

Seasons Full of Fun at Macphail Woods

2011 Schedule of Events



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

APRIL 16: 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.

MAY 14: Identifying Native Trees and Shrubs - take a stroll around the native plant nursery, arboretum and the trails of Macphail Woods, and learn how to identify native trees and shrubs. The walk begins at the nursery at 10am.

MAY 28: 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 walk the trails of the Macphail Homestead, 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 4: 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.

JUNE 13-17: Our week-long UPEI Credit Course on **Ecological Forestry**. A great way to learn more about the Acadian forest, wildlife enhancement, forest ecology and restoration techniques. Register through the UPEI registrar's office (www.upei.ca/registrar).

JULY 3: 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 10: 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 and bring your camera along.

JULY 16: 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.

JULY 24: 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 6: 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 20: 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 25: 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 15: 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 - 2011

We now have a program for older students! Macphail Woods is continually improving its summer programs. All four 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. We understand that this may cause a problem for families with children of different ages and will try to make accommodations as much as possible. 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. We may also be adding additional programs if there is interest and if we have sufficient staff. Keep an eye on our web site for any changes.



THE WEEK OF JULY 11-15: Ages 13-15 years old

THE WEEK OF JULY 25-29: Ages 6-8 years old

THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8-12: Ages 8-10 years old

THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22-26: Ages 10-12 years old

Call Eric at 651-2575 to register. The cost for a week-long program is \$60.00. We are trying to keep our prices affordable so that all children have an opportunity to learn about nature. If you would like to help our program grow, we offer charitable receipts for all donations.

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