



INGERSOLL DISTRICT NATURE CLUB / 2021-22 ACTIVITIES

Please note: COVID-19 restrictions will dictate the number of activities that are planned, as well as limit opportunity to carpool. **For all travel locations we meet at the municipal parking lot behind the Ingersoll Arena at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise stated.** Families will be encouraged to drive themselves to hiking locations. For any activities at the Lawson Nature Reserve, please go directly there.

As well, we hope to resume our Lecture Series in the spring 2022, dependent upon when the Ingersoll Library confirms they can accommodate us.

All activities are subject to change. We will do our best to notify in advance.

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Saturday, Sept 18 – 10:00 a.m. / LAWSON NATURE RESERVE, 363685 McBeth Rd (south of Ingersoll). Ontario Nature is organizing a salamander survey and clearing of wild garlic mustard, an invasive species from the property. The morning will also include general maintenance of the Reserve. The natural area of our Reserve has been well used during recent lockdowns and IDNC would appreciate any help from members and the community to bring it to a better standard for all to enjoy. For more information contact Peter, 519 425 0429 – Please register on our [eventbrite page](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/invasive-species-removal-and-salamander-monitoring-at-lawson-nature-reserve-tickets-168973922551) prior to Sept 16th: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/invasive-species-removal-and-salamander-monitoring-at-lawson-nature-reserve-tickets-168973922551>

Sunday, September 26 – 2:00 p.m. / DORCHESTER MILL POND. Join us for a hike around the pond, which sits in a natural setting of white oak, white pine and maple and offers a home to many different species of birds. The pond itself is inhabited by waterfowl, turtles and bass. Trail is well maintained. For more information contact Sheila, 519 485 2645

Sunday, October 17 – 3:00 p.m. Save the date for our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** at the Lawson Nature Reserve where we will provide updates and plans for the coming year. Join us for a walk around the Reserve at 3pm, followed by the meeting at 4pm. Snacks will be provided. For more information contact Peter, 519 425 0429 or www.ingersollnatureclub.com for location.

Sunday, November 28 – 1:00 p.m. / FESTIVE POTLUCK CELEBRATION and SPEAKER

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

Tuesday, December 28 - 9:00 a.m. at Lawson Nature Reserve / CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

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: Peter at 519 425 0429



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Sunday, January 16 – 2:00 p.m. / EMBRO POND CONSERVATION AREA

This maintained trail is well travelled in winter and the trails are well marked. There are several loops so hikers can go as short or as long a distance as they desire. If you wish to meet there, follow County Road 6 to north of Embro and turn west onto County Road 84. Entrance on left about a quarter kilometre from intersection of two County Roads. Plenty of parking. For information, Contact Ken, 519-539-5234

Saturday, March 12 – 9:00 a.m. / SPRINGWATER CONSERVATION AREA AND MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL & AYLMEER 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. We have often seen pileated woodpeckers do a fly-by. March also features the Maple Syrup Festival – great pancakes! Covid-Permitting, of course! A stop at the Aylmer viewing stands to watch migrating swans and geese will follow. Contact: Meg, 519-485-4220

Saturday, April 23 – 9:00 a.m. / BACKUS WOODS

Join us on a day's outing to this well-known property under the jurisdiction of the Long Point Conservation Authority. This conservation area features some beautiful remnant Carolinian forest. Nature photographers are welcome to join us. Contact Ken, 519-539-5234

Sunday, May 15 – 2:00 p.m. / HODGES' POND

In 2015 a re-naturalization project was started to return the roughly 400-acres of land to its original status. The pond was originally built as a mill pond, but the subsequent re-opening of the dam and reconnection of the stream to Cedar Creek has provided environmental benefits such as improved flood reduction and water quality for the Thames river. It also sustains new vegetation and wildlife habitat. This project ties into Future Oxford's Community Sustainability plan to protect and restore the ecosystem. Contact Ken, 519-539-5234.

Saturday, June 4 – 9 a.m. / Lawson Nature Reserve Clean-up Day

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: Peter, 519-425-0429

Saturday, June 25 - 9:00 a.m. / ST. WILLIAMS CONSERVATION RESERVE

Visit and hike some of the trail system of this very large reserve located in the St. Williams/Turkey Point area. Great variety of trails and one or two will be selected prior to the trip down. Part of the Carolinian Forest area so the chance to see species that we don't normally see in the immediate Ingersoll area. Contact: Ken, 519-539-5234



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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 about the Club and the Lawson Nature Reserve go to:
<http://www.ingersollnatureclub.com>

