

Shuswap Naturalist Club Spring Outings 2018

These outings are all generally planned for Thursdays with one “surprise” Saturday. Please note varied start times. Meeting times and carpooling are indicated. Passengers, please make a contribution towards the cost of gas, depending on the distance. We will be sending out email reminders and a notice of any changes. CARPOOLING WILL MARSHAL FROM THE ARENA PARKING AREA IMMEDIATELY EAST OF JUNGLEMANIA **UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.**

If you have any questions about the outings, please contact one of the committee members:
 Dawn McDonald (832-4645), Hanne MacKay (832 8989), Pat Danforth (833 8974),
 Marie Fortin (832 2338). Kyle Fitzpatrick (250 515 1774)

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

Date/Time	Location	Leader
April 19 10:00 – S. Arm Wharf Parking Lot	Salmon Arm Foreshore: This will be a gentle walk...an out and back. In staying with custom, those interested can look forward to a post-walk lunch at the Prestige Hotel.	Ed & Marlene McDonald
May 3 8:45 – Parking beside Junglemania 9:30 – Swan Lake Parking lot (North end)	Grey Canal Trail – Vernon: We’ll look forward to early spring song birds, Ponderosa pines and native plants in grassland. There are excellent views of North Okanagan Valley and concrete remnants of the old irrigation canal. More information will follow closer to the date.	Dawn McDonald
May 10 9:00 Parking beside Junglemania 9:30 Hyde Mtn Road trail access.	Sicamous Rail Trail and Eagle River – Malakwa: We will stop for half an hour to explore a short distance on the rail trail on our way out to the Malakwa Walk. We will turn off just before the bridge on the Hyde Mtn Road and park along there to access the trail. The Malakwa Walk trail head is 17 km north of Sicamous. Further information as the date approaches.	Hanna MacKay
SATURDAY May 12 9:00 Parking beside Junglemania 9:30 Silver Sands Rd Parking Area	Sicamous Trails: meet in the parking area at the end of Silver Sands Rd. The walk through the trails is flat and shouldn't be inundated with water and mosquitos at this time. The trail is host to many song birds and the river can offer some surprises. Afterward, for anyone who wants some more, we can take a stroll up the shoreline (where we may see waterfowl) to the mouth of the Eagle River.	Kyle Fitzpatrick
May 17 9:30 Parking beside Junglemania	New Salmon Arm Cemetery Trail: From Junglemania, Sharon will lead us to the home of an acquaintance of hers where we can park and walk from there. Parking at the cemetery is very limited and a bit dangerous. We will be out approximately 1 1/2 hours. This is an easy trail but the terrain is uneven in places, with exposed roots.	Dorothy Parks, Sharon Lawless
May 31 9:00 Piccadilly Mall Parking Lot - SE Corner 9:20 McDonald’s (3656 Jackson Rd)	Pine Ridge – Sunnybrae: We will follow various trails on the hill up to the ridge, looking at the wild flowers, the number of flowering shrubs coming into bloom, and look for a great variety of birds, such as hummingbirds, flycatchers and the beautiful Lazuli Bunting.	Ed and Marlene McDonald

<p>June 7 9:00 Parking beside Junglemania 9:30 Gardom Lake Park</p>	<p>Gardom Lake Regional Park. Access the parking lot along Park Road. Along the interpretive trails we will enjoy old growth trees, wildflowers, bird viewing (Bald Eagle, Common Loon, Red-necked Grebe), and painted turtles. There are trails along the shoreline and across the road from the park. There is a boat launch so those interested could bring SUP, kayaks or canoes for further cautious exploration of this sensitive habitat).</p>	<p>Dawn McDonald, Marie Fortin, Pat Danforth</p>
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