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[W] January 18 – Harrington Conservation Area – Carpool Lot at 9:00 a.m.

Enjoy a walk around this wintery pond and dam. Looked after by community members, it was chosen to open the Trails Festival in Oxford last year. There are some lovely wooded areas around the banks of the pond. Walking area is all flat with the exception of a small rise to get to the start of the walk. Hot chocolate provided. For information, contact Sheila, 519-485-2645

[I] #1 Natural Selections Lecture Series – January 30 – 7:00 p.m. Contact Sheila, 519-485-2645

Co-hosted by the Ingersoll District Nature Club and the Ingersoll Public Library

A four-part series of illustrated talks on nature and the environment - Join us in the Ingersoll Library meeting room to learn from our informative speakers.

PROFESSOR ALAN MacEACHERN, Dept. of History, Western University - “A Brief History of Climate Change”

Alan will be remembered from last year’s series, bringing more information on climate and its effect. A broad overview of the changes to climate over the decades gives a convincing picture of how climate is changing and why we shouldn’t ignore it. Dr. MacEachern is a faculty member in the Department of History and the Director of NiCHE (Network in Canadian History & Environment).

[W] Owl Prowl at the Lawson Nature Reserve – Sunday, February 9 – 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Join David Baird, local naturalist, in a prowling through our woods in search of the secretive screech owl. Dress warmly according to weather; bring a flashlight. In order to keep groups to a reasonable size so as not to frighten our feathered friends, we ask that you call Meg to register. Hot chocolate will be provided. This is a great winter activity for children big and small. Contact Meg, 519-485-4220

[I] #2 Lecture Series - Natural Selections – February 20 – 7:00 p.m. Contact Sheila, 519-485-2645.

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JOHN ENRIGHT - “Seeding the Butternut’s Future – Will Climate Change impact trees in Oxford County?”

Join us to hear John, a Certified Forester with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and Butternut Specialist. He and other partners are working with FGCA in managing a Butternut Seed Orchard in Oxford County just south of Innerkip. Home to approximately 174



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grafted butternut from across the province, shown to have some tolerance to butternut canker, the team works on reproduction in order to save tree genetics of this species-at-risk. This, along with his work with “assisted tree migration” to Oxford County, will shed light on work being done to save species and prepare for a hotter, drier climate in the future.

[W] March 14– Springwater Conservation Area and Maple Syrup Festival /Aylmer Swans

The Springwater Forest is a national rarity, a 150 hectare Carolinian Forest, which contains more endangered species than any other zone in Canada. The forest contains a diverse variety of interdependent animals and plants. March also features the Maple Syrup Festival – great pancakes! Weather and time permitting, a stop at the Aylmer viewing stands to watch migrating swans and geese will follow. Contact: Meg, 519-485-4220

[I] #3 Natural Selections Lecture Series – March 19 – 7:00 p.m. Contact Sheila, 519-485-2645

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TIM ARTHUR – “WILD ALGONQUIN – What do we have to lose?”

Tim Arthur, a London-based birding and wildlife professional, brings years of experience in wildlife guiding, speaking engagements, as well as field work for Bird Studies Canada.

Tim notes his favourite place in Ontario is Algonquin Park, where he spends between 3 and 4 weeks every year canoeing, hiking, biking and snowshoeing all with a camera within reach. He will speak to the array of wildlife in Algonquin and the pressures they face through climate change through his photos.

[I] #4 Natural Selections Lecture Series – April 16 – 7:00 p.m. Contact Sheila, 519-485-2645

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PHIL HOLST – “Conserving it Forward - Why ‘green infrastructure’ matters”

Restoring local wetlands, conserving habitat and creating healthy, natural spaces that support biodiversity are key elements in Oxford's Community Sustainability Plan's environmental pillar. But it takes people like Phil Holst, vice-chair of Stewardship Oxford, chair of Reforest Oxford and a director at Ducks Unlimited Canada, to help make those goals a reality. Phil has helped make possible 41 conservation projects in our broader local area. The latest of these: the 400-acre re-naturalization of Hodges Pond in Norwich Township. As our climate continues to change, come learn why wetlands matter and how passion for nature can lead to remarkable conservation projects.



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[W] May 9– Backus Woods (Carpool Lot at 9:00 a.m.)

Join us on a day's outing to this well known property under the jurisdiction of the Long Point Conservation Authority. Migration will be in full swing – birding at its best. This conservation area features some remnant Carolinian forest. Nature photographers are welcome to join us. Contact: Ken, 519-539-5234

[W] May 30 – Jackson – Gunn Old Growth Forest / Arthur Langford Nature Reserve - Carpool Lot at 9:00 a.m.

These properties are owned by the Long Point Basin Land Trust and are located near the Lake Erie shoreline in Norfolk County and east of Port Burwell. Jackson-Gunn is one of the most spectacular old growth forests remaining in southern Ontario. Some trees have stood for almost three centuries. Arthur Langford contains extensive forests, wetlands and restored grasslands with a number of rare and interesting species. Contact: Ken, 519-539-5234

June 6 – Lawson Nature Reserve Clean-up Day / 9:00 a.m. at Reserve

Community members are welcome to join us for clean-up activities at the Reserve, including trail maintenance, garlic mustard extraction and painting. Bring gloves, bug spray and water proof boots. Contact: Sheila, 519-485-2645

[W] June 27 – Pinery Provincial Park (Note: Early Departure from Carpool Lot at 7:30 a.m.)

Join us as 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, and is beautiful at this time of year. Be sure to bring your picnic lunch. Contact: Ken, 519-539-5234

[W] September 5 – Burgess Trail, Woodstock – Carpool Lot at 9 a.m.

This trail located in north-west Woodstock has been expanded considerably in the past few years. Trail now encompasses a woodlot and former pasture land further north of the Upper Trail as well as the more established trails along the north side of the river. If time permits, the Standard Tube Trail south of the river can be explored and especially how it has developed since the loss of many ash trees four to five years ago. Contact Ken, 519-539-5234

[W+I] October 3 – Annual General Meeting / 3:30 p.m.

Meet for a potluck at the Ingersoll Seniors Centre – enjoy some of the best food in town. Our AGM reviews the highlights of the year and is an opportunity to offer new ideas for the next. Guest speaker/photographer to be confirmed. Potluck meal starts at 5:30 p.m. Bring your own plate, cup and cutlery so we can reduce waste. Contact: Sheila, 519-485-2645



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[W] October 17 – Hickson Trail (Hickson to Woodstock) – Carpool Lot at 9 a.m.

Opened to its full extent in 2018, this Trail now extends from the just north of the Pittock Reservoir in north Woodstock all the way to the village of Hickson. Only a portion of the Trail will be tackled since it is a linear and not a loop. Trail passes through built up areas, farm land and wooded sections and is easy terrain. Contact Ken, 519-539-5234

[I] November 29 – Festive Potluck / 1:00 p.m.

A grand opportunity to celebrate all the wonders of nature. Everyone is welcome to join our potluck and meeting at the Ingersoll Seniors Centre and hear our guest speaker. Bring your own plate, cup and cutlery so we can reduce waste. Contact: Sheila, 519-485-2645

[W] December 28 – Christmas Bird Count / 9:00 a.m. 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 camaraderie – come out to the Reserve and help with the count. We work as a group – no bird identification experience necessary. Contact: Terry, 250-423-4844,

Legend:

* **[W]** Nature Walk - Carpool at the municipal lot behind the arena 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

* **[I]** Most indoor events will take place at the Ingersoll Public Library at 7:00 p.m.

* Please check our website for changes to details and added indoor and outdoor events throughout the year

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