



ABBOTSFORD MISSION NATURE CLUB ACTIVITIES

September - November 2024

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"To know nature and to keep it worth knowing"

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Meetings are held 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*

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 - Monthly Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

"Mosses and Lichens: Beauty and Beyond"

Presentation by Phil Henderson, a zoologist and environmental consultant



"... mosses, like love, make even the ugliest objects beautiful, for they hide all defects with their own loveliness." - Day, Helen Evelyn. (fide: Russell (1908) (in, Edwards, S. R. 1995. Mosses in English Literature. Supplement Three. Bull. Brit. Bryol. Soc. 65: 45-47.)

Imagine a Monet without colour, a forest without trees. Imagine a world without mosses. To better do this, you must appreciate the world with mosses. This talk will attempt to sharpen your focus on these ubiquitous, beautiful and fascinating plants

Saturday, October 5th - Fieldtrip - Brae Island Regional Park

Meet at 10 am at the visitor parking lot on Brae Island, Fort Langley for a two-hour stroll to explore mosses and lichens with Phil Henderson. This walk will provide a good introduction to some common species you are likely to encounter elsewhere along the Fraser River. Dress for the weather. Bring a water bottle and snack. Register by emailing Quirien at gmuldert@gmail.com between September 29th and October 3rd.



October 9, 2024 - Monthly Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

"Learning to Identify Mushrooms" by Willoughby Arevalo, mycologist, artist, kitchen wizard, father, and educator

Fungus enthusiast Willoughby Arevalo will share his principles of mushroom identification based on features visible with the naked eye. This program will help you develop your field ID skills to be able to recognize most mushrooms to form group and learn skills to work towards quickly recognizing important genera and species. Learning the basics of fungal biology and ecology will help you know where and when to look. Learn how to collect specimens for ID and how to harvest honourably and safely. Connect with local, print and online resources for further study. Special attention will be given to some of our most common edible, medicinal and toxic species.



November 13, 2024 - Monthly Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

"Bats, Sounds and Sonograms" by Keith Chrystall

Recordings acquired with the Langley Field Naturalist's Bat Echometer will be presented, along with some details regarding bats and bat species found in the lower mainland. Audio samples of the calls made by several types of bats will be played to illustrate the differences between species and also the use of echolocation for hunting.



SUMMER WALKS - Sumas Old Growth, Hillkeep Regional Park, Manning Park Meadows





Picnic at MacDonald Park

