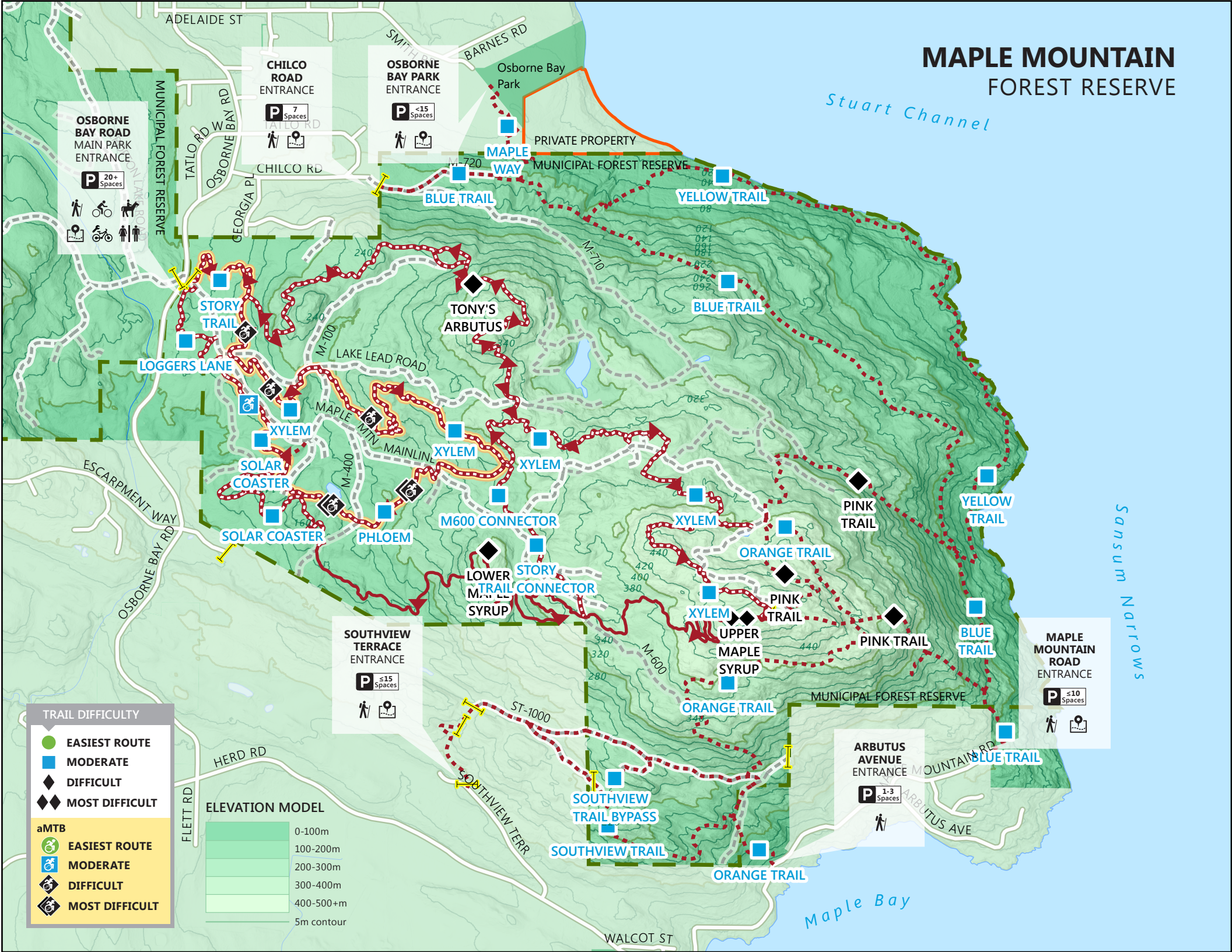


MAPLE MOUNTAIN FOREST RESERVE



GREEN TRAIL

   0.6 KM

The Green Trail provides the easiest hiking only experience on Maple Mountain. This trail is marked with green paint and can be linked to the adjacent logging roads to create hiking loops.

BLUE TRAIL

  5.2 KM

The longest hiking trail on Maple Mountain connecting Maple Bay and Crofton and to the Pink and Yellow hiking trails. This trail traverses the mountainside overlooking Sansum Narrows and Saltspring Island.

ORANGE TRAIL

  3.4 KM

Accessed off of Arbutus Avenue, the Orange Trail is a challenging hike that starts at almost sea level and transports hikers 1400 feet up the mountainside connecting into the Pink Trail. Use the Orange trail to access the summit, or connect with other trails to create mountain loops.

YELLOW TRAIL

  4 KM

The Yellow Trail is often the scenic return route taken by hikers travelling the Blue Trail one way and the Yellow Trail back. Hugging the coastline and offering spectacular close up views of Sansum Narrows, as well as access to the ocean.

PINK TRAIL

  3.4 KM

A near vertical trail from sea level to the summit of Maple Mountain, the Pink Trail gains 1200 feet of elevation in just over 1 kilometer of punishing uphill. The Pink Trail intersects with the Blue, Orange and Yellow Trails offering different options to create a hiking loop.

MAPLE WAY TRAIL

  0.8 KM

The most accessible trail on Maple Mountain with 1.2 kilometers of machine built hardpacked gravel that can accommodate wheelchairs. This trail begins at Osborne Bay Park and meanders up the north side of Maple Mountain with connections to the Blue Trail and the Chilco road trailhead.

SOUTHVIEW TRAIL

  4 KM

Spectacular views overlooking Maple Bay, Stoney Hill and Mt. Tzouhalem. A hiking-only trail, Southview Trail is located on primarily south facing slopes and passes through one of the largest open Garry Oak woodland ecosystems in the Cowichan Valley.

PHLOEM

  1.8 KM

The most flow you will find on Maple Mountain. This downhill-only blue trail begins with a unique and optional wooden bridge feature then begins to weave tightly through trees and beautiful rocky terrain, finding smooth and fast flow on an otherwise very technical mountain. Riders will find this trail makes excellent use of the elevation, earning a long and very fun descent filled with berms, berms and more berms.

M600

  0.5 KM

Connecting road from Mainline that links you to the end of Upper and start of Lower Maple Syrup. Road terminates with Orange Trail Connection.

M600 CONNECTOR

  0.4 KM

Multi-user connector road taking you from Maple Mountain Mainline meeting up with Story Trail Connector, Maple Syrup and terminating with Orange Trail.

SOLAR COASTER

   2.4 KM

Characterized as a cross-country trail with a combination of climbing and descending throughout. Riders can expect to be challenged by short technical climbs, rock roll downs, ungroomed single-track and continuous steady pedalling. Hikers accessing this trail in either direction will appreciate the light in this open mature forest and the forested viewpoints from the bedrock platforms.

LOGGERS LANE

   0.9 KM

Serving the purpose of connecting trail users to the Osborne Bay road parking lot. Used by hikers and mountain bikers, this trail can be travelled in both directions. A great beginners trail with a few small rock technical features.

XYLEM TRAIL

   6.6 KM

A purpose built climbing trail, starting at 100 meters of elevation, the Xylem trail transports hikers and mountain bikers to the summit of Maple Mountain, through a variety of views and forests, gradually increasing in difficulty with proximity to the peak.

STORY TRAIL

   1.3 KM

Built by the local Cowichan Tribes First Nations youth, Story Trail welcomes visitors to Maple Mountain through the impressive totem gateway. Meandering through a lush green backdrop of sword ferns, western red cedar and douglas-fir, the Story Trail gradually climbs upwards before rushing back downhill through a series of banked corners, ending in a direct connection to the Xylem climbing trail.

STORY TRAIL CONNECTOR

   0.7 KM

Paralleling the M600 forestry road connecting riders from the Xylem climb to the Lower Maple Syrup trailhead. The trail begins with a winding cedar boardwalk through the forest before making its way up slope in switchback fashion.

TONY'S ARBUTUS

   3.5 KM

A technical mixed-use (hike/bike) single-track trail that winds through douglas-fir/arbutus forests, often opening onto rocky outcrops where there are great views of Stuart Channel, Osborne Bay, Mt. Prevost, Mt. Richards; and, on a clear day, Mt. Baker. Users of Tony's can expect an un-groomed rocky trail with obstacles like rock step ups, roots, technical climbs and narrow bedrock chutes.

LOWER MAPLE SYRUP

   3.2 KM

A true all mountain trail that offers a bit of everything: rocky single track, groomed flow sections, bermed corners, wooden bridge features, gnarly downhill and technical climbs. Not for the faint of heart, this trail is a lung-burner that presents a constant challenge, whether it's the grinding climbs or the technical downs, riders using this trail need be on top of their physical and technical game.

UPPER MAPLE SYRUP

   2 KM

This downhill only mountain bike trail starts at the summit of Maple Mountain, situated at 1656 feet of elevation, where a rocky platform offers views of Sansum Narrows, Saltspring Island and Stoney Hill. Trail features include navigating the ups and downs of an open rocky meadow, steep downs and tight corners combined with pedal strokes through rocks and roots, followed by looking for the safest line down the bedrock chutes.

Adaptive Mountain Bike Loop (aMTB)

The trails along the aMTB loop have been modified to meet aMTB trail standards. The 6.45 KM loop begins at Story Trail that joins into the Xylem climbing trail where it transitions into the Phloem flow trail ending off at the junction of Solar Coaster and the M200 road. From there, it is a short distance up to the main forestry road where the aMTB loop ends.



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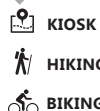
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TRAIL# CONFIDENCE MARKER



aMTB ADAPTIVE MOUNTAIN BIKE ROUTE



BIKE ONLY

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aMTB ROUTE

HIKE ONLY

DIRECTION OF TRAVEL (BIKE ONLY)

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MULTI USE (HIKE / BIKE / HORSE)

FORESTRY GATE



COMMUNICATIONS TOWER

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