

## Fort Rodd Music Fest Powered by Sun, People

YesBC Off the Grid Festival at Fort Rodd Hill National Historic Site

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Solar panels and pedal-powered generators will help the rock ring out at Friday's Off the Grid Music and Arts Festival at Fort Rodd Hill.

Reggae-tinged quintet Mindil Beach Markets and indie-pop purveyors the Archers will headline the event, which pairs youth-friendly fun with a healthy helping of environmental awareness.

While green-powered grooves pulse in the background, concertgoers will have the chance to peruse exhibits by environmental organizations and sustainability-focused businesses, and also art demonstrations.

Members of the Bowker Creek Initiative, which advocates for the preservation of the watershed in the CRD, will lead budding artists in a pennant-printing workshop.

Visitors looking for a bite to eat can chow down at the sustainable food fair.

The concert will serve as the closing bash for the second annual Greater Victoria Youth Climate Action Summit, to take place at Royal Roads University earlier in the day.

The Off the Grid Music and Arts Festival is from 4 to 7 p.m. All ages are welcome and admission is free. For more information, go to [offthegridfestival.ca](http://offthegridfestival.ca).