



The Nature Club's Introductory Guide

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Already part of an established club in New Brunswick? You can join our network!

Join Nature NB's nature club network! Being part of a provincial federation of nature clubs benefits clubs and their members. By joining the network of clubs overseen by Nature NB, you will gain access to a wide variety of useful resources and knowledgeable staff who are here to help you. There are a variety of services that we can provide, and we can't wait to talk them over with you to meet your club's unique needs!

1. Boost Your Skills: As part of our network your club can participate in training programs, workshops, and seminars to sharpen your skills. Discover amazing success stories, innovative approaches, and smart strategies from fellow nature clubs. Whether it's community science initiatives, environmental education, leadership, or organizing events, these opportunities will make you and your club leaders in our local communities. Meet with other clubs and Nature NB virtually throughout the year via Zoom.

Examples:

- Nature NB regularly offers skills based learning opportunities such as how to use iNaturalist in the field, beginner plant and bird identification workshops

2. Make Some Noise: Nature NB has a strong history of advocacy and works closely with many different stakeholders. Joining our provincial network allows all of us to have a stronger voice and influence when it comes to advocating for environmental issues and policies. We can rally together to push for change and have a real impact on local and provincial decisions. Check out some of our recent advocacy work!

Examples:

- Invitation to Nature on the Hill (training and advocacy event in Ottawa hosted by Nature Canada)
- Opportunity to participate in various networking events and collaborations
- Assistance in local and provincial environmental issues such as encouraging bird friendly construction practices and dialoguing with local and provincial government officials.

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3. **Joint Effort:** Nature NB and its member clubs often coordinate large-scale conservation projects that are beyond the capacity of individual clubs. By joining forces, your club can contribute to substantial efforts, protecting precious ecosystems, and making a real difference in the natural world.

Examples:

- Nature NB and the Saint John Naturalists Club have successfully applied for joint funding to develop and deliver a shorebird monitoring program.
- Nature Miramichi and the Restigouche/Jacquet River clubs have adopted protected natural areas which they steward as part of a provincial program Nature NB coordinates.
- Our Walk with a Naturalist Project has helped local clubs to highlight nature trails in their local communities.
- The Restigouche / Jacquet Nature Club developed a Chaleur Seabird Survey in coordination with Nature NB

4. **Sharing is Caring:** Nature NB has access to a wealth of resources including educational materials, research findings, funding opportunities, and expert advice. By becoming a member club, you gain access to this wealth of information and resources.

Examples:

- We worked closely with the Fredericton Nature Club to revitalize their club, increase their online presence and develop promotional materials.
- We have worked with many local clubs to develop, print and distribute regional Birding Trail guides

5. **We've Got You Covered:** As a paying member of Nature NB, your club has access to comprehensive general liability insurance. This means that your volunteers are protected against claims of property damage, bodily injury, and personal injury as a result of regular club activities.

So, why wait? Join a provincial network of nature clubs and unlock a world of incredible opportunities, amazing connections, and thrilling adventures in the great outdoors!

For further information or to register your club, contact executive.director@naturenb.ca

