

Seasons Full of Fun at Macphail Woods



2010 Schedule of Events

We're located in Orwell at the Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead. Our walks and workshops are free, but donations are most welcome and help to fund our activities at Macphail Woods. Please call 651-2575 for more information or check out our great website at: www.macphailwoods.org

APRIL 17: Our Annual Owl Prowl - join us for a slide show and talk on the owls of Prince Edward Island. Learn about this fascinating family, including life history and calls, then we'll walk the trails to see what might be around. Meet at the Nature Centre at 7:30pm. The Macphail Foundation will open the Great Room of the Homestead at 6:30pm and serve warm apple cider, tea and coffee. There will be no cost but donations to the Foundation will be gratefully accepted.

APRIL 22: Earth Day Volunteer Day at Macphail Woods - come out and help restore some of the Macphail Woods property. Starting at 1pm, we will be planting, transplanting, collecting seed and possibly pruning, depending on the area. Please call 651-2575 if you are interested in helping out.

MAY 15: Identifying Native Trees and Shrubs - take a stroll around the native plant nursery, arboretum and the trails of Macphail Woods, focusing on identifying native trees and shrubs. Begins at the nursery at 10am.

MAY 29: Birds and Breakfast - the Macphail Homestead will be open at 7 am to serve a free "early bird" breakfast. Join other birders beside the fireplace in the Great Room for your morning cup of coffee and freshly baked breakfast treats to start your day out right! Donations will be gladly accepted to help cover costs. Then take a stroll along the trails of Macphail Woods, looking at year-round residents and returning migratory birds. A great walk for the whole family. Bring your boots and binoculars. The tour begins at the nursery at 8am.

JUNE 6: Nature Photography Workshop - Island photographer Beth Hoar will show some slides of her nature-related work and then take participants on a walk to discuss techniques. You can see some of Beth's breathtaking work at www.greenthumbphoto.com. Meet at the Nature Centre at 2pm.

JUNE 19: Landscaping With Native Plants - want to spend less time cutting grass and more time enjoying the beautiful plants around your home? This workshop introduces a variety of hardy native plants to attract wildlife and beautify your yard. Meet at the Nature Centre at 10am.

JULY 11: Pruning Trees and Shrubs - slide show and demonstration of proper pruning methods and a discussion of recommended books and tools. Participants will practice pruning on a variety of plants in the nursery, arboretum and woodlands. Begins at the Nature Centre at 2pm.

JULY 17: Tree and Shrub Identification Walk - learn how to identify a variety of native species using leaves, fruit and seed. The tour, led by Forest Technician Ruth Richman, includes a walk through the woods and begins at the nursery at 10am.

AUGUST 1: Forest Restoration Workshop - a walk and talk in a wide variety of forest habitats at Macphail Woods. Anyone interested in forest restoration or nature in general is encouraged to attend. The focus will be on bringing back the native Acadian forest, looking at some of the methods used on the property over the past 19 years and trying to find solutions to problems faced by woodlot owners. Meet at the Nature Centre at 2pm.

AUGUST 7: Plants of Prince Edward Island - led by biologist Kate MacQuarrie. A general look at many of the plants, both native and non-native, that you commonly encounter in the province. Begins at 10am at the nursery.

AUGUST 21: Improving Riparian Zones - waterways are key components of healthy ecosystems, providing critical habitat for a wide variety of wildlife. Rob Sharkie, Executive Director of the Trout River Environmental Committee, will look at a variety of riparian habitats and discuss ways they can be restored and improved. Meet at the Nature Centre at 10am.

SEPTEMBER 15: Identifying Native Shrubs - as part of the Fall Festival of Flavours, this workshop will look at how to identify the dozens of shrubs that are native to the Acadian forest region - with a special look at shrubs that produce edible nuts and berries. This includes everything from beaked hazelnuts to serviceberry and common elder. Meet at the nursery at 2pm.

SEPTEMBER 18: Growing Native Plants - a workshop on propagating a wide variety of native plants - everything from witch hazel and white ash to painted trillium - from seeds and cuttings. An outing for anyone with an interest in native plants. Meet at the nursery at 10am.

OCTOBER 3: Autumn in the Forest - a walk along the trails of Macphail Woods, looking at both plants and animals. A great outing for people of all ages. Meet at the nursery at 2pm.

OCTOBER 23: Volunteer Day - come out and help restore some of the Public Forest Land we are managing for the province. Starting at 1pm, we will be planting, transplanting, collecting seed and possibly pruning, depending on the area. We will select the property later in the year and provide directions on our web site. Please call 651-2575 if you are interested in helping.

SHARING A LOVE OF NATURE - 2010

We're continuously improving our summer children's program.

Three of our week-long summer environmental educational programs are now geared towards a smaller age range, in order for participants to have the best experience possible. While we understand that this may cause a problem for families with children of different ages, our fourth program actually has a wider age range to accommodate those concerns. Topics will include birds, forests, wildflowers, soil, amphibians, water, mammals and a wide variety of nature activities. Activities will take place in the Macphail Woods Nature Centre and make full use of the nursery, trails and waterways.



THE WEEK OF JULY 5-9: Ages 6-8 years old
THE WEEK OF JULY 19-23: Ages 8-10 years old
THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2-6: Ages 10-12 years old
THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16-20: Ages 6-12 years old



Cost for a week-long program is \$60.00. Call 651-2575 to register.

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