

February 2017... Imagine...

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IMAGINE...

Macnamara Trail Extension Project



Travel the terrain of what's proposed for our Macnamara Trail extension with project leader Janet Mason. Read [Imagining a Walk Along the Future Macnamara Trail Extension](#) and you'll wish we were out there pouring the gravel to make it possible now. Check out the [updated project description](#) as well.

Arnprior 150: Snowshoe the Macnamara Trail February 19

To mark Canada's 150th, the Town of Arnprior is promoting 150 events held throughout Arnprior in 2017. Residents and visitors are encouraged to pick up a passport and gather stamps at as many events as



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possible throughout the year

Our club is "hosting" three of these events: a snowshoe of the Macnamara Trail on Sunday, Feb. 19 (weather permitting); a fundraising local nature/history talk featuring Michael Runtz and Rory MacKay on April 28 at the St. John Chrysostom Parish hall (watch for more info), and a [Wild-Growing Trees of Eastern Ontario](#) presentation by Owen Clarkin at our May 2 meeting.

The snowshoe event, the Sunday of Family Weekend, will be subject to weather and trail conditions. We'll be staffing a table from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Can you help? Send an email to trail@mfnca.ca . Come out and spread the word.

Looking for your own Arnrior 150 passport? Get them at Arnrior's Town Hall, the Arnrior Library, the Nick Smith Centre or the Tourist Information Centre.

Hermit Thrush Seen on Count Day



Disappointed you didn't make the last Pakenham-Arnrior Christmas Bird Count?

Wondering about the tally? Michael Runtz has compiled [the 2016 numbers](#) and [summarized them](#) in the context of previous years.

This Hermit Thrush in Galetta was a new species for the count

UPCOMING MEETINGS



Feb. 7, 2017: Great Naturalists' Quiz Night with Michael Runtz

What combines learning, laughter and camaraderie? Yes, it's time for the [Great Naturalists' Quiz](#) by Michael Runtz. Art is off in

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Meetings:

First Tuesday of the month
at 7:30 p.m.
Arnrior Curling Club
15 Galvin Street

Annual Memberships:

Family \$30, Individual \$25

Guests welcome:

\$5 per meeting
Students Free!



Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club



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About us: Following in the footsteps of

naturalist and photographer Charles Macnamara, the Macnamara Club has explored, documented and enjoyed the rich natural history of the Lower Ottawa Valley since the club's founding in 1984. Members meet the first Tuesday of every month except July and August at the Arnrior Curling Club, 15 Galvin Street, in Arnrior. Expert speakers share their knowledge and take members in easy steps into their special worlds. Field trips throughout the year investigate everything from geology, to birds in migration, to rare orchids.

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Latest Posts

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 Want a chance to see google-eyed amphibians crawling along the river bottom in the midst of winter? Our visit to see Oxford Mills' mudpuppies is this Friday evening. (2015 photo by Betty Michalowski) Get additional details and registration information on the website. If the weather is unsuitable for viewing the mudpuppies, the event will move to February 10. [[see](#)

Florida again but you can count on other team leaders to spark their groups on.

FIELD TRIPS



Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m. Mudpuppy night at Oxford Mills -- A fabulous kid-friendly activity and a hit with adults too!



Want a chance to see google-eyed amphibians crawling along the river bottom in the midst of winter? Join us this Friday for mudpuppy night in Oxford Mills. Whet your interest with this great [video of our 2013 visit](#) done by Garry Lackner.

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Seeking Macnamara Trail Coordinator

Are you handy at carpentry and experienced in operating a chainsaw? Do you have time to check the condition of the trailhead kiosk and trail at least once a week? Steve Duffield is "retiring" and we are [looking for a volunteer trail coordinator](#).



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- We only saw 19 Red-breasted Nuthatches on our Pakenham-Arnrior Christmas Bird Count but the bad weather limited our turnout and coverage of the area. Our record was 468 in 2000. You can check out our 2016 summary here: <http://mfnc.ca/summary-pakenham-arnrior-christmas-bird-count-2016/> [[see more](#)] 1/31/17 1:06PM
- Last day to submit. [[see more](#)] 1/30/17 10:56AM
- Please share. We're looking for a Trail Coordinator. Contact us at trail@mfnc.ca if you're interested. [[see more](#)] 1/28/17 7:20PM
- Does this make anyone else uneasy? [[see more](#)] 1/27/17 9:02AM

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- Winter can be wonderful. <https://t.co/eLK3hIZN38> 11:02AM
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ARE YOU ONE OF THE 20?

As of February 1, 2017, the club has 20 people who have not renewed their membership for the current year. Our membership year runs from September 1 to August 31 and this can be confusing. So please check with a member of the executive to make sure your membership is current. You don't have to come to a meeting to renew. There are two ways to renew from our website. You can use our [secure online renewal process](#). Or you can download a membership form from our web site (go to Participate>Membership) and send a cheque to Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club, P.O. Box 391, Arnprior ON K7S 3L9.

We depend on your membership fees—\$25 for individuals and \$30 for families— in order to continue offering great monthly meetings with expert speakers, year-round field trips and special projects and activities. Membership is important even if you don't have time to attend meetings or field trips. Because membership sends a message that nature is important to you!

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