

Walk #8



Jack's Dropper GaLT's Great Winter Walkabout



What to expect

Approx time: 75 mins

Approx distance: 3.6 km

Difficulty: challenging
(with an easy alternative)

Begin: Moby Dick's Way near Barrett (or from end of Colleen Road for an easy option—see instructions at end *)

Get a cardio workout climbing up this beautiful escarpment (unless you take the easy option), and walk through the Fantasy trail en route to a Rollo/McClay Park loop.

Directions

Park on the side of Moby Dick's Way near Barrett and enter the mixed forest on the trail signposted *To Colleen Road*. Walk the well defined trail to the base of the hill, admiring the ramp on the left, built by local cyclists. Angle up the steep slope, stopping to enjoy the view of the Sunshine Coast, and get your workout as you switchback up to the Jack's Dropper sign. You have done most of the climb now on this lush provincial crown land. At the T, turn right to the main Honeysuckle/Wild Cherry connector and right again.

In the meadow, the level trail from Colleen Road enters, but stay on the main trail to Honeysuckle Road. Walk down the road, cross Barrett and enter the whimsical Fantasy Path trail licence. Bear left on the driveway and take the Rollo Park path,

crossing a second driveway and turning left. At the next junction, go left to the baseball diamond where you head right, following the outfield fence line to emerge onto Ritchie Road. Turn right and almost immediately re-enter the forest on a trail marked *To Barrett Road*. At the end cross Barrett, turn right, and walk on the shoulder back to Honeysuckle. Retrace your steps back to Moby Dick's Way or Colleen.

To avoid the hill, park at the end of Colleen Rd. walk up the middle lane (orange dots), and enter the forest trail posted to Moby Dick. Go left at the split, to the meadow where you join the main description, **bolded in blue.*

The trails on our Great Winter Walkabout cross public and private lands. Please obey all posted rules, keep your dog leashed where required (**ON LEASH ONLY** on Fantasy Pathway), and under full control elsewhere.



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PLEASE REMEMBER that even the easiest Gabriola trails may have mud and rough or rooty sections that make sections awkward or slippery.