

Personal maps of trails on and around Government lands, central Gabriola

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All the area depicted is maturing forest, with no paved roads, residencies, or other man-made structures. The lands are in a delightful natural state, have a variety of types of trails not cluttered with signposts, and are used by Gabriolans for hiking, biking, jogging, rambling, nature study, exploring, and horse riding as if they were a park; however, the long-term future of the lands is uncertain.

The Government lands are a mix of lands owned by the BC Government and Canadian Federal Government. The federal lands are known by them as "treaty related management" lands (TRM lands) but locals know them as the Kensington Lands after their former owners Kensington Capital who acquired them from Weldwood. The lands mapped here all lie south of North Road but there are TRM lands north of North Road and elsewhere on Gabriola.

Depiction of a trail on these maps does NOT affirm that the public has right of way. It merely points to the trail's existence. Some trails on Government lands cross over to adjacent, mainly undeveloped woodland properties that are privately owned and owners have the right to refuse access by posting notices to this effect, which, in law, are equivalent to a fence.

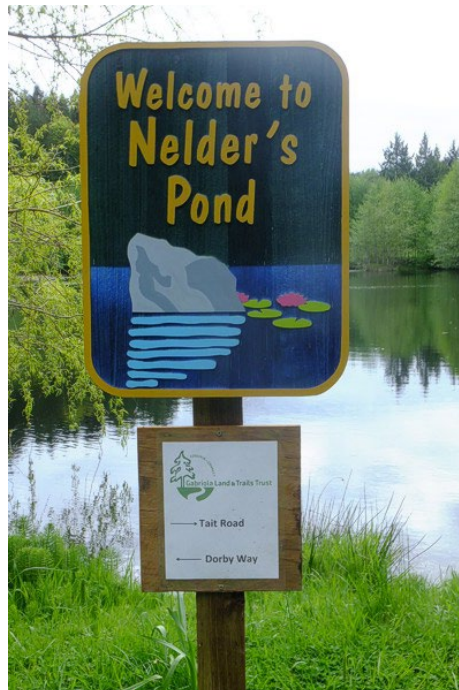
Some of the the Government lands access points are posted "no trespassing". This is widely understood to mean—rightly or wrongly, I do not know—that no action will be taken against you if you are passing through in a respectful manner; however, you cannot sue the government if you come to any harm.

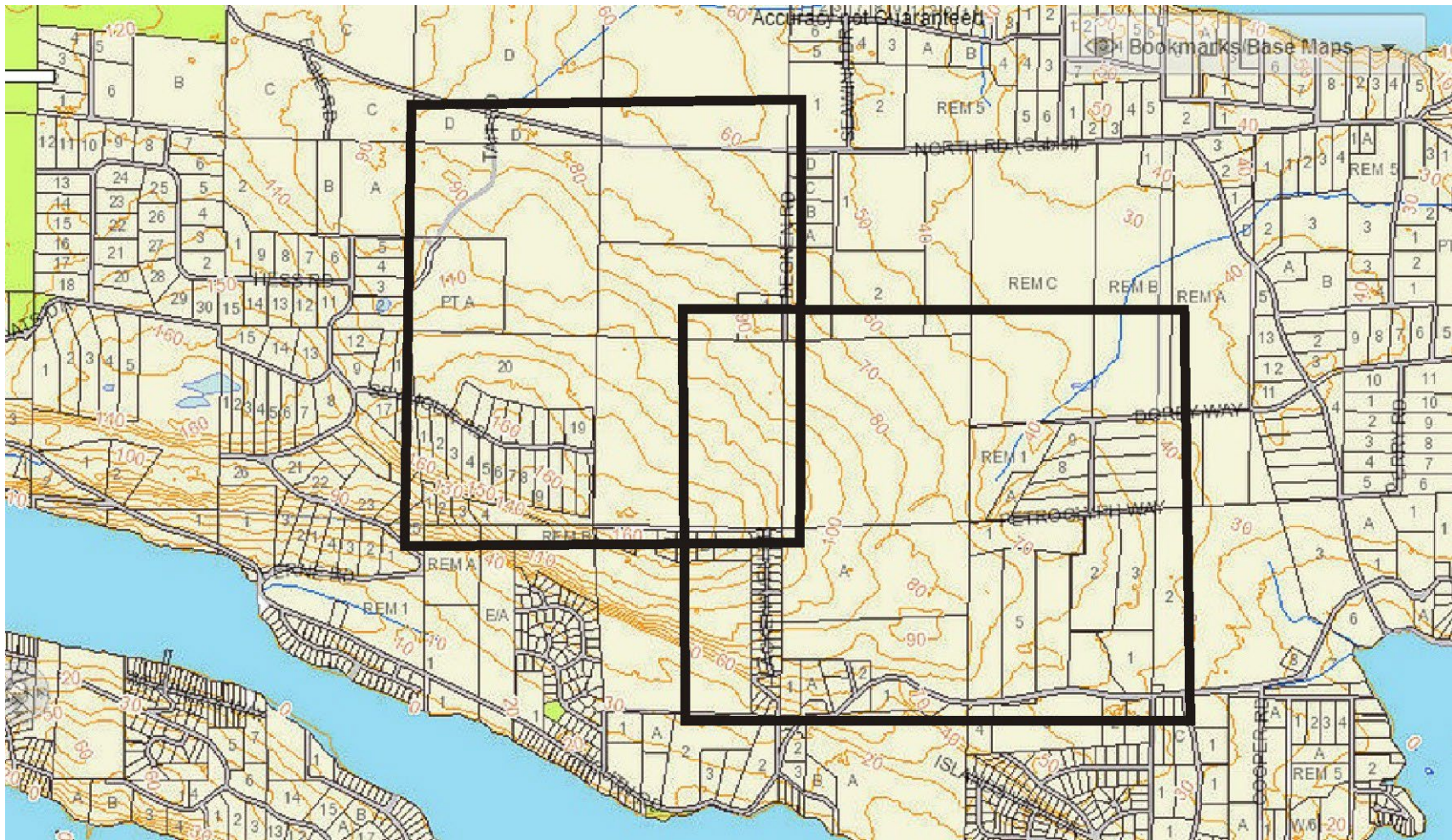
Where landowners generously allow passage over their land (not all do), it must be assumed, I suggest, that unless agreed to the contrary that users are to remain on the trail; are not to remove, alter, or add to the soil, bedrock, and vegetation; are to keep dogs on a leash; are not to harass the wildlife or to hunt; are not to use motorized transport; are not to camp; are not to smoke or light fires; are not to disturb the peace or invade the owner's privacy; are not to leave garbage; are to leave gates as they find them; are not to interfere with any farm, forestry, or construction equipment they come across; are to accept that they are using the trail entirely at their own risk; and are to recognize and respect the fact that the trail is on private property and any existing permission to use the trail and conditions for its use may be modified or withdrawn by the owner at any time. On the other hand, it would obviously be appreciated if users report anything that they see on the trails that requires urgent attention or is a concern.

Whether bikes, electric bikes, and horses are permitted probably varies from owner to owner and has to be researched elsewhere.

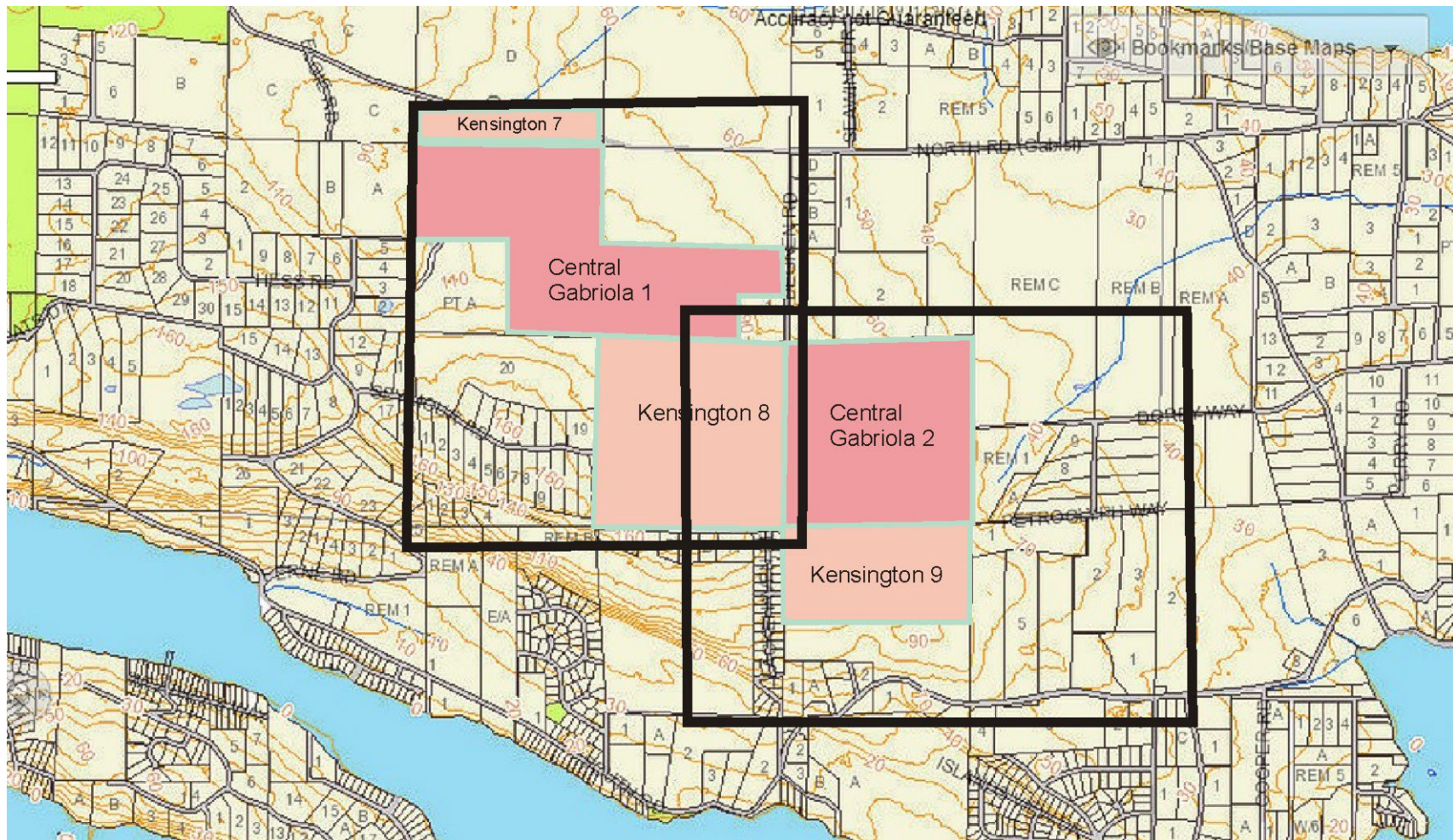


The Meeting Tree

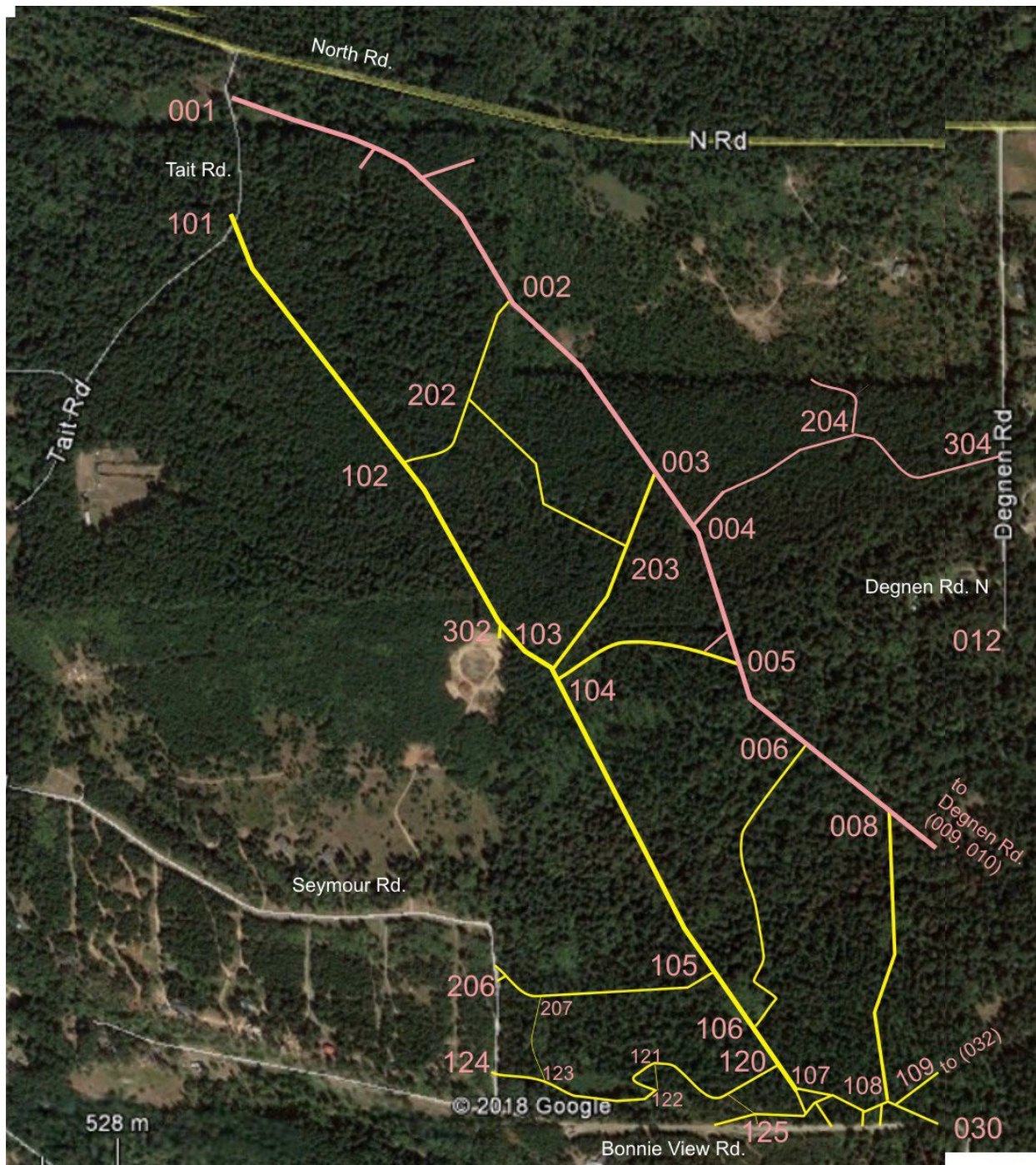




The two maps show areas containing Government lands south of North Road — in west and east sections.



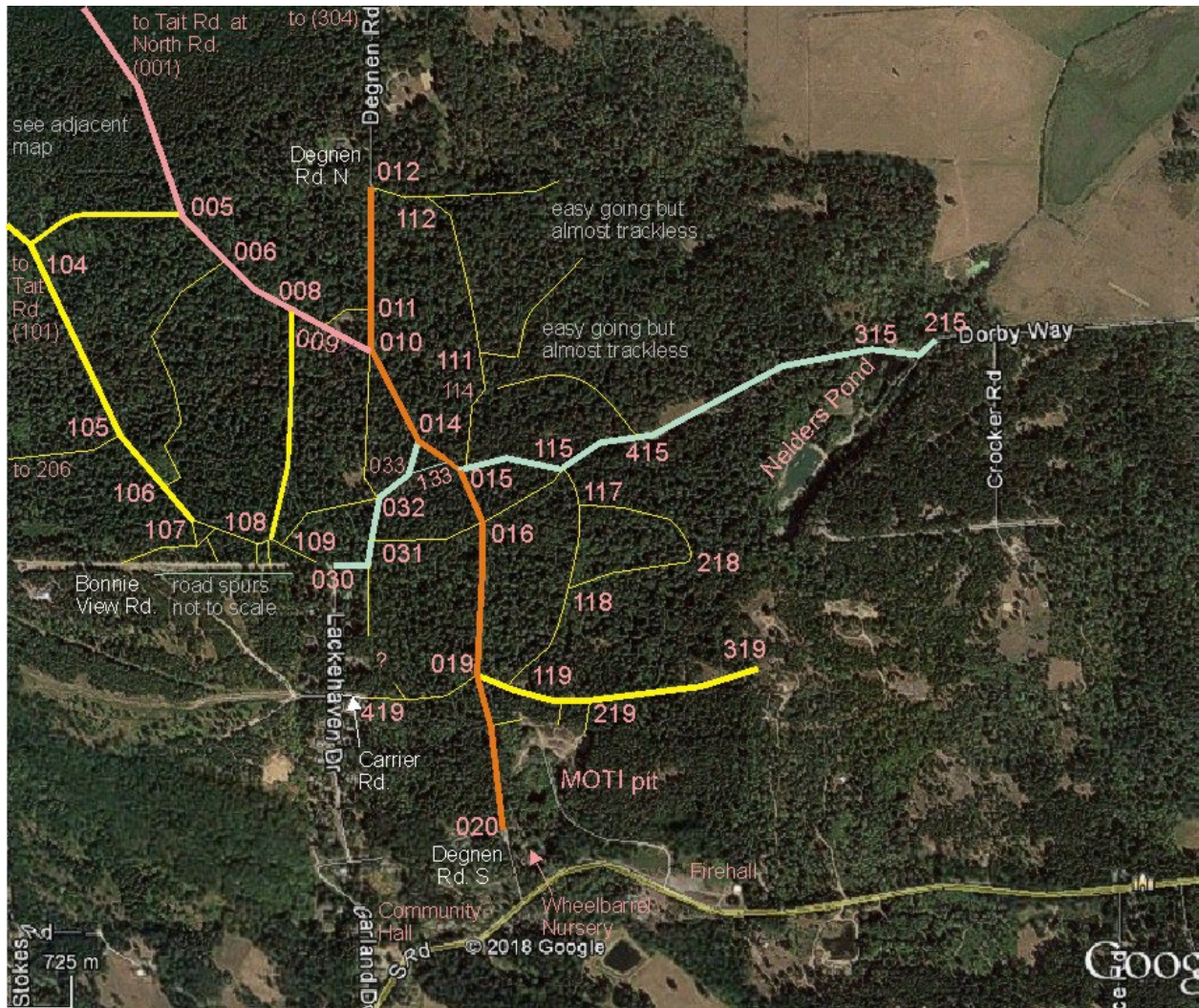
Government lands, BC and Federal, in the mapped sections. The lands are managed as one and are collectively known as “the Government lands”.



Trails in the west section.

Roughly bounded by North Rd., Degnen Rd., Seymour Rd., Bonnie View Rd., and Tait Rd. The trail between 002 and 003 clips the corner of private land; use at your own risk and please stay on the trail. There is a woodland by-pass 002-202-203-003 that avoids this crossing.

Most minor (woodland) trails meander somewhat—shown here are only general compass directions.



Trails in the east section.

The trail accessing Dorby Way crosses private land but has a Gabriola Lands and Trails Trust (GaLTT) licence for public use. Please stay on the trail; the ponds themselves are private. Unauthorized access to the MOTI pit is illegal.

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MAJOR TRAILS

Trail names are purely personal ones and are not being suggested for general adoption, except perhaps for “Centre Road” which originally also ran through what is now the 707 CP. The “Dorby Way Trail” is part of the old “Road to Dick’s Swamp”.

TRAIL	VIA		
Centre Road Trail	001	010	
Turkey Shoot Trail	101	107	
South Degnen Road Trail	020	010	015
North Degnen Road Trail	010	012	
Calendar Trail	019	319	
Dorby Way Trail	015	215	115
Top of Garland Trail	030	014	032

WAYPOINTS

Waypoint accuracy not reliably better than ± 10 m [$\pm 0.005'$ latitude; $\pm 0.008'$ longitude] which makes the 3rd decimal place in the minutes columns not very significant.

Location names are purely personal ones used for a couple of decades and are not being suggested for general adoption, the only exception being “The Meeting Tree” (015) which is an old name that has been in use on the island since at least the 1930s and quite possibly earlier. Not knowing that, I’ve been calling it “Big Tree Junction” for the past twenty years.

The “Centre Road” and “Turkey Shoot Trails” run roughly parallel to each other, but at different elevations on the hillside.

“Bonnie View Road” was once re-signed by the MOTI as being part of “Lackehaven Drive”. It is also still known to some as being the “Top of Garland” or, going back even further, as an extension of “Seymour Road”. The original signed name has now been restored.

WAYPOINT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LOCATION	MAP
	49°	123°		
001	9.381	46.341	Tait Rd. nr. North Rd.	W
002	9.192	45.948	4th loop back (Centre Road-Turkey Shoot trails)	W
003	9.065	45.765	3rd loop back (Centre Road-Turkey Shoot trails)	W
004	9.003	45.700	Centre Road-Degnen Rd. North	W
005	8.869	45.623	2nd loop back (Centre Road-Turkey Shoot trails)	E/W
006	8.809	45.561	Bikers loop back (Centre Road-Turkey Shoot trails)	E/W
008	8.759	45.442	1st loop back (Centre Road-Turkey Shoot trails)	E/W
009	8.728	45.368	Orion Loop	E
010	8.698	45.293	Degnen Rd. N-S junction	E
011	8.734	45.297	Orion Loop	E
012	8.887	45.287	Degnen Rd. N paved	E

014	8.611	45.185	Lackehaven-Degnen Rd.main	E
015	8.578	45.123	Meeting Tree (Big Tree Junction)	E
016	8.526	45.096	030-115 short-cut	E
019	8.332	45.108	Calendar trail start	E
020	8.160	45.061	Degnen Rd. S gravel	E
030	8.461	45.348	Top of Garland	E
031	8.487	45.295	030-115 short-cut	E
032	8.533	45.282	X-meadow junction	E
033	8.554	45.209	032-015 short-cut	E
101	9.269	46.330	Tait Rd.	W
102	9.023	46.057	4th loop back ((Centre Road-Turkey Shoot trails)	W
103	8.864	45.873	3rd loop back (Centre Road-Turkey Shoot trails)	W
104	8.854	45.853	2nd loop back (Centre Road-Turkey Shoot trails)	E/W
105	8.603	45.702	Side trail to Seymour Rd. Sandy's Trail	E/W
106	8.555	45.637	Bikers loop back (Centre Road-Turkey Shoot trails)	E/W
107	8.486	45.536	Bonnie View nr. Lackehaven (no vehicle access)	E/W
108	8.480	45.459	1st loop back (Centre Road-Turkey Shoot trails)	E/W
109	8.475	45.445	Bike trail Lackehaven	E/W
111	8.700	45.077	NE woodland trail network	E
112	8.850	45.173	NE woodland trail network	E
114	8.632	45.068	"Face Tree" waypoint (the face is now lost)	E
115	8.574	44.973	to Nelder's Pond	E
117	8.539	44.910	Horsetrail loop to 118	E
118	8.448	44.961	Horsetrail loop to 117	E
119	8.331	45.073	Horsetrail loop to 115 from Calendar trail	E
120 *	8.520	45.605	Side trail to Seymour Rd. Bonnie's Trail	W not E
121	8.517	45.771	Bonnies' Trail overgrown short-cut	W
122	8.494	45.767	Bonnies' Trail overgrown short-cut	W
123	8.509	45.906	Connector to Sandy's Trail to 207	W
124	8.505	45.969	Seymour Rd. Bonnie's Trail	W
125	8.465	45.596	Bonnie View Rd. signed to 105	W
133	8.529	45.151	Short-cut around 014	E
202	9.083	45.975	3rd to 4th loop back	W
203	8.988	45.796	3rd to 4th loop back	W
204	9.069	45.484	paths N to private lands	W
206	8.599	45.971	Seymour Rd. Sandy's Trail	W
207	8.581	45.922	Connector to Bonnie's Trail to 123	W

215	8.720	44.309	Dorby Way (GaLTT licence trail)	E
218	8.488	44.763	Horsetrail loop low waypoint	E
219	8.308	44.908	MOTI pit connector to Calendar trail	E
302	8.910	45.965	to private property (deforested)	W
304	9.045	45.297	Degnen Rd. N	W
315	8.708	44.373	Nelders Pond (GaLTT licence trail)	E
319	8.334	44.639	Calendar trail end (to private property)	E
415	8.600	44.873	NE woodland trail network	E
419	8.316	45.289	Carrier Rd.	E

* Bonnie View was probably using "Bonnie" as an adjective, not as a person's name as implied by Bonnie's Trail".