



Calendar of Events 2020—2021

**Celebrate, appreciate and protect
the natural world around us**



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Lady in waiting

She's like a tree, pre-leaf,
as if leaves could limp out of buds
discouraged by April frosts.

Winds sigh through her branches –
arthritic, sore, stiff limbs outstretched
toward a pale sun in a pale sky.

Until, in the notch of a heavy bough
a robin lands, strands of grasses in its beak.
Back-and-forth it flies to build

a messy nest at shoulder-height.
Hope flows to her roots, still snowbound
and craving longer days.

JC Sulzenko



I. Dickinson



Prince Edward County's South Shore

Come explore the beauty and diversity of nature in Prince Edward County.

Nature Matters! is a project of local groups offering seasons of outdoor public events that help you celebrate, appreciate and protect the fascinating natural places of the County. Areas of woodland, meadow and wetland abound.

What's of special significance? The County's South Shore, designated a globally significant Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA). This 90-square kilometre area of land and offshore waters witnesses the migration of millions of birds and thousands of Monarch



butterflies each year. It's home to unique communities of plants and animals. Night skies blaze with stars.

This *Nature Matters!* guide to events is published by the Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory (PEPtBO), a registered charity with a mandate to monitor and report on bird migration along the South Shore and act as official caretaker of the South Shore IBA.

Join us and connect with the richness of the natural world here, in Prince Edward County.



South Shore Joint Initiative

Spring Stroll in the IBA

Sunday, April 19, 9 AM – Noon

Celebrate Spring with a leisurely stroll down the extension of Simpson Road from Army Reserve Road to the lake. Members of the South Shore Joint Initiative will point out emerging wild flowers, arriving avian migrants and hopefully the iconic Blanding's Turtle.

We will convene at Simpson Road and Army Reserve Road at 9 am and walk south for about 500 meters before taking a left turn to explore the Ducks Unlimited Berm and resulting wetland. The wetland is home to migrating waterfowl and shorebirds in the spring and fall.



C. Anderson

Returning to the main trail we proceed through meadowlands, areas of red cedar succession, hardwood forests and swampy areas. There is a lot to see and hear.

At the lake we will pause for a snack while we check on the waterfowl and look for fossils among the gravel.

Bring water and snacks and binoculars if you have them. Wear sturdy footwear. No washroom facilities. Total distance 3 km.

Event Name: Spring Stroll in the IBA

Event Address: Simpson Road and Army Reserve Rd.

Admission: by donation

Registration: for information and to register go to South Shore Events at www.ssji.ca

Amenities: roadside parking, dogs on leash allowed, beware of ticks and poison ivy

Website: www.ssji.ca

Contact: cherylanderson23@sympatico.ca

Notes: waterproof footwear recommended





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Rotary Club Of Picton

Waterfalls Tour

Saturday & Sunday, April 11 & 12, 11 AM – 4 PM

This is a rare opportunity to view a stunning waterfall on private property at Jackson's Falls. The Rotary Club of Picton has secured exclusive, once a year only, access to the waterfall through the generosity of landowners John Laws and Brenda MacKneson. A second beautiful waterfall, on the private property of Anne and



Husayn Banani at Cape Vesey, is also graciously open to public view this weekend. Donations are gratefully accepted and assist with international water projects supported by the Rotary Club. Before beginning your self-guided tour, please check in with a Rotarian, make a donation and enjoy the walk.

Event Name: Rotary Club of Picton Waterfalls Tour

Event Address: Jackson's Falls – 1749 County Rd. 17, Milford
Cape Vesey Falls – 3718 County Rd. 8, Picton

Admission: by donation to the Rotary Club Water Project Fund

Amenities: roadside parking, portable washroom, dogs on leash allowed, children welcome under careful parental supervision

Website: www.pictonrotary.ca

Contact: 613-476-1309, 613-813-1658, 613-242-8705

Notes: wear appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather and walking steep terrain. Don't forget your camera!



Did you know . . .

you can see free bird banding demonstrations every morning, dawn to noon, **April 15 to May 31** at the Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory? Walk the net trails, watch our banders and volunteers in action. See colourful spring migrants up close. Consider bringing a lunch and spending the day. Banding occurs in fair weather only. Donations welcome. www.peptbo.ca



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South Shore Joint Initiative

May in the IBA

Sunday, May 3, 8 AM – 11 AM

This is your chance to explore the somewhat famous Gull Pond with members of the South Shore Joint Initiative. Historically, Gull Pond was rich with aquatic foods for indigenous peoples. It was a fishing hub for the first Europeans. Now it is popular with hunters, fishers, hikers and birders.



H. Tremblay

We will meet at the corner of Army Reserve Rd. and Charwell Point Rd. (an unmarked road approx. 1 km west of Dainard Rd). Following the road to Gull Pond we should encounter many species of migrating Warblers and Thrushes, singing frogs, perhaps a Blanding's Turtle and emerging spring wildflowers. This area is especially rich ecologically with marshes, meadows and wooded areas providing habitat for many species of plants, vertebrates, reptiles and amphibians.

When we reach Gull Pond rubber boots will be necessary for a complete exploration. We will pause for a snack and return via the track leading to the Lighthall Road berm and wetland area – again requiring rubber boots.

Bring water and snacks and binoculars if you wish. Wear sturdy footwear and wear or bring rubber boots. No washroom facilities, no dogs please. Total distance 5 km.

Event Name: May in the IBA

Event Address: Army Reserve Rd. and Charwell Rd.

Admission: by donation

Registration: for information and to register go to South Shore Events at www.ssji.ca

Amenities: roadside parking, beware of ticks and poison ivy

Website: www.ssji.ca

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Notes: waterproof footwear recommended





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WILD BIRDING



Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory & PEC Field Naturalists

Spring Birding Festival

Saturday, May 9 to Monday, May 18

Daily at the Observatory 8 AM to 1 PM — no entrance fee.

Free bird banding demonstrations. Walk the net areas, view sightings boards and visit our hospitality tent for snacks and souvenirs. Bring your lunch and spend the day.



George Amaro

Walks are open to all ages, last approx. 2 hours and involve easy hiking. Cost \$5 (children under 13 free).

Trips are limited to 10 people and last 2 – 4 hours. They may involve driving and/or moderate hiking. Cost \$40 .

For information and to register for Walks, Trips and AGM go to www.peptbo.ca/sbf.php

Red numbered circles (1) correspond to event locations on the Nature Matters! centrefold map, pages 30 and 31.



Sat., May 9 – World Migratory Bird Day

5 AM Trip – **Big Day in IBA**, Peter Fuller
(join for full or part day) ①

8 AM Walk – **Traverse Woods**, Kathy Felkar & Mike Burge ①

10 AM Walk – **Lighthouse**, Cheryl Anderson ①

World Migratory Bird Day

Sun., May 10

8 AM Walk – **Traverse Woods**, Doug McRae ①

10 AM Walk – **Lighthouse**, Peter Fuller ①

12 PM **Big Week in the IBA starts** — Checklist and drop off box at the Observatory ①

Mon., May 11

8 AM Trip – **Traverse Woods**, Terry Sprague ①

Tue., May 12

8 AM Trip – **Point Petre Plus**—Tom Wheatley ③

8 AM Walk – **Sandbanks**, Yvette Bree ④



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Wed., May 13

8 AM Trip – **Grasslands Tour**, Juanita Hummel 5

Thu., May 14

8 AM Trip – **Beaver Meadow**, Joanne Dewey 6

Fri., May 15

8 AM Trip – **Beaver Meadow**, Keith Gregoire 6 7

8 AM Walk – **MapleCross Coastline Reserve**, Amy Bodman & Shelia Kuja

Sat., May 16

8 AM Walk – **Traverse Woods**, Cheryl Anderson & Rosemary Smith 1

10 AM Walk – **Lighthouse**, Juanita Hummel 1

10 AM Trip – **Traverse Woods**, Brian Joyce 1

Sun., May 17

8 AM Trip – **Beaver Meadow**, Juanita Hummel 6

8 AM Walk – **Traverse Woods**, TBA 1

10 AM Walk – **Lighthouse**, TBA 1

12 PM – **Big Week in the IBA ends** – submit your checklist of species in the box at the Observatory or via email 1

Mon., May 18

1-3 PM Trip – **Traverse Woods**, Tom Wheatley 1

Bonus Weeks

Tue., May 19, 8 AM Walk – **Sandbanks**, Yvette Bree 4

Sat., May 23, 8:30 AM Trip – **Traverse Woods**, Mark Read 1

Sun., May 24, 6:30 AM – **Whimbrel Watch and Walk** – Point Petre, Tom Wheatley 3

Fri., May 29, 8 AM-12 PM **Biothon** at MapleCross Coastline Reserve, PEC Field Naturalists 7

Sat., May 30, 5:30 PM – **PEPtBO Dinner & AGM (\$)** – Picton Yacht Club – presentation on moths by Mark Read 8

**PEPtBO Photography contest
Celebrating the Birds of Prince Edward County**

**Entry deadline is May 22, 2020
Check www.peptbo.ca for more info**

Event Name: Spring Birding Festival

Address: The Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory is located at 6056 Long Point Rd., Prince Edward County

Admission: visit the Observatory – free, Walks – \$5 (children free), Trips – \$40

Registration: www.peptbo.ca/sbf.php

Amenities: roadside parking, picnic area, partial accessibility, hospitality tent (Observatory), washrooms, walks at Observatory are stroller friendly

Notes: Watch for poison ivy. Ticks that carry Lyme disease are in the area. Dress as you would for a hike in the woods. Be prepared for uneven terrain.



Sandbanks Provincial Park & Friends of Sandbanks

Mother's Day Spring Celebrations at Sandbanks

Sunday, May 10, 2 PM

Join us for an easy stroll through the West Point woods as we

discover spring wildflowers, birds and other signs of spring. Trilliums, trout lilies and violets will be in bloom and colourful warblers and other migrating songbirds will accompany us through the forest. Led by an experienced naturalist, the walk will end with a special afternoon tea

at the historic Maple Rest house. Cost is \$10/person or \$40/family; all proceeds go to the Friends of Sandbanks. Pre-registration is required, email yvette.bree@ontario.ca. Registration begins April 1st, 2020.



Sandbanks



D & Y Bree



D & Y Bree

Event Name: Mother's Day Spring Celebrations at Sandbanks

Event Address: Sandbanks Provincial Park

Admission: \$10/person or \$40/family; includes park entry permit

Amenities: parking, picnic area, portable washroom, dogs on leash allowed, partial accessibility, stroller friendly

Website: www.ontarioparks.com/park/sandbanks

Contact: yvette.bree@ontario.ca, 613-393-3319

Notes: Specific locations for parking for the stroll and the drive to tea will be provided upon registration.

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Bird Photography Workshop at The Point

Monday, May 11, 8 – 11 AM
Thursday, May 14, 8 – 11 AM
Sunday, May 17, 8 – 11 AM

Prince Edward Point is one of the hidden gems of birding. There are few better places in Ontario to photograph migrating songbirds. This is a unique opportunity for the novice or experienced photographer. You will explore the birding trails of Point Traverse



Woods at Prince Edward Point with Bird Photographer Ian Dickinson.

Bring your camera and telephoto lens and capture images of Tanagers, Vireos, Flycatchers, Warblers and more. Meet Ian at the main entrance to Traverse Woods (just past the portable toilet). At 10 AM we will reconvene at the Bird Observatory Banding Station. After comparing notes there will be a short walk through the trails around the Banding Station.

To minimize disturbance to the birds and other birders, the number of participants is limited for each date. You must register for this event.

Please read the participants guide at

<https://peptboworkshop.blogspot.com/2020/02/bird-photography-at-prince-edward-point.html>

Event Name: Bird Photography Workshop at The Point

Event Address: Traverse Woods near 6056 Long Point Rd., Prince Edward County

Admission: \$5.00 per person

Registration: www.peptbo.ca/photography-workshop.php

Amenities: roadside parking, picnic area, washrooms

Website: www.photobirding.net

Contact: ian_dickinson@cogeco.com

Notes: be prepared with bug repellent





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Black River Spring and Fall Festivals

Victoria Day Weekend, Saturday-Sunday, May 16-17
Thanksgiving Weekend, Saturday, October 10



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Come out and join us in celebrating all things fun in the Black River Community. Meet the farm animals on a tour of the organic farms. Take in a knitting and weaving demonstration at Torild's Barn. Launch your kayak or canoe, or rent one at Cabin Fever Kayak, and explore the Black River. Visit art and photography galleries, a pottery studio and Black River Cheese. Pick up farm-fresh eggs, local honey, jams, jellies, relishes, various meat products, cheese, baked goods and ready-to-eat-food.

The Black River Community is one of the most picturesque areas of the County. It includes a river, an escarpment, a forest, a 19th century chapel and cemetery, a one-room school house, historic dry stone walls, and 150-year-old trees. Morrison Point Road is often described as the prettiest road in the County.

Centrefold map
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C. Biernacki

A detailed daily schedule is available at:
<http://prince-edward-county.com/event/black-river-spring-festival/>



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St. Philip's Anglican Church

25th Annual Black River Canoe Trip

Victoria Day — Monday, May 18, Launch time: 11 AM

Enjoy a gentle paddle in your canoe, kayak or paddleboard down one of the longest and most picturesque rivers in the County. The views along the winding Black River will keep you in awe for the entire two-hour, six-kilometre trip.

Watch for Great Blue Herons, Green Herons, Mute Swans, Swamp Sparrows, Baltimore Orioles, Marsh Wrens, Common Yellowthroats, Belted Kingfishers, Bald Eagles, Ospreys, and Mallard, American Black and Wood Ducks. Painted and Blanding's turtles may be seen sunning themselves on rocks and logs. You'll paddle under the Black River Bridge, go past Black River Cheese and dock your canoe opposite McMahon Bluff.



Remember to bring life jackets, cameras and binoculars. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Enjoy a BBQ and refreshments after docking.

Organized by St. Philip's Church in Milford for the Anglican Parish of Marysburgh and anyone else who would enjoy participating.

Event Name: 25th Annual Black River Canoe Trip

Launch Address: 17 Chapman Crescent, Milford

Destination Address: 68 Morrison Point Rd., Black River

Admission: free

Amenities: parking, portable washrooms, BBQ and refreshments

Website: <http://prince-edward-county.com/event/black-river-canoe-trip/>

Contact: helloemilycowan@gmail.com, BlackRiverBB@gmail.com





The Department of Illumination & Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory

Wild Thing – Celebrating International Day for Biological Diversity

Friday, May 22, 5 – 8 PM

Join Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory and The Department of Illumination for a potluck picnic at Benson Park (rain venue TBA). We will celebrate International Day for Biological Diversity with food and music followed by a parade.

Throughout April and May The Department of Illumination (creators of the Firelight Lantern Festival and ICE BOX) will host a series of free, open to the public, arts workshops in order to create three giant bird puppets of local species, smaller puppets, festive costumes and a banner in praise of biodiversity. These drop-in workshops will be held at Prince Edward Learning Centre and will invite participation from PELC's adult learners as well as the general public, both children and adults. For more information on workshops contact krista@deptofillumination.org.



This promises to be a joyous occasion as well as an acknowledgement of the importance of the interconnectedness of all living things.

The event is free. For the potluck picnic dinner, please bring a main course dish or dessert to share, and waste-free plate, cup, and cutlery. Beverages provided by PEPTBO.

Event Name: Wild Thing – Celebrating International Day for Biodiversity

Event Address: at Benson Park, King and Ross Streets, Picton

Admission: free

Amenities: parking, washrooms, picnic area

Website: www.peptbo.ca/ibd.php

Contact: workshops – krista@deptofillumination.org

Notes: bring a supper dish or dessert to share, plates, glasses and cutlery.

Let's keep it waste-free!! Beverages will be provided.





Suzanne Pasternak

Vanishing Legacy of the South Shore

Sunday, May 24, 2:00 PM, Rain or Shine

Discover the south shore's fascinating marine history with a screening of Suzanne Pasternak's award winning documentary *Vanishing Legacy — The History of the Lake Faring Families of Prince Edward County*. Following the film, Suzanne will bring that history to life with a walking tour of Milford. This once thriving village was filled



with great White Pine lumberjacks, ship builders and sailors. As a busy port, Milford had many shops and tradesmen, hotels, a customs office and even a US consul. The entire event wraps up at 4:00 PM.

Space is limited— Advance registration is recommended

Contact Suzanne at suzannepasternak@gmail.com

Suzanne has spent over 35 years recording, collecting and preserving the unique maritime history of the south shore of Prince Edward County. Her large catalogue of multimedia archival material will form a major collection for Prince Edward County Archives and the Mariner's Park Museum.

Event Name: Vanishing Legacy of the South Shore

Event Address: Milford Branch Public Library, 3052 County Rd. 10, Milford

Pre-registration — contact Suzanne at suzannepasternak@gmail.com

Admission: \$10.00 per person, Children under 15 free

Amenities: parking, washroom, accessible, stroller friendly

Contact: suzannepasternak@gmail.com, 613-847-9842





Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory & Quinte Conservation

Night-time Flyers at Macaulay Mountain C.A.

Friday, May 30, 9 – 10:30 PM

Join Mark Read, biologist at Murphys Point Provincial Park, for this 'drop-in' session where we will be looking for bats, moths and more. Mark will have a bat detector with him for the



Mark D. Read

early part of the evening. As darkness sets in, he will be switching over to the moth sheet and checking out the night's finds.



Mark D. Read

Please bring a flashlight. A camera may be useful. Dress appropriately and wear suitable footwear for uneven terrain.



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Note: for cancellation notice due to rain or strong winds go to <https://peptbo.ca/night-flyers.php>

Event Name: Night-time Flyers at Macaulay Mountain C.A.

Event Address: Macaulay Mountain Conservation Area,
224 County Road 8, Picton

Admission: free

Amenities: parking (free courtesy of Quinte Conservation), portable washrooms, stroller friendly, dogs on leash, beware of ticks and poison ivy

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Nature Conservancy of Canada

Goodbye, Garlic Mustard – Hello, Pesto!

Sunday, May 31, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Join us for an exciting day removing the invasive Garlic Mustard plant from protected properties on the South Shore. Leaders will guide you in learning to identify and control Garlic Mustard plants according to best management practices.



We will begin our day at the Nature Conservancy of Canada's Hudgin-Rose property and move east to Traverse Woods at the Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area in the afternoon. Afterwards we will use some of the pulled plants to create a delicious Garlic Mustard pesto for all to try.

Hiking distances are short (less than 1 km), bending/crouching/kneeling/pulling movements will be necessary to safely remove the plants.

Pre-registration recommended.

Event Name: Goodbye, Garlic Mustard—Hello, Pesto!

Event Address: meet at 191 Ostrander Point Road

Admission: free

Pre-register: www.conservationvolunteers.ca - click on Volunteer Events

Amenities: roadside parking, no washrooms, snacks and extra water provided, bring lunch and water bottle, tools provided

Website: www.natureconservancy.ca

Contact: 705-761-6500, amanda.tracey@natureconservancy.ca





Nature Conservancy of Canada

Coastline Cleanup

Saturday, June 6, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Join us at the MapleCross Coastline Reserve to pick up trash (and maybe even some treasure) along the shoreline of Lake Ontario. This will help ensure we keep Lake Ontario healthy and improve habitat for species that reside in the lake and along the shoreline.



The hike to the beach is just over 1 km and will include some guided interpretation and property history along the way. Once we reach the beach we will collect as much trash as possible which will then be removed from the site.



Bending and lifting movements will be necessary to pick up and remove trash. From the meeting spot we will carpool down to the site.

Pre-registration recommended.

Event Name: Coastline Cleanup

Event Address: meet at the corner of Helmer Rd. and Babylon Rd.

Admission: free

Pre-register: www.conservationvolunteers.ca - click on Volunteer Events

Amenities: roadside parking, no washrooms, snacks and extra water provided, please bring water bottle and wear long pants with long socks

Website: www.natureconservancy.ca

Contact: 705-761-6500, amanda.tracey@natureconservancy.ca





Prince Edward County Field Naturalists

PEC BioBlitz 2020 — MapleCross Coastline Reserve

Friday, June 19, 2 PM to Saturday, June 20, 2 PM

Prince Edward County Field Naturalists (PECFN) with Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory (PEPtBO) and Hastings Prince Edward Land Trust (HPELT) present PEC BioBlitz 2020, our 7th annual bioblitz. Community volunteers of all ages, young and young at heart, are invited to join scientists and experts to record all the living species in the newly acquired MapleCross Coastline Reserve.



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- ◇ join guided walks led by experts
- ◇ see dragonflies, butterflies and moths up close
- ◇ look for evidence of mammals, insects, amphibians and reptiles
- ◇ identify plants and birds you've always wondered about
- ◇ dinner on Friday evening and wrap-up BBQ on Saturday

Pre-registration recommended, go to South Shore Events at www.ssji.ca. Onsite registration begins at 1 PM Friday and continues throughout the event. Join us for both days, one day, a part day, an evening or just an hour or two. Be part of history; add your observations to the data collection for this site.

Event Name: PEC BioBlitz 2020— MapleCross Coastline Reserve

Event Address: Parking and registration at Babylon Rd. and Helmer Rd.

Admission: \$5.00/adult includes Friday dinner and Saturday BBQ
Children under 16 free, must be accompanied by an adult

Pre-registration: South Shore Events at www.ssji.ca

Amenities: parking, portable washroom

Website: www.peptbo.ca/bioblitzpec.php or
www.bit.do/PECFN

Contact: sanda.kuja@bell.net

Notes: Check website for details on scheduled walks, what to bring, what to wear, pre-registration information and directions to the site. Be prepared for some wet and uneven terrain.

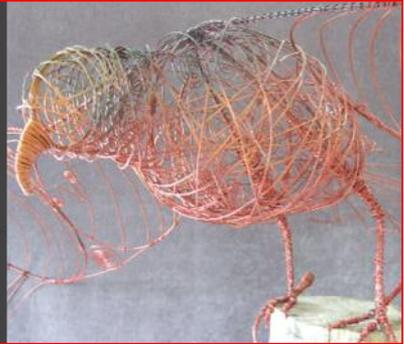




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Quinte Conservation & Blue Bark & Co.

Forest Therapy at Little Bluff C. A.

Saturday, June 20, starting at 2:30 PM

Join Quinte Conservation and certified Forest Therapy Guide, Jess, from Blue Bark & Co. for a forest therapy hike. Forest Therapy (also known as Forest Bathing or Shinrin-yoku) supports your health and well-being through guided immersive experiences in forests and other natural healing environments. Registration will be required. Space is limited. Go to QuinteConservation.ca.

This program takes place outdoors, dress appropriately for outdoor activities. Visit QuinteConservation.ca for more information.

This event will be cancelled in the event of forecasted thundershowers, weather warnings or heavy rains.



Event Name: Forest Therapy at Little Bluff Conservation Area

Event Address: 3625 County Road 13, Milford

Admission: \$25./person, parking is included in the fee

Registration: Required, go to QuinteConservation.ca

Amenities: parking, portable washrooms, partial accessibility due to steep decline to pebble beach

Website: QuinteConservation.ca

Contact: mnavrot@quinteconservation.ca, 613-968-3434 ext 131

Notes: Dress for the weather, bring water, beware of ticks and poison ivy



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Quinte Conservation

Macaulay Mountain C. A. Discovery Day

Thursday, July 2, 11 AM – 2 PM

Join Quinte Conservation Outreach and Stewardship staff for nature-based activities, pond netting, live animal displays, nature walks, crafts and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Participation and parking for this event is free. This program takes place outdoors. Dress appropriately for outdoor activities.

Visit QuinteConservation.ca for more information. This event will be cancelled in the event of forecasted thundershowers, weather warnings or heavy rains. Watch QuinteConservation.ca for updates.



Event Name: Macaulay Mountain Conservation Area Discovery Day

Event Address: 224 County Road 8, Picton

Admission: Free, parking free

Registration: drop-in event

Amenities: parking (no fee), portable washrooms, stroller friendly, dogs on leash, no drinking water

Website: www.QuinteConservation.ca

Contact: mnavrot@quinteconservation.ca, 613-968-3434 ext.131

Notes: dress for the weather, bring lunch and water, Children must be accompanied by an adult, beware of ticks and poison ivy





Half Moon Bay Winery

Rock Hound Fossil Hunt

Saturday, July 11, 10 AM – 4 PM, Rain or Shine

Every spring our vineyard reveals huge limestone plates and smaller rocks encrusted with fossils. The ridge above Half Moon Bay was once part of the ancient Lake Iroquois, the present Lake Ontario.



We invite you to walk the vineyard and climb the rock piles and, NEW FOR THIS YEAR, you can search along our waterfront for fossils. If you can carry it, you can take it home. There will be an expert on hand to analyze your finds. Our day includes a display of rocks and fossils, many found along the County's south shore, a vendor's market selling hand-crafted gemstone jewelry, fossil/gem specimens and art.

Children of all ages are welcome. If under 16 years of age, they must be accompanied by an adult. Don't forget your tools: safety glasses, appropriate footwear and a bag or pail for your finds.



The winery offers lunch and snack selections with proceeds to PEPTBO.

Our wines are available by the glass.

Event Name: Rock Hound Fossil Hunt

Event Address: Half Moon Bay Winery, 3271 County Rd. 13, Milford

Admission: by donation to Nature Matters! and PEPTBO

Registration: on arrival at the winery

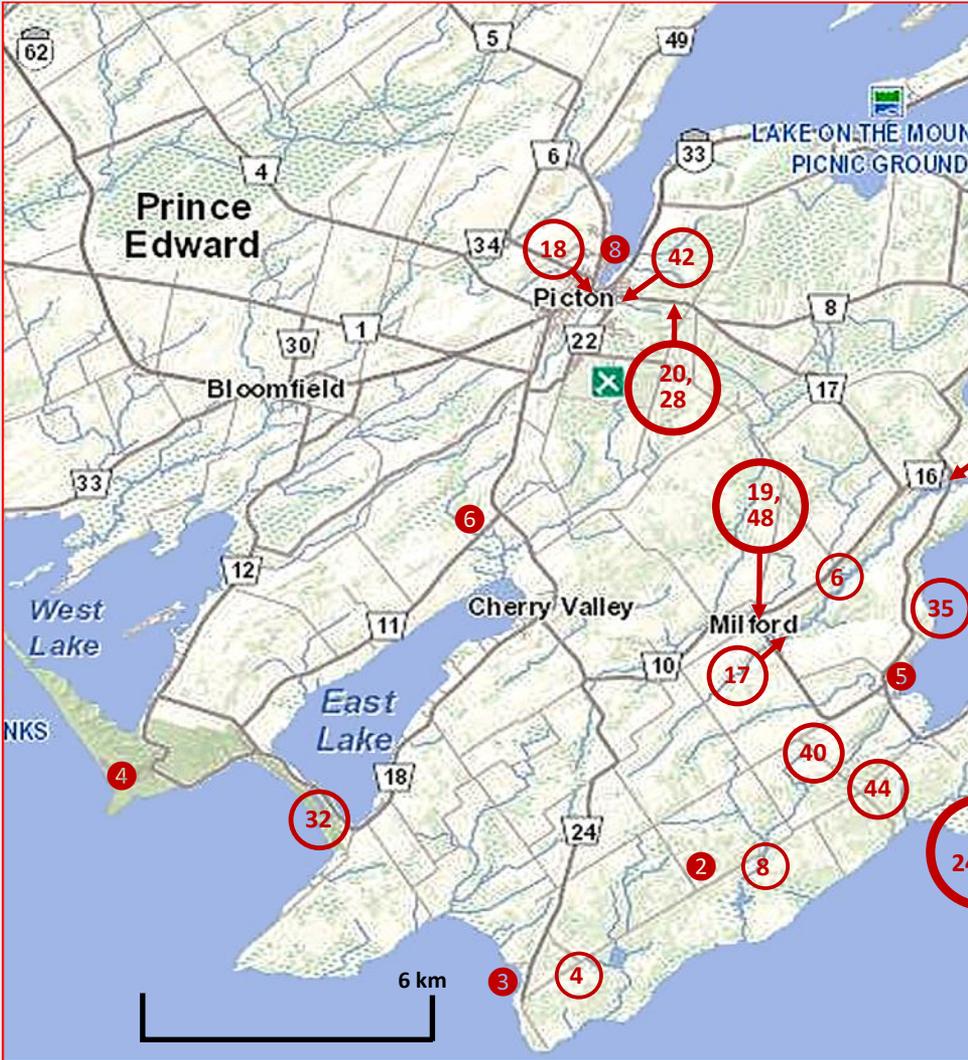
Amenities: parking, picnic area, dogs on leash allowed, washroom (composting toilet)

Website: www.hmbwinery.ca

Contact: info@hmbwinery.ca

Notes: bring tools, safety glasses and shoes for uneven walking areas

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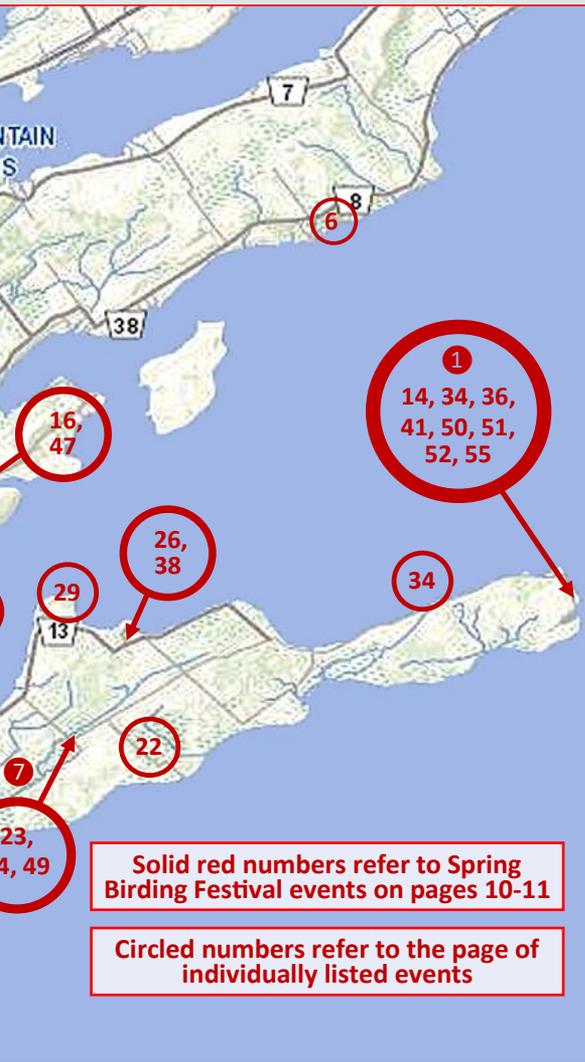
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Sandbanks Provincial Park & Friends of Sandbanks

SandFest 2020 and Meet the Friends

Wednesday, July 15, SandFest – 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Meet the Friends – 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Two great events in one day! In the morning, bring the family and meet at the mouth of the Outlet River for our ever-popular sand-sculpting event... let your imagination run wild in this most forgiving media, sand! Bring along your shovels, pails and creativity. Appropriate apparel, footwear, and a reusable water bottle recommended.



J. Brebner

Participation prizes for all!

In the afternoon, drop by the nearby picnic shelter to meet-



Sandbanks

and-greet some of our Friends. Kick back and enjoy our talented local musicians or talk one-on-one with our long-time volunteers and explore new ideas of how we might continue to make our Park an even better place to visit.



Hotdogs and refreshments available for a nominal fee. You might even be encouraged to take out an annual membership!

Event Name: Friends of Sandbanks SandFest and Meet the Friends

Event Address: Sandbanks Provincial Park, Mouth of the Outlet river then at the adjacent picnic shelter

Admission: Park Entrance required, \$5/family for SandFest

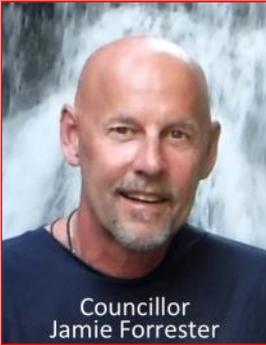
Amenities: parking, picnic area, washrooms, water replenishment cart, partially accessible, stroller friendly

Website: http://www.friendsofsandbanks.org/newsite_2017/2017_events.html

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/friendsofsandbanks>

Contact: media_relations@friendsofsandbanks.org





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Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory

Birds and Bees Festival

Saturday, July 18, 10 AM – 3 PM

Our second annual summer festival for families is a day full of fun and learning. Enjoy demonstrations, children's activities, workshops, touch tables, honey tastings, specimens to experience up close, and more.

- ⇒ see how birds are captured and banded
- ⇒ tour an organic apiary & taste wild honey, tours on the hour.
- ⇒ Reptile and Amphibian Advocacy will have live, native to Ontario, specimens for a hands-on experience
- ⇒ create a pollinator water station to take home or make your own organic bug spray – materials fee for workshops
- ⇒ free crafts, games and touch tables
- ⇒ light lunch foods, shade tree coffee, available for purchase



J. White



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More details here:

www.peptbo.ca/birds-and-bees.php

Come out to the Point and experience up close birds, bees and wee beasties.

Make a day of it; stroll along our trails, walk out to the lighthouse or take a refreshing swim.

Water bottle refill-station provided.

Event Name: Birds & Bees Festival

Event Address: two sites for this festival, both on Long Point Rd.
Main festival site at the Observatory, 6056 Long Point Rd.
Apiary tours at Long Point Honey Company, 5221 Long Point Rd.

Admission: free, donations gratefully accepted

Pre-Registration: drop-ins welcome, pre-register at www.peptbo.ca/birds-and-bees.php and bring your ticket to enter a free draw

Amenities: parking, washrooms (at Observatory), accessible, stroller friendly, dogs on leash, beware of ticks and poison ivy

Website: www.peptbo.ca, **Contact:** cheryl.chapman8@gmail.com





Music at Port Milford

2 Outdoor Concerts

Sunday, July 26 and Sunday, August 9, 2 PM

2020 marks Music at Port Milford's 34th season of bringing together an internationally-renowned artist faculty and students ages 12-18 with a passion for chamber music to create and share an inspiring summer music experience.

Throughout July and August, Port Milford students and Faculty bring the highest caliber of chamber music to Prince Edward County and Ontario.

If you are looking for an inspiring afternoon to enjoy great music in the great outdoors, come to hear Music at Port Milford students perform chamber, choral and orchestral works on the deck overlooking South Bay, Sunday July 26 and Sunday August 9, at 2:00 PM. RAIN or SHINE.



Event Name: Music at Port Milford

Event Address: 89 Colliers Rd., Milford, Ontario

Admission: donations greatly appreciated

Amenities: parking, picnic area, portable washroom, partial accessibility

Website: www.musicatportmilford.org

Contact: director@musicatportmilford.org





Picton Recreation Committee

Point Traverse Paddle

Saturday, August 15 10 AM – 3 PM (weather dependent activity)

Join the Picton Recreation Committee for a Saturday paddle along a beautiful stretch of Ontario’s last undeveloped shoreline. Launch at the Point Traverse boat launch, at the end of Long Point Road, and paddle the sheltered waters of Long Point Harbour and Bull’s Cove. Under the watchful eye of the old lighthouse move out along Point Traverse shore.

Opportunities to spot wildlife abound in this National Wildlife Area (NWA) and Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA).

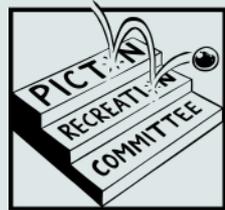
Bring a lunch as we will be out for a few hours.



K. Ford

Pre-register: at malcolm.ross22@gmail.com. More information and weather cancellations on website, see below.

Picton Recreation Committee holds regular evening paddles at various locations in the County. Paddles are every Thursday May 7 to Sept. 24, at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join. This very social group often meets for dinner after a paddle. Please register for a paddle. All paddles are subject to change based on weather and water conditions. Notice will be posted by 4 PM on website, see below.



Event Name: Point Traverse Paddle

Event Address: 6056 Long Point Rd., Prince Edward County
Point Traverse boat launch

Pre-registration: Mac Ross, malcolm.ross22@gmail.com

Amenities: parking, washroom

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Picton-Recreation-Committee-687186307982940/>

Contact: Mac Ross, malcolm.ross22@gmail.com, 613-393-5908

Notes: Weather dependent – check website for any changes



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Quinte Conservation

Little Bluff Conservation Area Discovery Day

Thursday, August 20, 11 AM – 2 PM

Join Quinte Conservation Outreach and Stewardship staff for nature-based activities, wetland netting, nature walks, rock painting, fossil finding, and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Participation and parking for this event is free. This program takes place outdoors. Dress appropriately for outdoor activities.

Visit QuinteConservation.ca for more information. This event will be cancelled in the event of forecasted thundershowers, weather warnings or heavy rains. For updates watch QuinteConservation.ca.



Event Name: Little Bluff Conservation Area Discovery Day

Event Address: 3625 County Road 13, Milford

Admission: free

Registration: drop in event

Amenities: parking (no fee), portable washrooms, partial accessibility/stroller friendly, steep decline to pebble beach, dogs on leash, no drinking water

Website: www.QuinteConservation.ca

Contact: mnavrot@QuinteConservation.ca, 613-968-3434 ext.131

Notes: dress for the weather. Bring lunch and water. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Beware of ticks and poison ivy.



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Ontario Woodlot Association Quinte Chapter

Promoting Healthy Habitats in our Woodlands

Saturday, September 12, 10 AM – 12 PM, rain or shine

The Quinte Woodlot Association invites property owners and outdoor enthusiasts to Long Dog Vineyard and Winery for a forest walk and talk about simple and practical things you can do to improve and maintain tree diversity and wildlife habitat in your woodlot. Learn about maintaining cavity and mast trees, protecting vernal pools, increasing plant and tree diversity, enlarging interior forest, conifer thickets, downed woody debris and stick nests and the beneficial role these play in sustaining numerous wildlife species.



After the walk plan to stay. Wine tastings are available and a pleasant picnic deck is available – so bring a lunch, relax and enjoy the property.



Please pre-register
and consider carpooling.

For more information go to
www.ontariowoodlot.com

Event Name: Promoting Healthy Habitats in our Woodlands

Event Address: Long Dog Vineyard and Winery, 104 Brewers Road, Milford

Admission: OWA members free, donation appreciated from non-members

Pre-register: email quintewoodlotassociation@gmail.com

Amenities: parking, washrooms, picnic area, dogs on leash,

Website: www.ontariowoodlot.com

Facebook: Quinte Woodlot Association

Contact: Marianne 613-922-2453

Notes: rain or shine. Wear appropriate footwear.

Beware of ticks.





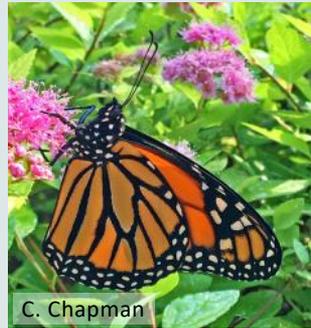
Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory

Monarch Tagging and Bird Banding

Sunday, September 13, 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

September is the best time to see south-bound migrants, and Prince Edward County's south shore is the best place to get in on the action! As home to one of Canada's three Monarch Butterfly Reserves, and the Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory, there is plenty to see and do.

Learn how to properly catch, identify, tag and release Monarchs with naturalist and monarch-tagger Don Davis. Tagging allows us to better understand Monarch migration. Visitors may have the chance to release a tagged butterfly to continue its epic 4800 km journey to Mexico.



Our banders and volunteers will demonstrate the catching and banding of migratory birds. Learn what banding research can tell us and see birds up very close.

See more migrant and resident birds, colourful butterflies and dragonflies while hiking our trails or taking a stroll to the lighthouse.

Bring water, snacks and binoculars if you have them.



Event Name: Monarch Tagging & Bird Banding

Event Address: 6056 Long Point Rd., Prince Edward County

Admission: by donation

Registration: drop-ins welcome, pre-register at www.peptbo.ca/monarch-tagging.php and bring ticket to enter a free draw.

Amenities: parking, washrooms, accessible, stroller friendly, dogs on leash. Beware of ticks and poison ivy.

Website: www.peptbo.ca

Contact: cherylanderson23@sympatico.ca

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Prince Edward County Chamber Music Festival

Buzz Brass in the Park at Macaulay Heritage Park

Saturday, September 12, 2:00 PM
rain location — St. Mary Magdalene Church

Join us for a free concert by Buzz Brass, a first class brass quintet from Montreal. They have performed all over the world and are bringing their talent to entertain us right here in Prince Edward County.

“A first class quintet with a likeable flair for humour and for pleasing a crowd without uttering a word.” (ThreeWeeks - Edinburgh Magazine)

This concert is part of the PEC Chamber Music Festival that takes place two weekends, Sept. 11-13 and Sept. 18-20. Please join us.

For more information pecmusicfestival.com



Event Name: Buzz Brass in the Park at Macaulay Heritage Park

Event Address: 35 Church St., Picton

Rain location: St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, 335 Main St., Picton

Admission: free

Amenities: Lot and street parking, outdoor washrooms at the adjacent church building (accessible)

Website: www.pecmusicfestival.com

Contact: dunn.maureen@gmail.com

Notes: bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on



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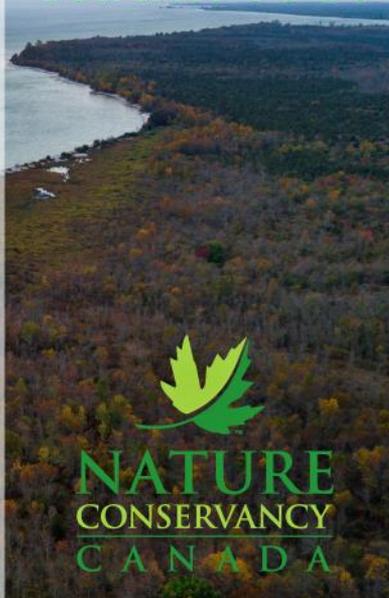


Conservation takes a community. Without your help, the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) and Hastings Prince Edward Land Trust (HPELT) would not be able to protect the alvars, wetlands and shorelines of Ostrander Point.

We sincerely thank everyone who continues to contribute to the conservation of the south coast of Prince Edward County.

To learn more, or to donate, visit natureconservancy.ca/donate-eloc

THANK YOU!





South Shore Joint Initiative

Miller Family Nature Reserve Stroll

Sunday, September 13, 9 AM – Noon

Explore the Hastings Prince Edward Land Trust's Miller Family Nature Reserve with members of the South Shore Joint Initiative. Meet at the north gate of the Miller Family Nature Reserve on Hilltop Road. The north gate is approximately one km east of Brewer's Road.

The Miller Family Nature Reserve is 491 acres of former pastureland including a wetland and stream leading to a large lake edge wetland. There is a dug pond and several areas where the soil has been scraped away leaving alvar area featuring bare limestone and unique wildflowers.

In the early fall we should encounter migrating and resident bird species and Monarch butterflies. There will still be interesting plants and insects to investigate. The Reserve has lots of forested areas with excellent examples of oaks, cedars and pines. If possible we will make our way to the shore to investigate the wetland and any waterfowl that are on the lake.

Bring water, snacks and binoculars if you have them. Wear sturdy footwear. No washroom facilities. Total distance 5 km.



Event Name: Miller Family Nature Reserve

Event Address: Hilltop Rd. approach from Brewers Road

Admission: by donation

Registration: South Shore Events at www.ssji.ca

Amenities: roadside parking, beware of ticks and poison ivy

Website: www.ssji.ca

Contact: cherylanderson23@sympatico.ca

Notes: waterproof footwear recommended



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Black River Bed and Breakfast

4th Annual Black River Paint Out

Sunday, Sept. 13 – 11 AM – 3 PM

Join artists from groups such as the Baxter Life Drawing Class, East Central Ontario Art Association, and pARTnershop collective and spend the day painting flowers, fields, trees and river views. A complimentary lunch is provided for the artists. Visiting artists, whether part of a group or as individuals, are welcome to participate (pre-registration required). The public is invited to drop by to chat with the artists and watch their progress.

The Black River Bed and Breakfast 3½-acre property has rare butternut trees, white and red pine, fir and cedars. Situated on the Black River, it looks across to the majestic McMahon Bluff and Prince Edward Bay. The river attracts a variety of ducks, swans, herons, kingfishers, osprey and eagles while an array of song birds visit the feeders and gardens.



C. Biernacki

The Black River Community includes Black River Cheese, Vickie's Veggies, various galleries, and several farm shops offering local honey, eggs, meat products, jams and other preserves.

Event Name: 4th Annual Black River Paint Out

Event Address: Black River Bed and Breakfast
68 Morrison Point Rd., Black River

Admission: free, open to the public, visiting artists
must pre-register at BlackRiverBB@gmail.com - 613-476-7346

Amenities: parking on property and road, accessible, no public washrooms, no dogs, stroller friendly, drinking water

Website: www.BlackRiverBB.com

Contact: BlackRiverBB@gmail.com. 613-476-7346





Milford Fair

74th Milford Fair “The biggest little fair in the County”

Saturday, September 19, 10 AM – 4 PM

Come out to the fair! Enjoy the parade, food, music and the atmosphere of fun at a good old fashioned agricultural fair. There is so much to do — games for children and adults, draws, bingo, petting zoo, exhibits and local entertainment — and it is all included. The shed is filled with crafts, flowers, art, photography, food and more.



There is something for everyone at the Milford Fair!



Event Name: 74th Milford Fair “The biggest little fair in the County”

Event Address: Mount Tabor, 2179 County Rd. 17, Milford

Admission: Children – free, teens – \$1, Adults – \$5

Amenities: parking, canteen, portable washrooms,
dogs on leash allowed, stroller friendly

Website: www.southmarysburghmirror.com





South Shore Joint Initiative

Ostrander Point Crown Land Block

Sunday, October 4, 9 AM – Noon

From the 2014 PECFN Bioblitz report: “Much of Ostrander Point conforms to the definition of alvar, a globally imperiled ecosystem, which is a naturally, more or less, open landscape of shallow soils over essentially flat limestone with a cover of herbs and shrubs, with trees absent or not forming a continuous canopy.” The Ostrander Point Crown Land Block is recommended by SSJI for Conservation Reserve status.



C. Anderson

Join us in experiencing this rare and endangered landscape. Meeting at the corner of Babylon Rd. and Helmer Rd., we will explore the Ostrander Point Crown Land Block by walking down the path known as the Met Tower Rd. from Helmer Rd. to the lake.

This should be an easy walk through some wetland, meadow and sparsely wooded areas. Expect to encounter resident and migrating bird species and Monarch butterflies.

Bring water, snacks and binoculars if you have them. Sturdy footwear recommended. No washroom facilities. Total distance 3 km.

Event Name: Ostrander Point Crown Land Block

Event Address: Babylon Rd and Helmer Rd.

Admission: by donation

Registration: South Shore Events at www.ssji.ca

Amenities: roadside parking, dogs on leash allowed, beware of ticks and poison ivy

Website: www.ssji.ca

Contact: cherylanderson23@sympatico.ca

Notes: waterproof footwear recommended





Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory

Owls in October — Saw-whet Owl Banding

Thu.–Sat., October 8 to 10, 15 to 17, 22 to 24, 8:15–9:15 PM

Evenings in October are all about Owls. Learn about Saw-whets in particular, how we catch them and why. See owls up close, watch the banding and release. Owl banding does not take place if it is raining or too windy – check the website before coming. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Please, no flash photography.



Registration is required for the Saw-whet Owl Banding at www.peptbo.ca/fallevents.php \$10/person, Children 10 and under free.

Event Name: Owls in October – Saw-whet Owl Banding

Address: 6056 Long Point Rd., Prince Edward County

Registration: required – www.peptbo.ca/fallevents.php

Space is limited, be sure to register.

Admission: \$10 per person, children 10 and under free

Amenities: roadside parking, washrooms, stroller friendly, partially accessible, no dogs at night, no flash photography

Website: www.peptbo.ca

Contact: info@peptbo.ca

Notes: Watch for poison ivy. Ticks that carry Lyme disease are in the area.



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Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory

Chart the Dark Sky: What's Up at Night!

Friday, October 9 (Rain or cloud date: Sat., Oct. 10)

Friday, October 16 (Rain or cloud date: Sat., Oct. 17)

7:30 PM SHARP – 9:00 PM

This is a very weather dependent event.

Meet County night sky enthusiasts Ramesh Pooran and James Rose in front of the Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory (PEPtBO) in the National Wildlife Area.

They will focus your attention and their telescopes on stars and planets, the Milky Way, and the occasional satellite. You will see Mars, Jupiter and Saturn as well as star clusters, nebulae and galaxies.



Please back into parking spaces. Please cover your flashlight with red plastic (regular flashlights interfere with/do not preserve your night vision). Bring binoculars and a folding chair. Dress warmly, temperatures are cooler near the water. You will take home a chart of the night sky. This event is suitable for those 5 years old and up.

Stay for Owl Banding at the Observatory. See Owls in October—Saw-Whet Owl Banding p. 50. You must register separately, \$10/person, children 10 and under free.

Event Name: Chart the Dark Sky: What's Up at Night!

Event Address: 6056 Long Point Rd., Prince Edward County

Admission: \$5.00 per person

Registration: www.peptbo.ca/chart-the-dark-sky.php

Saw-whet owl banding go to www.peptbo.ca/fallevents.php

Amenities: roadside parking, washrooms, stroller friendly

Website: www.peptbo.ca

Contact: rameshpooran350@gmail.com

Notes: uneven ground, bring a lawn chair, please cover your flashlight with red plastic, check for ticks when you return home.

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Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory

Celebrating Owls at the Bird Observatory

Saturday, October 10, 10AM – 3PM

It is a day packed with fun and dedicated to all things Owl. With demonstrations, crafts, scavenger hunts, and family friendly activities, there is something for everyone. Dissect an owl pellet, make an owl mask, decorate an owl cookie, check out the specimens table and much more. At 2:00 pm meet the Saw-whet Owl expert and learn about these charming wee owls.

All morning, our banders and volunteers will demonstrate the banding of songbirds. See birds up very close and learn what banding research can tell us.

At noon the Big Sit begins. Bring a lawn chair and join the raptor watch. Volunteers will assist with identifying the various birds of prey drifting by on their way south. Peek though a scope or use our binoculars.

Bring water, snacks and binoculars if you have them. Bio-diversity Friendly Coffee and treats available.

Consider pre-registering for the evening Saw-whet Owl banding (p. 50). Stay and play, stroll to lighthouse, enjoy the pebble beach, bring a picnic dinner. Details at www.peptbo.ca/fallevents.php for either event.



Event Name: Celebrating Owls at the Bird Observatory

Event Address: 6056 Long Point Rd., Prince Edward County

Admission: free, donations accepted

Registration: drop-ins welcome, pre-register at www.peptbo.ca/fallevents.php and bring your ticket for a free draw.

Amenities: parking, washrooms. accessible, stroller friendly, dogs on leash, beware of ticks and poison ivy

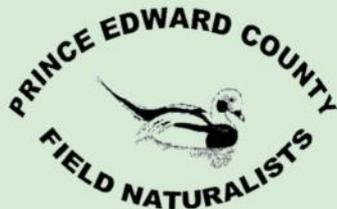
Website: www.peptbo.ca

Contact: Kathy at kfelkar@xplornet.ca
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Who we are

The Prince Edward County Field Naturalists (PECFN) is a group of individuals interested in the natural world. We promote awareness, enjoyment and conservation of Prince Edward County's natural heritage.



Activities:

- Monthly programs feature presentations on plants, animals, birds and topical subjects of local interest.
- Regular outings throughout the County and beyond to investigate areas of natural and scientific interest.
- Participation in Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory's Annual **Spring Birding Festival**.
- Bi-monthly electronic newsletter.
- **Annual BioBlitz** in the PEC South Shore Important Bird and Biodiversity Area.
- Advocating for nature and commenting on environmental issues to local, provincial and federal governments.
- Special nature-related workshops and events like native plant sales, pollinator garden planting, and tree seed forecasting.
- **Tree the County**, a PECFN initiative, is part of an ad hoc committee making recommendations for the County's new tree policy.
- **Tree the County's Neighbourwoods®**, a multi-year project to establish an inventory of the trees in Bloomfield.



Annual membership: \$15.00 individual, \$30.00 family
Monthly indoor programs are held at Bloomfield Town Hall
Last Tuesday of the month starting at 7PM
September to May, except December

All are welcome!
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Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory

Birds and Burgers Night Out

Sunday, October 11, 5 – 9 PM, rain date Sunday, October 25

It is an exclusive evening of Saw-whet Owl fun and facts. Join us at the Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory for a private owl night. Enjoy a BBQ burger dinner with all the trimmings and meet Saw-whet Owls up-close.

This is an opportunity to assist with setting up the owl nets and accompanying the volunteers to check the nets throughout the evening.

Observe the banding and take a behind the scenes tour of the banding lab. Enjoy the excitement of releasing newly tagged and documented birds to continue their journey south.



Bring your questions about owls, banding and migratory bird research. Our staff and volunteers will share their knowledge and their owl stories. Cameras welcome but, please, no flash photography.

Owl banding does not take place if it is raining or too windy. You will be contacted if banding will be rescheduled. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight.

Registration is required as space is limited.

\$40 per person.

Event Name: Birds and Burgers Night Out

Event Address: 6056 Long Point Rd., Prince Edward County

Fee: \$40 per person

Registration: required – www.peptbo.ca/fallevents.php

Amenities: roadside parking, washrooms, partial accessibility, stroller friendly, no dogs

Website: www.peptbo.ca

Contact: Ketha Gillespie—funkiflwr@yahoo.com, 343-354-6886

Notes: Watch for poison ivy. Ticks that carry Lyme disease are in the area. Dress as you would for a hike in the woods. Bring a flashlight.





Coming Events

November 2020 to March 2021

November

Firelight Lantern Festival – The Department of Illumination
November 7, 2020
www.deptofillumination.org/firelight-lantern-festival

December

Christmas Bird Count – Birds Canada
www.birdscanada.org
www.peptbo.ca

January

Mid-Winter Waterfowl Count
January 10, 2021
www.peptbo.ca

February

ICE BOX – Department of Illumination
www.deptofillumination.org/ice-box

Great Backyard Bird Count – Birds Canada
www.birdscanada.org

Family Day – Various Organizations
February 16, 2021
www.visitpec.ca
www.friendsofsandbanks.org

March

Maple in the County
www.visitpec.ca/maple-in-the-county/

Rotary Waterfall Tours – Rotary Club of Picton
March 27 & 28, 2021
www.pictonrotary.ca

Passports to Nature in Canada

The 2020 Nature Matters! booklet is part of Passports to Nature in Canada. PEPtBO thanks the Gosling Foundation for supporting the efforts of our member organizations.

Passports to Nature invite people to experience the wonders of our natural world in communities across Canada. Each Passport serves as a guide to outdoor events that are open to all and often free. Check out other booklets and plan your next adventure in nature.

Other programs in Ontario

The Couchiching Conservancy

Orillia area, Ontario

<http://www.couchichingconserv.ca/passport-to-nature-3/>

Pelee Buzz

Pelee Island, Ontario

<https://peleeislandmuseum.ca/events/>

Land Conservancy for Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington

Kingston and Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington Counties, Ontario

<http://www.landconservancykfla.org/passport>

rare Charitable Research Reserve

Cambridge area, Ontario

<https://raresites.org/>

Thames Talbot Land Trust

London and surrounding counties, Ontario

https://www.thamestalbotlandtrust.ca/passport_to_nature

Wellington Water Watchers: 2Rivers Festival

Guelph, Ontario

<https://www.2riversfestival.org/>

Long Point Basin Land Trust

Norfolk County, Ontario

www.longpointlandtrust.ca/events

Ecology Ottawa

Ottawa, Ontario

<https://ecologyottawa.ca/>

Other programs in Canada

The Land Conservancy of BC

Province of British Columbia

<https://conservancy.bc.ca/get-involved/passport-to-nature/>

Nature Trust of New Brunswick

Province of New Brunswick

<https://www.naturetrust.nb.ca/>

The Gosling Foundation — www.goslingfoundation.org



25 years at Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory



Brian Joyce and Eric Machell founded PEPTBO in 1995.

The Observatory is located in the Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area and was



established with the cooperation of the Canadian Wildlife Service. The location was chosen because Kingston Field Naturalists had successfully used the area for many years for migration monitoring. Since then and with help from a legion of volunteers PEPTBO has become one of the most successful permanent banding stations in Canada. Volunteers populate the Board of Directors. Day volunteers from the County and environs assist at the nets with bird extraction and scribing. Volunteers become involved in our popular outreach programs and fundraising activities. PEPTBO is truly a volunteer run and self funded organization.

In 1998, Birdlife International and the Canadian Nature Federation (now Nature Canada) designated the Prince Edward County South Shore a globally significant Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA). In 2014 PEPTBO became the official "Caretaker" of the IBA and began regular avian surveys throughout the South Shore.

Also in 1998, PEPTBO became a full member of the Canadian Migration Monitoring Network. This program of Bird Studies Canada (now Birds Canada) includes approximately 30 permanent monitoring stations across Canada near significant bird migration routes.

In 2001 with the hiring of David Okines as PEPTBO's first full-time Station Manager and Bander-in-charge, the migration monitoring protocols were expanded to include a fall banding program of passerines, raptors and owls, specifically the Northern Saw-whet Owl.

With a permanent, full-time Bander-in-charge and a full migration monitoring program, PEPTBO began to offer younger, less experienced banders from all over the world the opportunity



to spend time at the Observatory to hone their identification and banding skills. PEPtBO became a preferred training place for many young people because of the variety of avian species and the quality of educational experience available. Today PEPtBO continues to be a sought after placement for young banders seeking to achieve permit level certification.



D. Okines



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In 2015 PEPtBO began to offer the NatureHood program to school classes from Prince Edward County and beyond. This highly successful outdoor educational opportunity brings children to the Bird Observatory to learn about birds and migration with curriculum-based programs and activities. NatureHood works toward PEPtBO's commitment to public ornithological education.

Over the past 25 years PEPtBO has developed a nationally important migration monitoring program during both spring and fall seasons. Our research has provided key data about migrating birds in Canada. We have educated many young banders from Canada and abroad. Through NatureHood we educate the citizens of tomorrow about birds and the natural world. We offer volunteers and visitors an opportunity to learn and enjoy nature in a world-class facility.

Through the small booklet you are reading we encourage you to join with us in celebrating our 25th anniversary year and in appreciating the natural world at the South Shore of Prince Edward County.



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For an opportunity to include an event in 2021, e-mail Cheryl Chapman at cheryl.chapman8@gmail.com

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