

Nature NB Annual General Meeting/A Festival of Nature May 21-23, 2010
Hosted by A Celebration of Birds Nature Club, Village of Gagetown and Fredericton Nature Club

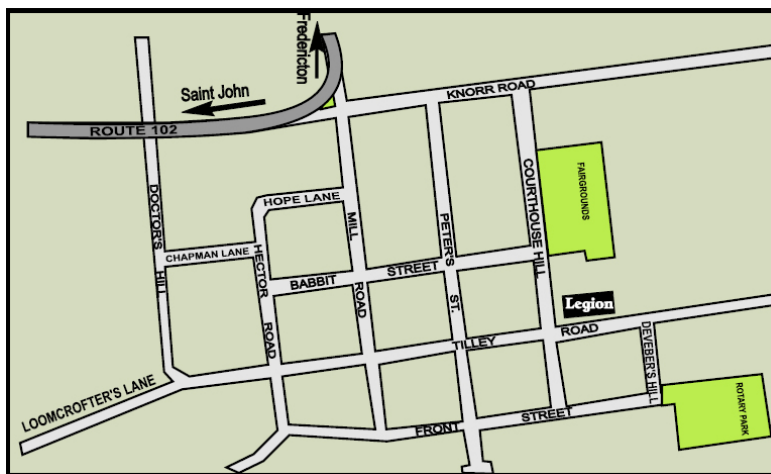
A Celebration of Birds Nature Club is excited to join Fredericton Nature Club in hosting the annual meeting of Nature NB in our beautiful Village of Gagetown. It is our first time hosting the AGM. The AGM weekend coincides with our Wings Over Queen's County : A New Brunswick Festival of Nature for area residents and the general public. With three rivers, eight lakes, waterfowl compounds, marshes, forests, farmland and orchards, the Gagetown/Cambridge-Narrows area has much to offer in scenic landscapes, flora and fauna. Our birding list comprises 267 species. Our village, linked to Fredericton by road and ferry, is steeped in history and is home to a thriving community of artists and craftsmen.

Where: The Canadian Legion building at the corner of Tilley & Courthouse in Gagetown will serve as headquarters for the AGM. Registration, displays, the annual business meeting, breakfasts, and the Saturday banquet take place here. This is where most field trips begin and where bagged lunches are picked up. Locations for workshops and other events will be provided at registration, with directions and maps.

Directions to Gagetown: From Fredericton and Moncton on TransCanada Highway #2, take Exit 330 and follow Route 102 to Village signs. Follow Mill Road; turn left onto Tilley. From Saint John, take Route 102, exit at Doctor's Hill and turn left onto Tilley.

Accommodations:

- 16 Doctor's Hill B&B, Gagetown
(506) 488-2723
- Stepaside B&B, Front Street, Gagetown
(506) 488-1808
- Evandale Inn & Restaurant, Route 102 by ferry (506) 468-2222
- Days Inn, 60 Brayson Blvd, Oromocto
(506) 357-5657. A block of rooms is reserved.
- Robin's Inn, off TransCanada Highway Exit 297 42 Chaperra Road
(506) 446-9077
- Jemseg Lakeview Motel
(506) 488-3334
- Gagetown Camping, Upper Gagetown
(506) 488-2567
- Cambridge-Narrows Campground
(506) 488-2000
- Micmac Campground, Cambridge Narrows (506) 488-2511
- Casey's Campground, Sheffield
(506) 357-8592



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- Lakeside Camping, Young's Cove
(506) 488-2321
- Ferry Land Adventures (Cottages)
8 Ferry Road, (506) 488-3263
e-mail: flandadv@nbnet.nb.ca

- Apartments, fully furnished:
34 Old Mill Road, Gagetown, sleep 4
(506) 488, 1908
- 18 Front Street, Gagetown, sleeps 2
(506) 488-2020

Things to Note: Field trips and workshops are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Most can accommodate 20 participants. Other limits are stated in some field trip and workshop write-ups. Early registration is strongly advised. Ordered bagged lunches must be picked up at the Legion in the morning, whether you are participating in full-day or half-day events.

Things to Bring: We suggest you bring sturdy waterproof shoes/boots and jackets, insect repellent, sunscreen, field guides, binoculars, lightweight backpack and your own refillable water bottle. A small cooler could be useful. Water will be available at the Legion headquarters.

Schedule

Friday			
5 p.m.-9 p.m.	Registration/Socializing	1 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Afternoon activities
7 p.m.-9 p.m.	Annual General Meeting	6 p.m.-9 p.m.	Banquet
Saturday			
6 a.m.-7 a.m.	Early Bird Outing	Sunday	
7 a.m.-8 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	6 a.m.-7 a.m.	Early Bird Outing
7 a.m.-12 p.m.	Registration	7 a.m.-8 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8 a.m.-12 p.m.	Morning activities	8 a.m.-12 p.m.	Morning activities
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Full-day activities	8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Full-day activities
		1 p.m.-4 p.m.	Afternoon activities

Program also available online at www.naturenb.ca

EARLY BIRD OUTINGS - SATURDAY & SUNDAY

6 a.m. - 7 a.m.

1. **Saturday Dawn Chorus** with Kier Gigeroff

2. **Sunday Dawn Chorus** with Graham Forbes

SATURDAY FULL-DAY ACTIVITIES

3. Coal-bed Botany

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Liz Mills leads a trip in the Minto area to discuss successful and unsuccessful efforts to bring the slag heaps back to productivity. We will meet Liz at the Minto Tim Horton's at 10:00 am.

4. Nerepis Hills

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Join Deanna McCallum, biologist with CFB Gagetown, on a tour of the Nerepis Hills section of Base Gagetown - an area with nesting Peregrines and other lovely sights, usually off limits to the public.

5. Upriver Birding

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Graham Forbes will lead a group upriver from Gagetown in search of some rarities among the many waterfowl along the Jemseg floodplain.

6. Nurturing the Young Naturalist: A Sharing Nature™ Workshop

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Cambridge-Narrows Municipal Building and Pines Conservation Park. Janet Barlow of Sense of Wonder Environmental Education engages nature/outdoor educators, teachers, volunteers, parents and others in learning nature games and experiencing nature in new ways to help stimulate awareness of and sensitize children to nature. The day concludes with a panel discussion and networking session. Workshop continues on Sunday with a field component. Come prepared to be outside. Limit: 35 participants. Fee: \$25.

7. Plein Air Painting in Pastels

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Richard Flynn takes you into the spring landscape around Cambridge-Narrows to learn techniques for using soft pastels. Bring some soft pastels, some Canon paper, a drawing board and your easel. To register, contact Richard Flynn at (506) 488-2591 or Richard@flynnfineart.com Fee: \$85

SATURDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

8. Enid Inch Memorial Walk

8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Jim Goltz leads a walk in memory of End Inch, with a ceremony at 9 a.m. Jim then conducts a leisurely walkabout to explore sights and sounds in and around Gagetown.

9. Fredericton Area Nature Walk

8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. We will travel to Fredericton where

Bev Schneider will show us around one or two of Fredericton Nature Club's favorite spots for birds and plants.

10. Bluebirds in Your Backyard

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Dorothy Diamond talks about Eastern Bluebirds, their habits, trends, distribution, and competition and how to attract them to nest boxes. She will take you to some preferred Bluebird sites.

11. Learning About Lichens

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Stephen Clayden of the NB Museum will explore the fascinating and sometimes minute world of lichens.

12. Willow Walk

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Willows are fascinating but can be hard to identify. Join Richard Fournier on a trip along the Saint John shoreline in search of willows.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

13. Insects Galore

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Join Reggie Webster in search of every kind of insect you can imagine.

14. Sunpoke Pokeabout

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Ron Wilson will lead this exploration of the sights and sounds of wildlife in the Sunpoke Lake area.

15. Waterfall Visit

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Come along with Waterfalls of New Brunswick author Nicholas Guitard to experience some local falls. Expect moderately difficult, uneven terrain. Limit: 12 participants

16. Nature in Our Neighbourhood

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Join a local naturalist on a leisurely walkabout to learn about local flora and fauna in and around the Village of Gagetown. Children welcome.

SUNDAY FULL-DAY ACTIVITIES

17. Grand Lake Meadows Botany

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Gart Bishop will lead a group to explore the numerous plant species typical of flooded forest and field, and marsh.

18. Nerepis Hills Base Gagetown

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. See 4.

19. Downriver Birding

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Kier Gigeroff will lead a trip downriver, including Grassy Island, only breeding site for Greater Scaup in the region.

SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

20. Photo Safari: Birding with your Camera

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Brigitte Noel and Merv Cormier will lead a photo safari in Cambridge Narrows. Afterwards (11:30 - 12:30) Brigitte will share her encounters with wildlife in a slide show.

21. Miracles of Flight: the Monarch Butterfly Workshop

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Jim Wilson will explain the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly, an amazing insect that migrates 4,000 km each fall. Participants will learn how to attract and tag Monarchs, and make a difference to its future. Materials and supplies provided. Fee: \$5.

22. Nature in Our Neighbourhood

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Graham Forbes will lead a leisurely walkabout to explore sights and sounds in and around the Village of Gagetown. Children welcome.

23. Learning About Lichens

9 a.m.-12 p.m. See 11.

24. Children's Field Trips

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Led by Nurturing the Young Naturalist participants - a field component from Saturday's workshop. See 6.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

25. Bats in New Brunswick Workshop

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Nature NB staff will talk about bats in New Brunswick, bat conservation and the advantages of having these flying mammals in your backyard. Participants will assemble and paint their own bat houses to take home. Materials provided. Fee:\$10. (Children free but must be accompanied by an adult.)

26. Mosses and Liverworts

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Kate Frego can tell you all about where and why moss grows in the forest as we search the woods.

27. Insects Galore

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. See 13.

28. Sunpoke Lake

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. See 14.

29. Herbs, Weeds & Woods

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Join Roberta McKenzie and Girvan Harrison to discover the plants of the field and forest.

30. Pond Ecology

Sunday, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Learn about life in the pond from naturalist Don Vail as he takes you on a walk around the pond at Acacia Gallery in Cambridge-Narrows

and presents a slide show of his photographs of New Brunswick amphibians

31. Build a Birdhouse from Local Cedar

Sunday, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. (For children 8-12 years) Learn with Hal Billiard about building a simple birdhouse, understanding what kinds of birds might be attracted to it and deciding where to put it. Materials provided. Fee: \$5.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

For the Birds: Artists at the Courthouse

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Queen's County Courthouse, Gagetown

Flower House Museum, Cambridge-Narrows

Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Memories of Enid Inch, with installation of Memorial Bench, Sunday 2 p.m. -3 p.m.

Exhibits at Regional Library, Cambridge-Narrows

Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Displays include Brigitte Noel's photography with fact sheets, a video on loons and books on nature, birding and the local area.

Naturalist/Educator Panel and Networking Session,

Saturday. 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cambridge-Narrows Municipal Building. Public component of Nurturing the Young Naturalist Workshop. See 6.

Coffee, tea, homemade treats & displays

Sunday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.. Cambridge-Narrows Municipal Building

Brigitte's World: Birding with a Camera Slide Presentation and Talk

Sunday 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Slide show and funny stories on wildlife in New Brunswick, NS and PEI. There is always something happening when Brigitte goes out with her camera.

Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter: Cambridge Narrows Photographic Arts Club (PhArts)

Sunday. 1-2 p.m. Cambridge-Narrows Municipal Building. A presentation of the Four Seasons in the area of the Washademoak -Grand Lake watershed through photos taken by six fellows (old pharts) who live in the area.

Young naturalists welcome at all activities

Activities at a Glance

#	Name of Activity	Type	Start-End	Day	Leader
1	Dawn Chorus	Early Bird	6am-7am	Sat	Kier Gigeroff
2	Dawn Chorus	Early Bird	6am-7am	Sun	Graham Forbes
3	Coal-bed Botany	Full-day	9am-4pm	Sat	Liz Mills
4	Nerepis Hills	Full-day	9am-4pm	Sat	Deanna McCallum
5	Upriver Birding	Full-day	9am-4pm	Sat	Graham Forbes
6	Nurturing the Young Naturalist	Full-day	9:30am-4:30pm	Sat	Janet Barlow
7	Plein Air Painting in Pastels	Full-day	10am-5pm	Sat	Richard Flynn
8	Enid Inch Memorial Walk	Morning	8am-12pm	Sat	Jim Goltz
9	Fredericton Area Nature Walk	Morning	8am-11:30am	Sat	Bev Schneider
10	Bluebirds in Your Backyard	Morning	9am-12pm	Sat	Dorothy Diamond
11	Learning About Lichens	Morning	9am-12pm	Sat	Stephen Clayden
12	Willow Walk	Morning	9am-12pm	Sat	Richard Fournier
13	Insects Galore	Afternoon	1pm-4pm	Sat	Reggie Webster
14	Sunpoke Pokeabout	Afternoon	1pm-4pm	Sat	Ron Wilson
15	Waterfall Visit	Afternoon	1pm-4pm	Sat	Nicholas Guitard
16	Nature in Our Neighborhood	Afternoon	1pm-4pm	Sat	TBA
17	Grand Lake Meadows Botany	Full-day	9am-4pm	Sun	Gart Bishop
18	Nerepis Hills Base Gagetown	Full-day	9am-4pm	Sun	Deanna McCallum
19	Downriver Birding	Full-day	9am-4pm	Sun	Kier Gigeroff
20	Photo Safari	Morning	9am-12:30	Sun	Brigitte Noel/Merv Cormier
21	The Monarch Workshop	Morning	9am-12:30pm	Sun	Jim Wilson
22	Nature in Our Neighborhood	Morning	9am-12pm	Sun	Graham Forbes
23	Learning about Lichens	Morning	9am-12pm	Sun	Stephen Clayden
24	Children's Field Trips	Morning	9am-12pm	Sun	Workshop Participants
25	Bats in New Brunswick Workshop	Afternoon	1pm-4pm	Sun	Nature NB Staff
26	Mosses and Liverworts	Afternoon	1pm-4pm	Sun	Kate Frego
27	Insects Galore	Afternoon	1pm-4pm	Sun	Reggie Webster
28	Sunpoke Lake	Afternoon	1pm-4pm	Sun	Ron Wilson
29	Herbs, Weeds & Woods	Afternoon	1pm-4pm	Sun	Roberta McKenzie/Girvan Harrison
30	Pond Ecology	Afternoon	1pm-2:30pm	Sun	Don Vail
31	Build a Birdhouse	Afternoon	1pm-3pm	Sun	Hal Billiard

Please copy this form as necessary to submit **separate** registration information for each participant

<u>Contact Information</u>		<u>Cost</u>	
Name	_____	Registration	\$ _____ Total \$
Address	_____	Until April 30, 2010	\$30 _____
Telephone	_____	After April 30, 2010	\$40 _____
Email	_____	Youth: 12 and under	Free _____
Club affiliation	_____	Youth: 13-16 years	\$10 _____
<u>Please Circle Activity Preferences</u>		<u>Bag Lunch</u>	
Saturday		For Saturday	\$8 _____
<u>First choice</u>		For Sunday	\$8 _____
Full day :	3 4 5 6 7*	<u>Dinner</u>	
Morning:	8 9 10 11 12	Salmon	\$20 _____
Afternoon:	13 14 15 16	Chicken	\$20 _____
<u>Alternate choice</u>		Vegetarian	\$20 _____
Full day:	3 4 5 6 7*	<u>Workshop fees</u>	
Morning:	8 9 10 11 12	#6 - Nurturing	\$25 _____
Afternoon:	13 14 15 16	#22 - Monarch	\$5 _____
Sunday		#25 - Bats	\$10 _____
<u>First choice</u>		#31 - Birdhouse	\$5 _____
Full day:	17 18 19	Total \$ _____	
Morning:	20 21 22 23 24		
Afternoon:	25 26 27 28 29 30 31		
<u>Alternate choice</u>			
Full day trips:	17 18 19		
Morning:	20 21 22 23 24		
Afternoon:	25 26 27 28 29 30 31		
*For Painting Workshop with Richard Flynn registration arrangements, see activity description # 7.		<u>Please return with payment to:</u>	
Signature: _____		Nature NB-AGM	
		924 Prospect St. Suite 110	
		Fredericton NB E3B 2T9	
		(506) 459-4209 Email: nbfn@nb.aibn.com	
		(Make cheques payable to: Nature NB)	
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