



**ISLAND
NATURE TRUST**

Passport to Nature

June–October 2019

Explore PEI's protected places all year long!

Welcome

This passport is meant to help Islanders and visitors alike experience and learn more about PEI's protected places.

Island Nature Trust owns over 4,000 acres of land in 47 natural areas across PEI. From upland hardwood stands, to forested wetlands, beaches and dunes, and nearshore islands, all of our lands are protected in perpetuity under PEI's *Natural Areas Protection Act*. This means that the natural areas you visit, through the events listed in this booklet, will always remain untouched, for future generations.

We hope this passport helps you discover some of these special places!

Donations to support our ongoing work will be gladly accepted at all events!

**This Passport to Nature is brought to you by Island Nature Trust
Want to learn more about our work across the Island or how to
get involved? Get in touch with us!**

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How to Use This Passport

This Passport to Nature was created with you in mind—those who want to explore PEI's protected places, experience new things & meet like-minded people. To make the most of your Passport, here are five basic steps to plan your next adventure & get involved in the work of Island Nature Trust!

1

PLAN your next adventure.
Read this booklet for event info



2

REGISTER (by phone, email, or Facebook) as soon as possible!
Some events will fill up quickly.

3

ATTEND! Don't forget a water bottle and comfortable footwear!



4

SHARE your experiences with friends & use #INTPassporttoNature on your social media updates.

5

SIGN UP to become a member of Island Nature Trust and get updates on more upcoming nature events!

Please contact Island Nature Trust to register for events!

Forest Bird Walk



**Tuesday, June 11th
8am to 10am**

Leaders: Brendan Kelly & Brett MacKinnon

Maximum number of participants: 20

Cost: Admission by donation. In consideration of the staff time involved, a minimum \$10 donation is suggested

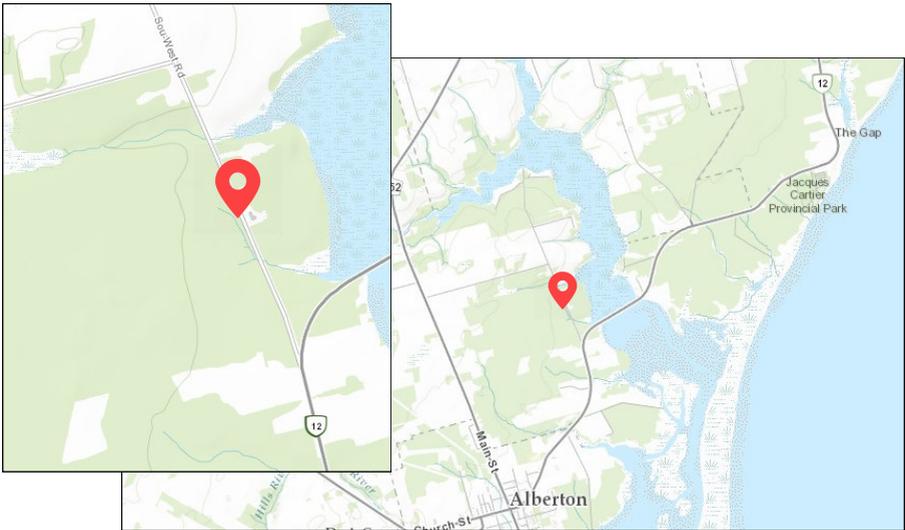
Registration required

Have you ever wondered what birds you are hearing as you walk through a woodland?

Join Island Nature Trust's Forest Bird Technicians, Brendan Kelly and Brett MacKinnon, for a walk through the *Kildare Forest Natural Area* in Huntley. Brendan & Brett will guide participants through the natural area, discuss the natural features of the area, and point out forest birds and their calls along the way.

Note: This time of year can be quite buggy so bring a bug net if you have one or bug spray if you would like, and be prepared to walk 2 km on rough terrain. The rain date for this event is Wednesday, June 12th.

How to Get There



Meeting Place: Kildare Forest Natural Area

Driving Instructions: From Summerside, drive west on Rte. 2 past the community of Portage and turn right onto Cascumpec Road. Drive for 22 km through Alberton and veer left 2.5 km after Alberton onto the Sou'west Road, a dirt road. The walk will start at an old bridge crossing the ditch 500m down the road.

GPS Coordinates: 46.836978, -64.056788

Forest Bird Walk



**Thursday, June 13th
8am to 10am**

Leaders: Brendan Kelly & Brett MacKinnon

Maximum number of participants: 20

Cost: Admission by donation. In consideration of the staff time involved, a minimum \$10 donation is suggested

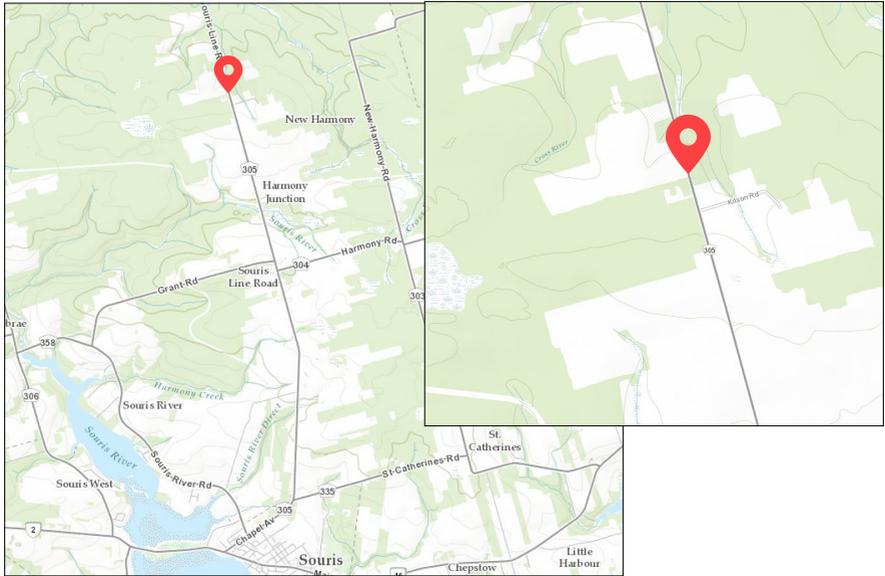
Registration required

Have you ever wondered what birds you are hearing as you walk through a woodland?

Join Island Nature Trust's Forest Bird Technicians, Brendan Kelly and Brett MacKinnon, for a walk through the *Townshend Woodlot Natural Area* in Souris Line Road. Brendan & Brett will guide participants through the natural area, discuss the natural features of the area, and point out forest birds and their calls along the way.

Note: This time of year can be quite buggy so bring a bug net if you have one or bug spray if you would like, and be prepared to walk 2 km on rough terrain. The rain date for this event is Friday, June 14th.

How to Get There



Meeting Place: 786 Souris Line Road

Driving Instructions: From Charlottetown, travel east on Rte. 2 for approximately 49 km, to the community of St. Peter's Bay. Turn left at intersection by St. Peter's Bay bridge, drive 300 m and veer right onto Veteran's Memorial Highway (Rte. 2). Drive approximately 27 km to the community of Souris. Turn left onto Chapel Avenue (Rte. 305) and travel approximately 9 km down Rte. 305 to the civic address 786 Souris Line Rd.

GPS Coordinates: 46.427389, -62.262032

Wildflower Walk

**Saturday, June 15th
9am to 11am**

Leader: Julie-Lynn Zahavich

Maximum number of participants: 20

Cost: Admission by donation. In consideration of the staff time involved, a minimum \$10 donation is suggested

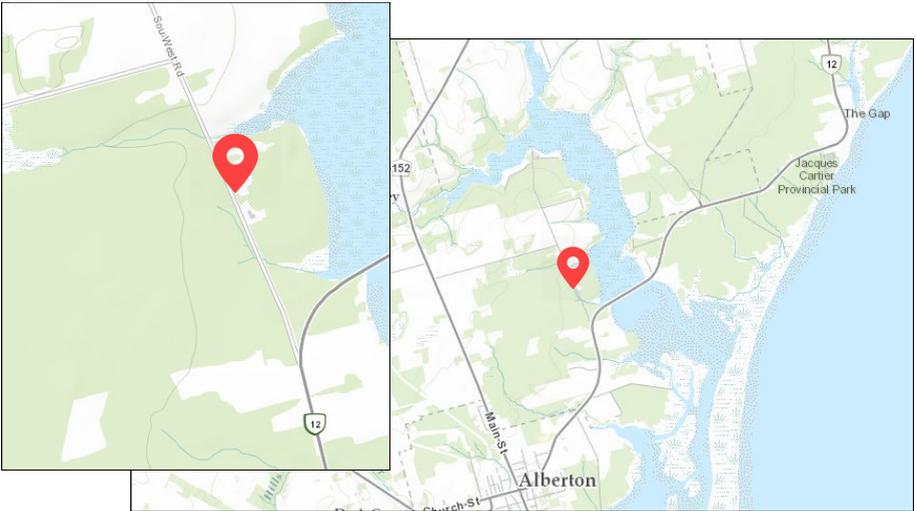
Registration required

Join Island Nature Trust's Stewardship Coordinator, Julie-Lynn Zahavich, for a walk through the beautiful *Kildare Forest Natural Area*, a 103-acre woodland located just outside of Alberton.

Throughout the Kildare Forest there is a rich understory of native shrubs and wildflowers. Julie-Lynn will guide participants through the trail system that traverses the natural area, discuss the natural features of the area, and point out wildflower species along the way.

Note: This time of year can be quite buggy so bring a bug net if you have one or bug spray if you would like, and be prepared to walk 3 km on rough terrain. The rain date for this event is Sunday, June 16th.

How to Get There

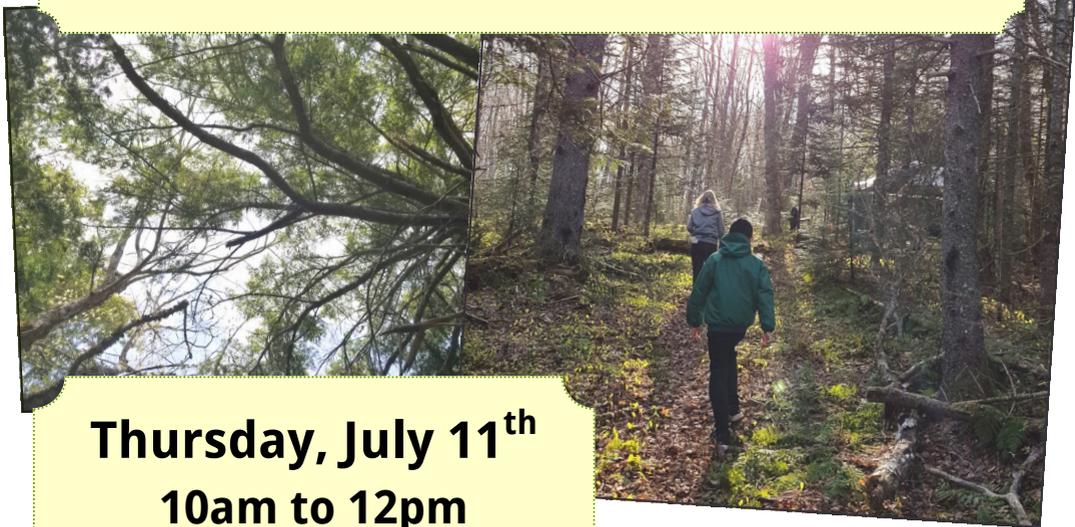


Meeting Place: Kildare Forest Natural Area

Driving Instructions: From Charlottetown, take Veteran's Memorial Highway (Rte. 2) until the town of Kensington, approximately 48 km. Turn left at the main intersection in Kensington, continuing on Rte. 2 for another 55 km. Turn right onto Cascumpec Rd. (Rte. 12). Drive 22 km on Rte. 12, through the town of Alberton. Approximately 2.5 km from Alberton on Rte. 12, turn left onto Sou-west Rd. The *Kildare Forest Natural Area* is approximately 0.5 km down the Sou-west Rd. on the left side. About a 1hr 35min drive.

GPS Coordinates: 46.836978, -64.056788

Selkirk Road Hemlock Walk



Thursday, July 11th
10am to 12pm

Leaders: INT staff

Maximum number of participants: 20

Cost: Admission by donation. In consideration of the staff time involved, a minimum \$10 donation is suggested

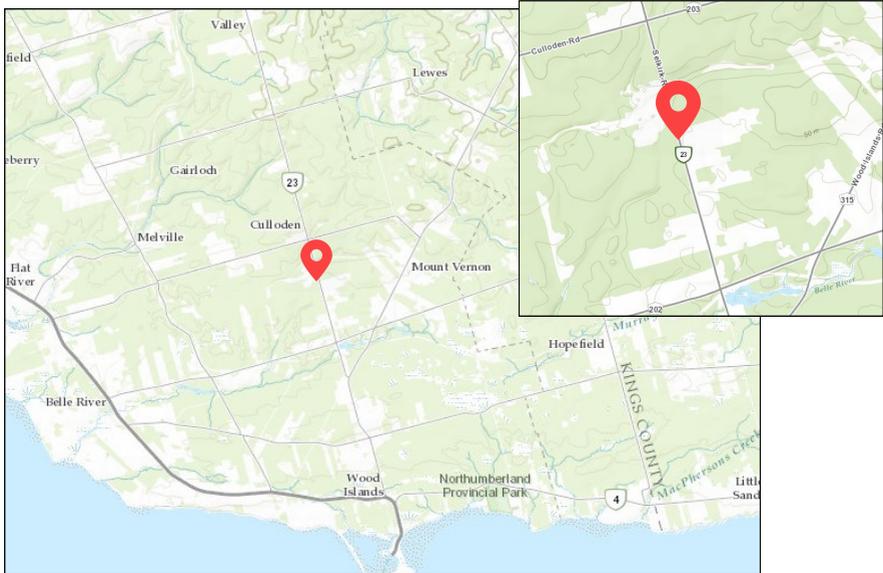
Registration required

Join INT staff for a walk through the *Culloden Forested Natural Area* to visit the large hemlocks that stand at the back of the property. This 50 acre natural area contains a rich stand of upland hardwood with many large yellow birch and sugar maple trees scattered throughout. Several very large hemlocks dot the western section of the natural area.

INT staff will guide participants on a walk through the property to see these magnificent hemlocks, discussing the history of the property and pointing out other interesting natural features along the way.

Note: Be prepared to walk 2 km over rough terrain. The rain date for this event is Friday, July 12th, 10 am. Bring water and bug repellent.

How to Get There



Meeting Place: Culloden Forested Natural Area

Driving Instructions: From Stratford, take the Trans-Canada Highway to Orwell (approximately 23 km). Turn left onto Kinross Rd. (Rte. 210). Then turn right onto Selkirk Rd. (Rte. 23). Drive 16 km on Selkirk Road. One km past the intersection of Rte. 23 and Rte. 203, INT's Culloden Forested Natural Area will be on the right.

GPS Coordinates: 46.010800, -62.771125

Walk to St. Peter's Island



**Thursday, August 8th
10:30am to 1:30pm**

Leaders: INT staff

Maximum number of participants: 40

Cost: Admission by donation. In consideration of the staff time involved, a minimum \$20 donation is suggested

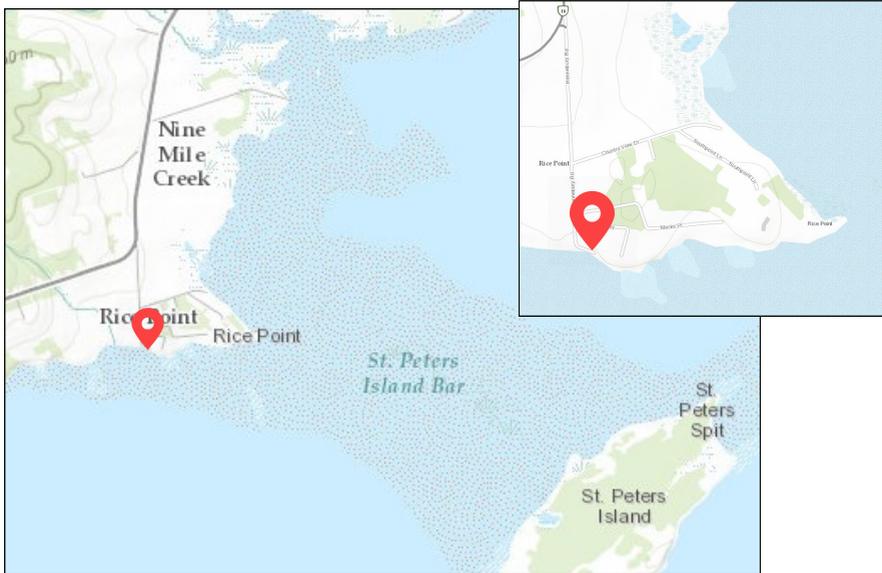
Registration required

Join Island Nature Trust staff for a walk across the mud flats at low tide to St. Peter's Island. On the walk over, Island Nature Trust staff will discuss the island's rich natural and cultural history and point out any wildlife we spot along the way.

Once on the island, participants can explore the beach habitat and look for shorebirds or venture around to the south side of the island with INT staff to look for fossils.

Note: Being on time is important, as we are working with the low tide. The ground can get mucky, so bring footwear that you won't mind getting dirty. Be prepared to walk 6 km (to the island and back). The rain date for this event is Friday, August 9th, 11:30am.

How to Get There



Meeting Place: The end of Hennebury Rd. in Rice Point

Driving Instructions: From the community of Cornwall, take Meadowbank Rd. (Rte. 19) for approximately 7 km. Turn left onto Rte. 19 and continue travelling for 1.5 km. Turn right onto Nine Mile Creek Rd. Continue straight for 3.5 km and at the big curve in the road, turn left onto Hennebury Rd. Drive to the end of Hennebury Rd. About a 15 minute drive.

GPS Coordinates: 46.131186, -63.232531

Nail Pond Beach Cleanup



Saturday, August 24th
10am to 12pm

Leader: INT staff

Maximum number of participants: Unlimited

Cost: There is no cost to attend, donations welcome

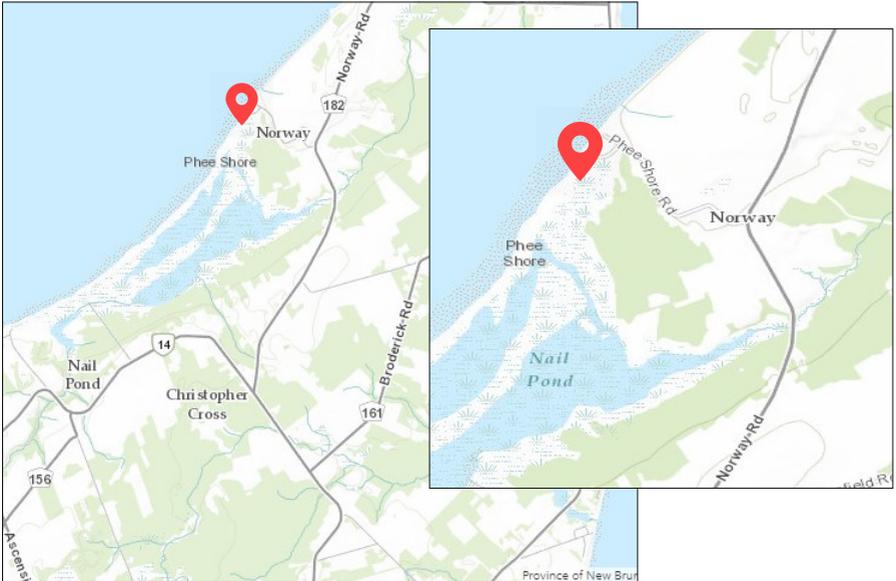
No registration required

Join Island Nature Trust staff and volunteers for a shoreline cleanup at our *Charles Dalton Natural Area*, which lies behind Nail Pond Beach. After the cleanup, we will set up a spotting scope and look for shorebirds that may be stopping over during their migration south. Participants will meet at the end of Phee Shore Road and start from there.

We will supply gloves and bags. Participants should bring sunscreen, a hat, and water. Feel free to bring a lunch and enjoy a picnic on the beautiful clean beach afterwards!

Note: Gloves and bags will be provided. The rain date for this event is Sunday, August 25th.

How to Get There

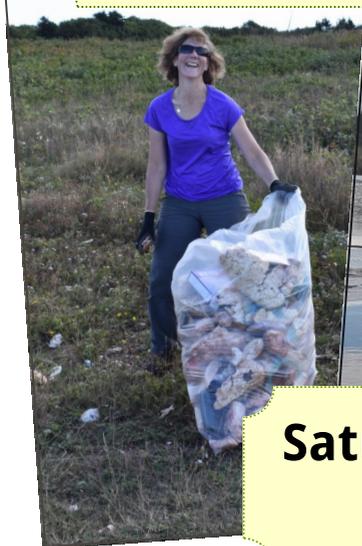


Meeting Place: End of Phee Shore Rd. in Norway

Driving Instructions: From Summerside, travel west on Rte. 2 until Tignish, around 80 km. Take a left in Tignish onto Rte. 14 and drive for another 4 km until Christopher Cross and take a right turn onto Norway Rd. After 3 km take a left turn in Norway onto the Phee Shore Rd., and the cleanup will begin at the end of the road near the beach.

GPS Coordinates: 47.012681, -64.041703

DeRoche Pond Celebration



**Saturday, September 14th
10am to 2pm**

Leaders: INT staff

Maximum number of participants: 50

Cost: Admission by donation. In consideration of the staff time involved, a minimum \$10 donation is suggested

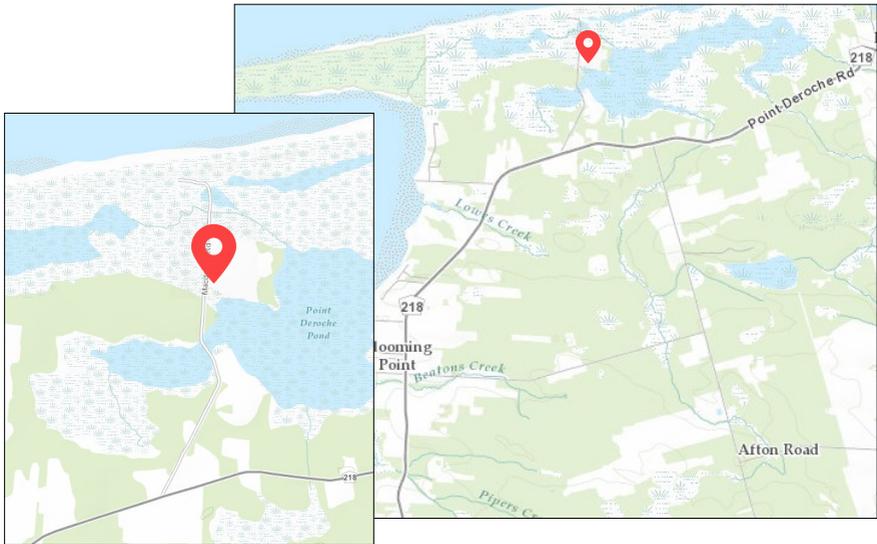
Registration required

2019 is a big year for Island Nature Trust and Nature PEI; it's INT's 40th anniversary and Nature PEI's 50th. To celebrate, we are hosting a joint event at one of INT's oldest protected areas, the *DeRoche Pond Natural Area*.

Event participants are invited to come out to DeRoche Pond and stay for the day. Various activities will be happening throughout the day, including: canoe trips across the pond, a beach and parking lot cleanup, guided nature tours, and kids games. There will be fun for the whole family!

Note: The rain date for this event is Sunday, September 15th

How to Get There



Meeting Place: Blooming Point Beach Parking Lot on MacDonald Road

Driving Instructions: From Charlottetown, travel east on Rte. 2 for approximately 16 km to the community of Tracadie Cross. Turn left onto Blooming Point Rd. (Rte. 218). Travel approximately 8 km on Rte. 218 and turn left onto MacDonald Road. The Blooming Point Beach parking lot is about 1 km down MacDonald Rd., on the right. About a 28 min drive.

GPS Coordinates: 46.418521, -62.947923

Bennett Birding Classic



**Saturday, September 21st
All Day!**

Cost: There is no cost to attend, donations collected by teams
Team registration required

This will be the 25th Annual Bennett Birding Classic! The Bennett Birding Classic is a great opportunity to get involved in bird watching at any level. Each year, teams with three to seven members gather pledges then head out in the wee hours of the morning to find as many species as possible in one 24-hour period.

The Bennett helps to gather important information on fall species in PEI, while raising funds to secure their habitat. And there is some healthy competition between teams too!

Everyone is invited to join a team or enter your own and collect pledges for Island Nature Trust.

Note: The rain date for this event is Sunday, September 22nd

How to Participate

1

RECRUIT team members or contact Island Nature Trust to join an existing team

2

REGISTER your team with Island Nature Trust and receive pledge sheets

3

COLLECT donations and pledges for Island Nature Trust. Make sure you get donor's mailing addresses so they can receive a tax receipt. Donations should be delivered to Island Nature Trust promptly after The Bennett.

4

BIRD! Spend the day with your team searching for as many bird species as possible across PEI

5

REPORT your findings to Island Nature Trust as soon as possible!

FUN FACTS:

- In 2018, Bennett Birding Classic teams observed 97 different bird species!
- The most species ever found during the Bennett was 108 species in 2007
- Since the Bennett began in 1995, it has raised over \$45,000 for INT!
- 2016 was the first year INT hosted a Youth Bennett. Find out more on the next page!

Youth Bennett Birding Event



**Saturday, September 21st
9am to 11am**

Leaders: INT staff

Maximum number of participants: 20

Cost: Admission by donation. In consideration of the staff time involved, a minimum \$10 donation is suggested

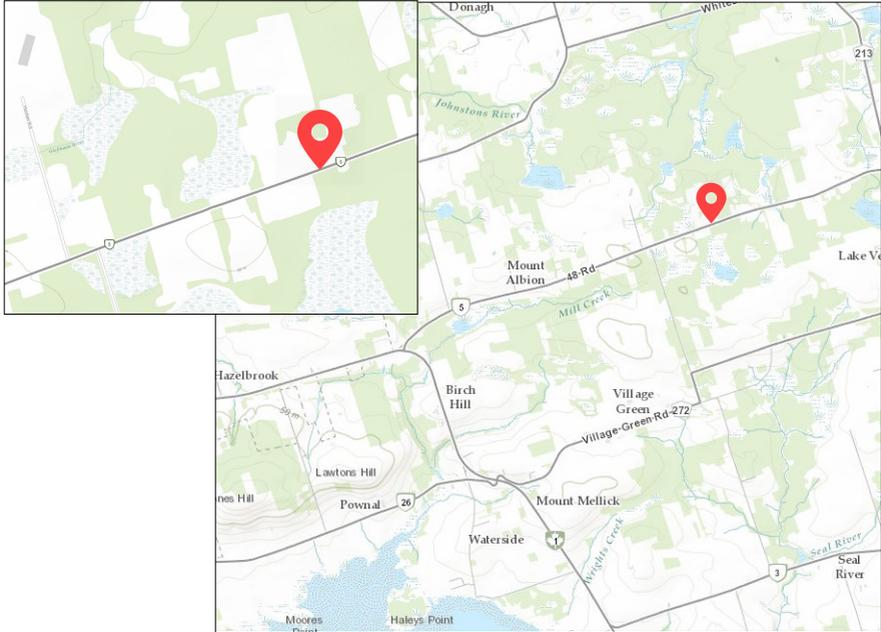
Registration required

The Youth Bennett Birding Event is the youth counterpart event to the Annual Bennett Birding Classic. The Youth Bennett is open to any young birders. No previous birdwatching experience required.

Birders will meet INT staff at the *Jenkins Complex Natural Area* parking lot. From there we will walk the trails into the natural area, counting birds in the various habitats we encounter along the way! Parents are welcome to stay for the walk.

Note: Location to be determined. Birders under 5 years old must be accompanied by a parent. BYOB (bring your own binoculars), or we will have some to share! The rain date for this activity is Sunday, September 22nd.

How to Get There

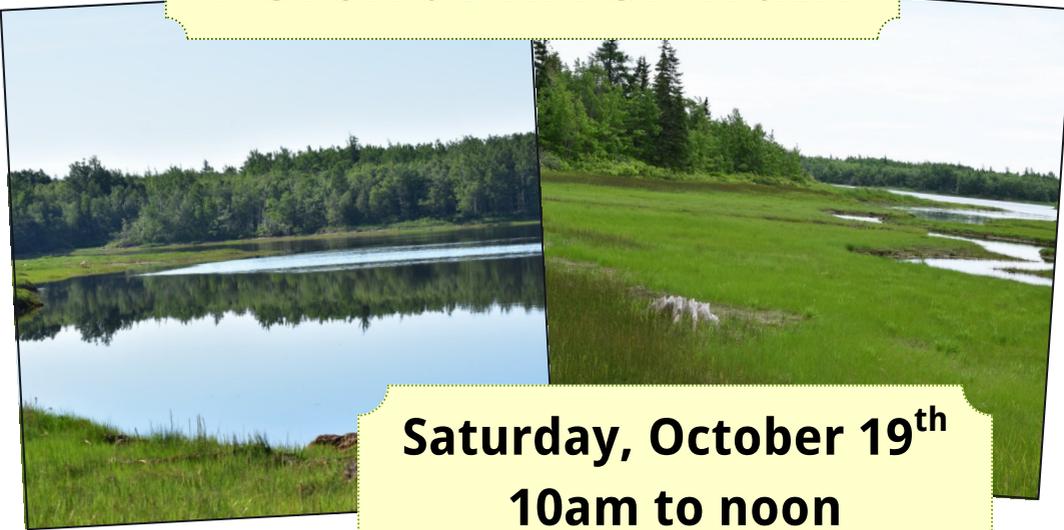


Meeting Place: Jenkins Complex Parking Lot

Driving Instructions: From Stratford, drive east on the Trans-Canada Highway (Rte. 1) for approximately 13 km. Turn left onto 48 Rd. (Rte. 5). Travel for approximately 4.5 km on the 48 Rd., and the Jenkins Complex Parking Lot will be on the left side of the road. About a 12 min drive.

GPS Coordinates: 46.237526, -62.914826

Percival River Walk



Saturday, October 19th
10am to noon

Leaders: INT staff

Maximum number of participants: 20

Cost: Admission by donation. In consideration of the staff time involved, a minimum \$10 donation is suggested

Registration required

Join Island Nature Trust for a walk along the beautiful Percival River! The Percival River is a beautifully undeveloped long estuarine ecosystem in western PEI that locals cherish but few others have explored. Plan on learning more about the salt marsh habitat protected in our Alaska properties as we walk along the river from our *Acadian Marshes Natural Area*. The shallow waters at the mouth of this river are teeming with life and a magnet for wildlife; of course, nothing beats the colour of *Spartina* salt marsh grasses in the fall!

Note: Be prepared for a 2 hour walk on uneven ground. The rain date for this event will be Sunday, October 20th

How to Get There



Meeting Place: Grande Digue Rd. in Alaska, PEI

Driving Instructions: From Charlottetown, take the Veteran's Memorial Highway (Rte. 2) to the town of Kensington, about 48 km. Turn left at the main intersection in Kensington, continuing on Rte. 2 until the community of West Devon, approximately 57 km. Turn left onto the Beaton Rd. Drive down Beaton Rd. for approximately 6 km. Grande Digue Rd. will be on the left side of Beaton Rd. About 1hr 30mins.

GPS Coordinates: 46.611289, -64.111265

MacKinnon's Bog Walk



**Saturday, October 26th
10am to 11:30am**

Leaders: INT staff

Maximum number of participants: 20

Cost: Admission by donation. In consideration of the staff time involved, a minimum \$10 donation is suggested

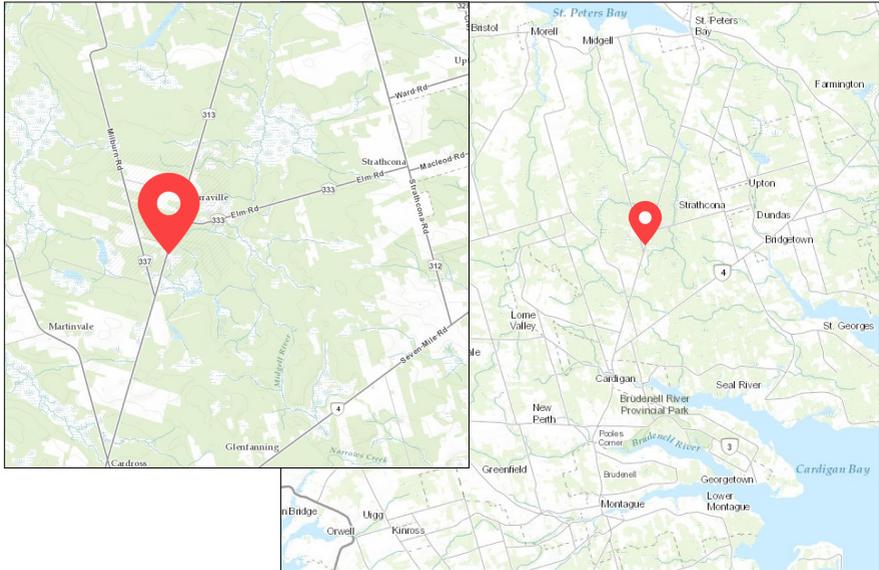
Registration required

Join Island Nature Trust for a walk through the *MacKinnon's Bog Natural Area*! Autumn colours in a bog are stunning, with bright red pitcher plants, yellow larches, and vibrant lichens. Come out for a guided walk and learn more about this unique, sometimes harsh environment where plants can be carnivorous to compensate for nutrient-poor soils. Be prepared for a 2 hour walk.

Note: Walking through a bog can be challenging and tiring. Be sure to bring adequate food and water for the two hour trip. Please bring rubber boots, water, and snacks.

The rain date for this event will be Sunday, October 27th

How to Get There



Meeting Place: MacKinnon's Bog Natural Area

Driving Instructions: From Charlottetown, take the Trans-Canada Highway heading east across the Hillsborough Bridge, turn left onto Route 3. Keep on Route 3 until Poole's Corner. At Poole's Corner enter the roundabout and take the third exit onto Route 4. Drive for 4.6 km then turn left onto Cardigan Road (Rte. 313). Travel on Route 313 for about 5 minutes (6.9 km) until you see the INT sandwich board sign. We will park along the side of the road and enter property from there. (about a 40 minute drive from Charlottetown).

GPS Coordinates: 46.307666, -62.614999



About Island Nature Trust

Prince Edward Island, or Epekwitk in Mi'kmaq (meaning “lying in the water”), is a small sandstone gem at the edge of the Atlantic. It is the smallest Canadian province and also the most densely populated. Often likened to a patchwork quilt, PEI has a gently rolling landscape of fields and forests, with fingers of small, spring-fed cold-water brooks everywhere, feeding rich coastal bays.

Islanders cherish the natural beauty of their green and red home; it is Island Nature Trust’s home too. We are the Island’s first and oldest private land trust, working since 1979 to protect land in PEI and manage it responsibly. We believe we need to retain some land as undeveloped, for its intrinsic and wildlife values, but also to provide the natural services Islanders depend on for clean water, clean air and a livable environment.

PEI’s population is growing and our rural landscapes are under increased pressure from residential development, resource use and climate change. Now more than ever there is a great need for Islanders to work together to protect the natural assets we love while ensuring we support a sustainable way of life for Islanders. Island Nature Trust invites you to join us in working to protect the Island’s natural spaces, both for our children and the diversity of wildlife that live here.



Become an Island Nature Trust Member!

Fill out the form below and return it to INT with your membership fee.

For an online fillable form, please click [here](#).

Your membership means Island Nature Trust is stronger.

Thank you for your support!

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Membership Category: Student (\$10) ___ Single (\$20) ___ Family (\$25) ___

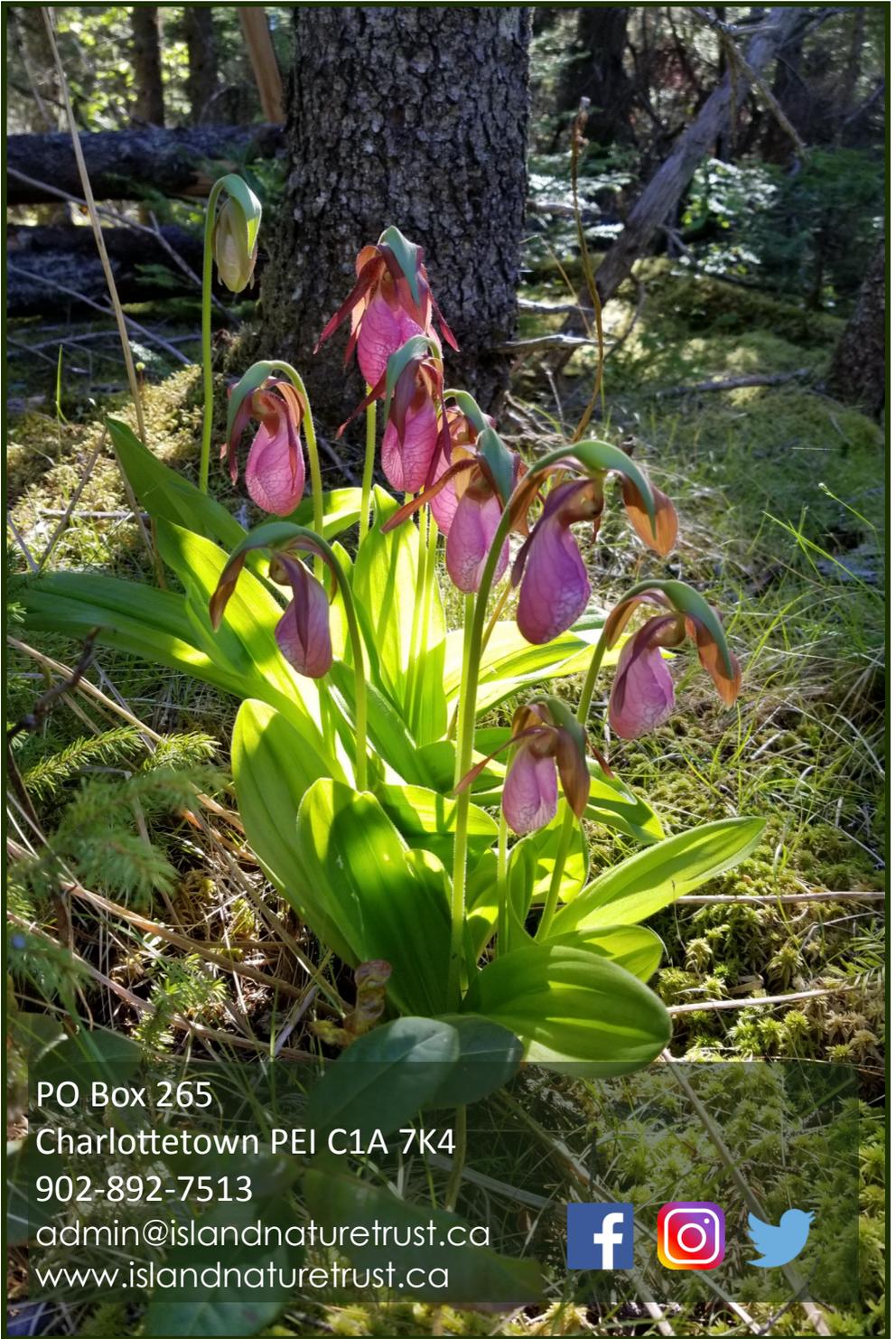
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