

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events start promptly at the Visitor Centre in MacGregor Point Provincial Park. Please meet 15 minutes prior to their start so that groups can depart on time. Morning events usually return to the Visitor Centre by 11:30 am; afternoon events by 4:30 pm. Field Trip Information is found at the end of the Schedule of Events.

Viewing scopes will be available at the Viewing Tower on the Tower Trail 8:30 am to noon on weekends.

Coffee and pastries are available in the Visitor Centre every morning.
The Southampton Rotary will host a BBQ from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm daily.

FRIDAY MAY 23

All Day

A1 6:30 am HOT SPOTS OF THE LOWER BRUCE – Alfred Raab.

Areas we will visit are: Sauble Beach for a chance to see Piping Plover, Rankin River forest, Boat Lake, Isaac Lake, Sky Lake and grassland around Mar. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

A2 8:00 am ROCK STARS OF THE CITY – Peter Middleton.

Fifty species of fern are found in Grey/Bruce and many of them can be seen in and around Owen Sound. With Peter as your guide, you will be certain to meet a good number of these “rock stars”. *(moderate, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

Morning

A3 6:00 am BIRDING MacGREGOR – OLD FIELDS & TRAILS – Judith King.

A morning walk through the varied habitats along the Deer Run and Rotary Way trails in the northeast corner of the Park. These are infrequently birded areas. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

A4 6:30 am BIRDING MacGREGOR’S SOUTHERN BOUNDARY – James Turland.

This road trip explores the forest, wetlands and abandoned farms along the park’s southern boundary. A walk to Ducks Unlimited pond includes visits to the viewing tower and bird blind. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

A5 7:00 am BIRDING MacGREGOR – Marilyn Ohler.

Learn more about birding and MacGregor Point Provincial Park by joining festival veteran, Marilyn Ohler, on a morning walk in the park. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

Afternoon

A6 1:30 pm WONDERS OF THE WETLAND – Matthew Cunliffe.

Ever wonder how to study the ecology of a wetland? Join Matt as he takes a look at the Ducks Unlimited wetland. Participants will have the opportunity to evaluate invertebrate populations. *(easy, car-pool, waterproof boots)* (limit 20)

A7 1:30 pm TREE IDENTIFICATION USING LEAVES & NEEDLES – Jim Coles.

We will identify conifers and hardwoods in the vicinity of the Visitor Centre by leaf and needle characteristics. The use of botanical keys will differentiate between species. *(easy)* (limit 12)

A8 1:30 pm THE GEOLOGY & GEOMORPHOLOGY OF THE HURON FRINGE – Norbert Woerns.
This driving and walking field trip will include stops at the Algonquin and Nipissing bluffs and a walk along the Detroit River Group outcrops to Gunn Point at Inverhuron Park. (*easy, car-pool*) (limit 20)

A9 1:30 pm GETTING INTIMATE WITH NATURE: RE-DISCOVER NATURE THROUGH VIDEOS – Kerry Jarvis.
Living in a “YouTube” generation creates exciting opportunities for naturalists to capture and preserve their experiences through video. In this new workshop, Kerry will share nature video vignettes that he has created from outings and from his gardens. (*indoors*) (limit 30)

Evening

A10 7:15 pm IDENTIFYING HAWKS IN FLIGHT – Fred Jazvac.
Improve your raptor identification skills by sorting through shapes, sizes, structures and behaviour of the flying predators we see above. (*indoors*) (limit 60)

SATURDAY MAY 24

BBQ lunch is available for purchase at MacGregor Point Visitor Centre. During the lunch break, Eagle Optics will have binoculars and telescopes for sale. Various nature organizations will have information booths set up. Day-long programs return to the Visitor Centre for lunch break. All programs return to the park by 3:30 pm to-day.

All Day

A11 6:30 am SOUTH SHORELINE TOUR – Marshall Byle.
Marshall will follow the Lake Huron shoreline and include stops at varied habitats between MacGregor Point and Inverhuron. Species may include Common Moorhen and Orchard Orioles. (*easy, car-pool*) (limit 20)

A12 7:00 am SAUGEEN HIGH – Joy Albrecht.
The Amphitheatre gardens, high above the Saugeen River, will be the setting for this hike. We will be observing spring migrants, nesting species, shore birds, and raptors. (*easy, car-pool*) (limit 20)

A13 8:30 am UNIQUE HABITATS ALONG THE LAKE HURON SHORELINE – Judith Jones.
Judith is an expert on dune ecology and many local species at risk. Your morning will be spent learning about the plants along the sand dunes at Inverhuron; in the afternoon you will check out the near-shoreline and forest habitats at MacGregor Point. (*easy, car-pool*) (limit 20)

Morning

6:00 am to noon LIVE BIRD BANDING DEMONSTRATIONS – Join our on-site bird bander Brendan Toews as he captures and bands festival birds. Observe handling and recording techniques and hear Brendan explain the value of this important activity. For the safety of the birds, bird banding is weather dependent.

A14 6:00 am SEX & THE SINGLE WARBLER – Mark Wiercinski.
Varied habitats at MacGregor Point provide a perfect backdrop for the dawn chorus. In nature, spring is all about sex and Mark is the right one to make sure you know what it’s all about. (*easy, car-pool*) (limit 20)

A15 6:30 am AROUND THE EDGE OF MacGREGOR – Mike Burrell.

Join Mike from Bird Studies Canada for a morning of birding some of the hotspots near MacGregor Point. Several warbler species, Indigo Bunting, Rose-breasted Grosbeak as well as several other unique species are likely finds. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

A16 7:00 am BIRDING THE OLD SHORE ROAD TRAIL – Richard Tofflemire.
Campground areas, dune habitat and the Lake Huron shoreline will be featured on this morning hike. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

A17 7:30 am THE TALE OF THE PIPING PLOVER – Stewart Nutt.
Piping Plover behaviours including: courtship, feeding, life history, territorial displays and fierce protection will be observed and/or explained during your time with these birds. Become a 'Plover Lover'. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

Afternoon

A18 1:30 pm BIKING MacGREGOR – Doug Martin.
Follow Doug along a variety of the extensive biking trails in the park, with a bit of park history, natural history and birding thrown in! *(moderate, hybrid or mountain bike)* (limit 12)

A19 1:30 pm SPRING'S INSECT AWAKENING – Andalyne Tofflemire.
Insects are awakening from their winter dormancy; but how do they cope with the extremes of spring temperatures? Andalyne will help you understand the various strategies used. *(easy)* (limit 20)

A20 1:30 pm MAKE YOUR SIGHTINGS COUNT – Mike Burrell.
The Citizen Science project *eBird* is a comprehensive online bird database that is revolutionizing how birders go about their business. Contributing is simple. Other Citizen Science projects will also be discussed. *(indoors)* (limit 20)

A21 1:30 pm O'KEEFE GRANGE – A HERITAGE APPLE FARM – Bill & Lynne O'Keefe.
The modern mono-culture style of agriculture threatens heritage varieties of plants. Find out how one local grower is propagating apples that were popular 100 years ago and keeping them from extinction. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

A22 1:30 PM TIPS & TECHNIQUES ON SUCCESSFULLY PHOTOGRAPHING TREES – Kerry Jarvis.
Trees are often seen as a backdrop to a scene. Join Kerry in this new photography workshop hike, as he explores and inspires photographers to look at trees differently. *(moderate) Intermediate to experienced DSLR camera users. Tripod & zoom/close-up lenses.* (limit 20)

Evening

A23 4:30 pm SOCIAL. 5:30 pm BANQUET & PRESENTATION – BIRDS & SOME OF THEIR MYSTERIES – David Lamble.
David is no ordinary bird lover. He will talk about bird intelligence – bird vision and his passion, bird banding, and how they all contribute to our understanding of birds. *(St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Port Elgin, Chicken Buffet, Harrigan's Catering) (early bird price – \$35 extra per person; after April 15 or for banquet/presentation only – \$45 extra per person) Casual, bar available, pre-registration required, silent auction. Contact registrar by May 1 with dietary restrictions.* (limit 110)

SUNDAY MAY 25

All Day

A24 7:00 am FLOWERPOT ISLAND – A REMOTE GEORGIAN BAY HABITAT – Don Wilkes.

This excursion will take you to one of Canada's remarkable islands; famous for its rock flowerpots, caves and rare orchids. Water birds and late migrants may be seen. If Georgian Bay is too rough, a mainland tour will focus on the National Park escarpment shore near Cyprus Lake. (*difficult, car-pool, jet boat, bring backpack & lunch*) (\$45 extra per person – includes National Park admission) (limit 22)

A25 7:00 am HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE HURON COAST – Peter Middleton.

This outing will explore Lake Huron coastlines, both present and past, north of Sauble Falls. You will visit Ontario Nature's oldest reserve, Petrel Point, and their newest, Sauble Dunes. (*moderate, car-pool, bring lunch, sturdy footwear*) (limit 20)

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A26 6:00 am WRESTLING WITH WARBLERS – Mark Wiercinski.

Warblers are very annoying to identify! They move too much and hide behind the most inconvenient leaves and branches. Mark's humour and tips about habitat and sounds will definitely keep you interested. (*easy, car-pool*) (limit 20)

A27 6:30 am BIRDING THE J/I LINE – James Turland.

We will view grasslands from the roadside and take a few short hikes. In the past Upland Sandpiper, Bobolink, Grasshopper and Clay-colored Sparrow have been seen. (*easy, car-pool*) (limit 20)

A28 8:00 am UP WITH THE BIRDS – Doug Martin.

Continue the tradition that pre-dates the birding festival with this morning walk along the Tower Trail to the Ducks Unlimited pond and the viewing tower. (*easy, car-pool*) (limit 20)

A29 8:30 am THE LONGEST, SHORTEST WALK YOU WILL EVER TAKE – Richard & Andalyne Tofflemire.

It's more than just identifying what you see. We will focus on how birds and bugs interact with each other. But don't expect to cover a lot of distance because there's soo... much to see right at your feet and above your head! (*easy*) (limit 20)

Afternoon

A30 1:30 pm NATURE RAMBLE – MacGREGOR POINT SOUTH – Norah Toth.

Norah will take you to one of her favourite areas in MacGregor Point. Wildflowers and birds seen along the route will be highlighted. (*easy*) (limit 20)

A31 1:30 pm NATURE RAMBLE – OLD SHORE ROAD TRAIL – John Reaume.

A leisurely walk along the Old Shore Road Trail near the Visitor Centre. Plants, flowers, dragonflies, birds – let's see what we find. (*easy*) (limit 20)

A32 1:30 pm MEET THE BEES – Sheila Colla.

Come for a short walk to learn how to harmlessly catch and identify bumblebees and other native bees with Dr. Sheila Colla, co-author of *A Guide to the Bumblebees of North America*. (*easy*) (limit 20)

A33 1:30 pm FUN, FROG FROLIC AT MacGREGOR POINT – Kerry Jarvis.

Join Kerry on this fun frog frolic to listen to, locate and observe several species of frog and the American Toad at MacGregor Point. If you have them, bring camera and close-up binoculars. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

Evening

A34 7:15 pm THE PLIGHT OF THE BUMBLEBEE – Sheila Colla.

Come learn about the status of Canadian bumblebees and what you can do to help wild populations of these important native pollinators. Tools for identification to species level and a new Citizen Science project will also be discussed. *(indoors)* (limit 60)

MONDAY MAY 26

All Day

A35 6:00 am BIRDING SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA – Judith King.

Explore the mixed habitats along the back roads of the southern Bruce Peninsula. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

A36 6:00 am NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA – John Haselmayer.

Visit some of the Upper Peninsula's best known birding spots, such as Dyer's Bay, Cabot Head, the sparrow fields and Crane Lake. *(moderate, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

A37 1:30 pm BOTANY & BIRDING IN SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA – Doug Pedwell.

See Afternoon events below.

Morning

A38 6:30 am BIRDING THE PERIPHERY OF THE PARK – Mike Burrell.

Grab your binoculars AND notebooks! While we are out enjoying the birds we will also be contributing to one of the biggest Citizen Science projects ever – eBird. After the hike we'll have a quick demo of how simple it is to really make your observations count. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

A39 7:00 am BIRDING THE TOWER TRAIL – James Turland.

Walk the Tower Trail from the park road to the Ducks Unlimited pond. Habitat is a mixture of wetlands and hardwood forests. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

Afternoon

A37 1:30 pm BOTANY & BIRDING IN SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA – Doug Pedwell.

We will be observing a variety of ecosystems including forest, escarpment, rocky shorelines, marshes, lakes, sandy shorelines, and pasturelands. *(moderate, car-pool, bring lunch, snacks and water)* (limit 20)

This all day event returns by 8:45 pm.

****Please note: you will not be able to attend the 7:15 pm (A42) evening event.****

A40 1:30 pm NATURE RAMBLE – OLD SHORE ROAD TRAIL – Laura Cook.

Laura will take you along one of her favourite trails in MacGregor Point. Wildflowers, insects and birds seen along the route will be highlighted. *(easy)* (limit 20)

A41 1:30 pm A TREE-BORDERED POND – Marshall Byle.

This outing will explore a private 100-acre rural property with trout stream, pond and woodlot. Approximately 2 km walk, good boots required. (*moderate, car-pool*) (limit 20)

Evening

A42 7:15 pm IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS – Mike Burrell.

Come hear about some of Ontario's most important sites for bird conservation and how your help can make a difference on a global scale. (*indoors*) (limit 60)

A43 9:00 pm AN EVENING OF ASTRONOMY – THE NIGHT SKY – John Hlynialuk & Bluewater Astronomical Society.

John will take you on a tour through the deep reaches of the universe. Program will feature astronomical highlights of 2014 as well as Saturn, Mars and more distant objects like nebula, clusters and galaxies. Outdoor viewing through telescopes is weather-permitting. (*indoors/outdoors*) (limit 60)

BETWEEN FESTIVAL WEEKENDS

The Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory is providing Huron Fringe Birding Festival participants the opportunity to drop in to observe banding at the banding station on Tuesday, May 27 from dawn to 11 am only. Please park outside the gate and walk the 1.2 kilometres (20 minutes) in to the station. Directions to the banding station can be found at www.bpbo.ca (Directions/Maps). For those visiting, a donation to support migration monitoring will be appreciated.

Experience the *Unforgettable* by visiting the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre's newest attractions. Explore the Captivating Coastline exhibit with interactive touch screens and a replica ship from 1812 complete with storm sequence that brings the marine heritage of the area to life. And while you're here don't miss the General Store exhibit. Visit brucemuseum.ca for more exhibits and events information.

THURSDAY MAY 29

All Day

B1 6:30 am ESCARPMENT BLUFFS TO GEORGIAN BAY – Joy Albrecht.

Explore the Cape Croker Peninsula where abandoned fields, Georgian Bay shoreline and wetlands provide excellent birding opportunities. You will also visit the bird rich woodlands of Malcolm Bluffs, high above the Georgian Bay shores. (*moderate, car-pool, bring lunch*) (limit 20)

B2 7:00 am BIRDING THE HURON FRINGE NORTH – James Turland.

Huron Fringe refers to the sand and gravel lowlands adjacent to Lake Huron. This driving tour explores the fringe between MacGregor Point and Sauble Falls to the north. (*easy, car-pool, bring lunch*) (limit 20)

B3 7:30 am TIPS & TECHNIQUES ON PHOTOGRAPHING WATERFALLS – Kerry Jarvis.

Participants will get an opportunity to capture several local waterfalls by experimenting with a variety of photographic techniques. (*moderate, car-pool, bring lunch*) *Intermediate to experienced DSLR camera users. Bring tripod & zoom/close-up lenses.* (limit 20)

Morning

B4 7:30 am DOWN & DIRTY – WILDFLOWER PHOTOGRAPHY – Doug Pedwell.

Participants will take their cameras and equipment to photograph wildflowers at a variety of locations in the park. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 15)

Afternoon

B5 1:30 pm BOTANY OF THE “FRINGE” – Barbara Palmer.

Many unique shoreline plants, including Dwarf Lake Iris, are found in MacGregor Point. Barbara will help you learn to identify them. *(easy)* (limit 12)

B6 1:30 pm TREE & SHRUB IDENTIFICATION – Bob Gray.

Take a leisurely walk in the interior of the park to identify trees and shrubs and to see how species associate with different site types. *(moderate, car-pool, uneven terrain)* (limit 15)

Evening

B7 7:15 pm ONTARIO’S BIRD SURVEYS – WHAT ARE THEY TELLING US? – Mike Cadman.

Citizen scientists provide a wealth of data on the size and trends of Ontario’s bird populations. This presentation will outline surveys, methods and findings. Special attention will be given to the decline of aerial insectivores (swallows, swifts, nightjars). *(indoors)* (limit 60)

FRIDAY MAY 30

All Day

B8 6:00 am CABOT HEAD/DYER’S BAY – A BIRDING AREA OF IMPORTANCE – Rod Steinacher.

Visit some of the Peninsula’s best known birding spots, such as Dyer’s Bay, the sparrow fields near Larkwhistle and Crane Lake. You will have the opportunity to observe migration monitoring and bird banding at the Cabot Head Research Station. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

B9 6:30 am BIRDING THE HURON FRINGE SOUTH – James Turland.

Huron Fringe refers to the sand and gravel lowlands adjacent to Lake Huron. This driving tour explores the fringe between MacGregor Point and Point Clark to the south. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

B10 6:45 am NATURE & LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY IN SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA – Doug Pedwell.

We will photograph some of the unique plants and rugged landscapes which the Niagara Escarpment has created. *(difficult, car-pool, bring lunch)* *Bring DSLR camera & accessories.* (limit 20)

Morning

B11 6:00 am IS IT A BIRD OR YOUR MNEMONIC? – Michael Carlson.

A field workshop on how to listen to and identify bird vocalization. Michael will use the Tower Trail where you will listen for orioles, woodpeckers, warblers, flycatchers and waterfowl. *(easy, car-pool, for experienced birders only)* (limit 20)

B12 7:00 am BIRDING THE MacGREGOR BOUNDARY – Mike Cadman.

Join Mike as he visits some hot spots including the Day Use beach, the Park Office, the old cottage entry road and along the Townline. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

Afternoon

B13 1:30 pm WILDFLOWERS: HISTORICAL FACTS & FICTION – Heather Starrs.

Legends and superstitions are attached to many common, and not so common, plants found at MacGregor Point. Heather's walk will introduce you to some plants' stories. *(easy)* (limit 20)

B14 1:30 pm ROADSIDE BOTANY RAMBLE – Larry Lamb.

Explore various roadside habitats in the vicinity of the Visitor Centre. Learn to use identification keys and *Newcomb's Wildflower Guide* (bring yours along!). *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 12)

B15 1:30 pm IDENTIFYING DRAGONFLIES IN THE FIELD – Glenn Richardson.

Field study is the best way to learn how to identify dragonflies such as the meadowhawks and skimmers which can be found throughout the wetlands in the park. *(easy)* (limit 12)

Evening

B16 7:15 pm A FLING WITH SHOREBIRDS: BILLS, BREASTS & A LITTLE TAIL – Mark Peck.

For many birders, shorebirds can be notoriously difficult to identify. Join in the fun as we look at the important characteristics that help simplify common Ontario shorebirds. *(indoors)* (limit 60)

SATURDAY MAY 31

All Day

B17 6:00 am BIG DAY ON THE BRUCE – Michael Carlson.

Are you ready for a full day of birding? If so, you won't want to miss this morning to night birding marathon on the Bruce Peninsula. *(easy, car-pool, bring lunch, snacks and a walking dinner)* (limit 20)

B18 7:30 am SECRETS OF THE GEORGIAN BAY FORMATION – Bob Gray.

This day long excursion will explore several hidden features of the Niagara Escarpment. Bob will share theories about how these features were formed. *(difficult, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

Morning

B19 7:00 am ROAD BIRDING FOR GRASSLAND BIRDS – Brett Woodman.

Tour the local countryside looking for the elusive nesting grassland birds of Saugeen Shores. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

B20 7:30 am BIRDING BY NEST – Mark Peck.

Learn how to locate, identify and record nesting information for the Ontario Nest Records Scheme. *(easy)* (limit 20)

B21 8:00 am BIRDING MacGREGOR – OLD FIELDS & TRAILS – James Turland.

A morning walk through varied habitats along the Deer Run and Rotary Way trails in the northeast corner of the Park. These are infrequently birded areas. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

B22 9:00 am DYNAMIC DIGITAL CAMERA TIPS – Jennifer O'Reilly.

Step by step instruction on how to take award winning compositions using features on your camera! Great for beginner or intermediate photographers. *(easy, car-pool)* *Suitable for point-and-shoot or DSLR cameras.* (limit 12)

Afternoon

B23 1:30 pm THE TALE OF THE PIPING PLOVER – Stewart Nutt.

Piping Plover behaviors including: courtship, feeding, life history, territorial displays and fierce protection will be observed and/or explained during your time with these birds. Become a 'Plover Lover'. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

B24 1:30 pm WILDFLOWER DIVERSITY WITHIN THE FRINGE – Brett Woodman.
Here's your chance to learn about and appreciate some of MacGregor Point's varied wildflowers. Brett will show you some of his favourite plants. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 12)

B25 1:30 pm PLANT & WILDFLOWER RAMBLE – Larry Lamb.
Walk the trails and campground loops from the Day Use area to Pitcher Plant Marl. Learn to use identification keys and *Newcomb's Wildflower Guide* (bring yours along!). *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 12)

B26 1:30 pm BUTTERFLY WALK – Glenn Richardson.
Spring Azures and Mourning Cloaks are just two of the early spring butterflies Glenn will help you identify. *(easy)* (limit 15)

B27 1:30 pm ADVANCED DIGITAL CAMERA TECHNIQUES – Jennifer O'Reilly.
This workshop takes you out into the 'field' for hands on photography. Learn pro techniques guaranteed to put the 'wow' factor into your photographs. *(easy, car-pool) Point-and-shoot or DSLR cameras.* (limit 12)

Evening

B28 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm BRUCE COUNTY BEEF DINNER – Harrigan's Catering, Southampton.
(MacGregor Point Provincial Park, additional charge of \$17. Dinner combined with B29 as a single event \$23. Pre-registration required.) (limit 60)

B29 7:15 pm THE STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR: A BIRD MIGRATION HOTSPOT – Justin Peter.
Each autumn, millions of birds that breed in Europe will go to Africa to spend the winter. In this illustrated talk, Justin will shed some light on the mysteries of bird migration across the Strait of Gibraltar and on his experiences there. *(indoors)* (limit 60)

SUNDAY JUNE 1

All Day

B30 6:00 am MALCOLM BLUFFS & CAPE CROKER – Alfred Raab.
Bird in a variety of habitats within the Cape Croker Peninsula and Malcolm Bluffs Nature Reserve. The cliffs above Colpoy's Bay shoreline provide spectacular vistas. *(moderate, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

B31 6:30 am BIRDING 'N BOTANY AT BOGNOR – Mark Wiercinski.
There is nothing like a good wetland to tip the curiosity metre to the high end; and who knows what you will stumble into. This is one of the biggest wetland complexes in Grey Bruce. You won't regret joining Mark for a diverse adventure over varied terrain - field, wetland, forest and a bit of escarpment. *(moderate, car-pool, bring lunch)* (limit 20)

Morning

B32 6:30 am BIRDING THE TOWER TRAIL – Justin Peter.

Hike the Tower Trail and check the Ducks Unlimited pond from both the viewing tower and bird blind. Habitat is a mix of wetlands and hardwood forests. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

B33 7:00 am BIRDING THE PERIPHERY – James Turland.

Woodland, lake shore, wetlands and abandoned fields are some of the habitats involved. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

B34 8:00 am SEARCHING FOR STRAGGLERS – MacGREGOR'S LATE MIGRANTS – Michael Carlson.

Join Michael as he searches select spots in MacGregor for breeding birds as well as late spring migrants, such as Yellow-bellied Flycatcher and Gray-cheeked Thrush. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

Afternoon

B35 1:30 pm EXPLORING KINGHURST FOREST – Tanya Pulfer & Catherine Jimenea.

Kinghurst Forest is a special place and Catherine and Tanya are keen to take you for a walk through this Ontario Nature property. On this general nature walk you will be a Citizen Scientist and report your reptile and amphibian sightings. *(easy, car-pool)* (limit 20)

B36 1:30 pm FUN, FROG FROLIC AT MacGREGOR POINT – Kerry Jarvis.

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Evening

B37 7:15 pm SUNSET WALK – John Cummings.

The Lake Huron shoreline offers some of the most spectacular sunsets in the world. What a wonderful way to enjoy a sunset with friends. *(easy)* (limit 30)

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Difficulty levels

Easy –Walking leisurely on groomed and maintained trails. Walking shoes are recommended. Participants should be able to walk up to 1.5 kilometres (1 mile) without any problems.

Moderate –Walking on maintained trails some of which may be rough or rocky. Brisk walking may be required to get from one location to another in a timely manner. Participants should be able to walk up to 4.5 kilometres (3 miles) without any problems.

Difficult – Walking on trails that have uneven terrain. There may be some walking off trail. Participants should be able to negotiate walking on slippery surfaces, where there is unsure footing or where they are climbing over rocks and logs.

Car-pooling

Walkie-talkies enhance your birding experience while driving. We encourage you to bring your own for the events. We have some to share, but not enough for every vehicle. To reduce our carbon footprint, we encourage car-pooling. If you are a passenger, please consider giving a donation to the driver to help with expenses.

2014 FESTIVAL FEES

INDIVIDUAL: 8 Day Festival \$135 4 Day Weekend \$80

STUDENT: 8 Day Festival \$80 4 Day Weekend \$50

CHILD:* 8 Day Festival \$50 4 Day Weekend \$30

* 12 & under accompanied by an adult

SINGLE EVENT FEES

Please Note: Single Event Fees Only Apply If you are NOT Purchasing a Festival or 4 Day Weekend Pass.

HALF DAY EVENT: Individual \$20 / Student \$15 / Child \$9

EVENING EVENT: Individual \$10 / Student \$10 / Child \$8

ALL DAY EVENT: Individual \$40 / Student \$30 / Child \$18

All additional fees are listed per event / Fees include Park entrance fee.