



INGERSOLL DISTRICT NATURE CLUB / 2017-18 Activities Calendar

[W] May 19 – Migration Discovery Day at the Lawson Nature Reserve – 9:00 a.m. Meet at Lawson Reserve
Join members of the Ingersoll District Nature Club for a spring bird count. The Reserve is a vibrant transition ground for migratory warblers during the month of May. Join club members to learn more about our feathered friends and their travel habits. This is also a great opportunity for camera buffs. Novice birders and photographers welcome. Contact: Terry 250-423-4844 or Sheila 519-485-2645

June 9 - Lawson Nature Reserve Clean-up Day / 9:00 a.m. Meet at Lawson Reserve
Community members are welcome to join us for clean-up activities at the reserve, including trail maintenance, garlic mustard pulling, birdhouse repairs and painting. Bring gloves, bug spray and water-proof boots. Contact: Sheila 519-485-2645

June 13 - Tour of Parker Farm Nature Restoration (Date change)
Meet at the Parker family farm at 7:00 p.m. at 363341 McBeth Road (west) for an informative walk of their field and trail system, led by Terry Parker. Highlights include bobolink and butterfly viewing opportunities. The Bobolink is considered a “wide ranging species” and in fact, the Bobolink is one of the world’s most impressive songbird migrants, travelling approximately 20,000 km to and from South America. Throughout its lifetime, it may travel the equivalent of 4 or 5 times around the circumference of the earth.
NOTE: In order to see bobolinks, who have arrived early, we’ve changed the date. Contact: Terry 250-423-4844.

[W] June 23 - Pinery Provincial Park (NOTE – Early Departure Carpool Lot at 8:00 a.m.)
Join us when we hike the Pinery to explore its Oak Savanna woodland, some of the only remaining in North America. The park’s unique ecosystem can be explored on trails, beaches or quiet reaches of the Old Ausable Channel. **Be sure to bring your picnic lunch!** Contact: Meg 519-485-4220

July 21 - Club Summer BBQ / 4:30 p.m. (Date change from July 14 to avoid conflict with Canterbury Folk Festival)
Help us celebrate summer at our club BBQ scheduled for 4:30 p.m. and hosted by Rob and Marilyn Alexander, 288 Thames St. S. All are welcome. Please bring a salad or dessert – all other food and drink provided. We also ask that you bring your own plate, cup and cutlery so we can reduce waste to the landfill. Contact: Sheila 519-485-2645 or Rob 519-608-3032

[I] Sept 15 - Annual General Meeting / 5:30 p.m. Meet at Ingersoll Seniors Centre.
Join us for the annual meeting and potluck BBQ at the Ingersoll Seniors Centre. All are welcome. Our AGM offers the opportunity to hear plans for the Lawson Nature Reserve and to suggest new ideas for club activities. Terry Parker will showcase his latest photos of warblers, photographed this year at Pelee National and Rondeau Provincial Parks. BBQ starts at 5:30 p.m. with the club providing burgers, hot dogs and beverages. Don’t forget to bring your own plate, cup and cutlery so we can help reduce waste to the landfill. Contact: Sheila 519-485-2645

[W] Oct 6 - Fungus Walk / 1:30 p.m. Meet at Lawson Reserve (Date change)
Naturalist and fungi expert Inga Hinnerichsen will lead the tour and identify the various fungi at the Lawson Nature Reserve. Fungi are different from animals and plants. A fungus breaks down dead organic matter around it, and uses it as food. For the longest time they were considered plants, but in the late 1960’s



they were classified as their own Kingdom. It is estimated that there are over a million species of fungi worldwide. Come see what the Lawson Nature Reserve has to offer from this fascinating world.
Contact: Peter 519-425-0429

[W] Oct 20 - St. Mary's Avon Trail 9:00 a.m. Meet at Carpool

Join us as we hike a portion of this 113 km scenic trail. We will walk a portion of the Grand Trunk Trail which follows the old rail line, including the high bridge over the river which provides magnificent views of the countryside on one side, and St. Mary's on the other. Of interest, the entire trail from St. Mary's to Conestogo provides a link between the Thames Valley Trail and the Grand Valley Trail. Contact: Meg 519-485-4220

[I] Nov 25 – Festive Potluck / 1:00 p.m. Meet at Seniors Centre

'Tis the season to celebrate all the wonders of nature... All are welcome to join in our potluck and meeting at the Ingersoll Seniors Centre, and hear our guest speaker (tbc). Bring your own plate, cup and cutlery so we don't add waste to the landfill. Potluck starts at 1:00 pm. Contact: Sheila 519-485-2645

[W+I] Dec 28 - Christmas Bird Count / 9:00 a.m. Meet at Lawson Reserve

Started in 1900, the Christmas Bird Count is North America's longest-running Citizen Science project. Counts happen in over 2000 localities throughout the Western Hemisphere. Join the fun - come out to the Reserve and help with the count. We work as a group – no experience necessary. Contact: Peter 519-425-0429 or Terry 250-423-4844

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- **[W]** Nature Walk. **Carpool** at the municipal lot behind the arena at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise stated.
- **[I]** Most indoor events take place at the Ingersoll Unifor Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Re-check the website for changes to details and added indoor and outdoor events.

***We welcome newcomers to participate in any and all of our activities.
We are interested in the development and preservation of nature in
Oxford County.***

For more information go to:

www.ingersollnatureclub.com