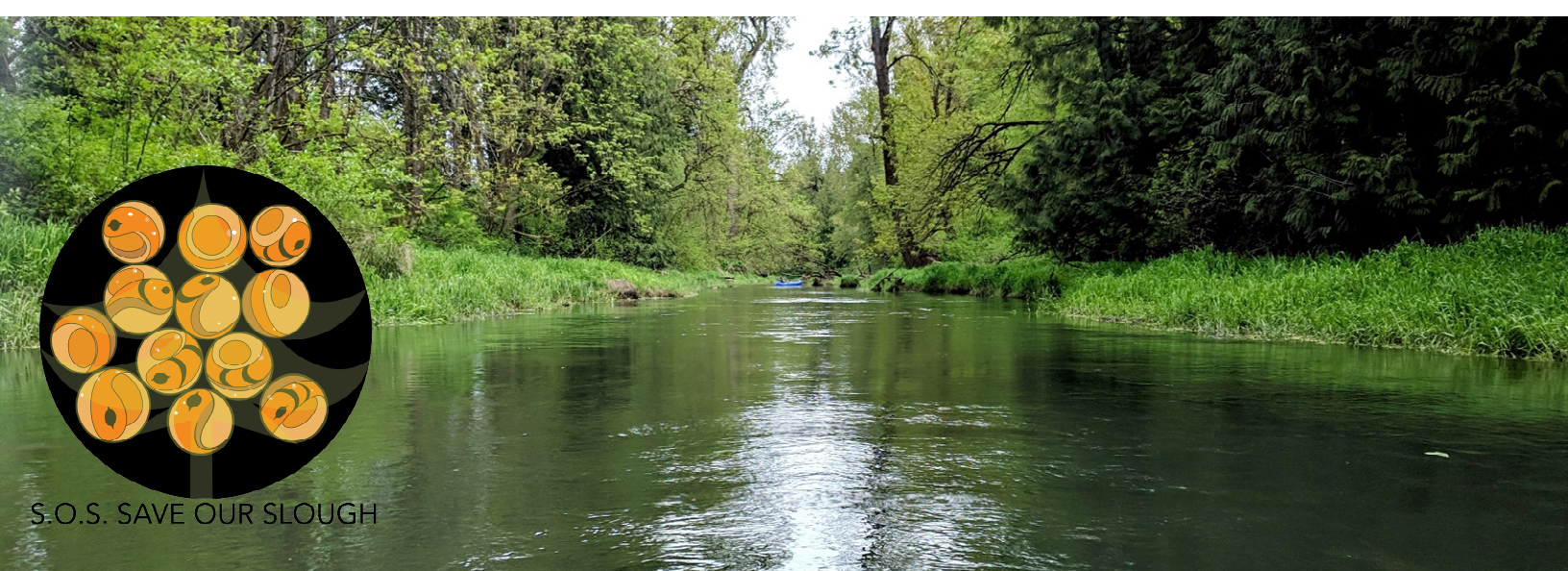


HOPE SLOUGH SKWA:LA PADDLE ROUTE

ROSEDALE TO CORBOULD PARK



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

The Hope Slough Skwa:la paddling route begins in Rosedale, near Rosedale Skate Park. It follows the meandering Hope Slough all the way to Corbould Park on Fairfield Island. The segment from Rosedale Fire Hall to Reeves Road is best paddled at high water. We recommend putting in at Reeves Road for an enjoyable easy paddle to Scout Hall at Kinsmen Park or even to Corbould Park.

Difficulty: Moderate, if starting at Rosedale Fire Hall. Easy from Reeves Road to Corbould Park. The reaches downstream of the Reeves Road launch are suited to all paddlers and is recommended for beginners.

Hazards: There are some culverts and bridges to paddle under, but, unless the water is really high or you are very tall, we expect that you will be able to safely pass. The route has no portages and only two ripples, one at Dayton Pool and the other just past the easy take-out by the footbridge at Kinsman Park. Other easy riffles to cross are found mostly just downstream of major culverts. There's strong side flow where Elk Creek joins the slough.

We recommend scouting the section between the Rosedale Skate Park and Chapman Road from Hope River Road before paddling it because the low-water muddy sections are too far downstream to be seen from the launch site.

Parking: There is parking at both ends of the route, and at places along the route, such as Reeves Road, Dayton Pool, and Kinsmen Park.

We recommend that you have someone drop you off and pick you up or that you paddle in pairs with vehicles at both ends.

Disclaimer: The route depicted here may be different than described. Watercourses may have fluctuating water levels, downed trees, or other obstacles. Paddlers should be familiar with the risks they are assuming when using these watercourses.

Route Highlights

- 12.4 km long, can be done in segments
- About 3 hours on the water
- Parking is available at the Rosedale put in and at several places along the route
- Birds, turtles, beaver, muskrat, and other creatures are often seen on this route

RECENT TRIP REPORT

A brief report from April 10, 2023 by Judy McCormick:

On April 10 four 'Boats of Many Colours' kayakers paddled successfully from McLeod Rd area to Scouts Hall on Fairfield Island. Unlike last year at this time, there were no obstacles blocking our way, and the decent water level and pleasant current made for a faster-than-usual journey. This is a great time of year to get out there on this waterway, as the grass, weeds and other debris, natural and otherwise, that tend to choke it later on have not yet taken over.

Unfortunately, although it was promised a few years ago, as of yet there is no proper entry point at McLeod Road, so paddlers are limited to entry at Reeves Road. The only other official entry point is in the middle of Rosedale, and paddling from there to McLeod is dicey even at the best of times. Whenever that is.

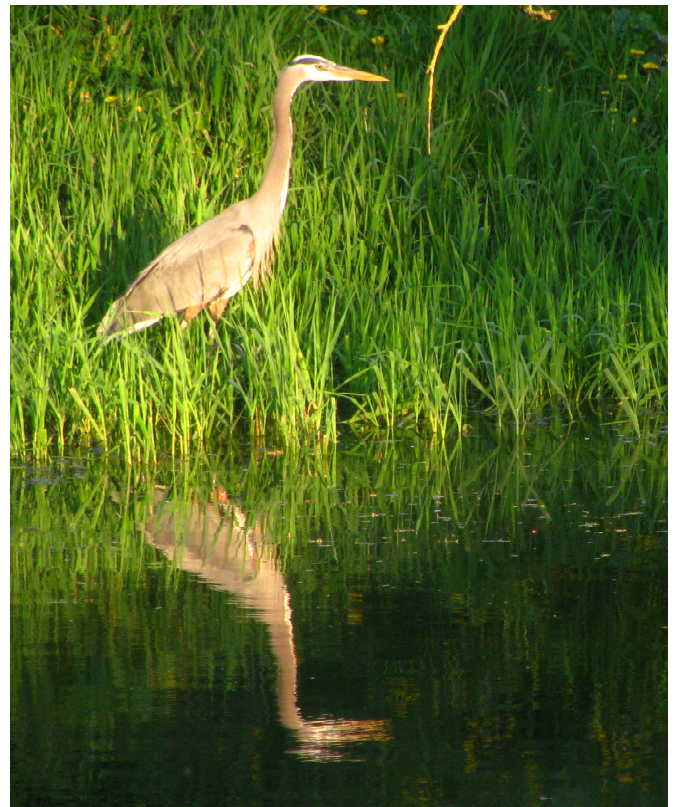
I suggest that we all make an effort to encourage the City to establish more and better access points to these once great waterways that wend their ways through our area. Go on out and see for yourselves.

Oh, and happy paddling to all!

PADDLING ETIQUETTE

- You must wear a personal flotation device (PFD).
- Don't paddle alone – you never know when you need a hand.
- Respect wildlife – the sloughs are important habitat for a wide variety of waterfowl, songbirds, amphibians, reptiles and mammals. Keep your distance.
- Do not disturb nesting waterfowl.
- Respect private property – the shoreline might look wild (which is good!) but the adjacent property is probably residential or a farm. Don't trespass.
- Your voice carries and others can hear – be mindful of what you say.
- Don't block other users – move your craft out of the way.
- Use leave no trace practices – please pack out all your garbage and take only photographs.

HAPPY PADDLING!

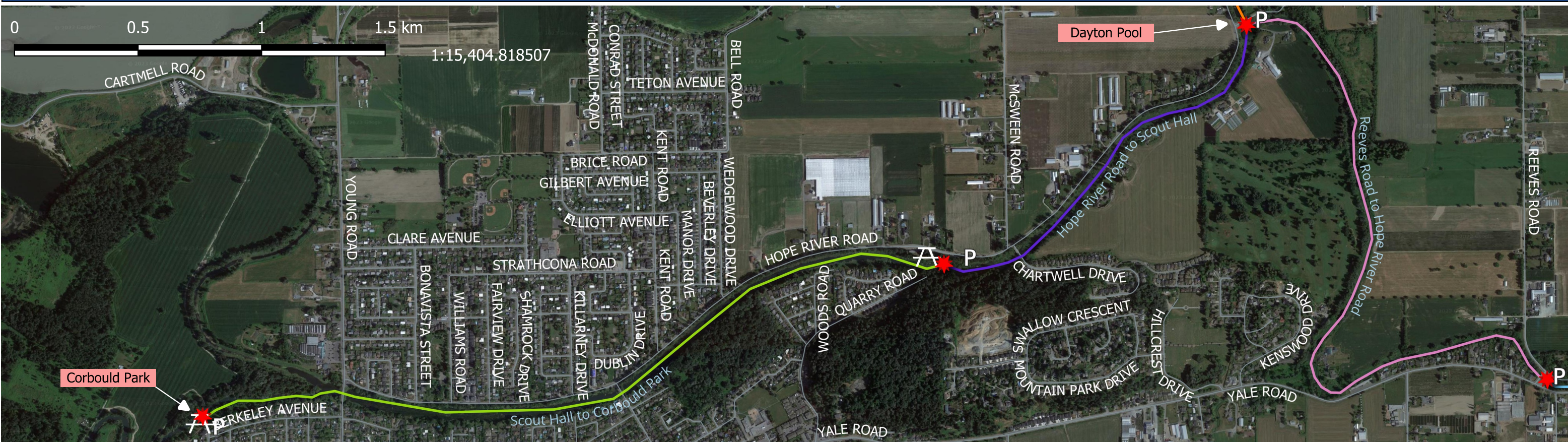


We acknowledge that we are on S'olh Temexw, the unceded traditional territory of the Stó:lō people.
Skwa:la is the Halq'eméylem name for Hope Slough.

Hope Slough Skwa:la (upstream) - Rosedale Firehall to Reeves Road- Total length 7.81 km



Hope Slough Skwa:la (downstream)- Reeves Road to Corbould Park- Total length 7.78 km



- Fire hall to McLeod Road- 3.9 km
 - McLeod Road to Reeves Road- 3.9 km
 - Reeves Road to Hope River Road (Dayton Pool)- 2.9 km
 - Hope River Road to Scout Hall- 1.7 km
 - Scout Hall to Corbould Park- 3.2 km
- P Parking
- A Picnic spot
- ★ Launch

Unidentified hazards may exist on mapped routes. Always proceed with caution.
Map created by Stephanie Christensen, May 16, 2023.

