



Parry Sound Nature Club

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<i>Date and Details</i>	<i>Event Description</i>
Wednesday, Jan 18 th 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	Olive Ridley Conservation in Ostional, Costa Rica GBBR's Delaina Arnold shares tales of her volunteer time at one of the world's most significant nesting sites for the Olive Ridley sea turtle.
Wednesday, Feb 15 th 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	What good is a gravel pit? Many people look at gravel pits and see them as habitat destruction, are they really as bad as we perceive? Tianna Burke, a M.Sc. candidate from Trent University, is looking into the role that gravel pits play with the At Risk Bank Swallow. Learn more about Ontario's smallest swallow and some research being conducted in an under studied habitat. As an added bonus, Tianna will finish off the night with a quick overview of a side-job she took last summer studying Thick-billed Murres on Coats Island, Nunavut.
Wednesday, March 15 th 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	Ontario Beneath Your Feet – How geology affects your everyday life Caroline Gordon and Dr. Michael Easton of the Ontario Geological Survey Geology affects many aspects of our lives, from the ground on which we build our homes, the water we drink, natural hazards we may be exposed to and the source of materials found in items like our cell phones and cars. The OGS documents and communicates earth science data to Ontarians. This presentation will focus on the different types of earth science data the OGS collects and how it is used with a special focus on Parry Sound geology.
Wednesday, April 19 th 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	Fish Tales Recent M.Sc grad Rachael Hornsby will talk about her research into the biological impacts of Black Bass competitive fishing tournaments on large lake systems. Rachael used the large number of fish captured at these tournaments to help determine population sizes, survival rates and densities of local populations. In addition she assessed whether displaced fish return to original capture sites. Results are being used to discuss sustainable practices with tournament organizations who participated in the study.
Saturday, May 6 th (rain date May 7 th) 1 pm Killbear Provincial Park main office	Rattlesnake Roundup Join Kenton at Killbear for this exclusive hike (members only) to help find rattlesnakes as they emerge from hibernation. Meet at 1 pm at the main office at Killbear Provincial Park. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes are required.
Wednesday, May 17 th 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	For Peat's Sake: Restoring Damaged Peatland Habitat Professor Mike Waddington will talk about the importance of peatlands to the local ecology, new monitoring projects in the area and work that he has done helping rebuild functioning peatlands damaged by mining and road development.
Saturday May 27 th 8 am Meet in the Walmart parking lot (near the green heron pond).	Spring Birding Hike Location to be announced Led by Rick Snider our bird, butterfly, fern, and dragonfly expert! Bring your binoculars, bird book, bug protection, snack, and water. Contact Rick Snider for more information 705 378-2233

Wednesday, June 21st 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	Metamorphosis: Changing the way we look at Amphibians Peter Mills is a naturalist in Algonquin Park and is presently studying salamanders for his M.Sc. He will be speaking about a two-year journey he undertook to write and illustrate his new field guide, <i>Metamorphosis: Ontario's Amphibians at all Stages of Development</i> . Peter will have copies of his book available for \$30.
Wednesday, Sept 20 th 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	Spineless Wonders Join Dave Barton for hands on learning about Georgian Bay's freshwater ecology. Dave Barton formerly taught invertebrate biology at the University of Waterloo and now spends his time on the water fishing!
Wednesday, Oct 18 th 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	Akimiski Adventures Rod Brook – MNR Wildlife Research Specialist will share stories about MNR's 25 years of research on Akimiski Island, the largest island in James Bay. Technically in Nunavut, it has a strong connection to Ontario through the migration and staging of birds and through the Cree people that live on the west coast of James Bay. Akimiski is the home of the most southerly lesser snow goose colony in the world and has the highest breeding density of southern James Bay population Canada geese. Besides research on geese and polar bears, the station has supported grad students that worked on numerous breeding shorebird species and the fragile coastal habitats.
Wednesday, Nov 15 th 7 pm Parry Sound Museum	Moving Beyond the Myths of Restoration Katrina Krienns is a recent M.Sc grad who works for the GBBR. She will explain what makes some stream and river restoration projects successful while others fail to produce intended outcomes. Highlights from projects in the Grand River Watershed, Credit River Watershed, and the Shebeshekong River Watershed.
Saturday Dec 16 th (in case of severe weather Dec 17 th) 8 am Meet at Richard's Coffee	Christmas Bird Count. Join us for this longstanding and important tradition of tracking bird numbers and species. All levels of birding skills welcome. Contact Steph Romaniuk for more information 705 774-9527

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September – December: contact David Bywater at 705 378 4466

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Please note that this schedule is subject to change.

