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Fraser Valley organizations with ties to nature

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This guide is for anyone looking to connect with and support nature in their community. Check out the organizations listed, and contact them to get involved in their efforts!

Name	Mission/Objective	Area	Kids?
Abbotsford Community Garden	Fosters the principles of community growth and development by offering an outdoor space (166 plots) for people to develop and nurture their passion for gardening.	Abbotsford	
Abbotsford Ravine Park Salmon Enhancement Society	A hatchery that raises juvenile Coho salmonids, provides an educational program for local schools and monitors and reports local stream health.	Abbotsford	
Archway Urban Farm	A teaching garden designed for growing market crops and providing learning opportunities and fresh food to the community.	Abbotsford	
Edenvale Community Gardens	A co-operative project featuring 40 plots of organic flower and vegetable gardens.	Abbotsford	
Elizabeth's Wildlife Centre	A centre to rescue, rehabilitate, and release injured and orphaned wild birds and small mammals.	Abbotsford	
Fraser Common Farm	A community farm that balances food production, habitat conservation, communal & individual housing, and a sincere desire for long term sustainability.	Abbotsford	
Highland Community Garden	A community garden to produce food, demonstrate sustainable gardening methods and provide a place that encourages harmony with the natural and spirtual world	Abbotsford	
Stoney Creek Trail	Volunteers that write monthly trail reports about trail conditions and activities, as well as identify and document different lichens, fungi, and plants they see on this popular off-leash dog trail.	Abbotsford	
The UFV Office of Sustainability	A department focused on bringing a pan-institutional approach of holistic sustainability to UFV, including creating initiatives, increasing awareness and education about environmental, social and economic sustainability, and coordinating and tracking UFV's institutional-wide sustainability efforts.	Abbotsford	
UFV School of Land Use and Environmental Change Student Association (SLUECSA)	A department that provides an informal academic and social environment to geography students.	Abbotsford	

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UFV Student Leisure Outdoor and Wilderness Club	A club for students to participate in and try new outdoor activities, such as hiking, skating, and paddling.	Abbotsford	
UFV Wildlife Protection Club	A club of UFV students working towards protecting native wildlife and their habitats.	Abbotsford	
United Church Earth Stewards	Members from Trinity Memorial and partner United Churches in Abbotsford and Mission who plant trees, learn about water issues in their community, support others in climate advocacy, and partner with the City of Abbotsford.	Abbotsford	
Abbotsford Mission Nature Club	Monthly meetings of naturalists to promote an understanding and appreciation of natural ecosystems and stewardship of natural resources.	Abbotsford & Mission	
Abbotsford Mission Recycling Program	Provides recycling services for the City of Abbotsford and the City of Mission, offering employment opportunities for those with barriers to employment, as well as a public awareness program.	Abbotsford & Mission	
Abundance Community Farm	An experiment in community agriculture that bridges the farm and the city, offering creative solutions to food security and social well-being.	Agassiz	
Agassiz Community Gardens	A community garden that grows produce and flowers in an environmentally responsible and sustainable way and is an all-inclusive, nondiscriminatory organization, providing multi-generational access to garden plots.	Agassiz	
Earthwise Society	Cultivating sustainable communities through environmental education and stewardship.	Agassiz	
Bowls of Hope Community Garden	Community garden with 20+ garden allotments to foster greater food sovereignty and pursue the growth of a strong and interconnected community.	Chilliwack	
Chilliwack Citizens for Change	Grassroots group of activists who are serious about advocating for a healthier environment, community, and action on climate change	Chilliwack	
Chilliwack Outdoor Club	Offers volunteer-driven, non-motorized outdoor activities and promotes training and informational programs and events that are in the interest of safety, education and stewardship of the outdoors.	Chilliwack	
Chilliwack Park Society	To build, promote, and maintain parks and trails in and around Chilliwack and advocate for physical activity outdoors.	Chilliwack	
Chilliwack/Vedder Cleanup Society	Organizes volunteers for river clean-ups and educates the public on the value of the river and the need to keep it clean.	Chilliwack	

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Fraser Valley Illegal Dumping Alliance	Coalition of citizens, businesses, organizations, and local government dedicated to finding the solutions to the issue of ongoing illegal dumping in Chilliwack.	Chilliwack	
Friends of Gwynne Vaughan Park	Friends of the Park group helps to maintain the park together as a team of keen, friendly gardeners.	Chilliwack	
Friends of the Camp/Hope Sloughs	A community led initiative to support the revitalization of the Camp/Hope Rivers.	Chilliwack	
Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve	Manages the 325 acre wetlands located on the un-dyked floodplain of the Vedder River, home to a large breeding colony of the Pacific Great Blue Heron.	Chilliwack	
Nature Chilliwack	To provide opportunities for everyone to become more acquainted with our natural world through monthly speakers, field trips and stewardship opportunities.	Chilliwack	
Rotary Club of Chilliwack	An action group that organizes events, initiatives, and subcommittees to increase climate action in their community.	Chilliwack	
Sunshine Community Garden	An inclusive social space designed to foster relationships and promote health, well-being and a love for gardening among diverse community members.	Chilliwack	
The WaterWealth Project	A citizen-driven campaign amplifying the voices of local community members who love the waters that sustain their home	Chilliwack	
Cultus Lake Stewardship Society	To preserve and protect the health of the lake and its watershed, engaging science, traditional knowledge and social/recreational values to discover the nature, heritage and value of Cultus Lake.	Cultus Lake	
Fraser Valley Conservancy	A local land trust that focuses on environmental conservation and community education.	Fraser Valley	
Fraser Valley Climate Action	To fight climate change by informing and motivating individuals, government leaders and businesses	Fraser Valley	
Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society	To minimize the negative social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with invasive species.	Fraser Valley	
Fraser Valley Mountain Bikers Association	Building a culture of inclusive mountain bike communities and sustainable trail networks.	Fraser Valley	
Fraser Valley Watersheds Coalition	To conserve, restore, and enhance watersheds to benefit people and nature across the Fraser Valley.	Fraser Valley	

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Miami River Streamkeepers Society	To promote public education and riparian habitat health along the Miami River Greenway in Harrison Hot Springs. MRSS provides opportunities of weekly riparian monitoring, quarterly water quality testing, salmon enhancement projects and public events.	Harrison Hot Springs	
Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning	Working to strengthen people's connection with nature and local history through shared outdoor experiences.	Hope	✓
Critter Care Society	Specializes in the treatment, care, and release of sick, injured, and orphaned native mammal species of the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley.	Langley	
Langley Environmental Partners Society	Actively partners with local environmental stewardship groups to engage the public in a variety of initiatives that contribute to a healthy community.	Langley	✓
Langley Field Naturalists	Aims to promote the enjoyment, understanding and conservation of the natural environment in Langley.	Langley	
Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program	To restore the population of northern spotted owls across their range in British Columbia through captive breeding and release into protected habitat.	Langley	
The Knotweed Lab	An interdisciplinary community of scientific and creative researchers committed to studying and generating awareness about invasive knotweed near waterways in BC.	Langley	
Valley Outdoor Association	To promote the enjoyment, care and support of the outdoor environment through hiking, cycling, skiing, kayaking, canoeing and additional outdoor social activities for members.	Lower Mainland	
Building Resilience in Mission (BRIM)	A Transition Town initiative, empowering residents and groups to collaborate on projects and create sustainable, reilient systems that benefit our community.	Mission	
Mission Environmental Stewardship Society	To support the efforts of citizens, organizations, businesses, and government to prevent and remove littered and illegally dumped waste.	Mission	✓
The Footprint Press	An eco-arts magazine, which includes submissions from local Indigenous and nonindigenous artists, activists, scientists and environmental groups, published by the Citizens Against Urban Sprawl Society (CAUSS) registered non-profit society.	Mission	✓
Wild Salmon Defender Alliance	Composed of diverse and concerned people, scientists, artists, groups and organizations dedicated to the protection of wild salmon as food security, as a keystone species that supports biodiversity, and as a valuable contributor to the cultural, spiritual, physical, and economic well-being of British Columbians	Mission	

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A Rocha	An international Christian organization which engages in scientific research, environmental education, community-based conservation projects and sustainable agriculture.	✓
BC Federation of BC Naturalists	To promote the preservation of the natural environment for future generations through conservation education and research projects.	
Coastal Partners in Conservation	Dedicated to science-based conservation actions to protect, restore and monitor species and their habitats. Emphasizes collaboration between biologists, governments, First Nations, NGOs, businesses, landowners, and citizens to ensure healthy species populations and habitats for future generations.	
Community Bat Program of BC	A network of community bat projects across BC that aims to increase the number of known roost sites in human-made structures, educate landowners about bats on their property, monitor and count bat populations and enhance bat habitat.	
David Suzuki Foundation	Working to protect nature's diversity and the well-being of all life, now and for the future.	
Dogwood BC	Aligns grassroots political organizing with Indigenous rights and title to defend our shared home.	
Ducks Unlimited	To conserve, restore, and manage wetlands for British Columbia's waterfowl, wildlife, and people.	
Farmers for Climate Solutions	A national farmer-led coalition advocating to make agriculture part of the solution to climate change.	
FarmFolkCityFolk	To connect, empower, and inspire people to strengthen BC's sustainable food systems. Supporting BC farmers to use local seed and to grow food in ways that mitigate climate change and protect biodiversity.	
Federation of Mountain Clubs of British Columbia	A province-wide umbrella organization dedicated to protecting and maintaining access to BC's backcountry.	
Fraser Basin Council	To bring people together to advance sustainability in the Fraser River Basin and throughout BC.	
Fraser Basin Council Youth Program	To build capacity for youth to engage in sustainability initiatives, deepen understanding on complex issues, gain skills, and access opportunities to take on leadership roles in their communities.	

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Invasive Species Council of BC	A dynamic, action-oriented organization helping concerned stakeholders work together to stop the spread of invasive species in BC.	✓
Leave No Trace	To promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation through science-based education and partnerships throughout Canada.	
Nature Conservancy Canada	Canada's unifying force for nature, working to deliver large-scale, permanent land conservation.	
Nature Kids BC	Programs and resources to help children and their families get outdoors to explore, play, learn about and take action for nature.	✓
Nature Trust BC	Dedicated to conserving BC's biological diversity through securement and management of ecologically significant lands.	
Outdoor Recreation Council of BC	To promote and advocate for the responsible use of and access to BC's wild places for public recreation.	
OWL - Orphaned Wildlife	A society dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of injured and orphaned raptors and educating the public on the conservation and importance of these animals.	✓
Pacific Megascops Research Alliance	To encourage and foster collaboration between future, present, and past coastal BC nocturnal wildlife researchers and provide outreach and engagement to the public, using Western Screech-Owls as our umbrella organism.	
Pacific Streamkeepers Federation	Helping streamkeepers take action through support, education, and resources.	
Plugin BC	Supporting the uptake of electric vehicles in BC, providing a hub of information and incentive programs for consumers and fleets to go electric	
Rivershed Society of BC	To connect, protect, and restore the Fraser's 34 riversheds	
Sierra Club BC	To support people stewarding abundant ecosystems and a stable climate, while building resilient, equitable communities	✓
Stewardship Centre for British Columbia	To strengthen ecological stewardship in BC by providing educational, technical, and capacity programs, and resources through partnerships.	
Stream of Dreams	Eco-education through community art, helping people understand their connections to water and to awaken changes to protect streams, rivers, lakes and our one ocean.	
Trails Society of BC	To assemble and preserve the British Columbian section of the Trans Canada Trail as well as advocate for the expansion, sustainability, and preservation of greenway trails in BC and to assist at developing the Great Blue Heron Way.	
Watershed Watch Salmon Society	Works to defend and rebuild B.C.'s wild salmon and their habitats	

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WestCoast Climate Action Network	Strives to unite the multitude of climate change organizations, groups, and initiatives in British Columbia whose members share a deep concern about the global climate emergency and who wish to see more urgent, rapid action.	
WildResearch	To build, train, and educate a community that contributes to conservation science.	
Wildlife Rehabilitators Network of BC	Provides continuing education, networking resources, and a professional avenue for working with government and regulatory agencies on issues that affect rehabilitators and their work.	
Wildlife Rescue Association of BC	To rehabilitate wildlife affected by human activity and provide education to the public on co-existing with urban wildlife.	
WildSafeBC	Provincial leader in preventing conflict with wildlife through collaboration, education, and community solutions	
Xerces Society	An international nonprofit that protects the natural world through the conservation of invertebrates and their habitats.	
Young Agrarians	A farmer-to-farmer educational resource network for new and young ecological, organic and regenerative farmers in Canada.	
Zero Waste BC	Working to drive systemic change towards Zero Waste in BC.	

Municipal programs and services
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Municipality	*Description*	*Kids?*
Abbotsford	**Adopt a Park, Street or Trail:** Maintain one of over 157 parks in Abbotsford by picking up litter, removing invasive plants, and reporting on vandalism or maintenance problems.	
Abbotsford	**Community Clean Up Month:** Abbotsford residents are encouraged and supplied with free equipment to pick up litter around their neighborhoods, workplace, and schools, from April 1-30.	
Abbotsford	**Storm Drain Troopers:** This program provides kits to volunteers to paint bright yellow fish above storm drains to help remind folks that what goes in the storm drain matters.	
Abbotsford	**Lets Talk Abbotsford:** Call outs from the City of Abbotsford for residents to provide their feedback on a multitude of projects, from park planning to walking infrastructure to flood mitigation planning.	
Chilliwack	**Engage Chilliwack:** Call outs from the City of Chilliwack for residents to provide their feedback on a multitude of projects, from their climate action plan to water conservation to curbside recycling.	
Chilliwack	**Guided Nature Sessions:** Join the City's Guided Nature Sessions to learn about plants, wildlife, and unique natural processes around us in over 400 hectares of Chilliwack's green space.	
Langley	**Public Engagement Opportunities:** Engagement opportunities for residents of the Township of Langley to participate in surveys, open houses, and give their input on plans and projects in the works.	
Langley	**Adopt-a-Program:** Choose a street, park, trail, or creek to adopt. Commit to cleaning the litter in an area for one year and the Township will provide cleaning supplies, safety information, garbage removal, and a sign to recognize your efforts.	
Mission	**Engage Mission:** Call outs from the City of Mission for residents to provide their feedback on a multitude of projects, from community wellness strategies, to neighborhood planning to land clearing management.	

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