



University
of Victoria

Geography

Field Studies in Physical Geography:

[A01] August 23-30, 2026

[A02] August 30 – Sept 6, 2026

University of Victoria Department of Geography

General Information

The 2026 Geography 477 field camp is being held at Bridge Glacier in the Lillooet Icefield area, British Columbia Coast Mountains. This year we are running two independent offerings of the course **[A01] from Sunday, August 23, to Sunday, August 30, 2026** and, **[A02] from Sunday August 30 to Sunday September 6, 2026**. This is a remote backcountry site and participants should anticipate variable weather conditions and long days exploring challenging terrain over the duration of the field camp. Access is by float plane from Tyaughton Lake. Participants require personal tents for accommodation.

If you have any further questions after reading the information in this package, please email fargey@uvic.ca.

Eligibility

We expect many more applicants than the 24 positions available (12 per course offering). Accordingly, we list the following eligibility information:

- Preference may be given to students who have completed more than one of the [pre-requisites](#)
- Preference will be given to students in their final year of study
- Preference may be given to students who identify this is a required course in their program
- This field school is physically demanding. Applicants must mention if they have accessibility needs that may affect their ability to participate.

Application Requirements

Please see the Application Form for all application instructions and requirements. On the form, please indicate a preference for the A01 or A02 section.

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Courses

This field school is comprised of one course worth 1.5 credits. Successful applicants will be registered in this course through special registration by the Department of Geography (*students will not register themselves*).

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Geography 477 – Field Studies in Physical Geography

Instructor: Shannon Fargey

A01 August 23 – August 30

A02 August 30 – Sept 6

Overview: The nature of scientific research in physical geography is examined through field and laboratory techniques. Includes a week-long field camp where basic approaches, methodologies and techniques are used to prepare a series of reports based on field data and collected samples.

Tentative Itinerary

This itinerary should be taken as tentative and is subject to change:

A01: Students will meet at Tyax Adventures Base at Tyaughton Lake no later than **9:00 am August 23**. Assuming no delays in weather we will spend the late morning/afternoon ferrying our group to Bridge Glacier field camp. We should all arrive at the field camp by dinner time. We will spend the next 6 days exploring the area and collecting data for project work. We will depart Bridge Glacier field camp in the morning of August 30 and arrive back at Tyaughton Lake by late afternoon. Students will then make their way back to Victoria (or preferred destination). More camp and travel details will be sent out when you have been accepted into the course.

A02: Students will meet at Tyax Adventures Base at Tyaughton Lake no later than **9:00 am on August 30**. Assuming no delays in weather we will spend the late morning/afternoon ferrying our group to Bridge Glacier field camp. We should all arrive at the field camp by late afternoon. We will spend the next 6 days exploring the area and collecting data for project work. We will depart Bridge Glacier field camp in the morning of September 6 and arrive back at Tyaughton Lake by late afternoon. Students will then make their way back to Victoria (or preferred destination). More camp and travel details will be sent out when you have been accepted into the course.



This will be the 9th time that Geography 477 has visited Bridge Glacier and we will be located at the same location as past years, close to the glacier terminus (red circle above). This is a remote location only accessible by float plane and we will be camping for the duration of the field camp along the shoreline of Bridge Lake.

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Fees and Financial Support

Fees:

For field schools, students pay regular UVic tuition **plus field school fees** (see below).

Field school fees can be paid by **cheque, money order, counter cheque, or cash ONLY**. Cheques should be made payable to the University of Victoria. Payment can be dropped off at the Geography main office (David Turpin Building room B203), or mailed (cheque only). DO NOT MAIL CASH.

Field school fees:

- **\$1200 paid at time of acceptance (April 16, 2026)***

** If the course fees can not be paid at that time your spot will be given away to another student on the waitlist*

Field school fees include:

- Group meals for a week
- Transportation (float plane) to/from Bridge Glacier from Tyaughton Lake

Field school fees do not include:

- Tuition
- Transportation from Victoria to Tyaughton Lake (*support coordinating carpooling and necessary logistics will be provided. Based on carpooling (4 per vehicle) this extra expense is estimated at ~\$200.00 per person*)
- Other expenses such as any personal gear (e.g. tent, hiking shoes, clothing etc.) required for the course**

***A list of required gear list will be provided. If you need to know in advance of applying for the field school, please email fargey@uvic.ca.*

Financial Support:

This field school has been directly subsidized by the Faculty of Social Sciences Field School Support Fund. No application is necessary to receive this support, as it has already been built into the field school fees. In addition to the above fund, the University of Victoria Geography Department is also subsidizing this unique learning experience.