



OUTINGS

September 2026 to December 2026

Norfolk Nature is pleased to offer the nature outings listed below.

Please consider the following:

- Hikes are free to the public. Limit is 20 participants.
 - **Pre-registration is required by emailing info@norfolkfieldnaturalists.org**
 - Carry water, bug spray and sunscreen.
 - Don't forget your cellphone, camera, binocs and/or field guide.
 - No pets please.
- Please wear clothing and footwear appropriate for the weather and hiking conditions.

Saturday, September 19, 7:30 to 9:30 pm
(cloud date September 20)

Exploring the Night Sky

Leader: North Shore Erie Amateur Astronomers

Experience the wonders of the night sky as we gaze at the Moon, stars, and planet up close! Try out the club's telescopes, enjoy a guided tour of the night sky, learn fascinating facts about the Milky Way, and take part in an evening of celestial discovery!

Where to meet: the Norfolk Fair Grounds parking lot near the corner of Metcalfe St. S. and South Drive, Simcoe. NO LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.

Saturday, September 26, 9:45 a.m. (alternate date: September 27)

Raptor Migration Hawk Cliff

Leader: Bernie Solymár

Each year during the second and third weekends in September, the Hawk Cliff Foundation hosts interpretive weekends including daily demonstrations of live birds at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to explain this miracle of nature. Bring lunch and a lawn chair, as well as your binoculars, and enjoy watching hundreds, possibly thousands of hawks fly overhead as monarch butterflies flutter by.

Where to meet: Birds Canada parking lot at 9:45 a.m. and we'll carpool to Hawk Cliff (east of Port Stanley).

Saturday, October 3, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Fascinating Fungi: Fall Mushroom Hike **Leaders: Inga Hinnerichsen and Leanne Lamaich**

Join amateur mycologists, Inga and Leanne, for a wander through Backus Woods to look for fall mushrooms. They will identify and describe a wide variety of "shrooms", and you will learn about their ecological importance in local woodlands. Bring a camera as you are not allowed to harvest mushrooms on NCC properties.

Where to Meet: 1329 3rd Concession Road, Port Rowan (entrance to Backus Woods). It is located between East Quarter Line Road and Hwy. 59.

Friday, October 23, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to noon

Spectacular Fall Leaves Hike

Leader: TBD

Go on a relaxing stroll along the Lynn Valley Trail to observe the fall colours and learn about how trees shut down for the winter while enjoying the fall palette of colours. We'll also discuss how animals get ready for winter – including why many animals migrate, and how others get ready for a cold, snowy winter ahead.

Where to meet: Lynn Valley Trail parking lot on Blueline Road just north of St. John's Road and opposite 911 #516.

Sunday, December 13, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Nocturnal Owl Prowl

Leader: TBD

During this guided walk, learn about the lives of Ontario's owls, their remarkable adaptations, and the ecological roles they play. We'll then listen and look for owls. This walk is a wonderful opportunity to learn what to listen and look for, which are skills you can employ to search for owls in your own neighbourhood!

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