

Owen Sound Field Naturalists

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OUTDOOR PROGRAM

To learn more about Outdoor Programs please refer to:
Hart's Tongue Herald or visit www.osfn.ca

Thurs. Sep. 5 - 1:30- 4:00PM Sarawak Saunter Explore the diverse flora near Indian Falls with David Morris. Easy to medium. For directions Reg:David Morris, 519-376-1304 davidtmorris@rogers.com Max 12

Tues. Sep. 10 9:30-12PM Lower Indian River Excursion with David Morris Emphasis on flora and intriguing geology of the gorge. Rough, uneven footing. Reg: same as above

Ongoing this month - campaign to slow the advance of Dog Strangling Vine -To help, contact team leaders Bill Moses at bill.mosesos@gmail.com Nancy Brown loneelm82@gmail.com

Thurs. Sep. 19, 1:30-3:30PM An Autumn Ramble at Anglesea Nature Trails and Managed Forest Ferns, Trees, Erratic Boulders, and history with Don Rawls in the Klondike Hills. Reg: 519 794 0561 rawfam46@gmail.com for directions to Anglesea. Max 16.

Sun. Sep.22, 1:30-4PM "Forest Bathing"with Neil Baldwin. Experience slow time in woodlands, mindfulness practice for relaxation, to cultivate innate healing, and to open senses and soul to engage with nature in new ways. Max 12. Register/info: offgridretreat@naturemail.ca 519-794-0129

Sat. Sep. 28, 10AM to 2PM with Beth Gilhespy, past CEO of the BTC and geology enthusiast, for a guided, leisurely hike along the Bruce Trail in the Owen Sound area to see some of the Escarpment's geological features first hand. Max 25. Reg: beth.gilhespy@gmail.com 519 835 9331 for details.

Wed. Oct. 9, 9:30AM- Noon Lake Eugenia Water Birds with David Turner. Discover the Avian delights of this birding hot spot. Reg: with David for where to meet, etc. Max 16 fleshertonartgallery@gmail.com or 519-924-3560

Sat. Oct.12, 9:30AM-1PM Bob Knapp Old Growth Forest Hike, 6KM, in the Marshall Woods. Bring water and snack. Max 16Reg: rmknapp@yahoo.com 519 371 1255

Dynamics, Lifecycle Stages and "Nature" of Gravel Pits with Hydrologist Neil McLean. Date, time and Site(s) TBA Max 16 Reg: jwdickso@gmail.com

Sun. Nov. 10, 10AM – 2PM Birding Around the Bay - Waterfowl and More with Erik Van Den Kieboom, and Kiah Jasper. Meet at front of Bayshore Community Centre, Owen Sound. Register: erikkieboom@outlook.com and/or kiahjasper@gmail.com

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CALENDAR 2019 - 2020

Annual Christmas Bird Counts – December 2019 All OSFN members are invited to participate and assist with Counts across Grey Bruce. Watch HTH and e-Herald for dates and contacts for the Owen Sound, Meaford, Saugeen Shores, and Wiarton CBC's or visit <https://www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/cbc/index.jsp?targetpg=mapviewer&lang=EN> and zoom to the circles near you.

Thurs. Feb. 13, 10 to 11:30AM Nordic Ski over the Grasslands of Sarawak and along the Indian River with Beth Anne Currie and John Dickson. Meet at Beth Anne's -319197 Grey Rd 1 at: 9:45AM, to Car Pool to ski location, then back to BA's for chili lunch & warm up! All welcome! Register:bethannecurrie@sympatico.ca 519 376 7237

Saturday, February 29, 1PM – 4 PM Jeff Kinchen Who Made Those Tracks and Why? An Interpretive Late Winter Tracking Hike Learn how to observe, and recognize Nature's clues. Limit: 12 Register: bognors.finest@gmail.com or 519-374-4246

APRIL 22 is EARTH DAY Special Events TBA, during Earth Week
Sat. April 25 - 9:30AM to Noon Birding the Waters of the Beaver Valley during Spring Migration with David Turner - Tundra Swans and More. Max 16 Please register with David at 519-924-3560 or fleshertonartgallery@gmail.com for directions to start location.

Wed. April 29, 10AM to 1-2PM A Search for Trail-marker Trees. Interpretive Hike at Neyaashiinigiing with Lenore Keeshig. Max 12 Bring a lunch Location: Meet at intersection of the Boundary Road and Sydney Bay Road Register: lenorekeeshig@gmail.com

Wed. May 27 9:30-11:30AM Springtime Woodland Stroll with hosts John Bakker and Christina Milani. Tour their richly diverse, and mostly wooded property. Limit:16 - Please register with Christina at milanicvm1999@gmail.com (519) 376-7098 and to receive directions.

Sun. June 7, 7-11AM Birding, Botany and Ecology at Bayview Escarpment Forest with Mark Wiercinski Tune in to the sounds and open your eyes to experience the richness of the Forest in Spring. Max 20 Reg: Mark.Wiercinski@forces.gc.ca or 519-379-0437

Wed. June 24, 1 p.m. Piping Plovers. A visit to Sauble Beach to learn about the valiant efforts of these (super cute) endangered birds to raise their wee cotton-ball chicks on a busy public beach. Max.15 Reg: lynnrichardson@rogers.com

Mid to Late June TBA Butterflies and more with Chris Rickard
All ages. Register: crickard@sympatico.ca, (705)444-6671

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PROGRAM LISTINGS

The Owen Sound Field Naturalists (OSFN) was created in 1988-89 to provide Owen Sound and area naturalists with the opportunity to share activities that would allow them to increase their understanding of natural history and conservation.

OSFN is also a registered charity, welcoming donations to its Local, Educational, and Action Fund (LEAF) and its Lorraine Brown Conservation Fund (LBCF) which is primarily for acquisition, and support of Nature Reserves, within the Grey-Bruce region, and to NeighbourWoods North (NN) enhancing urban forests.

Indoor meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, September to June, in the auditorium of the Owen Sound and North Grey Union Public Library at 7PM. Guest presenters are chosen to provide a wide range of topics. Their expertise covers natural history subjects that may be local, provincial, national, or international in scope. Indoor meetings are open to the public.

The OSFN also provides a full schedule of outdoor activities throughout the year. On these outings members learn and share knowledge about the flora, fauna and geography of this region.

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P.O. Box #401, Owen Sound, ON N4K 5P7

Membership Application / Renewal

Please complete and detach this section of the brochure & submit with cheque to:
OWEN SOUND FIELD NATURALISTS

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NOTE: **You may also register using PayPal online @www.owensoundfieldnaturalists.ca

Name:.....

Address:

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Telephone:

Email:.....

(For OSFN e-Herald & program change notifications)

Membership Fees: Please check or circle appropriate categories

Single (\$25) Student (\$15) Family (\$40) X 1,2,3,4,5 yrs

= \$ _____ plus charitable donations for tax receipts

\$ _____ Donation to LEAF - Local, Educational, Action Fund

\$ _____ Donation to LBCF Lorraine Brown Conservation Fund

\$ _____ Donation to NeighbourWoods North - Urban Trees

\$ _____ **Total**

Signature: _____

In signing this form, I agree to allow only the OSFN to contact me by phone or e-mail regarding upcoming programs or program changes & cancellations.

(The OSFN Privacy Policy is found on the club's website)

“The Earth is the ultimate provider and for countless generations our ancestors knew how to survive and live in harmony with nature. By learning and practicing these skills we begin to experience nature in an ancient and meaningful way.” – Alexis Burnett

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I N D O O R P R O G R A M

Indoor meetings are at 7PM, the 2nd Thursday of the month September to June at the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library, 824 1st Ave. W. Owen Sound

Sept. 12, 2019 Join Beth Gilhespy, past CEO of the Bruce Trail Conservancy and geology enthusiast, for a presentation on the geology of the Niagara Escarpment.

Oct. 10, 2019 Stéphane Menu, Station Scientist of the Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory presents Birds on the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula: Changes across the years as seen at Cabot Head - 2002 – ongoing (forever?)

Nov.14, 2019 Best-selling author Adam Shoalts launches his newest adventure book, *Beyond the Trees*, the story of his nearly 4,000 km solo journey across Canada's Arctic, and chats and shares pictures from his recent expeditions as Explorer-in-Residence of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, including tracking rare snakes, sleeping alone in polar bear territory, canoeing through arctic ice, and photographing elusive wildlife."

Dec. 12, 2019 with Peter Middleton: We call it a garden. They can call it home. Peter's talk focuses on the role gardens play as habitat for birds, in a time when bird populations face ever mounting challenges to their survival. Essential elements of habitat will be considered and how they can be achieved through planning. "The elements will be illustrated using our garden as a model. The place of birds in the planet's biological diversity is a constant sub-theme."

Jan. 9, 2020 Dr. Brent Patterson Wolves and Coyotes in Ontario: Population Status and Recent Research (Return Engagement-2014) Dr. Patterson will update and discuss the status and ecology of wolves and coyotes across the province and provide an overview of ongoing and recent research on wolves and coyotes in Ontario. Topics will include life history, abundance, feeding habits, livestock depredation, and will also include advice on how to avoid conflict with coyotes.

Feb.13, 2020 Marg Gaviller - The Horses of Sable Island....Plus the journey "back to Newfoundland" The Sable Island horses, originally domestic animals, are now the main occupants of the island. They roam freely in the natural environment, comfortably in the temperate summers but battered by high winds and ferocious storms in the winter, and without human interference. These feral horses are, indeed, a joy to behold.

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C A L E N D A R 2 0 1 9 – 2 0 2 0

Mar. 12, 2020 Members' Night - Brian Robin Coordinating
A potpourri of OSFN members' slides, displays, art, collections and compositions focusing on the natural world. A limit of 10 minutes for each presentation is preferred. Register yours with Brian Robin at robin.brian@gmail.com or 519 363 3204

April 9, 2020 Resilience – Transforming our Community
This uplifting film, with Scientist Dr. John Anderson's climate change research and directed by Liz Zetlin, is designed to inspire action, and offers ways to build resilience in ourselves and our community by transforming the way we live.

Sat. April 18, 2020 2PM Celebrate Earth Week with renowned ecologist, writer and songwriter Jarmo Jalava: "Relationships with Nature, as told through slides, stories and song".
Sponsored by Caframo. \$5 Tickets available by December.
Event will be Aboard the Chi Cheemaun www.osfn.ca

May 14, 2020 A TURTLE TALK with BOB BOWLES
If Turtles Could Talk - Learn about Ontario's Turtles and more, with Robert Bowles - a Turtle's Best Friend. Bob will advise what people can do to help turtles. "They are coming under great pressure now with habitat loss due to development, increased traffic and people who have no regard for these interesting creatures."

June 11, 2020 @ 6PM SHARP Last meeting of the year.
ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER & PRESENTATION
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 865 1st Ave. W, Owen Sound
Bring your own plates, cutlery and cup or mug, and bring a food dish to share, along with serving utensils.

7PM Foraging for Edible and Medicinal Plants: Alexis Burnett
This presentation will focus on learning how to ethically harvest plants for food and medicine from the wild. We will talk about both native and non-native plants and explore what it means to work with these groups of plants in a way that helps to sustain and regenerate local populations. As the popularity of foraging increases, it is more important than ever to learn what plants can be harvested in a sustainable manner and how we can help other plants to increase their populations in the name of caretaking and land stewardship.

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Visit www.osfn.ca for updates and added events.