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## Pond abused

Regarding Murray's Pond, how in heaven's name do people get the idea they have the right to say what happens with someone else's property?

Murray's Pond was a lively park-like area 16 years ago. Then the public found it and they used it just the same way they do other places, Esquimalt and Blue Lagoon for example. Those used to be nice beaches.

People who don't live close by Murray's Pond don't have to live with the constant fear of fire. We have had two. It would scare them if they saw the places kids have had fires.

Yes, it's a favorite area for the students of nearby schools; that's how all the smashed beer and liquor bottles got there.

People think it's okay to turn their children loose with buckets to collect newts and frogs that die in a short time in buckets. They also don't realize the sandpit area is dangerous in spring; there's more than 15 feet of water in it. In summer, the children dig tunnels which could fall in on them. It happened once.

Then dogs are allowed to run and chase the deer and rabbits. What they don't manage to destroy, the bikers have, roaring around, tearing up the flora and scaring the fauna.

I hope the pond is left for the animals and birds. They need it. The public doesn't.

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