

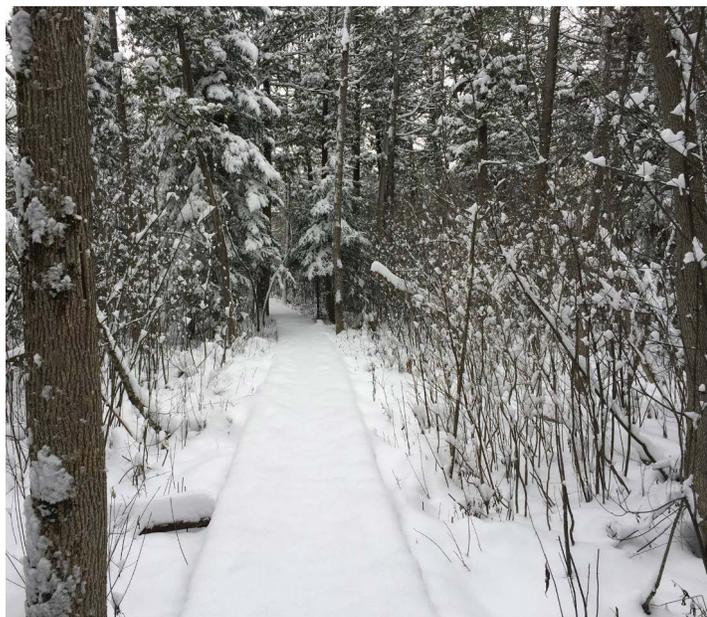
December 2016



Promoting the appreciation, understanding, and preservation of nature in the Ottawa Valley

Welcome, <<First Name>>

Welcome to Winter!



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this inviting photo of the Macnamara Trail convey the beauty of the winter season. We're currently featuring it on our website and on our Friends of the Macnamara Trail Facebook group page. Photo by John McLaughlan.

Season's greetings to all!

Please Answer This Survey by January 6

On the subject of Facebook... as announced in our last newsletter, we have a short survey to gauge your interest and usage of online channels such as Facebook and would appreciate your early response. If you don't use them, tell us.

You will [find the survey here](#).

Annual Meeting News

We welcomed Janet Mason and Monique Boivin to the 2016-17 Macnamara executive and extended our heartfelt thanks to Karen

Krueger and Olga Janoska for the support they provided during their terms.

Missed the meeting? You'll find copies of the reports on the website sometime in January.

MEETINGS

Jan. 3, 2017: Member's Night

We are looking forward to learning all about your prized nature or natural history possessions or experiences! Sign in at the door with the item or topic you wish to showcase. If you are showing photos, there should not be more than five and they should be on a USB key. You may also bring prints to put on a table. Donations welcome from non-presenters (a Loonie or Toonie, please). See you there!

FIELD TRIPS

Monday, Dec. 26, 2016. 103rd Annual Pakenham-Arnrior Christmas Bird Count

What will this year's Pakenham-Arnrior Christmas Bird Count bring? Last year above seasonal temperatures lasted right through Boxing Day keeping local water unfrozen, resulting in a number of new water birds being recorded. Not so this year.

If you want to keep track of your feeder birds or participate in the count (some skill is involved), please contact Michael Runtz at mruntz@start.ca or at 613-387-2503.

Participants are assigned an area to cover and paired so no one goes alone. It is a full day event with a pot-luck dinner/compilation afterwards.

Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016. YOUNG MACS Christmas Bird Count 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Meet at the Macnamara Trailhead on McNab Street at 1 p.m. (weather permitting) for a walk to count the birds. We'll be learning about some of our feathery winter residents and recording how many we see and hear to report to the group.

Interested adults also welcome!

Please register ahead by email with Telsing Andrews at telsing_andrews@hotmail.com.

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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

Guests welcome:

\$5 per meeting
Students Free!

Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club



292 likes

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 Arnprior Curling Club, 15 Galvin Street, in Arnprior. 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

-  Exciting discovery - fossils from a new, cormorant-like prehistoric bird species found in the Canadian Arctic! <http://phys.org/news/2016-12-prehistoric-bird-species.html> [see more] 12/20/16 10:09AM
- How the chickadee copes with the cold. [see more] 12/19/16 9:27AM
- Learn more about the Evening Grosbeak, recently reassessed as a species of "Special Concern" in Canada. We had 2,047 on our local Christmas Bird Count in 1987 but just 1 in 2015. <http://www.borealbirds.org/bird/evening-grosbeak> 12/14/16 8:27PM
-  Wow! Automatic id of birds via Merlin app! <http://ebird.org/content/ebird/news/merlinphotoid/> [see more] 12/13/16 11:19AM
- In need of a snowy Monday smile? [see more] 12/12/16 1:28PM



20 followers



Saturday, January 14, 2017. Crazy Horse Trail on Snowshoes 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Leader: Jakob Mueller

Meet: at the trailhead, which is on the March Road at Huntmar.

There is a small lot, which will accommodate some cars, and parking on the road is the other option.

Come and discover this new trail on the Carp Ridge in Kanata and enjoy a general nature walk. Bring your binoculars, snowshoes, water and a snack. Register at events@mfnca.ca



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Latest Tweets

- <https://t.co/27Su3ytHfj> 2:47PM
- <https://t.co/YQdzKC9jaN> 9:59AM
- Tips for spotting #waterfowl on your #christmasbirdcount. Ours is Dec. 26. <https://t.co/u0N4tbAFP3> 4:07PM
- We had 2047 on our CBC in 1987; just 1 in 2015. <https://t.co/HJU8hlzCGc> 7:59PM
- <https://t.co/Mz4MS8G1M8> 7:26PM

ARE YOU ONE OF THE 36?

As of December 12, 2016, the club has 36 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 Olga Janoska (613-622-0910) olgajanoska@sympatico.ca 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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