

NEWS RELEASE



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Royal BC Museum nature talk comes to Fernie

VICTORIA, BC – The Royal BC Museum and the Fernie Heritage Library are hosting a free public presentation on the rich natural world of British Columbia.

Each year with the support of Teck, **Canada's** largest diversified resource company and Royal BC **Museum's** lead partner in biodiversity, teams of Royal BC Museum expert researchers head out into the wilds of British Columbia to collect, study and discover its wondrous treasures.

This year a portion of the field work is centred on areas near Fernie for the Flathead BioBlitz, and research teams will be visiting the Fernie Heritage Library to share some of their findings.

Field Work: Spiders!, on Thursday, July 30 at 7 pm, will feature **BC's** foremost spider expert, Royal BC Museum Entomology Senior Collections Manager Claudia Copley, and her team as they shed light on the **province's** rich spider diversity.

This presentation provides a chance to learn about spider biology and discover the work being done by researchers from the Royal BC Museum, as they leave no stone unturned in an effort to determine which species of spider occur here.

Guests are even invited to bring along any spiders they would like to have identified.

About the Royal BC Museum

The Royal BC Museum explores the **province's** human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. Looking to the future, by 2017 the Royal BC Museum will be a refreshed, modern museum, extending its reach far beyond Victoria as a world-class cultural venue and repository of digital treasures.

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