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Mr. Bill Steer
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Re: “Geocaching” and GPS Training

Dear Mr. Steer,

Thank you so much for joining us at Hatley Park National Historic Park, home of Royal Roads University. The GPS certification days provided the necessary step for our organization to train, and ultimately certify a number of our guides.

Your weeklong “geocaching” and GPS training provided the necessary overview and “boost” to help us launch a complete set of technology based programs that offer an enjoyable way to experience the outdoors. Your ability to share your wealth of knowledge to all my staff – guides, gardeners, production team, program staff and managers was enjoyed immensely and created the base level of knowledge I was seeking for my team.

The experiential nature of working with maps, compasses and GPS units gave staff an appreciation of the skills and knowledge “geocachers” utilize. The manual and DVD are resources that help reinforce the certification. We were also pleased with the media coverage that was generated by your visit, and continues to provide excellent awareness for Hatley Park as a new historic site actively welcoming visitors.

We look forward to becoming a “best practice site” and part of the vision for Geocaching Canada. I recommend geocaching as a popular and evolving tourism experience and the training you provide Bill is excellent.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nancy Arsenault
Director, Tourism and Outreach