

Langley Field Naturalists
FIELD TRIPS Spring 2018

Please Note: anyone wishing to carpool should phone in to make arrangements beforehand, otherwise please meet at the designated meeting place. **Please call to let the leader know to expect you.** The walks are generally about two to three hours long and are open to all Naturalist Clubs & members of the public (adults & children, but no pets please). Dress for the weather and bring water, binoculars and a snack, plus bug spray in the summer.

Note these walks are weather dependent so if the weather is bad and no calls are received then the leader will not show up.

SATURDAY MARCH 24TH
REIFEL BIRD SANCTUARY, DELTA

Leader: Al Grass
Time: 9:00 am at entrance
Signs of Spring abound - a chorus of bird song, early swallows, and the fragrance of bursting cottonwood buds.
Love is in the air! And who knows what migration will bring - maybe a Sora? Dress warmly, bring a lunch and a warm drink.
Please note there is a \$5.00 entrance fee for non members of the Bird Sanctuary. There is a seniors rate. Please phone 604 219 2043 for information and to let us know to expect you.

FRIDAY APRIL 6TH
JACKMAN PIT (WETLANDS) PARK, LANGLEY

Leader: Bob Puls
Time: 9:00 am at 272nd street and 10th avenue across from the Transfer Station.
Join the Langley Field Naturalists as we walk the trails in this rural park which is the site of a former Township gravel pit and dump. After the dump was declared full in the 1980's and capped, it was designated as a park and LFN helped with the restoration tree planting that took place there.
Phone: 604-856-7534 for info or to let us know to expect you.

SATURDAY APRIL 14TH
FORSLUND WATSON PROPERTY

Leader: Ryan Usenik
Time: 9:00 am at 2705 – 232nd Street

Join Ryan as he leads us through this property which LFN co-manages with the B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. It is part open fields where we have recently installed a Barn Owl box and part woodland and includes two ponds where a number of different dragonfly species can be found in the summer. Wear waterproof footwear as some of the trails may still be flooded. Phone: 604-530-3257 for info or to let us know to expect you.

SATURDAY APRIL 21ST
WILLBAND CREEK PARK

Leader: Anne Gosse
Time: 9:00 am at the parking lot on Bateman Road off Highway 11
Willband Creek Park is a marshy wetland located in Abbotsford. The trails are easy going, level routes suitable for all ages and fitness levels, circling a marshy lake. Located on the paths are sightseeing benches and wooden bridges and a brand-new viewing platform. We will walk the 2.33 kilometer circle gravel trail to check out the ducks and birds in this wetland area. Phone 604-888-1787 for info or to let us know to expect you.
<http://www.fraservalleybirding.com/Site%20Guide/Willband%20Creek%20Park/index.htm>

WEDNESDAY APRIL 25TH
QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK, VANCOUVER

Leader: John Gordon
Time: 9:30 am at the Rose Garden parking lot off 37th Avenue
Join John to walk through this beautiful park to admire the different flowers, trees and shrubs and to look for warblers, vireos and other spring migrants that use the park as a stopover on their way to the breeding grounds. Bring your camera and a snack. Phone 604-533-7171 for info or to let us know to expect you.

SATURDAY MAY 5TH
SERPENTINE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Leader: Gareth Pugh
Time: 9:00 am in the parking lot behind Art Knapps, 4391 King George Boulevard
Join Gareth for a walk around this wetland, jointly managed by Ducks Unlimited and the

Ministry of the Environment, and stroll along the Serpentine River dyke.
Phone 604-576-6831 for information and to let us know to expect you.

**FRIDAY MAY 18TH
SKAGIT VALLEY PROVINCIAL PARK**

Leaders: Al & Jude Grass
Time: 8:45 am at the junction of the Hope Flood Road and Silver Skagit Road (take exit #168 from Highway 1 East).
Join Al and Jude as they take us to the Skagit Valley. Birds and wildflowers should be at their best, including the beautiful pink Rhododendron which should be in bloom. This is a full day trip, so please bring lunch, snacks, water, (sunscreen and bug repellent) and a variety of clothing and footwear for the weather. Note: please make sure you have enough gas as it is 130 km round trip to Ross Lake and back to the highway. Phone: 604-219-2043 for info or to let us know to expect you.

**WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY
MAY 23RD - 25TH (MAY 23RD, 24TH
NIGHTS)**

LILLOOET & AREA TWO NIGHT TRIP!

Leader: Gareth Pugh
Join the Langley Field Naturalists as we explore the flora and fauna of Lillooet and the surrounding areas. This area has seven different bio-diversity zones with lakes, wetlands, grasslands, sagebrush and moist and dry forests which are all great habitats for a variety of birds. The spring flowers should be in full bloom and mountain goats, bears and other mammals are found in the area. We hope to join the Lillooet Naturalists and will provide a full itinerary later. We leave early Wednesday morning (May 23rd) for afternoon birding in the Lillooet area. After morning birding on May 25th, we then return home. Bring lunch and breakfast makings and eat dinner out. We have provisionally booked rooms and there is a Municipal campground in town.
Phone: 604-576-6831 for info.

**WEDNESDAY MAY 30TH
NATURE AT HIGH POINT**

Leader: Anthea Farr
Time: 7:00 pm. Meet on the west side of 200 St. just past 2nd Ave.
Join Anthea for 2 easy evening walks to look at nature at High Point. First we will walk

around the lake; then we will explore some forest trails near Jacobsen Creek. Phone: 604-576-7731 for info or to let us know to expect you.

**SATURDAY JUNE 2ND
CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK**

Leader: Wim Vesseur
Time: 9:00 am at 16th Avenue parking lot
Join Wim to walk the trails through this popular park with its great variety of trees, flowers and shrubs and enjoy the songs and sights of the birds that have arrived for their short breeding season.
Walking distance is approximately 5 km so please wear appropriate footwear. Bring a packed lunch to eat at a suitable spot at the end of the walk. Phone: 604-534-3447 for info or to let us know to expect you.

**FRIDAY JUNE 8TH
CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL
PARKDAWN
CHORUS**

Leader: Al Grass
Time: 6:00 am at 16th Avenue parking lot
Come and enjoy the early morning concert, as Al leads us on a stroll through this natural park. We can identify the local shrubs, flowers, trees and insects as the birds entertain us. Phone: 604-219-2043 for info or to let us know to expect you.

**FRIDAY JUNE 22ND
GEORGE C. REIFEL
MIGRATORY BIRD SANCTUARY –
DELTA**

Leader: Al Grass
Time: 9:00 am at Reifel
Join the Langley Field Naturalists to walk the trails in this well known nature reserve. Expect to see lots of birds in the middle of the breeding season and a great variety of trees and shrubs. Please dress for the weather and wear proper footwear. There is a small admission fee. Bring lunch, snacks and refreshments. Meet at the Reifel Sanctuary. Phone 604-219-2043 to let us know to expect you.

**SATURDAY JUNE 30TH
RIVERVIEW ARBORETUM**

Leader: Gareth Pugh
Trip will be booked as soon as the walk schedule is announced. Further details will follow.