



INGERSOLL DISTRICT NATURE CLUB / 2024-25 ACTIVITIES

Please note: *For all travel locations we meet at the municipal parking lot to the west of the Ingersoll Arena at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise stated.* For any activities at the Lawson Nature Reserve, please go directly there. Participants are encouraged to take any necessary precautions should a resurgence of COVID-19 occur.
All activities are subject to change. We will do our best to notify in advance.

2024-25 ACTIVITIES GUIDE (Revised)

Saturday, October 19 – 3:00 p.m. / ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at LAWSON NATURE RESERVE

Join us for a quick meeting to acclaim our executive members, talk about the upcoming year, planned projects for the Reserve, adopt our new by-law to ensure compliance with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act and other items of interest. The meeting will be followed by a walk around the Reserve to look at flora, fungi and birds. Contact Sheila, 519-485-2645

Saturday, November 30 / HERBERT MILNES TRAIL, Woodstock

We enjoyed this gem of a trail so much last year, we're going back! Join us for a walk in this well-established city-owned trail. It sits in the south-east of Woodstock at 545160 Pattulo Avenue and is an easy 1.1 km loop. Featuring ample parking, the property is a lovely snapshot of a Carolinian Canada woodland. Contact Ken, 519-539-5234.

Saturday, 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. Binoculars a definite asset...some may be provided. Contact Peter, 519-425-0429.

Saturday, March 15 /SPRINGWATER FOREST AND MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

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 at the same location – great pancakes! A stop at the Aylmer viewing stands to watch migrating swans and geese is also an option for those interested. Contact Meg, 519-485-4220

Saturday, April 26 / WORKMAN'S BUSH, ZORRA (Date Change)

Situated near Wildwood, Jeff Workman's private property has been opened to club members to walk and enjoy. A robust trail with loops meanders through this multi habitat property. Located at 357051 35th Line of Zorra Township, northeast of the village of Harrington. Contact Ken, 519-539-5234.

Saturday, May 3 / Birding at CALTON SWAMP

52591 John Wise Line, east of Carter Road

This property is a prime example of Ontario wetland. The property has been managed over the past few decades by Catfish Creek Conservation Authority in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources. Located near the Hamlet of Calton, the Complex is home to some of Canada's most endangered species. The



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properties are managed to conserve the wetland and forest, provide habitat for priority species and to support seasonal uses including hiking, research, environmental education and nature appreciation. Contact Sheila, 519-485-2645.

Saturday, June 7 – 9:00 a.m. meet at the Reserve / LAWSON NATURE RESERVE CLEAN-UP DAY

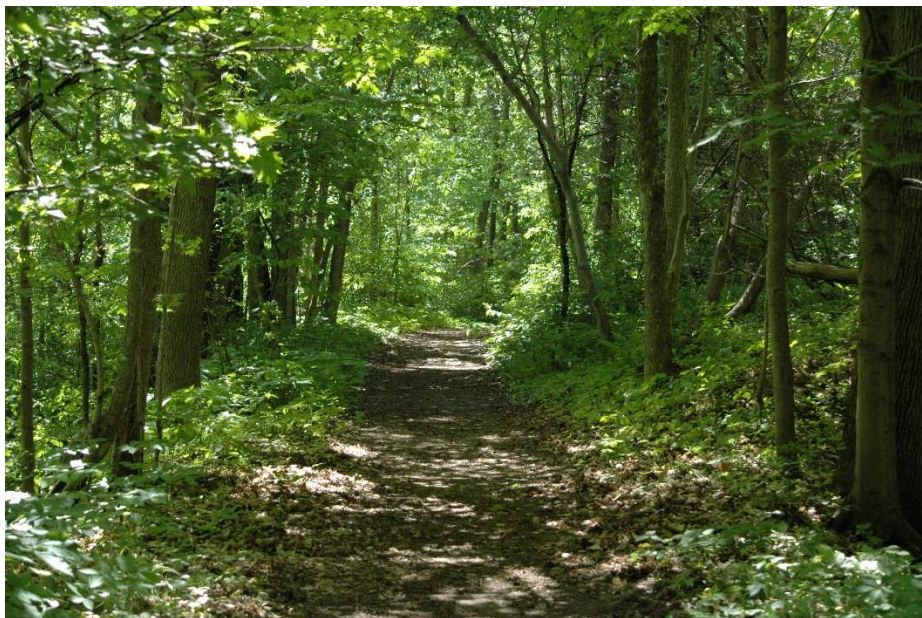
Community members are welcome to join us for clean-up activities at the Reserve, including trail maintenance, garlic mustard extraction and painting. Bring gloves, bug spray, and wear sturdy boots. This property is solely managed by volunteer hours. Helping hands are always greatly appreciated. Contact Meg, 519-485-4220.

NOTE: Additional activities may be added on an ad hoc basis as opportunities arise.

We welcome newcomers to participate in any or all 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>



Lawson Nature Reserve