

Media Release

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The West Shore Gets Wild with Monkido!

Colwood BC: West Shore Parks and Recreation society (WSPRS) has announced a new partnership with WildPlay Element Parks that promises to enhance opportunities for family fun and fitness. WildPlay's "Monkido" aerial adventure courses are being constructed with in the trees behind the Juan de Fuca Recreation centre.

Monkido (pronounced Mung-kee-doh) is an elevated obstacle course set in a beautiful forest and securely suspended in the trees between six to 50 feet off the ground. Course elements include zip lines, bridges, scramble nets and swinging logs. The self-managed system allows guests to move independently through a series of progressively challenging tree-to-tree elements. Each guest is provided with the equipment needed to do the course (harness, lanyards, carabineers and pulley) and taken through demonstration training prior to going on the courses.

"We are very excited about this partnership with West Shore Parks and Recreation, which provides year-round, accessible adventure for local residents and expands upon Victoria's tourist attraction offerings", said Tom Benson, President and General Manager of WildPlay Element Parks. "The new adventure park is a great addition to our tourism landscape," said Robert Gialloreto, President & CEO of Tourism Victoria. "Greater Victoria is known as an exceptionally active community and visitors come from around the world to experience our offerings. With experiential tourism in growing demand the Victoria region continues to raise the bar in this competitive market."

Linda Barnes, Administrator for West Shore Parks & Recreation Society sums it up. "We want to make sure that the people in the five municipalities that we serve are fully apprised of this new WildPlay Park that will be opening in November. They can be reassured that WildPlay Element Parks is an ideal partner in this exciting venture".

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Press Kits will be available online at www.jdfrecreation.com/wildplay.zip at 12 Noon on Monday August 24th.

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