

Shuswap Naturalist Club Spring Outings 2022

These outings are all planned for Thursdays, but **please note varied start times. Early times have been requested by some leaders.** Also, be aware that for insurance purposes, BC Nature requires that outing participant memberships are up to date.

We will send a **final email reminder** or notice of any changes or cancellations and more precise duration and difficulty information, a few days in advance of each outing. We recommend good outdoor preparation as well as a snack and/or lunch for longer outings.

To reduce the risk of **Covid-19**, each participant will take personal responsibility to ensure their safety and the safety of others. This includes following the BC provincial requirements for self-isolation, quarantine, and social distancing as the regulations and recommendations evolve over time.

Carpooling: Participants will continue to make their own arrangements for transportation. Those that would like to carpool should email Marlene with their name, whether they would like to get and/or provide a ride and their contact email. Marlene will create a “carpooling mail list” to be shared among only those interested.

If you have any questions about the outings, please **contact** one of the committee members:

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Date/Time	Location	Leader
April 14 10:00 – S. Arm Wharf Parking Lot	Salmon Arm Wharf & Foreshore: This will be two gentle walks... out and back meanders, with individuals able to go the distance/ duration they choose. This treasured & convenient location consistently rewards us with an array of plants, animals & bird life. With so many possibilities, please remember that whispering and limiting talk increase the possibility of bird sightings. Bring your chair, snack and thermos for a post-walk visit time outside the Brighthouse Centre.	Ed McDonald , Fern Fennell
April 21 10:00 - Rosemond Lake Trails, Grindrod (an address for meeting will be provided in the pre-walk email)	Rosemond Lake Trails - We will access field, forest and lakeshore/marsh habitats using trails through private properties and possibly guided by Louise Bruns, whose neighbourhood it is. There are many possibilities for what we may see and hear from avian to amphibian and more? Although flat, this may be a more challenging walk. We will be able to provide details after our reccie exploration. A snack and/or lunch are recommended.	Louise Bruns, Dawn, Hanne, Pat

<p>April 28 8:30 – Suggested departure time from Salmon Arm 9:30 – Adams Lake Band Office - Chase, across South Thompson bridge</p>	<p>Neskonlith Meadows - Adams Lake First Nations. Details will follow as permits are confirmed. Early, prolific floral displays are a harbinger of spring that attract many to this rolling grassland bench. Bird life abounds as well. For those interested in a longer day, there is the possibility of reaching Aylmer Lake or returning via the Kamloops Shuswap Road and its Bluebird trail. There may be short and longer walk options. Bring a lunch.</p>	<p>Dawn, Hanne, Pat</p>
<p>May 5 9:30 Southern entrance to Evergreen Mobile Home Park - 438 35th St. NE</p>	<p>Solvang Jespersen Ponds - This is a private property near Little Mountain in Salmon Arm. The Jespersen property has 2 ponds that attract spring waterfowl as well as a tree farm that provides potential for songbird activity. The walk is easy, but may be uneven with no specific marked paths. More information will be provided closer to the date.</p>	<p>Dawn, Hanne, Pat</p>
<p>May 12- 9:00 a.m. Swan Lake Trails and Lookout Platform - Access the park off Old Kamloops Road, turning at Stawn's Honey, and following the lane through the field to the parking lot.</p>	<p>Swan Lake Nature Reserve Loop (north of Vernon along Old Kamloops Road)- We will explore this gentle 1.9 km circuit trail, its out and back extension and access the 2 story bird observation platform overlooking the wetlands and grasslands. This will be a gentle walk with the option for personalizing your distance. There is the possibility of sightings of waterfowl, songbirds, raptors and perhaps other wildlife.</p>	<p>Dawn, Hanne, Pat</p>
<p>May 19 7:00 Otter Lake Pull Out (North end) - south of Armstrong on Otter Lake Road</p>	<p>Loop Route: Our route will begin at the Otter Lake pull out and continue to St. Mary's Pond, Round Lake and those interested, can return along Silver Creek Road. We'll look forward to changing biomes and sightings of song birds, waterfowl and spring flowers. The day will involve driving with several short stops and walks. More information will follow closer to the date. Bring lunch to eat at your leisure. Bathroom options may be bush pee or Depends!</p>	<p>Don Cecile</p>

<p>May 26 Coyote Park, Salmon Arm 7:00 - Keen birders 9:00 - Adventurers of another feather!</p>	<p>Coyote Park - This will be a quiet walk with John helping us to use both sound and sight to recognize and appreciate the bird activity around us.</p> <p>Keen birders are invited to be at the Coyote Trail parking area at 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>Those that would prefer a later start time with a more varied focus, are invited to come for a 1 hour walk at 9:00. Further details will be provided closer to the date and a sign up may be required.</p>	<p>John Woods</p>
<p>June 7</p>	<p>Naturalist June Meeting (Final Meeting before summer break)</p>	<p>Time and Location TBA</p>

We invite all club members to at any time, suggest outing locations or lead an outing within or outside this schedule.