

MACNAMARA FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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Meetings: first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., Arnprior Curling Club, 15 Galvin Street

Annual Memberships – Family \$30, Individual \$25 – Renew Online

Guests welcome: \$5 per meeting – Students welcome to attend for Free!

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 5, 2015: Dr. Valerie Behan-Pelletier, an Honorary Research Associate (an Emeritus position) with the Research Branch of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, will present: **Have you eaten any soil lately? Soil – Where oribatid mites live and where our food begins.** Soils are possibly the least understood of the planet's ecosystems and increasingly among the most degraded.

June 2, 2015: Gary Bell, Conservation Biologist – Eastern Ontario, Nature Conservancy of Canada will update us about **Gillies Grove and the Gervais property**, near Westmeath, Ontario, which has been purchased with a generous donation from the Ottawa Field Naturalist Club supplemented by a donation by our Club. Join us to better understand the importance of these NCC properties supported by our Club.

FIELD TRIPS

Get detailed, up-to-date field trip information on the website under the Events tab. Before heading out on any field trip, be sure to check the website for last minute changes. Register for each trip at events@mfnc.ca



May 9: Bird Watching at Presqu'île Prov. Park in Brighton, Ontario.

Leader: Jon Ruddy. Limited to first 30 who register. Contact Maureen Carrier at events@mfnc.ca.



Tuesday afternoon, May 12: Spring Ephemerals in the South March Highlands

Leaders: members of the club

Meet: 1 p.m. at the trailhead, on Old Second Line Road at Klondike Road. Park on the road. Join keen members of the club on a hike through the extensive trails of this lovely area. Here we should find a great variety of the ephemeral flowers of spring, before they disappear.



Wednesday, June 3, Evening Birding Walk at the Bill Mason Centre, Dunrobin

Leader: Art Goldsmith

Meet: 6 p.m. outside the front door of West Carleton Secondary School, 3088 Dunrobin Rd. Target species in the wetland will be Wilson's Snipe, American Bittern, Virginia Rail and Sora. In the forest and fields we should see a variety of songbirds and woodpeckers.



MFNC is invited to participate in Annual Ottawa Area Butterfly Count *Especially kid friendly*

Saturday, July 4, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (rain date Sunday 5 July) Leaders: Jeff Skevington and Peter Hall

Meet: in the parking lot at the intersection of Dwyer Hill Road and March Road (NE of Almonte). Similar to Christmas Bird Counts, this event is an all-day survey of a 24-km diameter circle. There is a \$4 charge to participants to support the publication of the results.

OUT AND ABOUT



All are invited to the Dinner, Silent Auction and Mysteries of the Monarch Butterfly at the **Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists Spring Gathering on May 21** in Almonte. Proceeds from the silent auction will go towards the campaign to save the Burn Lands Alvar. Tickets (\$40) to be purchased/reserved in advance. [Details at mfnc.ca](http://mfnc.ca).



The Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust is hosting its annual Spring Walk to Blueberry Mountain (near Flower Station in Lanark Highlands) on May 10. Find details of the event, celebrating the life of naturalist John Muir, on their website at mmlt.ca under [events](http://mmlt.ca).



The **Friends of the Carp River and the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority** invite the community to join them to "Canoe the Carp River" on May 25. Details at <http://www.friendsofthecarpriver.com/>