

## Victoria Palaeontology Society

The VicPS is a registered non-profit society whose purpose is to promote an interest in palaeontology and to contribute to education and scientific knowledge in palaeontology and other earth sciences with emphasis on Vancouver Island and British Columbia.

### Meetings and Speakers

The VicPS has an active program of monthly meetings and guest speakers. Monthly meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month from September to June in Room A120, Cornett Building, University of Victoria. Guests are welcome.

### Field Trips

The Society has a well-coordinated program of monthly field trips to sites of palaeontological and geological interest. A rich variety of fossil plants and marine animals ranging in age from the Ice Age to over 100 million years old are collected and catalogued by VicPS members. New members and guests must sign liability waivers.

## Education and Protection

A purpose of the VicPS is to raise public awareness of the richness and diversity of BC's palaeontological resources. The Society encourages sensitive methods of collecting in order to ensure these non-renewable resources remain accessible to the public and preserved for future generations to enjoy.

The Society organizes fossil displays several times a year for public education and enjoyment, with the showcase event being the Fossil Fair at the Swan Lake-Christmas Hill Nature House.

### Scientific Cooperation

The VicPS contributes to the scientific understanding of BC's fossils by working in cooperation with professional centres including the UVic Centre for Earth and Ocean Research, the Royal BC Museum, the Pacific Geoscience Centre, Geological Survey of Canada and other North American institutions.

VicPS members have identified fossil collections for the Royal British Columbia Museum and the Pacific Geoscience Centre. In May, 1999 the VicPS and the Centre for Earth and Ocean Research co-hosted the Third BC Paleontological Symposium in Victoria.

## Membership

Annual membership is on a calendar year from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Annual fees are **General \$30 or Patron \$100.**

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### Treasurer

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## BCPA Standards and Ethics for Scientific Collecting

(Abridged version)

1. Respect private property. Obtain permission or permits where necessary.
2. Practice environmental etiquette to minimize the impact of collecting.
3. Practice safety precautions (i.e. wear eye protection) when collecting.
4. Maintain records of geographical and stratigraphic information on all fossils collected.
5. Assign an identifying number related to the locality for each specimen. Store specimens in a manner appropriate for long-term preservation.
6. Sale of fossils for personal or corporate profit by BCPA members is not acceptable.
7. Failure to adhere to these standards and ethics may result in membership being revoked.

## B.C. Paleontological Alliance

The BCPA is a broadly based umbrella organization of amateur and professional palaeontologists bringing together regional palaeontology societies and supporting institutions. The Alliance strives to enhance knowledge about the fossils of British Columbia. It also works to improve communication among the universities, museums, government agencies and individuals concerned with fossils throughout British Columbia. The Alliance is particularly interested in fostering interactions between amateur and professional palaeontologists. Members of a regional society receive the BCPA Newsletter.



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### Regional Societies

Victoria Palaeontology Society  
Victoria

Vancouver Island Paleontological Museum  
Society  
Qualicum Beach

Vancouver Island Paleontological Society  
Courtenay

Vancouver Paleontological Society  
Vancouver

Thompson-Nicola Paleontological Society  
Kamloops

Northern BC Paleontological Society  
Prince George

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