



2 RIVERS FESTIVAL

May & June 2020

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2RIVERSFESTIVAL

Water has a special power to bring people together towards environmental, social, and climate justice. The annual 2Rivers Festival is a forum to showcase and celebrate our two beautiful rivers, the Speed and Eramosa, and to engage our community in imagining how each of us can become a vital participant in the regeneration of our river ecosystems.



This year's 2Rivers Festival is proud to present 40 free events to bring our community together, including a feature event, Tributary to the Rivers, a songwriting competition! We have once again partnered with a variety of community organizations to host free public events throughout the months of May and June. Enjoy hiking, biking, planting, dancing, exploring, paddling, and learning!

Our hope is that your participation in the festival will encourage you to advocate for the protection and conservation of local waters. Your enjoyment, appreciation, and action will ensure that future generations will have the same opportunities to enjoy our healthy rivers all year long.

For more information and to register for our events, please visit: [**2RiversFestival.org/register**](https://2RiversFestival.org/register)

Don't forget your camera - we want to see your photos of our two rivers, whether during the festival or on your own time. On Facebook and Twitter, tag us **@2RiversFestival** with **#2RiversPhoto**. Your photo could end up on the cover of next year's event guide!



All events are LGBTQ2+ inclusive, respectful, and welcoming.



This symbol indicates accessible events. Please contact us at [**tworiversfest@gmail.com**](mailto:tworiversfest@gmail.com) if you need more information.

We humbly acknowledge and send our gratitude to the original ancestors of these Dish with One Spoon treaty lands through which the Speed and Eramosa Rivers course. This treaty bound the Anishinaabe, Mississaugas, and the Haudenosaunee to share the territory and protect the land. Here in these river valleys we have learned that the Attawandaron or neutral peoples were also among the original stewards. We'd like to recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land and the history of the First Nations peoples and neighbouring First Nation, Métis, and Inuit peoples. Today there are a wide number of Indigenous peoples who call this territory home under the Haldimand Tract Treaty and Treaty 3 with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

We want to express solidarity with the many First Nations communities in Ontario currently under drinking water advisories.

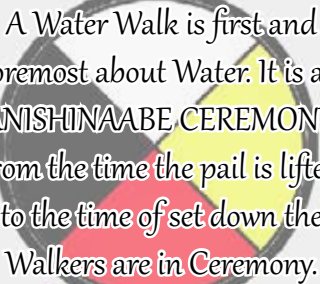
We send our gratitude to the ancestors of this place who were stewards of the land and waters. We have much to learn from a worldview that perceives humans as caretakers – in contrast with the dominant worldview where many are simply takers. May we remember that we are guests here and that to become good ancestors ourselves means that we take on the responsibility of ensuring that we leave things better than we found them.

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EARTH DAY: APRIL 22 7-10pm



SACRED WATER WALK



A Water Walk is first and foremost about Water. It is an ANISHINAABE CEREMONY; from the time the pail is lifted to the time of set down the Walkers are in Ceremony.

**Sunday
May 3**

10am - 12pm

Sacred Fire
Royal City Park
Water St location

For the health of our waters

Join this third annual Sacred Water Walk which is held in ceremony and in prayer for the health of our waters. Many of us have been inspired by grandmother Josephine Mandamin and her dedication to water protection through walking for the water. In honour of all that has been inspired in us through her walks, we feel called to walk for the health of the Speed and Eramosa Rivers that we enjoy so freely.

Because we are in a specific Anishinaabe Ceremony, women wear long skirts and men long pants to show our respect for our Grandmothers, for Mother Earth, and for ourselves. Women on their Moon-time do not carry the water during this time, as they are already in Ceremony. For more details about the ceremony, please visit 2RiversFestival.org.

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GREENSPACE, GRAVEL & GEARS



Photo: Speed River Gravel Grinders

**Sunday
May 3**

12pm - 3pm

The Covered Bridge
York Rd

An adventurous exploration by bike of Guelph's east-end greenspaces and gravel trails

This 30-kilometre ride will cover a variety of terrain including park and mountain bike trails, and gravel and paved roads. The ride is open to everyone with a bike that is suitable for the varying terrain, and the ability to ride for 30 kilometres at an average speed of 15-20 km/h. Members of Speed River Gravel Grinders will lead the ride at varying paces so that no one is left behind.

Please complete this online registration and waiver form: tinyurl.com/SpeedRiverGravelGrindersSignup. For more information visit the Facebook event page for the Speed River Gravel Grinders or email kelly@speedriverbicycle.com.

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NATURE IN THE CITY FEATHERS AND BEAKS



Photo: GeorgeB2 from Pixabay

**Sunday
May 3**

1pm - 2:30pm

Eramosa River Trail
The Covered Bridge
116 Gordon St

What beautiful birds visit us in our backyards?

Join us to learn who they are and what makes them special. We'll see as many as we can!

This event is part of Nature in the City, Nature Guelph's yearly series of free, public programs to help you dive into nature in the Royal City. Bring your binoculars if you have them. Family and dog friendly, but dogs must be well-behaved and on a leash at all times.



Photo: Ryan Hodnett

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**Nature
Guelph**



GARLIC MUSTARD PULL & PESTO WORKSHOP



Photo: Emma Callon

**Wednesday
May 6**

6pm - 8pm

**York Road Park
115 York Rd**

Make nutritious pesto from an invasive species

Garlic mustard is an invasive herb native to Europe. It spreads quickly, interfering with the growth of other plants, including several species at risk. While it is not a good food source for wildlife, it is high in vitamins A and C, and it makes great pesto. Join us to learn about the plant and how to safely pull it. You'll contribute to the health of the river bank, and leave with some ingredients for your very own delicious pesto!

Please bring your own containers for your pesto. ALL WELCOME. This is a family-friendly event. Please don't drive if you don't have to; there might not be much parking in the area.

Hosted by:

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FOR ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL JUSTICE

WHAT'S THAT GREEN STUFF IN THE WATER?



Photo: TreeFrog Environmental

**Thursday
May 7**

7pm - 9pm

eBar
37 Quebec St

Learn about the health of our waters

A water talk focusing on algae in local rivers & reservoirs, followed by an informal networking event with some facilitated discussion topics, beer, and opportunities to connect in the future.

Hosted by:



MPP Mike Schreiner
wishes you a fun & informative
2Rivers Festival 2020!

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If you love the 2Rivers Festival, you'll also enjoy these other free nature events...

The Couchiching Conservancy (Orillia area)
www.couchichingconserv.ca/passport-to-nature-3/

Peleee Buzz (Peleee Island, Lake Erie)
peleebuzz.eventbrite.ca

Land Conservancy for Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington
www.landconservancykfla.org/passport-to-nature/

rare Charitable Research Reserve (Waterloo region)
<https://raresites.org/>

Thames Talbot Land Trust (London & surrounding counties)
www.thamestalbotlandtrust.ca/passport_to_nature

Long Point Basin Land Trust (Norfolk County)
longpointlandtrust.ca

Ecology Ottawa
ecologyottawa.ca

Nature Matters (Prince Edward County)
peptbo.ca/nature-matters.php

LUSH

BRINGING NATURE HOME: HABITAT RESTORATION



Photo: Meera Dyer

**Saturday
May 9**

1pm - 4pm

**Wolfond Park East
230 Arthur St N**

Rebuild a forest ecosystem along the river corridor

We will be restoring riverside habitat by planting native groundcover, shrubs and trees. Start or add to your own pollinator garden by creating native seed balls that you can take home.

Please bring gardening gloves. Shovels, rakes, water buckets, wheelbarrows, and plants will all be provided. There will be snacks to enjoy as well. All ages are welcome!



Photo: Meera Dyer

Hosted by:

**Wolfond Park
Community Group**

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THE RIVER CHANTS PARADE



**Saturday
May 9**

2pm - 3pm

Start: 139 Gordon St
Royal City Bandshell

End: Silence
46 Essex St

A joyous procession celebrating water

Silence invites families, friends, and stewards of water to a celebratory parade on Saturday, May 9. Come gather at the Royal City bandshell at 2 pm. The procession will include drummers, dancers, a parade band, banners, and more. The parade will move joyfully from the river to Silence at 46 Essex St. This event is part of a larger River Chants presentation offered at Silence on May 8 and 9 with lead-up events on April 4 and 5.

Dress in blue, carry signs celebrating water, and bring whistles and sound makers. In advance, Silence will host a banner-making workshop so stay tuned for details.

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May 9th 2:00pm

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Bandshell with a procession to
Silence, 46 Essex St.

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banners, and noisemakers.



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HIKE THE GUELPH CORRECTIONAL CENTRE LANDS



Photo: Jim Hoare

**Sunday
May 10**

9:30am - 11:30am

Rocky's Drive-In
520 Elizabeth St

***Come tour the former Correctional
Centre lands***

The Guelph Hiking Trail Club will lead us on a 5.5-kilometre hike along the Old Railway Spur Sidetrail and the Radial Line Trail.

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A black and white photograph of the interior of La Reina restaurant. In the foreground, there is a large, ornate skull sculpture. In the background, several people are seated at tables, and the restaurant's interior is dimly lit.

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MOTHER'S DAY WALK



**Sunday
May 10**

2pm - 3:30pm

Yorklands property
785 York Rd
(meet at bus stop)

Will the lilacs be out for Mom?

Join us to enjoy the natural wonders that are at this heritage parkland in Guelph. The stone features of this landmark heritage property include lovely little bridges, stairs, and drystone walls, as well as the beautiful Arts and Crafts house that was the superintendent's home. Discover a country estate in our city, designed in 1910 by John Lyle (also the designer of the Royal Alexander Theatre and Union Station in Toronto), who was influenced by the City Beautiful Movement of the early 1900s.

Note: no washrooms on site - this is our bit of country in the city. The York Road bus can be taken from city centre.

Hosted by:



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INVASIVE PULL COMPETITION



Photo: Meera Dyer

**Tuesday
May 12**

3:30pm - 6pm

**Wolfond Park East
230 Arthur St N**

***Rebuild habitat and have fun at the
same time!***

Help remove invasive species to restore the ecosystem along the river. Learn how to use an extractivator for pulling buckthorn and earn prizes for the most bags of garlic mustard pulled.

All ages are welcome. Snacks are provided. Bring gloves and durable footwear.



Photo: Meera Dyer

Hosted by:

**Wolfond Park
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SPEED TO SEA - PADDLING FROM GUELPH TO THE ATLANTIC OCEAN



Photo: Emma Callon

**Thursday
May 14**

7:30pm - 9pm

Arboretum Centre
200 Arboretum Rd

Follow along with this incredible canoe journey

Jeremy Shute and his family are paddling refurbished cedar canvas canoes downstream from Guelph as far as they can make it.

Jeremy will talk about some of the history, ecology, and geography of the waterways they are taking, and will share stories and photos of the journey. He is doing the trip in sections, having paddled from Guelph to Niagara Falls in 2017, from the Niagara River to Rochester NY in 2018, and from Rochester to the eastern end of Lake Ontario in 2019.

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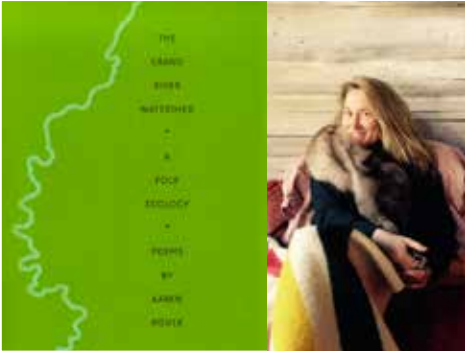


Photo: Karen Houle

**Friday
May 15**

7pm - 10pm

Guelph Civic Museum
52 Norfolk St

Enjoy an evening of poetry inspired by our local waters

A poetry reading from Karen Houle's *The Grand River Watershed: A Folk Ecology*, matched with artifacts and stories found in the museum's gallery spaces. Karen has made the finalists list for the Governor General's Literary Award for this work. She will share readings from this collection which contemplates the complexities of the Grand River watershed in southern Ontario.

Afterwards, mingle in the museum to view the many artifacts which are embedded in her poems. Karen will be available to share in conversations. Cash Bar.

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GOS ERAMOSA CLIFFS CLEANUP



**Sunday
May 17**

1pm - 4pm

**Barber Scout Camp
733 Stone Rd E**

Show you care by helping clean up the Eramosa River corridor

There are many systemic reasons why people in our community might either find themselves homeless, or choose an alternative to living in a conventional home. This particular year saw heavy use along the south Eramosa River corridor, and as result there is plenty to get cleaned up. Join the Guelph Outdoor School to take down an abandoned squat and to clean up debris in the old cliff amphitheatre. We will provide the necessary safety gear. This will be a great way to show our love of our community and the Eramosa River corridor.

We will meet at 733 Stone Rd E and walk under the Stone Rd bridge to the cleanup site.

Hosted by:



THE DANCE OF NATURE



Photo: Guelph Youth Dance Company

**Thursday
May 21**

5:30pm - 6pm

Park in the Garden
The Arboretum
University of Guelph

***Deepen your connection to nature
through these dance performances***

The Guelph Youth Dance Companies will express their reverence and celebration of the nature that surrounds them in Guelph through contemporary dance.

One of the GYD Companies' pieces will express the beauty and athletic prowess of butterflies, and another will find gratitude for nature through heartfelt dance.



Photo: Guelph Youth Dance Company

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youth
dance
training program



BUILDING OUR CITY - THE QUARRY STORY



**Thursday
May 21**

6pm - 8pm

Water Street Church
parking lot
287 Water St

*Explore the history of quarrying and building
with stone since the founding of Guelph*

A virtual walking tour of Guelph's old quarry sites, and the stories of famous quarrymen, with a focus on David Kennedy, the original owner of the Dolime quarry site.

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**Saturday
May 23**

10am - 1pm

Guelph Lake
Conservation Area
7743 Conservation Dr

Spend the day fishing and learning about the outdoors

All equipment, bait, and instruction provided by TackleShare. Lots of interactive components and some free swag! Please check the 2Rivers website to confirm the meeting location for this event.

Please note: There is a day use fee to enter Guelph Lake Conservation Area:

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BIKE THE TRAILS AT GUELPH LAKE



Photo: GORBA

**Sunday
May 24**

11am - 1pm

Riverside Park
(next to the parking lot
accessed off Woodlawn)

Did you know...

...that the Guelph Off-Road Bicycling Association (GORBA) maintains over 30 trails at Guelph Lake, totaling over 20 kilometres of trail riding?

Come join members of GORBA for a ride through this beautiful and fun trail system and learn more about becoming a member of GORBA. All levels of riders are welcome but a helmet and a mountain bike in good working condition are required. Water and bug spray are recommended.

The ride will depart from Riverside Park (next to the parking lot accessed off Woodlawn Road East) and will last 1.5 - 2 hours. Non-club members will be required to sign a waiver in order to join the ride.

Hosted by:



**GUELPH OFF-ROAD
BICYCLING ASSOCIATION**

NATURE IN THE CITY FINS AND SHELLS



Photo: Nature Guelph

**Sunday
May 24**

1pm - 2:30pm

Barber Scout Camp
733 Stone Rd E

***Water is the source of life for more
than just us***

Join Nature Guelph at this family-friendly event to learn about the crustaceans, aquatic insects, and fish that fight for survival in the Eramosa River.

Family and dog friendly, but dogs must be on leash. Participants will not be going in the water. Waterproof footwear is recommended as banks may be muddy.



Photo: Nature Guelph

Hosted by:



**Nature
Guelph**

RIVER REMNANTS: EXPLORING THE SILVER CREEK



Photo: Emma Callon

**Thursday
May 28**

6pm - 7:30pm

Mouth of Silver Creek,
Speed River

The banks of the Silver Creek tell many stories about our city

We will follow the remnants of the river from its mouth at the Speed to its disappearance under the tracks. Learn why the first John Sleeman chose its waters for his beer, the story of the Red and Phoenix mills, and all about the mysterious broken dam.

Meet us at the mouth of the Silver Creek (also called Howitt Creek), on the north side of the Speed River between Hanlon Parkway and Edinburgh Road South. Participants can park at the Silvercreek Skatepark and walk west along the Speed to our starting location. We will end our walk at Howitt Park.

Hosted by:



YOGA DANCE BY THE RIVER



Photo: Emma Callon

**Saturday
May 30**

2pm - 3pm

York Road Park
115 York Rd

***Explore your physical connection to water
through breath, sound, and movement***

Yoga-Dance instructor Lisa GillOrme will guide participants through various expressions of rhythm and breath, connecting our physical bodies to the river systems.

In case of rain, this event will take place at Arrive Yoga, 105 Wyndham St N (this location is not accessible).



Photo: Emma Callon

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BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS



Photo: Yorklands Green Hub

**Sunday
May 31**

9am - 11am

Yorklands property
785 York Rd
(meet at bus stop)

A gentle, family-friendly walk to spot birds at this lovely heritage landmark site

Join us as an avid birder helps us with basic identification of birds at our beautiful parkland. Last year we noticed that this habitat is ideal for both country and urban birds who share this large site of wetland, meadows, and ponds. Eastern Meadowlark, Baltimore Oriole, and Bluebirds were among the sightings last year.

Note: no washrooms on site - this is our bit of country in the city. The York Road bus can be taken from city centre.

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NATURE IN THE CITY: NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT



Photo: Nature Guelph

**Sunday
May 31**

1pm - 3pm

Hanlon Creek Park
parking lot
505 Kortright Rd W

Discover Guelph's biodiversity

Join Nature Guelph at this family-friendly event to explore the diversity of nature at Preservation Park and Hanlon Creek Park. Find as many animals and plants as you can!

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Guelph**

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May 2020


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 10 am: Sacred Water Walk 12 pm: Greenspace, Gravel & Gears 1 pm: Feathers & Beaks	4	5	6 pm: Garlic Mustard Pull	7 pm: What's that Green Stuff in the Water?	8	9 1 pm: Bringing Nature Home 2 pm: River Chants Parade
10 9:30 am: Hike Guelph Correctional Centre Lands 2 pm: Mother's Day Walk	11	12 3:30 pm: Invasive Species Pull	13	14 7:30 pm: Speed to Sea	15 7 pm: Looking Twice	16
17 1 pm: GOS Eramosa Cliffs Cleanup	18	19	20	21 5:30 pm: Dance of Nature 6 pm: Quarry Story	22	23 10 am: Fish with TackleShare!
24 11 am: Bike the Trails at Guelph Lake 1 pm: Nature in the City: Fins & Shells	25	26	27	28 6 pm: River Remnants: Silver Creek	29	30 2 pm: Yoga Dance by the River
31 9 am: Beginner Birding 1 pm: Scavenger Hunt 1 pm: 2SLGBTQ+ Walk Nature in Transition	In the case of inclement weather, please check 2Rivers Festival's Facebook or Twitter for information on possible changes to the events.					

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June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 7 pm: Nature-Rich Guelph Townhall	5 8 pm: Moonlight Paddle	6 9 am: 2Rivers Cleanup
7 10 am: Whatever Floats Your Boat	8	9 6:45 pm: 2Rivers on 2Wheels & Cold Brew	10 7 pm: Creatures of Arboretum Creek	11 7 pm: Medicinal Plant Walk	12	13 10 am: River Colours
14 2 pm: Wildflower Identification Walk	15	16 6 pm: Exploring Pond Creek	17 7 pm: Taoist Tai Chi® arts	18	19	20 1:30 pm: Crayfish Catch 2:30 pm: Dan the Nature Man
21 11 am: Walk the Niska Valleylands	22	23	24	25	26 8:30 pm: Moths at Night	27 5 pm: 2Rivers Festival Celebration, Featuring Tributary to the Rivers Finalists
28 2 pm: Biodiversity Exploration	29	30	For more information and to register for our events, please visit: 2RiversFestival.org/register			

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In the Woods **BURSARIES**

NATURE IN TRANSITION 2SLGBTQ+ WALK



Photo: Jasper Smith

**Sunday
May 31**

1pm - 4pm

Eramosa River Park
259 Victoria Rd S

Cultivate emotional wellness, positive well-being, confidence, and connection through this mindfulness-based nature hike

Join us for this special edition of Nature in Transition (NIT) where we will be exploring the two rivers' queer ecologies of the meeting place, folklore, and some of their histories. NIT is a space where inner trans and non-binary nature meets the wondrous natural world around us. This event is for 2SLGBTQ+ people and allies, and is brought to the 2Rivers Festival as part of an on-going series from ARCH. All ages welcomed.

We will walk from Eramosa River Park to Royal City Park and back, with breaks and activities. There are gender neutral washrooms available at the halfway point, Royal City Park, inside of Starbucks. Participants are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather.

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NATURE-RICH GUELPH TOWNHALL



Photo: Perspective Media

**Thursday
June 4**

7pm - 9pm

4th floor
10C Shared Space
42 Carden St

Join us to dream about how to make Guelph the Most Nature-Rich City!

We are in the midst of the sixth mass extinction in the planet's history. The past five have wiped out between 75% and 96% of the planet's species. Today, species are disappearing 1,000 times faster than in pre-human times.

Technology has simultaneously sparked what author Florence Williams, in *The Nature Fix*, calls the "biggest mass migration in human history"—a migration indoors, behind screens. This creates a dilemma: Why should people care about nature if they don't go outside?

We are at a crisis point and need to support nature in our lives, and in the lives of our children for our health and well-being and for our very survival.

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MOONLIGHT PADDLE



Photo: Tom Harman

**Friday
June 5**

8pm - 10pm

The Boathouse
116 Gordon St

***Join us for a relaxing evening paddle
on the river***

Starting at The Boathouse or at nearby Royal City Park, we will casually paddle up the Eramosa River for a view of the full moon rising. This section of the river has little current. We will paddle along the tree-lined, winding, calm river and return to our start location to complete the paddle.

We will have neon lights (glow sticks or other) on our boats for visibility and to add to the fun. Experienced paddlers from WWCKC can assist with paddling advice for novice participants.

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2RIVERS CLEANUP



Photo: OPIRG

**Saturday
June 6**

9am - 1pm

**Royal City Park
Gazebo**

Help restore the health of our rivers

Join OPIRG Guelph for our 41st annual 2Rivers Cleanup! Meet or join your team at the Gazebo in Royal City Park, and head out to a stretch of the river. We'll clean up the litter we can see, and try to document possible sources of invisible pollution and habitat degradation in the area.

Bring a bike or good walking shoes, and dress for the weather. Please bring work gloves if you have them (if not, we do), a hat, sunscreen, and waterproof shoes/boots. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Sign up at 2RiversFestival.org/register.

Hosted by:



WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT



Photo: Pixabay

**Sunday
June 7**

10am - 12pm

Marden Park
7368 Wellington
Road 30

Race a DIY boat down Marden Creek

Try your hand at building a biodegradable boat to be raced through a restored stretch of creek. Participants will have approximately 30 minutes to build a boat (all materials will be provided) before sending them on their maiden voyage down Marden Creek.

Learn about the stream restoration work that the Speed Valley Chapter - Trout Unlimited Canada has completed and future plans for restoring Guelph's creeks.

Please wear rubber boots or waders, and be prepared to get wet!

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Trout Unlimited Canada



Speed Valley Chapter



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2 RIVERS ON 2 WHEELS AND A COLD BREW TOO



**Tuesday
June 9**

6:45pm - 8:30pm

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CREATURES OF THE ARBORETUM CREEK



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**Wednesday
June 10**

7pm - 8:30pm

J. C. Taylor
Nature Centre
270 Arboretum Rd

Discover and appreciate our urban biodiversity

Come out and explore Arboretum Creek, a tributary of the Eramosa River. Discover and celebrate the biodiversity found in the aquatic environments of our two rivers. Catch, identify, and study the plant and animal life we have in and beside our streams.



A great activity for all ages. Bring insect repellent and dress for the weather.

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MEDICINAL PLANT WALK



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**Thursday
June 11**

7pm - 8:30pm

North side of Gow's
Bridge
McCrae Blvd

Join us for an informative herb walk

We'll talk about the medicinal uses of plants that grow near the river. You'll learn how to identify some local medicinal plants, ideal harvesting time, which part(s) to use, and how to use them. We'll also discuss the benefits of the plants, and in what scenarios they would be applicable. Some botany information will be included, but this herb walk focuses on the practical side—no previous experience necessary.

We'll be walking and standing for the duration of this event, so please choose appropriate footwear. You may want to bring a notebook or camera. Note: We will not be doing any harvesting during this walk.

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RIVER COLOURS



Photo: Nicole Hewat

**Saturday
June 13**

10am - 11am

Guelph Enabling
Garden
Riverside Park

Explore the world of natural colour in a river environment

We will forage for plant matter near the river and use heated river water to steep the plants and see what colours they produce.

Cotton paper and brushes will be provided to play with the different colours but if you can bring a mug to put the plants in, that would be great!

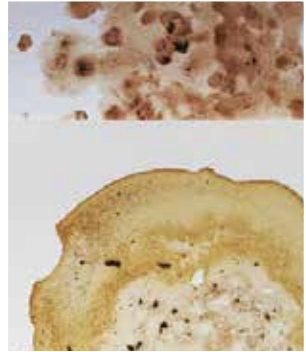


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**World Tree
Chocolate**



WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION WALK



Photo: YGH

**Sunday
June 14**

2pm - 4pm

Yorklands property
785 York Rd
(meet at bus stop)

Join us to enjoy wildflowers and nature connections

The Waterloo-Wellington
Wildflower Society of
Nature Guelph will help us
identify the flowers we find.

Bring your cameras. Note:
no washrooms on site -
this is our bit of country
in the city. The York Road
bus can be taken from city
centre.



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All Nations Grand River Walk

June 13 to 20, 2020

The All Nations Grand River Water Walk is a ceremony. It is meant to honour, pray and sing for the waters of the Grand River, and connect all peoples to Creation. The walk honours all Water Walkers, including Josephine Mandamin, the first water walker, other walkers who have walked on, and those who walk today.

**To learn more about the walk and how
you can support the walkers, visit
www.grandriverwaterwalk.com**

You are invited to join Mary Anne Caibaosai and other walkers on their journey from the mouth of the Grand River at Lake Erie to its source near Dundalk. All Nations are welcome!

Be part of a truly transformative experience.



EXPLORING POND CREEK: ABOVE AND BELOW GROUND



**Tuesday
June 16**

6pm - 8pm

GCVI School
155 Paisley St

Explore a stream hidden in the middle of the city

We will walk the lower section of Pond Creek looking at the signs and indications of the buried creek in the residential neighbourhood. We will walk to the outlet of the creek and embark on an underground adventure, following the creek upstream for a little way. Bring a flashlight and rubber boots or shoes that can get wet!

Meet at the main GCVI school sign at the corner of Yorkshire Street North and Paisley Street. We will be ending at Silvercreek Park at Wellington Street West and Edinburgh Road South.

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TAOIST TAI CHI® ARTS BY THE RIVER



**Wednesday
June 17**

7pm - 9pm

Goldie Mill Park

Experience a moving meditation on the banks of the Speed River

Through the Taoist Tai Chi® practice, you may improve your balance, flexibility, health, and well-being. If you would like to learn more, we will meet at Goldie Mill Park where you will receive an introduction to the Taoist Tai Chi® practice.

You will be shown the first few moves of the set and then be asked to join in and share in the experience of the Taoist Tai Chi® practice in a beautiful park setting by the river. In case of rain, the event will be postponed until next year.

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CRAYFISH CATCH



**Saturday
June 20**

1:30pm - 2:30pm

The Covered Bridge
York Rd

Make friends with a crayfish

Join an Environmental Educator from the Grand River Conservation Authority and other volunteers as we enter the Speed River in search of crayfish and other aquatic creatures. You'll learn how to tell the difference between male and female crayfish, and find how the GRCA uses aquatic creatures to help evaluate water quality in our watershed.

Nets and bug containers provided. Suitable for all ages but appropriate footwear is required. You will be in the water. Wear closed toe water sandals or shoes. No flip flops or bare feet!

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DAN THE NATURE MAN AND HIS RIVER SAFARI



**Saturday
June 20**

2:30pm - 4pm

Main Branch
Guelph Public Library
100 Norfolk St

***Discover crayfish, water pennies,
baby ducks, and so much more!***

Join Dan the Nature Man on this river safari at the Main Library. Children must be accompanied by their parent or caregiver. Please bring a pair of rubber boots. JK to grade 4.

Please register on the library website:
<https://guelphpl.libnet.info/event/3946477>

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WALK THE NISKA VALLEYLANDS



Photo: [facebook.com/SpeedRiverValleyLands](https://www.facebook.com/SpeedRiverValleyLands)

**Sunday
June 21**

11pm - 12:30pm

YMCA bus stop
Downey Rd &
Woodland Glen

An educational hike of the Speed River Valley Lands

Join us for a walk down the historic Niska Road to the Speed River where Felix Hanlon, one of the founders of Guelph, lived. Learn about the importance of the Hanlon Creek Watershed and conservation lands in Guelph.

The trail may at times be muddy and rough. Please come prepared with appropriate footwear.

Meet up at the bus stop in front of the YMCA on Downey Rd. We will finish at Niska Bridge.

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**Speed River Valley Heritage
Lands Association**

MOTHS AT NIGHT



Photo: Megan McMillan

**Friday
June 26**

8:30pm - 11:30pm

Yorklands property
785 York Rd

Take a closer look at the incredible insects of the night

Using a blacklight is a great way to see the amazing diversity of moths and other nocturnal insects. We'll set up a light and a sheet and talk about the importance of insects in our environment.

This is a late evening event, as it needs to take place after dark. Participants should bring flashlights, headlamps, bug spray, chairs (if desired), cameras, etc. Meet at the main gate entrance to the Yorklands property. Minimal walking will be involved to get to the sheet from the meeting place. Note: No washrooms on site. Parking is limited. The York Road bus can be taken from city centre.

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2RIVERS FESTIVAL CELEBRATION TRIBUTARY TO THE RIVERS



Photo: Emma Callon

**Saturday
June 27**

5pm - 11pm

The Boathouse
116 Gordon St

Don't miss this celebration event!

The best songs submitted for Tributary to the Rivers, a songwriting competition, will be judged live at this event. Who will be our lucky winners? All songs must be originals, and must be about the Speed, the Eramosa, or the Grand River.

Enjoy the music along with local food trucks, local beer and wine, and face painting. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket.



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Tributary to the Rivers, a Songwriting Competition **Official Rules**

1. Must be an original song related to the theme "About the Speed, the Eramosa, or the Grand River".
2. Limit song to less than 4.5 minutes.
3. Submit by emailing the following to info@wellingtonwaterwatchers.ca by midnight May 29, 2020:
 - a) MP3 or YouTube video link of your song
 - b) PDF of lyrics
 - c) Entry form (download the .docx form here: <https://tinyurl.com/TttREntryForm>)
4. Applicants will be advised by June 12, 2020, if they have been selected to perform at the June 27th event.
5. Applicant must be available to sing their song at the 2Rivers Festival Celebration - Featuring Tributary to the Rivers Finalists on Saturday, June 27, 5-11pm. The Boathouse, Guelph.
6. Selected candidates will perform at the 2Rivers Festival Celebration - Featuring Tributary to the Rivers Finalists.
7. Criteria for judging songs:
 - a) Relation to the theme
 - b) Songwriting / lyrics
 - c) Melody
 - d) Authenticity
8. Prizes will be awarded to the winners on the day of the competition. Winners will be decided by the panel of judges based on the listed criteria:
 - a) One First Prize - A full day of recording time at Copper Sound Studio to record the song. This will include mixing and mastering.
 - b) Two Second Prizes
 - 1) A weekend pass for 2 to Hillside Music Festival
 - 2) A weekend pass for 2 to Riverfest
 - c) Three Third Prizes - Gift packages from Lush
9. Entry constitutes permission to use performer's name, likeness, and voice for publicity and advertising without additional compensation.
10. 2Rivers Festival reserves the right to upload all performances online.
11. The performer must have rights to the song to be considered eligible.



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BIODIVERSITY EXPLORATION



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**Sunday
June 28**

2pm - 4pm

Yorklands property
785 York Rd
(meet at bus stop)

Discover the diverse habitat of our future ecology park

Join us to explore pollinator habitat with a focus on wetlands, streams, and trees that are needed for our insects, birds, and other fauna. Learn about gaps in biodiversity that can be filled here or near your home. Leaders will be on hand to help with identification of trees, water insects, and pollinators. We will emphasize natural habitats and ecological linkage. Bring out your family and friends to enjoy this special heritage landmark in Guelph's green corridor.

Limited parking along York Rd. No washrooms on site.

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A special thank you to the 2Rivers Festival Steering Committee who have dedicated their time to develop the festival program and connect us more closely with our rivers: Rebecca Alam, Laura Andrighetti, Robert Barron, Emma Callon, Samantha Casey, Barbara Forster, Trista Forth, Jane Hudson, Leah Jefferson, Susan Ratcliffe, Heather Reid, Beth Shier and

Arlene Slocombe. Thank you also to the volunteers who help to marshal our events.

The 2Rivers Festival is a project of Wellington Water Watchers, a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and conservation of source water in Guelph-Wellington.

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