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Welcome, Karen

On the Macnamara Trail

Magnificent conditions are attracting a wide range of visitors to the Macnamara Trail. On Monday, our trail co-ordinator, Yvonne Wissing, encountered a "snowmom" watching her little one at play near our stop number 8 marker. Thinking of heading there? Although the snow is firmly packed, cleats and poles are never a bad idea, Yvonne advises.



[See more of Yvonne's trail photos here.](#)



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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!

MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 5, 2019
Dr. John Percival, senior research scientist, Geological Survey of Canada
Meteorite impacts through geological time



Pingualuit Crater Lake as seen from an airplane Oct. 12, 2007
Credit: NASA Earth Observatory

Some 66 million years ago, when dinosaurs like *T. Rex* and *Triceratops* populated the lush tropical forests that blanketed what is now Western Canada, a catastrophic event triggered by a 10- to 15-km diameter meteorite obliterated them and half of Earth's species. John Percival will give us an illustrated tour of such impact events, including notable Canadian craters like the 450-million-year-old Brent crater in eastern Algonquin Park.

Read related article: [When giant space rocks rip the earth](#)

The Great Naturalists' Quiz Night

Eight spirited teams in search of answers and bragging rights studied in turn specimens displayed on tables and computer screens. Yes, it was Michael Runtz's annual mind-stretching nature-themed quiz. The result — a near-photo-finish between the *Busy Baffled Beavers* led by Maureen Carrier and the *Know It Owls* led by Janet Mason. With all the "fierce" pumping-for-points do we dare declare a winner?



Team *Busy Baffled Beavers* at work
[See more photos here.](#)

FIELD TRIPS

Get the details and any special instructions for all field trips on the website at mfnc.ca. **Advance registration is required for each event, usually at events@mfnc.ca**

Young Macs and Macs Winter Birding Trip to Amherst Island
Saturday, February 23, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Leaders: Angela and Jeff Skevington

Come join us as we search for owls and other birds of prey on Amherst Island.
Contact Angela (angela_skevington@yahoo.ca; 613-832-1970) to register for this trip. Please indicate the number of adults and children.
[Full details on the website](#)

2019 Owl Prowl with Michael Runtz
Sunday, March 31, 7:00 p.m., Arnprior/Pakenham area
Leader: Michael Runtz
Details on [the website](#)
The number of registrants will be limited so register early for this very popular outing at events@mfnc.ca

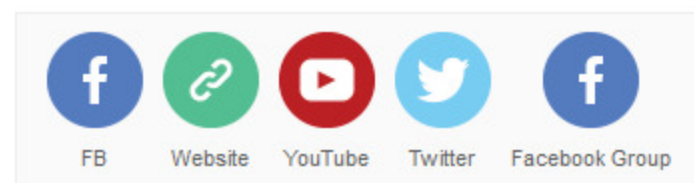
Spring Birding at Presqu'île Provincial Park
May 11
Details to follow.

WERE YOU THERE?

Did you miss one of our outings? You'll find summaries and photos of all field trips including this one on the website.

Fitzroy Park snowshoe

Under perfect weather and trail conditions Club member Karen Krueger led our Sunday afternoon snowshoers onto unofficial winter snowshoe trails to secret groves and escarpment vistas. [See more.](#)



Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club

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

- On February 10, Kinburn-area resident Phil Reilly saw an opossum heading into a shed on his property. Although he didn't have a camera handy at the time, he has since captured signs of its presence, such as this photo of the its trail in the snow. By magnifying the image you can see the wavering trail created by its tail. Katharine Fletcher, you will find this of interest. [2/19/19 10:28AM](#)
- "If the lake gets legal rights, the theory goes, people can sue polluters on its behalf." <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/17/us/lake-ene-legal-rights.html> [2/19/19 9:33AM](#)
- https://blog.nature.org/science/2019/02/11/the-weird-sex-lives-of-orchids/?utm_source=Cool+Green+Science&utm_campaign=f3cb8799a4-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_02_13_01_32&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1cb1ca7250-f3cb8799a4-206750069 [2/18/19 8:47AM](#)
- A bit of good news. [2/17/19 10:48AM](#)
- Not exactly a long winter's sleep? [2/16/19 10:47AM](#)

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- <https://t.co/f9forPzClu> [4:38PM](#)
- MT @nasa_ice: Discovery of possible crater caused by meteor impact lies beneath more than mile of ice in Gr... <https://t.co/8k6RlxkZzi> [12:49PM](#)
- Global review: "The rate of insect extinction is eight times faster than that of mammals, birds and reptiles." <https://t.co/fWqG6aTfeD> [11:56AM](#)

