



ABBOTSFORD MISSION NATURE CLUB ACTIVITIES

March - June 2026

“Know nature and to keep it worth knowing”

www.abbymissionnatureclub.ca

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 p.m.
at the Ravine Park Hatchery, 2395 Crescent Way, Abbotsford
by the Abbotsford Arts Centre

*The objectives of the
Abbotsford-Mission Nature Club*

- *To enjoy and interpret natural history*
- *To promote an understanding and an appreciation of natural ecosystems*
- *To promote the concept of stewardship of natural resources*
- *To participate as naturalists in public consultations related to questions of environment and development in the Abbotsford and Mission area*

Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, March 11, 2026 @ 7:30 pm

**Hancock Foundation's tracker studies of the lower
mainland's bald eagles.**



Speaker - Dr. Michael Seear is a retired pediatrician, current director of Hancock Wildlife Foundation and part of the BETA group studying migratory patterns of bald eagles.

We'll examine the sub-groups of eagles that pass through the Chehalis area every winter. Where do they come from and where do they go?

March, 2026 Kanaka Regional Park fieldtrip

More details to follow



Monday, March 16, 2026 - Willband Workbee

Meet at 9:00 am in the Bateman Road Parking area of Willband Creek Park

We will focus on pulling invasive plants. Wear long sleeves and bring your own gloves and loppers if you have them. We will bring some extras for those who need them.

If interested contact Hank/Alice at haroos12@gmail.com or 604-853-4283

Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, April 8, 2026 @ 7:30 pm

Behavior & ecology of northern flickers, a keystone species in forest ecosystems

Dr. Karen Wiebe, Professor Emeritus, University of Saskatchewan



Northern Flickers are common woodpeckers that many people recognize from their backyards and bird feeders. Dr. Karen Wiebe studied a population of Northern Flickers in central British Columbia from 1997-2014. She will discuss some of the fascinating behaviors of these woodpeckers, including patterns of parental care, as well as the important role they play in maintaining biodiversity on the landscape.

April 9, 2026 Regional Science Fair



Winners of the Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair will present their prize winning projects at our May meeting

Community Clean-up Month- April 2026

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.



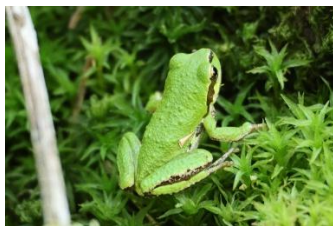
Join us on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 @ 6:30 pm on Valley Road for our annual cleanup. Gloves, garbage bags and picker uppers will be provided. To register email haroos12@gmail.com or phone 604-853-4283

Saturday, April 25, 2026 - Hogan Family Nature Park Bioblitz / City Nature Challenge



A Citizen Science event celebrating our local nature by taking pictures to document nature in Abbotsford.

**Hogan Family Nature Park iNaturalist Bioblitz
on April 25, 2026**



Join Abbotsford Mission Nature Club members to observe, identify and record fungi, plants, and animals in Hogan Family Nature Park at 28631 Debruyne Road in Abbotsford (west side of Bradner Road and a few blocks north of the Fraser Highway) from 9 am until approximately noon on April 25.

Saturday, April 25, 2026 - 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 at the event.

Saturday, May 9, 2026, 9:30 am Fieldtrip

Cheam Lake Wetlands Regional Park-Popkum fieldtrip

The wetlands protect about 93 hectares of marsh, lake and uplands, and is home to many different birds, animals, insects and plant species. Bring your binoculars and field guides to help identify the varied species you will encounter.



Dress for the weather, bring a lunch and wear sturdy footwear.

Level - easy

Meet at Gateway Community Church on Gladys Avenue located between Lou's Grill and the BC Transit Bus parking lot at **8:45 am** for carpooling. We may leave our vehicles there.

Confirm your attendance to Hank/Alice Roos haroos12@gmail.com or 604-853-4283 by Friday evening 8 pm

Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, May 13, 2026 @7:30 pm

Spotted Owl Recovery Program, Speaker - Joe Foy

Hear what's up with the fight to save Canada's most endangered bird species - the spotted owl. The Wilderness Committee's Protected Areas Campaigner Joe Foy will talk about why the protection of our region's remaining old-growth forests are the key to preserving this species and many more.



June 10, 2026 - Annual Picnic/Social @ 6:30 pm - Location TBD

Time: 6:30 pm

Provided: Coffees, tea, dessert



More details to come when available



June 28, 2026 - Roy Kittles Trail in Mission

The trail is a 1km long family friendly loop trail. **Guided by recently retired municipal forest technologist, Kelly Kitsch.** We will see a magnificent old growth Douglas-fir, second growth and third growth forests with a chance to see some rare species, some experimental trials, and do some plant identification. Sturdy footwear recommended as the trail is sometimes uneven.

Parking is limited, parallel only on the narrow road, and a small place for about 3 cars to back into (try to carpool if possible)

Time: 6:30 pm at trailhead

Level: easy to moderate

Duration: 1-1.5 hours

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