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Go green in the park for St. Patrick's Day

Dress like a leprechaun or try to catch one at one of two free family-friendly events celebrating St. Patrick's Day in Victoria.

Even the gold is green at the St. Patrick's Day is Green event, hosted by the Friends of Uplands Park, Saturday at the Oak Bay waterfront park.

Everyone can join the leprechauns on a green treasure hunt. Ramble through the park, finding evergreen and baby deciduous plants. Perhaps you will chance upon a four-leaf clover, a snake or a pot o'gold.

Touch, smell and get a close-up look using magnifying lenses, using St. Paddy's photo guide to identify native plants.

Afterwards you can make a green chia craft and celebrate St. Patrick's Day the green way.

Admission to the event is free, but donations are appreciated. It runs from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Meet at the Beach Drive entrance to Cattle Point at Uplands Park.

For more information, call Margaret Lidkea at 250-595-8084.

Get out the green and make your way down to Market Square for its St. Patrick's Day Family Fun event on Saturday.

There will be live entertainment, complete with Irish dancers, food vendors, an Irish crafting station, balloon art, face painting and a hamster ball course.

Dress in your leprechaun best and bring the kids down for some fun.

The event is free. Festivities run from noon to 5 p.m. at Market Square, 560 Johnson St.

For more information, go to marketsquare.ca.

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