

Sunday, June 10, 2007

"Canadian Rivers Day" on the Margaree
Margaree - Lake Ainslie Canadian Heritage River, Inverness County

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM: Join the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour - Protected Areas Branch to celebrate "Canadian Rivers Day", by canoeing/kayaking down one of Nova Scotia's two Canadian Heritage Rivers - the beautiful Margaree. We will put in at Margaree Forks and finish up at the bridge at Margaree Harbour. Although this 13 km section of the river is generally slow moving, some paddling experience is recommended. Participants are required to bring their own boats and all required safety equipment including sufficient paddles, PFD's, floating throw-ropes, painters, bailers and signalling devices. A change of clothing, snacks, drinking water and sun-screen are recommended. Pre-register by Friday June 8, 4:30 PM at Ph: (902) 424-2117 or protectedareas@gov.ns.ca



The Forks, Margaree Canadian Heritage River

Sunday, June 10, 2007

Celebrate Rivers Day on the Shelburne Heritage River
Shelburne Canadian Heritage River, Queens County

10:00 AM: Join Nova Scotia Environment and Labour - Protected Areas staff on a guided canoe trip of this special area. Follow in the footsteps of the Tent Dwellers. Launch your canoe at Sand Lake, on the Shelburne River, and explore the lake. Then hike the Sand Lake brook carry to Tupper Lake. Participants are required to bring their own boats and all required safety equipment including sufficient paddles, PFD's, floating throw-

ropes, painters, bailers and signalling devices. Bring a lunch, and a well-equipped day pack for this 3-4 hour tour. No dogs please. Rain date is Saturday, June 16. Contact (902) 424-2117 or email: protectedareas@gov.ns.ca by Friday June 8, 4:30 PM to pre-register, for more information and for details on boat rental in the area.



Shelburne Canadian Heritage River system
O. Maass

Saturday, June 23, 2007

Kenomee Canyon Trail Hike
Economy River Wilderness Area, Colchester County

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM: Join the Kenomee Trail Society for a challenging 18 km guided hike on the Kenomee Canyon Trail in the Economy River Wilderness Area. Hikers will trek through spruce and hardwood forests and along the edge of the Economy River gorge, and will view three waterfalls. This is for experienced hikers only. Be prepared for a full day of hiking and to get wet! Please contact the Kenomee Trail Society at (902) 647-2271 for more information.



Economy River Wilderness Area

Sunday, June 24, 2007

Crowbar Wilderness Trail Walk

Waverley-Salmon River Long Lake Wilderness Area, Halifax County

10:00 AM: Join the Dartmouth Volksmarch Club for your choice of a challenging 8km, 14km, or 18km guided hike. Meet at the parking lot to the Crowbar Wilderness Trail. Bring a lunch and lots of water. Hiking boots recommended. For more information contact Lionel (8km) at (902) 466-4421, Lily (14km) (902) 466-4421, or Dan (18km) (902) 462-0659.



Crowbar Lake, Waverley-Salmon River Long Lake Wilderness Area

Saturday, August 11, 2007

Paddle to the Coast

Gabarus Wilderness Area, Cape Breton County

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM: Join the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour - Protected Areas Branch for a day-long paddle at Gabarus Wilderness Area, along the shores of Gabarus and Belfry Lakes to the beautiful coastal sand dunes bordering Fourchu Bay. Experience this unique opportunity to canoe/kayak scenic, wilderness freshwater lakes while enjoying lunch on Belfry Beach! Participants will be advised of meeting and travel arrangements upon registering. Please bring your own boat and gear, drinking water, food, appropriate clothing and sun protection. Each boat must be equipped with all required safety gear including a floating throw-rope, PFD's for all passengers, a bailer, and a whistle or other signalling device. This event is for teens and adults with some canoeing or kayaking experience. For more information or to pre-register contact David Williams at (902) 563-3428 or by email at: williadc@gov.ns.ca.



Belfry Coast, Gabarus Wilderness Area

Sunday, August 12, 2007

Crowbar Lake Trail

Waverley-Salmon River Long Lake Wilderness Area, Halifax County

10:00 AM: Join The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - CPAWS and enjoy one of HRM's newest wilderness trails. Located only a short distance from Halifax, this trail is less than a year old. CPAWS will take you through a rugged landscape of beautiful lakes and unique scenery, to learn about the region's rich flora and fauna, Leave No Trace ethics and their conservation efforts in and around HRM. This is a 7km hike to Granite Lake in moderately rugged terrain, so be prepared with sturdy shoes, drinking water, lunch, snacks and sunscreen. Rain date is August 19. Meet at the trail head on Myra Road, 9km north of Highway 7 at Porter's Lake. For more information, contact Gregory at (902) 442-2777.



Duncan's Cove Nature Reserve

Friday, August 17, 2007

Duncan's Cove Trail Walk

Duncan's Cove Nature Reserve, Halifax County

5:15 PM: Join the Chebucto Hiking Club for a moderate 10 km guided coastal walk for all ages. Meet at the parking area near the end of Duncan's Cove Road, off Hwy. 349. Rain or shine. For more information, contact Bob or Carolyn at (902) 462-5633.

Sunday, August 19, 2007

Canoe Trip

River Inhabitants Nature Reserve, Inverness County

NOON to 5:30 PM: Join Nova Scotia Environment and Labour's Protected Areas Branch on a paddle down River Inhabitants to see one of the province's newest and most spectacular nature reserves. River Inhabitants Nature Reserve was designated in July 2006 with the consent of the landowner, Stora Enso Port Hawkesbury. The area boasts a rich variety of wetland habitats, including freshwater fens, marshes, oxbow ponds, alder thickets, sand bars, and estuarine marshes. It is also home to the rare Wood Turtle and several rare plants. Participants must supply their own canoes, paddles and safety equipment. Bring a lunch, water, fly repellent, and sunscreen, and be prepared to walk your canoe through shallow parts of the river. Enrollment is limited. For more information and to pre-register, please contact Dave MacKinnon at (902) 424-2027 or email: mackinds@gov.ns.ca.



Blistered jellyskin, found in Terence Bay Wilderness Area
R. Cameron

Saturday, October 13, 2007

Rain forest lichens

Terence Bay Wilderness Area, Halifax County

9:00 AM: Join Robert Cameron of the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour to spend the morning in a narrow band of coniferous dominated forest along the Atlantic coast, which constitutes Nova Scotia's rain forest. We will hike an old trail with short forays into adjacent wetlands (treed bogs) of Terence Bay Wilderness Area. This forest is rich in lichens, mosses and liverworts. Some of the rarest lichens in North America inhabit the rain forest. Some time will be spent learning how to identify some common lichens and we will also get a peek at some of the rarities. Terrain is rugged in places and wet in others. Appropriate footwear and clothing is necessary, a hand lens would be helpful to bring. Light rain is ideal for viewing lichens, so only a deluge will require moving to the rain date of Sunday, October 14. Pre-registration is required. Contact Robert Cameron at (902) 424-2176 or email camerorp@gov.ns.ca, to register or for more information. Group size is limited.



Portapique River Wilderness Area



River Inhabitants Wilderness Area

Saturday, September 29, 2007

Autumn Colour Hike at Portapique River

Portapique River Wilderness Area, Cumberland County

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM: Join NS Environment and Labour's Protected Areas Branch on a guided, autumn colour hike among the hardwoods and to the river gorge of Portapique River Wilderness Area, west of the Cobequid Pass, Highway 104. This 2,050 hectare (5,100 acre) provincial wilderness area straddles the Portapique River gorge and its surrounding hardwood and mixed forest hills. Learn about the natural features and management challenges of this area, while enjoying the scenic landscape. Bring your lunch, drinking water and proper clothing. Suitable for fit adults and youth 12 years or older. Pre-register by calling Oliver Maass at (902) 424-2123 or email: maassoc@gov.ns.ca. Group size is limited.

Sunday, November 11, 2007

Trail Walk

Duncan's Cove Nature Reserve, Halifax County

10:00 AM: Join the Dartmouth Volksmarch Club for a challenging 10 km guided walk. Meet at the Duncan's Cove parking area. For more information contact Lionel (902) 466-4421.



Duncan's Cove Nature Reserve
O. Maass

Saturday, February 16, 2008
Cross-Country Skiing at Gully Lake Wilderness Area
Gully Lake Wilderness Area, Colchester County

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM: Join the Nova Scotia Environment and Labour's Protected Areas Branch for a guided cross-country ski excursion through hardwood forest trails within this recently designated provincial wilderness area, located near Mount Thom. The 3,810 hectare (9,400 acre) Gully Lake Wilderness Area protects the largest remaining patch of mature forest in the Truro-Pictou area and was home to the Hermit of Gully Lake. Winter snow-cover is fairly reliable. Bring your cross-country skis, lunch, water and proper clothing. Suitable for adults and youth 12 years or older. Pre-register by calling Oliver Maass at (902) 424-2123 or email: maassoc@gov.ns.ca. Group size is limited.



Gully Lake Wilderness Area

Saturday, March 1, 2008
Ski Tobetic Wilderness Area
Tobetic Wilderness Area, Yarmouth County

10:00 AM: Join the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour - Protected Areas Branch to enjoy the woods in the winter. Tobetic Wilderness Area offers plenty of opportunities for exceptionally scenic winter travel. We will take a guided ski of the Billy's hill area and explore Churchill's Lake. Bring your cross-country skis, a lunch, and a well-equipped day pack with winter weather gear for this 3-4 hour tour. No dogs please. Group size is limited. Pre-register by calling Leif Helmer at (902) 543-4685 or email: helmerpl@gov.ns.ca.

For general information about the outings:
 Please call (902) 424-2117 or email: protectedareas@gov.ns.ca

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