

# RENDEZVOUS 2022

Coombs, BC

(June 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday to Monday)

**Host Clubs: Vancouver Island Zone**

**Victory Lapidary and Mineral Society, Cowichan Valley Rockhounds, Parksville & District Rock & Gem, Courtenay Gem and Mineral Club, Alberni Valley Rock & Gem, Ripple Rock Gem & Mineral Club**

**General Information:** [Event Blog](#)

Vancouver Island Rock & Gem Clubs are pleased to invite you to Rendezvous 2022! It will be held at the historic Coombs Fair Grounds. There are many attractions in the area such as Goats on the Roof and The Butterfly Gardens. The Horn Lake Caves, Qualicum Falls and Englishman River Falls Provincial Parks offer great hiking and exploring for those who might like to spend more time in the area. This is a very popular, well-known tourist area so it is great to have such a comfortable venue close to so many alternate activities and attractions.

There is ample room for dry RV camping and tenting on the grounds (a few electrical hookups may be made available to support any special needs). No showers are available but there is running hot and cold water in the bathrooms in Arrowsmith Hall. We will try to set up a shower tent for those who are willing to brave a cool shower. The cost for these spots is \$15 per night with check-in starting at 2:00 pm Thursday afternoon. Dogs are welcome at no extra charge. There are two provincial campgrounds nearby, as well as a private campground down the street, called Coombs Country Campground, for those requiring full hook-ups. There are, of course, many motels in the Parksville/Qualicum area for those who do not camp.

We have three full days of fun, engaging activities planned with choices for those wishing a very active experience or a more laid back one.

**Registration:**

Full info and registration forms will be posted on the BCLS website in November, at which time we will ask BCLS to send out e-mail notification that the materials are posted.

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## **An Overview of the weekend**

### **Thursday, June 2**

- Registration begins at 2:00 pm and the camping field will be open
- Display Case set-up
- Choose and sign up for your preferred field trips for the weekend
- There are local restaurants available very nearby for supper
- Wine & Cheese (Bring your favourite wine, cheeses will be supplied) at 7:30 pm
- Campfire

### **Friday, June 3**

- Registration opens at 8:00 am
- Coffee, snacks and boxed lunches will be available at 8:00am
- Field trips marshal at 8:30 am (Everybody must be paid up with waivers signed by 8:30 am). Be prepared for a full day of rock hounding. Bring lunches, water, hats & sunscreen.
- Display Case set-up and Vendor set-up
- Afternoon workshops, demos and local exploration
- Pot Luck Supper at 5:30 pm
- Campfire, Share your finds and experiences from the day

### **Saturday, June 4**

- Registration opens at 8:00 am
- Coffee, snacks and boxed lunches will be available at 8:00am
- Field trips marshal at 8:30 am. (Everybody must be paid up with waivers signed by 8:30 am) Be prepared for a full day of rock hounding. Bring lunches, water, hats & sunscreen.
- Workshops and demos, 3 to 5 pm
- Vendor Show open to the public 10 am to 3 pm
- Saturday Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 pm – Pre-registration required
- Rock Auction 7pm to 10 pm

### **Sunday, June 5**

- Pancake Breakfast (with eggs, bacon and sausages) at 8:00-9:00 am – Pre-registration required
- Field Trips – check departure times on sign-up-sheets
- Vendor Show open to the public 10 am to 3 pm
- Take down display cases 3 pm
- Bucket Raffle 4:30 to 5:30 pm
- Dinner on your own – Local exploration
- BCLS Annual General meeting 7:30 pm

### **Monday, June 6**

- Coffee and goodies 8 am
- Clean-up and pack-up