

PASSPORT TO NATURE 2024



ISLAND NATURE TRUST

EXPLORE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
ALL YEAR LONG!

THIS PASSPORT BELONGS TO:

Island Nature Trust acknowledges that the land which we own and manage is unceded Mi'kmaq territory, and we pay our respects to the Indigenous Mi'kmaq people of this territory; past, present and future.



WELCOME

This passport is designed to help Islanders and visitors alike experience and learn more about PEI's wild places. We hope our Passport to Nature events will 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!

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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!**

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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 basic steps to plan your next adventure and get involved in the work of Island Nature Trust

Register



Register online on our website. All event registrations will open one month prior to event. Registration dates are highlighted under each event.

Attend



Don't forget a water bottle and comfortable footwear!

Take Notes & Share



Post your experiences and new found knowledge with friends using #givingbacktonature on your social media updates.

We'll stamp your booklet upon attendance at each event!

Sign Up!

Become a member of Island Nature Trust and get updates on more upcoming nature events!



REGISTER
NOW!

TRACK ID HIKE AND LEARN

🕒 10AM-12PM

📅 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

👥 20

\$ BY DONATION

Join us at our Jenkins Complex Natural Area, as we explore the exciting world of wildlife track ID. John LeLacheur will share his hands-on knowledge of the subject while we take a hike and enjoy the great outdoors!

Depending on the weather and snowfall amounts it may be recommended to bring snowshoes as this will not be a groomed path.

We will email all registered participants trip details the week before the event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Island Nature Trust.





URBAN GREEN SPACES- WALK AND TALK

🕒 1PM-3PM

📅 THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH

👥 20

\$ BY DONATION

Are you interested in learning more about the importance of urban green spaces? Do you have questions about the benefits that they provide to our communities? Join us for a walk at Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park and hear from our very own Kaylee Busniuk (Land Stewardship Manager) about all the wonderful things these spaces have to offer.

We will email all registered participants trip details prior to the event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Island Nature Trust.

Many thanks go out to the Town of Stratford and the Stratford Watershed for supporting this walk and allowing us to use their trail system!





YOUTH OUTDOOR SURVIVAL SKILLS

🕒 1PM-5PM

📅 SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

👥 20

💰 BY DONATION

This event is open to youth ages 8-12 years old. Join Mark Arsenault and INT to learn all about outdoor survival skills. The workshop will include how to build a lean-to, leave no trace techniques, going over first aid kits, and we will end by building a fire and enjoying hot chocolate together. This is for all outdoor skill levels and will be lots of fun!

Please wear warm shoes, appropriate clothing and bring water and snacks. Keep in mind that April can be chilly and wet- Be prepared to get muddy.

Note: This event is open to youth ages 8-12 years old. When registering online, please use a caregiver's email address as we will be communicating with you prior to the event. Caregivers are welcome to stay during the workshop. This is an opportunity for kids to unplug. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping this a no-phone-zone!





SPRING EPHEMERALS AND LICHEN WALK

🕒 10AM-12PM

📅 FRIDAY, MAY 24TH

👥 20

💰 BY DONATION

Do you LICHEN spring ephemerals? Come join us for a combo walk and talk at our Kildare Forest Natural Area. Iain Crowell, ACCDC Botanist/Lichenologist, will help identify both spring ephemerals and some of our local lichen species!

Please bring water resistant footwear as this area can get wet and muddy.

We will email all registered participants event details prior to the event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Island Nature Trust.



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COLONY VISIT AND BOOK READING

🕒 10AM-12PM

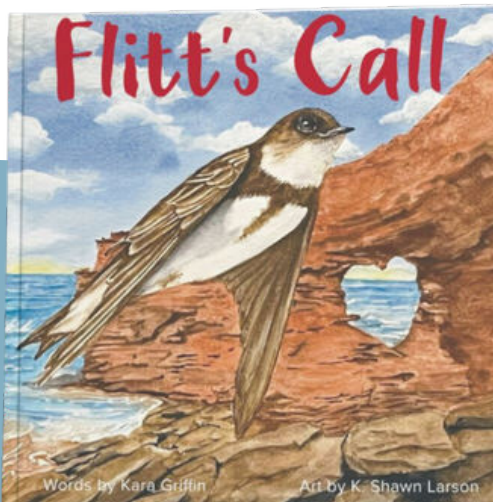
📅 SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND

👥 20

💰 BY DONATION

Join a member of INT's Species at Risk team as they speak about the beautiful bank swallow, their biology and the threats that they face. We will also have a special guest! Kara Griffin, author of *Flitt's Call*, will be doing a reading. *Flitt's call* was created in partnership with Island Nature Trust to help empower Island youth in the conservation of this threatened species. We may even get a look at Flitt himself as these beautiful birds will have made their way back to the Island for their breeding season.

We will email all registered participants trip details prior to the event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Island Nature Trust.





ORCHID WALK AND TALK

🕒 10AM-12PM

📅 SATURDAY, JULY 13TH

👥 12

💰 BY DONATION

Have you always wanted a chance to learn all about PEI's wild orchids and about the ecosystems where they are found? Kate MacQuarrie will be leading us on a walk in beautiful Ellerslie to find and learn about orchids!

Please bring proper footwear, this event will be wet and muddy! Bring your water, bug spray, sunscreen and a hat.

We will email all registered participants trip details prior to the event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Island Nature Trust.





WALK TO ST. PETER'S ISLAND

MEMBERS ONLY

🕒 12PM-4PM

📅 FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH

👥 40

\$ BY DONATION

Join us for our annual walk across the tidal flats to St. Peter's Island. We will walk over on the dropping tide and enjoy some time exploring 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: Please bring enough water and necessary snacks. 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, both with socks as the sand is abrasive. DO NOT wear open sandals. DO NOT wear rubber boots. The water can get high enough to fill your boots. We are moving with the tides- leaving at the appropriate time is crucial to avoid getting stuck at St. Peter's Island! The walk will take about 4 hours and be approximately 6km.





PHOTOGRAPHY IN NATURE

🕒 1PM-3PM

📅 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

👥 20

💰 BY DONATION

Join us as Beth Hoar guides us on a walk to share some tricks and tips for capturing nature's beauty behind the lense. And don't worry! You don't need a fancy camera. These tips will help you get that perfect shot even on your phone.

These tips will focus on helping you get shots of insects, plants, fungi and will touch on how to get that perfect shot for identification purposes.

Please note- Due to the limited time and number of camera types, this is not meant to be a tutorial on individual camera settings.

We will email all registered participants trip details prior to the event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Island Nature Trust.



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MUSHROOM WALK AND TALK

🕒 TBD

📅 OCTOBER

👥 20

💰 BY DONATION

This event is back by popular demand. Join INT for a trail walk and mushroom talk with Ken Sanderson. We will be taken on an immersive walk through the Buote Heritage Woods Natural Area in Queens County, to look for and identify our local fungi friends.

Please wear closed toed shoes that can get dirty. Feel free to bring a water bottle and notebook. Be prepared to walk about 4km in steep, uneven terrain.

We will email all registered participants trip details prior to the event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Island Nature Trust.





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TRIVIA NIGHT FOR NATURE NERDS

🕒 7PM - 9:30PM

📅 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

👥 80

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Come join the INT community for our 3rd annual night of Nature Trivia!

We will compete to discover who amongst us are the biggest nature nerds.

Register as a team (maximum 5 people per team) or join us on your own and team up with new friends.

The location will be determined closer to the event. An email will be sent to all registered participants with event details, such as location, so please stay tuned. We look forward to seeing you there!



WAYS TO SUPPORT

Since 1979, Island Nature Trust has been dedicated to the protection of Natural Areas in 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.

SHARE



Spread the word to your friends and family. We want all Islanders to know the importance of protecting PEI's beautiful landscape.

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