

Schedule of Events

Full details at www.bcnature.ca or www.okanannature.org; Registration and a signed waiver required for all field trips

Thursday, May 10

9:30 - 3:00 pm **Pre-conference field trip** - South Okanagan-Similkameen Nat'l Park Proposal Land. Meeting at Osoyoos. Bob Lincoln and Dr. George Scotter
5 pm onwards **Registration** - field trip sign up, displays
6:00 - 8:30 pm **Social and Presentation** (delightful desserts)
7:30 - 8:30 pm **"South Okanagan - Similkameen -At The Crossroads"**. Bob Lincoln
9:00 - 11:00 pm **"Flammulated and Western Screech-Owling" Westside Okanagan Lake**" - Hugh Westheuser

Friday, May 11

6:00 - 7:45 am **Early morning birding.**
7:30 - 8:30 am **Registration** - Breakfast on your own
8:30 - 8:45 am **Welcome and announcements**
8:45 - 11:45 am **Presentations - "Nature in the Central Okanagan"**
"Fire in the Pines: The Ecological Role of Fire" - Don Gayton, FORREX
"Birds and beasts of Okanagan Mountain Park before and after the firestorm" - Les Gyug,
Refreshment Break
"Small Mammal Populations after the Okanagan Mt. Park Firestorm: Forestry and Biodiversity Implications" - Dr. Tom Sullivan, UBC
"Mushrooms Affected by Different Intensities of Fire" Dr. Melanie Jones & Dr. Dan Durrall, UBCO
11:45 - 12:30 pm **Lunch** (bag lunch or on your own)
12:30 - 5:15 pm **Field Trips** (Sign up required)
(F1) Scenic Canyon of Mission Creek.
(F2) Bear Creek Canyon and Provincial Park
(F3) Saline Sloughs and Urban Wetlands.
(F4) Bear Creek Recreation Site: Protecting Resource Values while Providing for Motorized Recreation.
(F5) Boulder Trail, Okanagan Mountain Park.
(F6) Summerland Ecological Reserve.
(F7) Central Okanagan Land Trust Properties, South-east Kelowna.
(F8) Garnet Lake and Brigade Trail (bus transportation)
5:30 - 7:00 pm **Dinner and Social** - light dinner of wraps, sandwiches and desserts
7:00 - 8:30 pm **Presentations - "Managing Nature in the Central Okanagan - Successes and Challenges"**
Anna Warwick Sears, Executive Director, Okanagan Basin Water Board
Todd Cashin, Environmental and Land Use Manager, City of Kelowna
Margaret Baakelaar, Environmental/Land Use Planner, Regional District of Central Okanagan

Saturday, May 12

6:00 - 7:45 am **Early morning birding**
8:30 - 12:00 pm **Field Trips:** Sign up required - Repeat of (F1), (F2), (F3), (F4), (F5),(F6). (F7)
9:00 - 1:00 pm **Directors' and YNC Meetings** - Directors Lunch (other registrants bring a bag lunch)
11:45 - 1:00 pm **Lunch** - bag lunch or on your own
1:00 - 4:00 pm **2012 BC Nature Annual General Meeting**
5:30 - 6:30 pm **Pre dinner Social**
6:30 - 9:30 pm **Banquet at College** - Silent Auction
Keynote presentation: "The Northern Pacific Rattlesnake, an iconic species at risk"
Scott Alexander - Interpretation and Education Specialist, Peregrine Consulting.

Sunday, May 13

9:00 - 12:00 pm **Farewell Outings** (sign up required)
Kalamo Park. Regional District of Central Okanagan Interpretive Staff. West Kelowna
EcoArt Incubator Project. Nancy Holmes and Denise Kenney, UBCO. various locations in the Central Okanagan.
Burrowing Owl Captive Breeding and Release Program. Oliver