

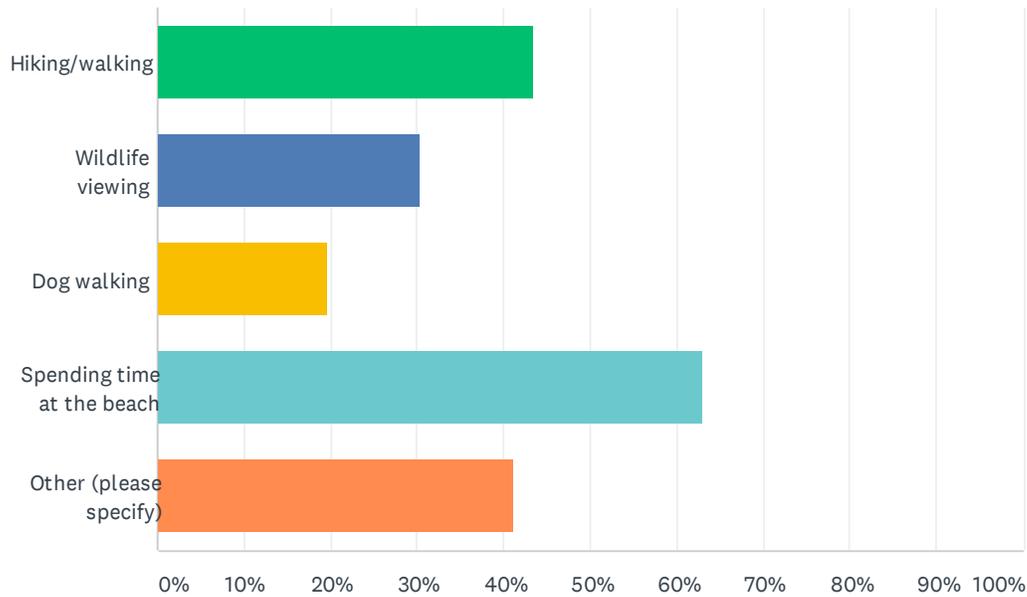
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No, never	23.21%	13
Once	12.50%	7
A few times	21.43%	12
A few times per year	14.29%	8
Once a month or more	28.57%	16
TOTAL		56

Q3 If you have visited Ruby Alton Nature Reserve before, what did you do there?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Hiking/walking	43.48% 20
Wildlife viewing	30.43% 14
Dog walking	19.57% 9
Spending time at the beach	63.04% 29
Other (please specify)	41.30% 19
Total Respondents: 46	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I swim from the beach with the Seals group, all year round.	3/10/2021 5:07 PM
2	Visited Ruby when she was alive. I live opposit Ruby.	3/8/2021 9:11 AM
3	Never been there - no facilities	3/4/2021 9:21 PM
4	N/A	2/18/2021 3:13 PM
5	Rainwater catchment system demonstration	2/11/2021 4:38 PM
6	Visited the tenants	2/10/2021 12:01 PM
7	To see it and the property beach area	2/6/2021 8:26 PM
8	Enjoyed	2/6/2021 8:00 AM
9	Visiting the tenants and before that the original owner.	2/5/2021 5:35 PM
10	Didn't spend much time...just checked it out	2/4/2021 12:51 PM
11	Assess forage fish habitat suitability and collect samples (with permission)	2/4/2021 9:52 AM

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12	Kayaking	2/4/2021 9:05 AM
13	I lived on Isabella Point Road for years and was a friend of Ruby. I used to go to her for eggs and she would always give me something else from her garden.	2/4/2021 8:34 AM
14	Creek measurements FWC	2/4/2021 8:20 AM
15	canoeing	2/3/2021 11:17 PM
16	I go fishing below her land	2/3/2021 10:30 PM
17	Just looked around on first year as a preserve	2/3/2021 6:31 PM
18	Gardening	2/3/2021 5:57 PM
19	IT Staff meeting	2/1/2021 12:17 PM

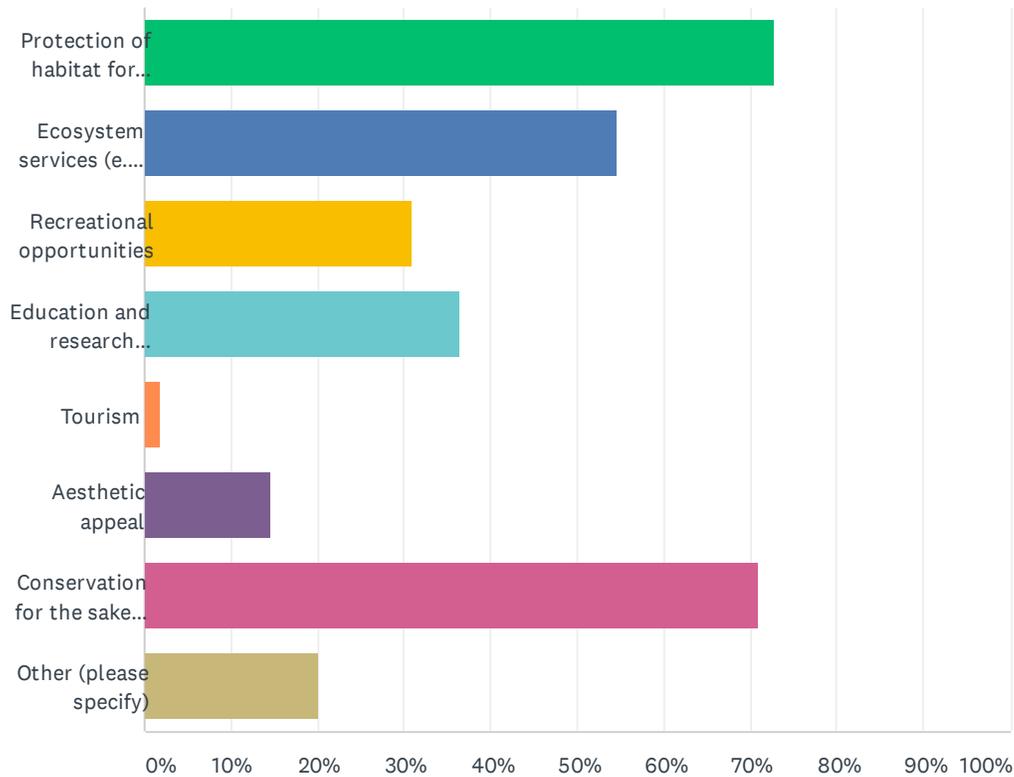
Q4 Please list any wildlife and unique plant species you have seen in or near Ruby Alton Nature Reserve:

Answered: 22 Skipped: 34

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	there is an interesting plant beside the caretaker's parking spot. I think it's a native species but not sure which.	3/15/2021 10:32 AM
2	I can't think of any right now, but will keep an eye out	3/10/2021 5:07 PM
3	At that time, otters, and bald eagle stealing Ruby's ducks	3/8/2021 9:11 AM
4	I've seen herons roost in the trees at the edge of the property.	2/22/2021 9:20 PM
5	Blue Heron, Oystercatcher, Kingfisher, Reptiles	2/17/2021 3:32 PM
6	Invasive and non-native species in addition to some native vegetation	2/10/2021 12:01 PM
7	Eagles, Otters, Mink, Cooper's Hawks, Woodpeckers (several spp), Hummingbirds (both spp), Herons, Clams (many species), Ospreys, Orcas, Dolphins (Harbour, Pacific striped), Seals, Sea lions, Salmon (jumping), Cutthroat trout (jumping), Moon snails, Sand Dollars, ... lots of plants	2/10/2021 11:34 AM
8	Orcas.	2/7/2021 8:10 AM
9	Purple peaches	2/6/2021 7:57 PM
10	Maily observed an over grown former orchard	2/4/2021 5:26 PM
11	The same that I see all over the island	2/4/2021 4:25 PM
12	Swans, ducks, other sea birds	2/4/2021 1:47 PM
13	don't remember	2/4/2021 11:24 AM
14	There is a small beach in the reserve that may have Pacific sand lance and surf smelt spawning and burying habitat. Lab results are still pending.	2/4/2021 9:52 AM
15	deer	2/4/2021 9:20 AM
16	Deer, heron, seas nails, moon snails, porpoises, otters, mink, chocolate lily,	2/4/2021 9:05 AM
17	mostly see the orchard...plums, pears, apples, figs...notice the caretakers eradicated invasives like blackberry, thistle, ivy, and others...good work.	2/4/2021 8:30 AM
18	Otters, coral mushrooms	2/4/2021 8:20 AM
19	I have not carried out identification but enjoy looking at flora and fauna and particularly watch out for the bald eagles, kingfishers seals and otters. I also look to the ecosystem for imagery and materials for natural art.	2/4/2021 7:56 AM
20	Don't know	2/4/2021 7:51 AM
21	Mature Rhodes, unique wildflowers, rare trilliums	2/3/2021 5:57 PM
22	none	2/1/2021 12:17 PM

Q5 What do you believe to be the most important values of nature reserves? (choose three)

Answered: 55 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Protection of habitat for at-risk species	72.73%	40
Ecosystem services (e.g. clean water and air, erosion control, groundwater recharge, etc.)	54.55%	30
Recreational opportunities	30.91%	17
Education and research opportunities	36.36%	20
Tourism	1.82%	1
Aesthetic appeal	14.55%	8
Conservation for the sake of the intrinsic value of nature	70.91%	39
Other (please specify)	20.00%	11
Total Respondents: 55		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	protection of First Nations heritage - midden and clam garden	3/15/2021 10:32 AM
2	I truly hope this does not imply increasing tourism or recreation there!	2/7/2021 8:10 AM
3	Prevention of density	2/5/2021 7:00 AM

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4	Education - demonstrate how to live in concert with nature	2/4/2021 10:36 AM
5	beach access	2/4/2021 9:20 AM
6	It is essential and vital to keep some places on this island that are NOT developed with big houses on the shore that limit access to the beach for residents that do not live by the water.	2/4/2021 8:50 AM
7	To me "Conservation for the sake of intrinsic value of nature" includes the other 4, otherwise I do not see the meaning of the word "value"... so my third choice is CConservation for the sake of the intrinsic value of nature.	2/4/2021 7:56 AM
8	I haven't visited, or even knew I could visit this reserve. So I don't know much about it	2/3/2021 6:31 PM
9	walking and hiking	2/3/2021 5:32 PM
10	Definitely not recreation opportunities.	2/3/2021 5:06 PM
11	TEST, THIS IS ANOTHER TEST	2/1/2021 12:17 PM

Q6 What activities do you believe are incompatible with the protection of natural features, and should not be allowed within Ruby Alton Nature Reserve?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 14

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	clearing native vegetation, dogs off-leash, uncontrolled access to the forest	3/15/2021 10:32 AM
2	tourism, un-authorized trail-making	3/10/2021 5:07 PM
3	Hardly anybody visits.	3/8/2021 9:11 AM
4	Music performance	3/4/2021 9:21 PM
5	Make sure that the park isn't "advertised" to tourists, or on any of the tourist maps, to keep traffic low	2/22/2021 9:20 PM
6	tree cutting, planting non-native plants, off leash dogs	2/11/2021 4:38 PM
7	Hard armoring of the shore and non-native species planting/maintenance like grass.	2/10/2021 12:01 PM
8	Dog walking	2/10/2021 11:34 AM
9	Human activities beyond walking.	2/7/2021 8:10 AM
10	motorized vehicles	2/5/2021 4:56 PM
11	Hunting and commercial use	2/5/2021 7:00 AM
12	bikes, horses, picnics, smoking, logging, native plant removal, housing, drinking, garbage, dog and human excrement, shooting, camping, fireworks,	2/4/2021 10:20 PM
13	Motorized transport, hunting/gathering, camping, fires.	2/4/2021 8:07 PM
14	The problem is the property is really to small to be considered a true nature reserve, another better use should be looked into.	2/4/2021 5:26 PM
15	Trails use for mountain bikes or dirt bikes	2/4/2021 4:25 PM
16	Anything interfering with teh natural state of the land.	2/4/2021 1:37 PM
17	retail activities	2/4/2021 11:28 AM
18	picnics where people do not clean up after themselves	2/4/2021 11:24 AM
19	tourism	2/4/2021 10:53 AM
20	Access to the beach	2/4/2021 10:51 AM
21	Encouraging lots of visitors and dogs. It certainly is for the community to enjoy, just not large numbers.	2/4/2021 10:48 AM
22	Excavation	2/4/2021 10:36 AM
23	biking, games like Frisbee golf, anything that chews up the land.	2/4/2021 10:29 AM
24	Disturbance of wildlife by recreation (e.g. like kayaking in the bay), with the exception of the restoration of traditional ingenious practices like clam harvesting/collection of medicines etc. that have played a role and shaped our ecosystems, similar to the benefits that beavers play as ecosystem engineers, so too did people.	2/4/2021 9:52 AM
25	Biking, horseback riding, ATVs, road building, hunting, fishing, tree cutting	2/4/2021 9:37 AM
26	none --fine as it is	2/4/2021 9:20 AM

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27	Hiking with dogs off leash through unmarked areas of the forest causing erosion, Camping, storage of personal watercraft that are left to decay	2/4/2021 9:05 AM
28	a coffee shop, a tourist shop, etc....	2/4/2021 8:50 AM
29	tourism and recreation	2/4/2021 8:34 AM
30	no dogs off leash. just have access to beach. stay out of forest.	2/4/2021 8:30 AM
31	Dogs, bikes. I walk in the native reserve off Mehnick and the prohibition posted on dogs is not respected.	2/4/2021 8:22 AM
32	Removal of artifacts	2/4/2021 8:20 AM
33	Anything that damages the ecosystems. Eg clutter on the shoreline damaging the slope, camping, fires, removal of beach material, disturbance of the vegetation, or coastal environment.	2/4/2021 7:56 AM
34	Vehicle traffic. Campfires and camping. Smoking and alcohol consumption	2/4/2021 7:51 AM
35	fires, jet skis,	2/3/2021 11:17 PM
36	Cutting down trees and building condos	2/3/2021 10:30 PM
37	I wish visitors anywhere on this island would "pack out what they packed in." I've noticed that tourists and islanders leave bags of garbage by the path entrance.	2/3/2021 6:31 PM
38	Access to yard surrounding house,	2/3/2021 5:57 PM
39	motors of any kind	2/3/2021 5:32 PM
40	Anything that excludes. Preservation of area with access to all	2/3/2021 5:22 PM
41	Recreation..Tourism	2/3/2021 5:06 PM
42	TEST	2/1/2021 12:17 PM

Q7 What do you feel could be the greatest threat to the health of this nature reserve, and should be the highest management priority for the Islands Trust Conservancy?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 14

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	While I did not enter the forested area, I was told by the caretaker that neighbours often do and this is impacting the vegetation. If a single trail with barriers to prevent wandering can be created without much damage, that would be ideal. Otherwise close the area effectively.	3/15/2021 10:32 AM
2	I don't think it is under threat, as is mainly lightly-used by locals.	3/10/2021 5:07 PM
3	There are no threats right now.	3/8/2021 9:11 AM
4	Not enhancing the tourism potential	3/4/2021 9:21 PM
5	High numbers of people and/or pets using the nature reserve. At present, I think mostly neighbors in the local area use the park, and mostly for access to the beach.	2/22/2021 9:20 PM
6	House will cost too much to maintain and property is forced to be sold.	2/17/2021 3:32 PM
7	invasive plants- remove	2/11/2021 4:38 PM
8	Public Access without Education	2/10/2021 12:01 PM
9	Apathy - Highest management priority should be to maintain public access to the beach	2/10/2021 11:34 AM
10	All the dogs! Lots of people trampling the forest over the last year.	2/7/2021 8:10 AM
11	Upland development	2/6/2021 8:00 AM
12	Exploitation for the sake of "science", study groups, etc., using it to exploit the land and ecosystems	2/4/2021 10:20 PM
13	Over exploitation	2/4/2021 8:07 PM
14	he biggest problem is neglect, it is really a bit of a mess	2/4/2021 5:26 PM
15	Not using it for what Ruby Alton wanted it to be used for	2/4/2021 4:25 PM
16	Parking - not that I want any but people do park in unsafe places to visit the reserve - something needs to be figured out	2/4/2021 2:59 PM
17	Too many people	2/4/2021 12:51 PM
18	forest fires. As for "highest management", keep the house for a resident caretaker.	2/4/2021 11:28 AM
19	garbage	2/4/2021 11:24 AM
20	Managing overabundant deer	2/4/2021 11:09 AM
21	recreational use	2/4/2021 10:53 AM
22	Ruby Alton was a good friend of mine and a pioneer in conservation initiatives on the island. I spoke to Ruby about her intentions regarding this gift and her priorities were for the preservation of the habituate on her land.	2/4/2021 10:51 AM
23	I don't see any imminent threats at the moment.	2/4/2021 10:48 AM
24	Failure to educate people visiting the area	2/4/2021 10:36 AM
25	pressure for developing houses instead of preserving the land, so the highest priority would be making sure it stays a reserve.	2/4/2021 10:29 AM
26	Over-abundance of deer	2/4/2021 9:52 AM

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27	Tree cutting, road building. Best left alone! (no management needed) except maintain existing trails.	2/4/2021 9:37 AM
28	Dogs, Over use of the forest by new people moving into the neighborhood, perhaps people could be encouraged to avoid the forest and proceed down to the public access, therefore education and signage would help, or a non evasion trail from the corner of Roland and Isabella keeping people on a safe route down to the beach	2/4/2021 9:05 AM
29	Develop too much so tourists come by the thousands!	2/4/2021 8:50 AM
30	Too many people visiting it.	2/4/2021 8:34 AM
31	dogs and ignorant people who think the area is a park and not an ecoreserve.	2/4/2021 8:30 AM
32	Dogs, walkers off trails	2/4/2021 8:22 AM
33	Loss of the house and a possible centre for educational use	2/4/2021 8:20 AM
34	Disturbance of the current water management system and flora.	2/4/2021 7:56 AM
35	Not sure	2/4/2021 7:51 AM
36	One of the few public accesses to the ocean in this area. Needs to be protected.	2/3/2021 11:17 PM
37	Let it grow naturally- but getting rid of invasive species	2/3/2021 10:30 PM
38	Too many visitors	2/3/2021 5:57 PM
39	deterioration of the gardens	2/3/2021 5:32 PM
40	Pollution from water area, commercialization, self interest of minority	2/3/2021 5:22 PM
41	Recreation and tourism..its small..keep people outta there!	2/3/2021 5:06 PM
42	TEST	2/1/2021 12:17 PM

Q8 Please provide any other relevant information that will help us make the best management decisions for Ruby Alton Nature Reserve.

Answered: 34 Skipped: 22

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I recognize the caretaker needs privacy, but wish there was a bit more access to the heritage gardens. I think more upkeep of these could be done by volunteers. also, it would be nice to have a simple picnic table or bench in the grassy area below the gate for listening to birds.	3/15/2021 10:32 AM
2	My husband & I both wonder about the wisdom of paying for up-keep on the old house, if this is a cost to the Trust	3/10/2021 5:07 PM
3	Don't have any.	3/8/2021 9:11 AM
4	Put in picnic space and places for day use recreation	3/4/2021 9:21 PM
5	I wonder if it would help preserve the park to have a couple of access trails, for those using the park to get to the beach--to keep foot traffic contained to the paths and better preserve the area?	2/22/2021 9:20 PM
6	More Indigenous involvement with management. Caretakers of property could take additional responsibilities and tasks.	2/17/2021 3:32 PM
7	Renovate the dwelling to have less of an ecological footprint and establish best management practices for the use of the reserve.	2/10/2021 12:01 PM
8	The RANR has three portions- House and Garden in the middle, Woodland to the South (this was pasture in the 1930s and 40's info from Ruby and her sister Kathleen Rathwell), and the field with path to beach (was Ruby's sheep and goat pasture). There is a large L-shaped piece on the other side of Isabella Point Road which was Ruby's and has advanced second growth forest with Douglas-fir, Western Red Cedar, Western Hemlock (unusual here on SSI) and Grand Fir. Known nesting site for ravens, woodpeckers and probably owls (Great Horned, Barred and Saw-wet)	2/10/2021 11:34 AM
9	We have noticed a huge number of new people visiting the reserve and it is leading to boats being dumped, garbage being left, the forest being trampled and dog poop. Please consider limiting use, let the forest be conserved and consider helping the tenants rehab the gardens and orchard.	2/7/2021 8:10 AM
10	I trust money has not been spent on preserving dilapidated old buildings that are falling down and should be removed such as structure on the beach. Also question why \$ should be spent preserving a structure with a creek runnin* through it	2/6/2021 8:26 PM
11	I think you should encourage people to visit the site. I know parking on the road is limited, but that's not a good reason to limit visitors.	2/5/2021 5:35 PM
12	Please keep public access	2/5/2021 7:00 AM
13	Need a source of funds. Possibly from the rental?	2/4/2021 8:07 PM
14	Please make it into low income housing for seniors .	2/4/2021 4:25 PM
15	Needs interpretive signage, a picnic table, and steps down to the beach	2/4/2021 1:47 PM
16	Limit access...it is a small reserve	2/4/2021 12:51 PM
17	keeping it basically as Ruby specified in her will	2/4/2021 11:28 AM
18	so far management is doing a great job	2/4/2021 11:24 AM
19	take proactive measures to improve wildlife habitat	2/4/2021 10:53 AM
20	see above.	2/4/2021 10:51 AM

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21	This property was supposed to be used for affordable housing for a local family...instead it is used for staff housing	2/4/2021 9:45 AM
22	I cringe when I hear "manage" Nature can manage itself. No help needed from men.	2/4/2021 9:37 AM
23	grounds need better upkeep, grass mowed etc. needs picnic tables Parking or a way to show people where to park a better gate. Educational signage. steps to the beach. rules about storing boats at the bottom of the the stairs.	2/4/2021 9:20 AM
24	This beach is probably the prettiest of this island, lucky only really accessible at low tide....	2/4/2021 8:50 AM
25	I would just say to leave the land in as natural a state as possible.	2/4/2021 8:34 AM
26	too many small boats smothering the foreshore. public boat storage should not be allowed...keep them at Hamilton Beach	2/4/2021 8:30 AM
27	Multi use doesn't work to protect sensitive areas, eg Duck Creek where I regularly see off leash digs in the riparian zone despite postings.	2/4/2021 8:22 AM
28	Review status (including repair) of property - flagged in an earlier management plan for educational use	2/4/2021 8:20 AM
29	I think this nature reserve works very well under the current arrangement. People have access to the area for walking and the pathway is well maintained. The banks appear stable and the shore is free of boats that would otherwise damage the eelgrass forests. I am assuming that the house has adequate functioning septic system so that limited pollution enters teh marine environment. This ought to be maintained.	2/4/2021 7:56 AM
30	It's a very important natural asset to the south-end.	2/3/2021 11:17 PM
31	Not much room for responses.	2/3/2021 6:31 PM
32	I realize I need to go visit this reserve!	2/3/2021 5:32 PM
33	No research...No use for Education.... NADA..leave it be!	2/3/2021 5:06 PM
34	TEST	2/1/2021 12:17 PM

Q9 Please share with us any history you know about this property or any knowledge you have about unique cultural or other special features on the property.

Answered: 22 Skipped: 34

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I've heard there is a First Nations clam garden on the nearby beach. That is pretty special, and deserves recognition and protection. It would be helpful for the Conservancy to develop and install educational signage under direction of local indigenous groups.	3/15/2021 10:32 AM
2	Just good memories of visits with Ruby, such a character	3/10/2021 5:07 PM
3	Never heard her mention any.	3/8/2021 9:11 AM
4	The reserve sits upon a rare unconsolidated shallow sandy/gravel aquifer	2/10/2021 12:01 PM
5	I was friends (and neighbor) to Ruby and helped her down-size her sheep herd and duck flock when she was dying. I have many stories about her and we were keen gardeners together. She gave me cuttings of some her roses - one Old Bourbon Rose and the other "Tournament of Champions" a modern rose from Pasadena in the 1960s which is the best rose I have ever grown. It is ever-blooming, mostly disease resistant, has beautiful scented multi headed inflorescences, and nice glossy leaves. I have made many further copies and it is known as 'Ruby's Rose' by my friends.	2/10/2021 11:34 AM
6	We knew Ruby. We chatted regularly. When she died we helped with the gardens a bit.	2/7/2021 8:10 AM
7	I knew Ruby Alton and visited the house when she was dying. This was also when the house was quite primitive. Ruby got her water from a spring farther along the road.	2/5/2021 5:35 PM
8	I know that low there was an attempt to make it into low income housing years ago.	2/4/2021 4:25 PM
9	I knew Ruby personally	2/4/2021 11:28 AM
10	knew Ruby Alton and how she loved this place. Great legacy	2/4/2021 11:24 AM
11	I am a member of the SSIC. I also knew Ruby and understand how much she wanted to protect the natural environment	2/4/2021 10:53 AM
12	This nature reserve is adjacent to covenanted land also donated by Ruby Alton. Aside from the roadway that bisects the two parcels of land together they form a contiguous block of protected habitat with a riparian area from the heavily forested area above to the ocean outlet for the watercourse. To the best of my knowledge this combination of protected ecosystem is relatively rare on Salt Spring. I can fully appreciate that the house may be costly to keep up but it also has heritage value as noted by the late award winning heritage architect Jonathan Yardley. Again it is rare to have both heritage components and ecosystem conservation in a single entity here on Salt Spring. Please consider preserving negotiating or exploring various partnerships that could allow both ecosystem and heritage components to exist successfully. Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Sincerely, [REDACTED]	2/4/2021 10:51 AM
13	This property was supposed to be used for affordable housing for a local family...instead it is used for staff housing	2/4/2021 9:45 AM
14	Post a history of who Ruby Alton is	2/4/2021 9:20 AM
15	Ruby Alton gave this land to SSI, a little bit like the Ruckle family, a beautiful garden would be nice to honour her memory.	2/4/2021 8:50 AM
16	I knew Ruby Alton for years and she had told me much about her early life on the property, including the adjacent land across the road.	2/4/2021 8:34 AM
17	seems to be a huge clam midden at mouth of creek	2/4/2021 8:30 AM

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18	I didn't know it existed	2/4/2021 8:22 AM
19	There are clear indications of First Nations artifacts in the beach profile	2/4/2021 8:20 AM
20	Ruby Alton gave this to the community.	2/3/2021 11:17 PM
21	Visited ruby and admired her garden before she passed away	2/3/2021 5:57 PM
22	TEST	2/1/2021 12:17 PM

