ABBOTSFORD MISSION NATURE CLUB ACTIVITIES

November-December 2026

"Know nature and to keep it worth knowing"

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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*

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 - Willband Creek Work Bee

9:30 am – 12 noon (weather permitting)



We are hoping to be able to tackle the blackberries (sometimes the blackberries do the tackling) in the whole park in one day.

Some of us will tackle the blackberries that have grown back around the viewing platform kiosk, and others will cut back the vines along the trails.

Needed: 20+ volunteers ages 10 and up

Equipment: Garden clippers, loppers, leather gloves (some equipment available)

Time: 9:30 – 12:00 noon

Meet: Bateman Road entrance to the park

Lunch: Pizza lunch provided if enough volunteers show up

Register: Contact Hank/Alice at haroos12@gmail.com or 604-853-4283

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

"Invasive species are considered to be one of the greatest threats to biodiversity world-wide, second only to habitat loss. Join us for an introduction to invasive species, what they are, how they came to be here and what impacts they have on our local ecology. Learn about some of the highest priority species for the Fraser Valley, including new and emerging species, as well as information on decision making and management practices.

Speaker: Erica Mulder is the Outreach Coordinator for the Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society (FVISS). She is currently working on a diploma in Restoration of Natural Systems out of the University of Victoria and participates in a variety of community stewardship projects. "

Fundraise – November 11, 2026



During this meeting we will be having a fund raiser for the Club. We have about 25 **gently used and new puzzles** for sale ranging from $5-$20. You may donate your puzzles for this sale (no pieces missing). Bring them to the meeting or contact Alice Roos, 604-853-4283 or haroos12@gmail.com.

Saturday November 21 -Harrison-Chehalis Eagles



Time: 10:00 to 12:30 pm.

Come to observe the considerable number of Bald Eagles that congregate on the flats at the outlet of the Harrison River area. Besides eagles expect to see Herons, several species of waterfowl, Trumpeter Swans, Loons, and Grebes. Register in advance with Ken Summers ken.summers@telus.net (you will be notified of any changes). Dress for the weather; it will be cancelled if the forecast is for too much rain or wind. We'll be mostly on level gravel trails.

The following directions are to this link:
https://maps.app.goo.gl/b1J2gCYEMr8QrBj97Time

Drive out the Lougheed (Hwy 7) eastward from Mission to the Sasquatch Inn. Turn just before the inn onto Morris Valley Road and proceed past the Sandpiper Resort. The road/driveway to turn right into is the first one past the Sandpiper Resort's driveway, about 500 m distance. After turning right off Morris Valley Rd, proceed straight ahead to the parking area with all the mailboxes. Any no-entry signs you may see apply to the side road. Meeting time is 10:00 at the parking lot. There is a 600 m walk to the viewing area. After viewing at that site for awhile, we may drive to another nearby site, depending on viewing conditions. Bring your lunch or stop at the Sasquatch Inn afterwards.



Nature Club Christmas Social

Wednesday, December 9, 2026, at 6:30 pm (note time)

Join members of the Nature Club for a festive evening of fellowship, light snacks, music, singing, year-in-review slideshow, bake sale.

Caroling – we are looking for a few volunteers with instruments to join John in leading us with this. Any instrument is welcome.

Please **bring** to share a, **dessert** or an **appetizer** in individual portion sizes (to be served with tongs or in paper muffin cups).



Hot apple cider will be provided. Please bring your own mug.



The **bake sale is a fundraiser** for Nature Club activities. Bring a wrapped treat e.g., loaf cake, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc. All items will be sold for $15.00.

And don't forget to bring cash/cheque to buy some baking, too!

December 29/30, 2026 – Christmas Bird Count (date to be confirmed)



This year the Christmas Bird Count will take place on December 29th or 30th. No experience necessary as every area within the count circle has an expert birder. If you want to join the fun and haven't already received our email, contact ken.summers@telus.net There will be a post-count gathering afterwards at the Mandarin Gardens in Abbotsford for those interested, even if you don't take part in the count.