

## FESTIVAL OF NATURE 2021 SCHEDULE

Discover nature in your neck of the woods! This year, we're bringing the Festival of Nature to you with events happening in communities across the province. See what's happening in your area and celebrate with us!

\* = *Event cancelled in the event of rain*

### Friday, June 4

#### Photo Scavenger Hunt

**Time:** All weekend!

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Language:** English

**Maximum Participants:** No limit

The photo Scavenger Hunt will get people out and actively searching for waypoints on a trail or a number of trails. Find points of natural interest and use a hashtag (TBA) to submit and show off what you've found!

*Kids welcome!*

#### Self-Guided Tours of Nature Preserves

**Link to self-guided tours:** TBA

**Time:** All weekend!

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Language:** Bilingual

**Maximum Participants:** No limit

The Nature Trust of New Brunswick conserves land throughout the province in the form of nature preserves, many of which are accessible and open to the public. For this Festival of Nature event, we would like to encourage participants to step outdoors and discover these natural spaces by creating and distributing self-guided tours for ten nature preserves. Each self-guided tour will include information on the history of the nature preserve, a map of the hiking trails, rare and interesting species and landmarks, and more! Our hope is that participants will find this event an opportunity to safely reconnect with the outdoors and learn more about the natural spaces in their own community.

*Kids welcome!*

### Saturday, June 5

#### Birding at French Fort Cove, Miramichi

**Meeting Location (Google Maps):** [French Fort Cove, Miramichi](#)

**Time:** 7:30am

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Language:** English

**Maximum Participants:** 30

A two to three kilometer trail walk around the cove which features mixed woods and wetlands. The trail is hilly but good underfoot. This is an excellent birding area for many species of woodland birds but also some ducks

and other bird species. This walk is open to all and will include experienced birders to act as guides. Binoculars are recommended but not required. May be cancelled due to heavy rain.

*Kids welcome!*

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### **Birding the Kennebecasis Park Lagoons and the Bishop's Lands Trails**

**Meeting Location:** TBA

**Time:** 7:30am

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Language:** English

**Maximum Participants:** 15

The Kennebecasis Park Lagoons typically hold a good variety of ducks along with flycatchers, swallows, warblers and sparrows. The Bishop's Lands Trails host numerous warbler species, finches, sparrows, flycatchers, thrushes and more. Time and energy permitting, we may move on to the Bicentennial (Carpenter Pond) Trail – a short but very productive birding trail. The event may be cancelled if there is steady rain. Light showers will not be a problem. A decision will be taken as the group assembles on the morning of the outing.

*Kids welcome!*

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### **Exploration of NCC's Property Baie Verte NB**

**Meeting Location:** TBA

**Time:** 8:30am

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Language:** Bilingual

**Maximum Participants:** 15

As a group, we will add to the natural history knowledge of NCC's reserve.

*Kids welcome!*

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### **Hyla Park Nature Walk\***

**Meeting Location (Google Maps):** [Hyla Park Nature Preserve](#)

**Time:** 9:00am

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Language:** English

**Maximum Participants:** 20

Hyla Park is Canada's first amphibian park and a Nature Trust of NB site. Although the emphasis on the walk will be birds, we are likely to see frogs, flowering plants and butterflies. Please bring your binoculars and field guides. Parking can be found behind the Greenwood Drive Baptist Church at 150 Greenwood Drive.

Participants should meet in the parking lot across the Gibson Trail. Waterproof footwear and insect repellent are suggested.

*Kids welcome!*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Rain date is Sunday, June 6th at 9:00am.

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### Spring Flowers and Other Nature Observations

**Meeting Location:** Entrance to the Champlain Street trail at the corner of Ohio Road, Shediac. Small parking lot and parking on Champlain Street.

**Time:** 9:00am

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Language:** French

**Maximum Participants:** 12

This portion of the Shediac municipal trail crosses different environments and offers a beautiful botanical diversity. On this date, it is possible to see in bloom several shrubs such as: calculated cassandra, Canada honeysuckle, malodorous gadellier, long-billed hazelnut, alder-leaved viburnum and herbaceous plants of the undergrowth such as: red cohosh, boreal clintone, northern lady's-slipper, boreal trientale, etc. Other plants that can be identified include the Christmas fern, the witch hazel shrub. The role of the rain gardens along the trail can also be discussed. 2km walk. After the walk, interested individuals can drive 2 km to see a nesting raft of Common Terns in Shediac Bay and observe nesting behaviour from the walking trail.

*Kids welcome!*

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### Antinouri Lake

**Meeting Location:** TBA

**Time:** 9:30am

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Language:** English

**Maximum Participants:** 20

Exploring the birds, flora and fauna at Antinouri Lake and at a few sites along the way to the lake. Also a short walk to the former granite quarry on the northeastern shore of the lake - source of the beautiful pink granite that was used to build such buildings as the parish hall and St Polycarpe Church in Petit Rocher.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The road to Antinouri Lake can be rough and is not suitable for small cars.

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### A Visit to the Dolan Woodlands Nature Preserve\*

**Meeting Location (Google Maps):** [Dolan Woodlands Nature Preserve](#)

**Time:** 10:00am

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Language:** English

**Maximum Participants:** 30

This will be an exploration of the flora and fauna of the recently established Nature Trust NB preserve in Nelson, Miramichi. The trails that will be followed are approximately 2 km in length and flat but can be wet and muddy in places. The area is largely mixed forest but does feature a black spruce bog and a fresh water brook/marsh. Late spring should offer interesting sightings of birds and butterflies as well as wildflowers. Rubber boots recommended!

*Kids welcome!*

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### **Nature Hike - Black Beach**

**Meeting Location (Google Maps):** [Black Beach Trail](#)

**Time:** 1:00pm

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Language:** English

**Maximum Participants:** 20

ACAP Saint John would like to take a group of hikers around the NCC Black Beach trail (2.3km). This hike will include talks about seals, birds and other ACAP related projects and will end with a beach cleanup on Black Beach at low tide. Harbour seals are often seen hauled out at low tide on the rocks, where we will bring scopes for participants to get a better view and talk about ACAP's harbour seal monitoring project.

*Best suited for kids 12 and up.*

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### **Voyageur Canoe on the Wolastoq & Nashwaak**

**Meeting Location:** TBA

**Time:** 1:30pm

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Language:** English

**Minimum Participants:** 8

**Maximum Participants:** 15

Paddle down the Wolastoq and Nashwaak River via Voyageur Canoe with Second Nature Outdoors. Their experienced guides will point out the amazing gems the river has to offer. There will also be an opportunity to observe birds and plants on the short walk back along the trail to the launch point. This event will be cancelled in case of a thunderstorm.

*Kids 8+ welcome!*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Registration for this event is limited to those who are in the same Steady15 group. Please contact [news@naturenb.ca](mailto:news@naturenb.ca) for registration. First come, first served.

### **Geology Tour of Quinn's Point**

**Meeting Location:** Quinn's Point Beach

**Time:** 5:00pm

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Language:** English

**Maximum Participants:** 20

Walk the beach at Quinn's Point with an expert geologist who will explain how the rocks and fossils tell a story of the past. Access to the beach is moderately difficult so wear good footwear. Low tide dictated the evening event.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Parking is limited. Contact Carole Doyle Roberts at [doylec40@yahoo.ca](mailto:doylec40@yahoo.ca) for more information.

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## Sunday, June 6

### Birding the Sheldon Point Trail

**Meeting Location (Google Maps):** [Sheldon Point Trail](#) (Start from the parking lot beside the barn (or in front of the parking lot gates if closed))

**Time:** 8:00am

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Language:** English

**Maximum Participants:** 15

Enjoy early morning birding along a scenic coastal trail. Sheldon Point offers a variety of mixed habitats that are sure to produce a number of resident and passage migrant species. The trail winds along the Fundy coast for several kilometers, with dirt and gravel underfoot: be prepared for some up- and down-hill climbs. Time permitting we may explore the opposite side of the road, the Irving Nature Park Children's Forest, and overlooking the Lancaster sewage treatment facility and lake.

*Kids welcome!*

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### Irishtown Nature Park Canoe and Kayak Outing

**Meeting Location (Google Maps):** [Irishtown Nature Park](#)

**Time:** 8:00am

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Language:** English

**Maximum participants:** 28

Join us for paddle around the edges of the lake at beautiful Irishtown Nature Park, the third largest municipal park in Canada. Bring your own watercraft, or reserve a canoe or kayak (first come, first served). We will be exploring several beaver lodges and various grasses and flowers. The birding, both on the water and in the surrounding forest, should be great. The tour will be led by subject matter experts.

*Kids welcome!*

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is an additional cost for those wishing to reserve a canoe or kayak. Payment must be received at the time of registration. All rentals include paddles and Personal Flotation Devices, but if children already have their own PFDs it is recommended they bring their own, to ensure a better fit.

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### Spring Ephemerals

**Meeting Location:** TBA

**Time:** 9:00am

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Language:** Bilingual

**Maximum Participants:** 20

Discover spring flowers in the forest with Jim Clifford. Participants will travel by car up the South East to enjoy the flora and fauna. Some walking through the forest edges will be required.

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### **Nighthawks and Other Evening Creatures\***

**Meeting Location:** TBA

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Language:** Bilingual

**Maximum Participants:** 20

Join us at the Atholville Marsh to watch Nighthawks hunt their insect prey over the marsh and Lagoon. Discover the variety of flora and fauna in this prime locale. Bring your binoculars if you have them.

*Kids welcome!*

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