

PASSPORT TO NATURE

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2021



ISLAND NATURE TRUST

EXPLORE PEI'S PROTECTED PLACES
ALL YEAR LONG!

Welcome!

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

Our mission at Island Nature Trust is to help you discover and understand the rich wildlife these special places have to offer!

Events can be best enjoyed if you wear the appropriate clothing and footwear. Be prepared to walk several kilometers for each event. Bring water and snacks.

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.**



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**Want to learn more about our work across
the Island or how to get involved? Get in
touch with us!**

www.islandnaturetrust.ca

WHO ARE WE?



We are Prince Edward 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.

OUR MISSION

In a race against time, our mission is to preserve and steward forever a network of natural areas and wildlife habitats across PEI and bring together those who care about preserving PEI's natural legacy for future generations.

We are a key provider of technical, science-based knowledge on land stewardship and wildlife in PEI for landowners, governments and partner environmental groups.

We provide mentorship and employment opportunities to people committed to land stewardship, conservation research and wildlife monitoring who will continue building on the long tradition of Island Nature Trust as the premiere land trust on the Island.



HOW TO USE THIS PASSPORT

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

REGISTER (by phone on our website) as soon as possible!
Some events will fill up quickly.



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



We'll STAMP your booklet upon attendance of each event.

MAKE NOTES & SHARE your experiences and new found knowledge with friends using #givingbacktonature on your social media updates.



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

Calendar

JULY



WATCHING

Observe and learn about the majestic Bank Swallow in their cliffside habitat in North Cape.

AUGUST



WALKING

More than just a jaunt. It's a race against the tide when we walk across the tidal flats to St. Peters Island.

SEPTEMBER



EXPLORING

Learn about Island fossils and where to find them by beachcombing with a geologist in Earnscliffe.

For more information, and to register, visit:
www.islandnaturetrust.ca/passport-to-nature

BANK SWALLOW COLONY VISIT

North Cape

TIME: 11-3PM

WHEN: JULY 9TH

OF PARTICIPANTS: 25

COST: BY DONATION



Come join us at North Cape. This is a 2-for-1 event with time for lunch in between! We will visit one of PEI's largest Bank Swallow colonies, take a time out for lunch at the Wind and Reef restaurant, and cap off the afternoon with a short walk on the beautiful Black Marsh trail.

Bank Swallow, like other aerial insectivores, catch insects "on the wing". The graceful dance they perform as they swoop and dive through the air to catch their prey is something to behold. If you haven't had the pleasure of spending some time near a large Bank Swallow colony, you are in for one of nature's finest acrobatic displays.

If you have binoculars, bring them along. Be prepared to walk about 6km.

REGISTER



WALK TO ST PETER'S ISLAND

TIME: 12-4PM

WHEN: AUGUST 18TH

OF PARTICIPANTS: 40

COST: BY DONATION

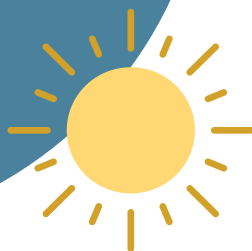
Join us for our annual walk across the tidal flats to St. Peters Island. We will walk over on the dropping tide and enjoy some time to explore the island before we race the incoming tide to make it back to the mainland!

We will discuss the rich history of St Peter's Island, from farming to fishing to fossils.

Note: It is important that appropriate footwear and clothing are worn for this event. Make sure you are wearing something you are prepared to get wet in. On the walk back the water may be quite high. Wear light old sneakers or closed toe sandals. DO NOT wear open sandals as the shells in the mudflats on the way over can easily injure you. DO NOT wear rubber boots. The water can get high enough to fill your boots.

Please arrive 10 minutes early. We are moving with the tides - leaving at the appropriate time is crucial to avoid getting stuck at St. Peters Island! The walk will take about 4 hours and be approximately 6km.

REGISTER



FOSSIL FORAY

Earnscliffe

TIME: 1-4PM

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 2ND

OF PARTICIPANTS: 25

COST: BY DONATION



Join Fossil and Geology Expert Andy Henry at Earnscliffe Beach. Andy is a geologist at Dalhousie University who is an expert in geology of the maritime provinces.

Participants will be led on a walk of the shores of Earnscliffe beach. We will learn about the fascinating geological history of PEI, see the permineralized wood from the Permian period that is embedded in the sandstone cliffs, and look for fossils on the shore.

Be prepared to walk about 3km over rocky terrain.

REGISTER



YOUR NOTES:

Record what you learn and don't forget to post and share your new found knowledge with us on social media using the tagline **#givingbacktonature**



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YOUR SKETCHES:

Draw away and don't forget to post and share your observations with us on social media using the tagline **#givingbacktonature**





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ADDITIONAL EVENTS

We'll be adding new events to the series throughout the year.
Be sure to check out www.islandnaturetrust.ca/passport-to-nature for updates.

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WAYS TO SUPPORT

Since 1979, Island Nature Trust is dedicated to the protection of Natural Areas on Prince Edward Island. Here is how you can help:



JOIN

Support natural areas with INT membership. Become a member today and help protect wildlife at the places in our care, for everyone, for ever.



PROTECT

Guardians are our eyes and ears on the ground in our natural areas and they keep our stewardship mission alive. Visit our website to learn more about becoming a Guardian volunteer.



GIVE

Everyone needs nature, now more than ever. Donate today and you could help people & nature to thrive at the places we care for.

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