



ABBOTSFORD MISSION NATURE CLUB ACTIVITIES

March - June 2024

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March 6, 2024 - Willband Workbee - **canceled**

Please note that the workbees have been the weather which has not happening but not on regularly emails.



scheduled 1st & 3rd Wednesday discontinued as it is dependent on been cooperating. Workbees will be set days. Notification wil come via

March 13, 2024 - Monthly Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. - Revised Program

Three mini-presentations.

iNaturalist Presentation - Quirien will show us how to use the iNaturalist app. in preparation for the City of Abbotsford's participation in the worldwide City Nature Challenge Bioblitz from April 26 to 29th. In preparation, install the iNaturalist app on your phone at home prior to the meeting. It is helpful to have some photos of fungi, animals and plants stored on your phone ahead of time, too. Make sure you have enough data as there is no Wi-Fi in the hatchery.



PowerPoint - Highlights the arrival of an early spring, the Reifel Waterfowl Sanctuary fieldtrip, and the work parties at Willband.

Remembering Al Grass - In memory of the recent passing of Al Grass, a well-known naturalist and activist in B.C., we will share a short **presentation** to recognize his contributions to our club.



Saturday, March 30, 2024 - Fieldtrip

Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve - Chilliwack



The reserve on the Vedder River consists of 325 acres and is home to about 90 nests and a wide variety of wildlife and vegetation including the following species: Western Painted Turtle, Bald Eagle, and Salish Sucker.

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Bring a lunch and dress for the weather

Directions: Take Hwy 1 east to exit 109 Yale Rd to Sumas Prairied Road to the end

Leader: Ken Summers - to register email ken.summers@telus.net or call 604-851-2301

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 - Monthly Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

"Ravine Park Hatchery Presentation and Tour" by Dale Taylor and Rob Moynahan



They will give a History of the Abbotsford Ravine Park Salmon Enhancement Society (ARPSES), Hatchery Operations, Stream Walks, Future Directions, and Hatchery Tour.

Community Clean-up Month- April 2024

Abbotsford's Community Clean-up program spans the whole month of APRIL. This is an EASY way to get involved in our community, contribute to environmental stewardship, help beautify our neighbourhoods. The AMNC members participate in different areas of the city.



Join us on Saturday, April 13, 2024 @ 9:00 am on Valley Road for our annual cleanup. Gloves, garbage bags and picker uppers will be provided. To register email haroos12@gmail.com or phone 604-853-4283

Saturday, April 20, 2024 - Earth Day in Mission 11 am - 3pm



'Green Living' earth day celebration at the Fraser River Heritage Park. The event will feature a variety of family fun, including live performances, guest speakers, interactive activities and demos, food trucks, a sustainable marketplace and more.

The Abbotsford Mission Nature Club will have a display. This is a free event!

April 27 & 29 - iNaturalist City Nature Challenge 2024 - Abbotsford



A Citizen Science event celebrating our local nature by taking pictures to document nature in Abbotsford along with displays, walks, activities and much more.

Sunday April 28, 2024, at 11am - 3pm the AMNC will have a display at the viewing platform in Willband Creek Park. Club members will be available to lead 30-minute walks at 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm and 2 pm. Meet at the main parking lot on Bateman Road with the iNaturalist app installed on your phone. We will lead you on a thirty-minute walk toward the kiosk, teaching you how to use the app and to record your observations. After 30 minutes you can continue on your own or return to the parking lot with the naturalist.

Dress for the weather and wear proper footwear.

May 8, 2024 - Monthly Meeting @ 7:30 pm

"Impressions of West Papua New Guinea, Indonesia" by Wim Vesseur an avid birder and naturalist, based on a birding trip. He will share images of birds, flora and fauna seen on a fascinating birding trip, to one of the most interesting and unexplored countries in the world.



May 9 - 12, 2024 BC Nature Conference in Qualicum Beach



Check out the scheduled speakers and fieldtrips listed in the winter magazine of BC Nature. Hosted by the Arrowsmith Naturalists. You won't be disappointed!

Registration is now open at <https://bcnature.org/2024-bc-nature-conference-and-agm-hosted-by-arrowsmith-naturalists/>

Saturday, May 25, 2024 - Fieldtrip @ 9:00 am

Roy Kittles Trail in the Mission Forest

Leader - Kelly Kitsch - Registered Forest Technologist with the City of Mission Forestry



"The trail is well suited to a guided hike with children and grandchildren and there is a lot to see, including an old growth Douglas-fir, a pacific yew, wildlife trees, hemlock mistletoe disease, and whatever else we might see along the way. It is not a long trail, but there is so much information we can talk about".

To register haroos12@gmail.com or 604-853-4283 (Directions to follow)

June 12, 2024 - Annual Picnic/Social @ 6:30 pm - Details to follow

Time: 6:30 pm

What to bring: Picnic Lunch cups, chairs



(not potluck), plates, cutlery,

Provided: Coffees, tea, dessert

June 22, 2024 - Fieldtrip - Aldergrove Regional Park @ 10:00 am

"Forest Bathing Workshop" Step into nature, take a deep breath of forest air, and let your body relax. Awaken your senses and experience the Japanese practice.



Join Lisa Ferris, Park Interpretation Leader, Metro Vancouver Regional Parks, for a 2-hour Forest Bathing workshop from 10 am until 12 pm on June 22 in Aldergrove Regional Park. Cost per AMNC member is \$10.00. This program is only available for current

members. Registration form attachment