



2 RIVERS FESTIVAL

Celebrating the Speed and Eramosa Rivers

May & June 2016



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James Gordon, Guelph's very own iconic Canadian songwriter, wrote a beautiful song which describes Guelph's location at the confluence of the Speed and Eramosa Rivers:

*There were two beautiful rivers
The Eramosa and the Speed
And there were fine maple forests
What more could we need?
And we knew that we had found our home
So we built this mill out of strong limestone*

*There were two beautiful rivers
There were two beautiful rivers*

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2RIVERSFESTIVAL

Celebrating the Speed and Eramosa Rivers



The **2Rivers Festival** is an annual festival celebrating the beautiful Speed and Eramosa rivers, which meet in the city of Guelph, Ontario. Since its beginning in 2012, people have gathered to share, enjoy and discover all that these rivers bring to our community. By showing that we value our rivers, we contribute to actions that will help to protect them.

This year's 2Rivers Festival features a wide variety of FREE river-related events to attend in May and June 2016, including canoeing, kayaking, hiking, cycling and river restoration.

All 2Rivers Festival events are FREE and open to attend. To help us get an idea of numbers, we invite you to register at:

2riversfestival.org/register

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



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RESTORATION AND REJUVENATION WALK

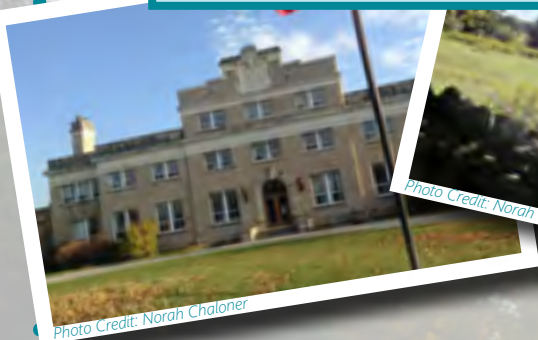


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Sat May 7
& Sun May 8
2pm - 4pm

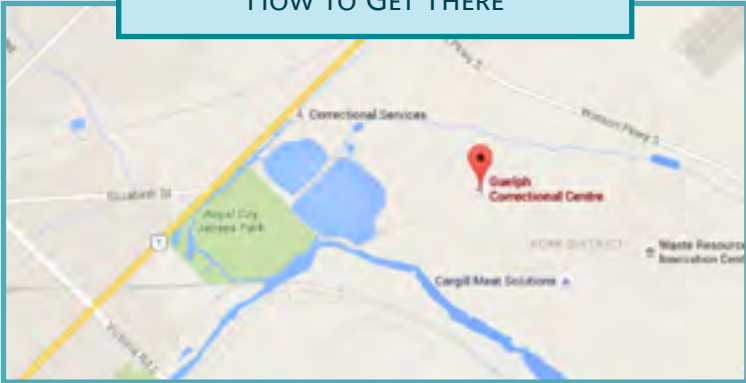
Rain or shine, walk with us and learn the amazing history of the heritage site known as the former Guelph Correctional Centre (or Ontario Reformatory). Hear about the plans for the restoration of its waterways and lands and of the engagement of various community, University and business groups that support repurposing the site for a future leading environmental science centre. The Yorklands Green Hub focus will be on research, education, innovation and recreation related to urban agriculture, renewable energies and creeks and wetlands.

While walking, enjoy the stone walls, trees, fields, paths, creeks and ponds as you learn about Yorklands Green Hub and its mobile learning lab (tiny school) that will be in use this autumn. Join us in innovating, educating and collaborating to open green doors to the future.



YORKLANDS GREEN HUB
Opening green doors to the future.

HOW TO GET THERE



Location: Guelph Correctional Centre lands.
Meet inside the main gate at 785 York Rd.

Is this event accessible? Half of the walk will be on the paved driveway but some will be on a path through a grassy field path that is less smooth.

“Focus on Water”

Ontario Streams biologists will be on hand on May 15th at the YGH to specifically focus on identifying the critters in healthy streams including any flying species like birds, flies, etc. Family event. Bring your cameras and sketchpads.

“Yorklands Art Fair”

Calling all artists and photographers, big and small, to create a personal art piece on the site, on two Sunday afternoons in May. All mediums welcome. This artwork can be entered into the Yorklands Green Hub art show in June in downtown Guelph.

Details for the celebration will be on our website by mid-April 2016. www.yorklandsgreenhub.ca

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL BIRD DAY



Photo Credit: Nature Guelph



Photo Credit: Nature Guelph

Saturday
May 14
9am & 1pm

May 14 is International Birding Day.

Bird life is particularly active where land and water meet. We will stroll along the river listening and watching to identify the common birds and to learn about them in their habitat. Join us for the morning or the afternoon walk or for both! Let's see how many species we can count along the river in Guelph.

Binoculars and field guides will be available for loan for beginning birders.

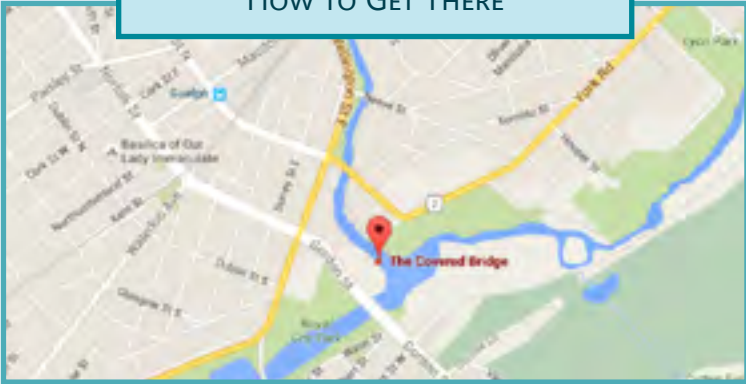


Photo Credit: Nature Guelph



Nature
Guelph

HOW TO GET THERE



Location: The Covered Bridge - east side.

Is this event accessible? Yes - with some walking off the main trail to the river.

If you are interested in learning more about nature in the Guelph area, join the local club.

Nature Guelph meets once a month at the Arboretum Centre for an indoor program and also has field trips.

Visit www.natureguelph.ca for more information.



**Go EXPLORING with binoculars
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Guelph Public Library
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www.guelphpl.ca

Support of promotion of the library binocular project is courtesy of The Gosling Foundation.

GARLIC MUSTARD PULL & DIY PESTO MAKING



Photo Credit: Mandy Hiscocks



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Thursday
May 19
5:30-7:30 pm

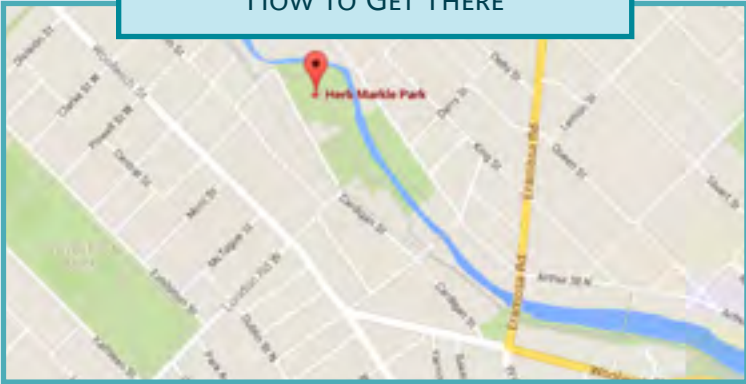
Turn an invasive species into a delicious treat!

Garlic mustard is an invasive herb native to Europe. It spreads quickly, and interferes with the growth of other plants in the area including several species at risk. While it is not a good food source for wildlife, it is high in vitamins A and C, and makes fantastic pesto.

Join us for a garlic mustard pull followed by a hands-on workshop on how to turn it into delicious pesto. Learn about invasive species along the Speed and the Eramosa, contribute to the health of the river bank, and leave with some recipes and your very own tasty pesto!

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HOW TO GET THERE



Location: Herb Markle Park, 175 Cardigan St.

Is this event accessible? Yes.

We will be providing the ingredients, the utensils, and the blenders. Please bring your own containers! ALL WELCOME. This is a family-friendly event. For more information: 519.824.2091 or volunteer@opirgguelph.org.



Naturally Caring For Our Community

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55 Wyndham St N Guelph On N1H 7T8



Shoreish is creating a centre for sustainable, land-based Judaism located at Bela Farm in Hillsburgh, Ontario.

For more info, visit:
www.shoreish.ca

FULL MOON RIVER WALK



Photo Credit: Andrew Choy

Saturday
May 21
7pm - 9pm

By the light of the Full Moon,

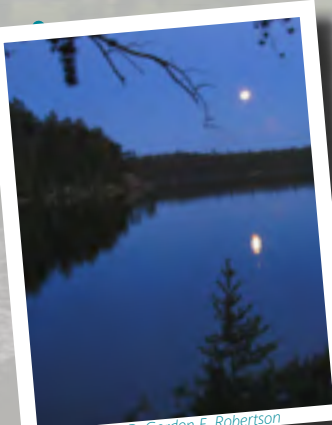


Photo Credit: D. Gordon E. Robertson

come hike up-river, across
the Victoria Road bridge, and
back on the other side.

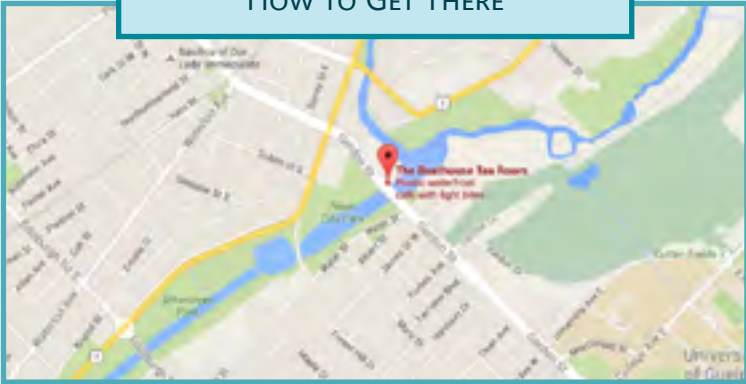
Level 1. Speed Moderate

Wear comfortable, sturdy
footwear. May be cancelled
in case of rain.



GUELPH HIKING TRAIL CLUB
PO Box 1, Guelph, ON N1H 6M1

HOW TO GET THERE



Location: The Boathouse.

Is this event accessible? No.

Did you know?

You can hike the trails from Guelph to Tobermory or Queenston. The Radial Line Trail leaves Guelph along our rivers and in 33 kilometers joins the Bruce Trail at Limehouse. From there, if you turn South you can walk all the way to Queenston on the Niagara River. If you turn north, you can walk all the way to Tobermory at the tip of the Bruce Peninsula.

For more information visit www.guelphhiking.com.

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BEGINNER PADDLING TECHNIQUES

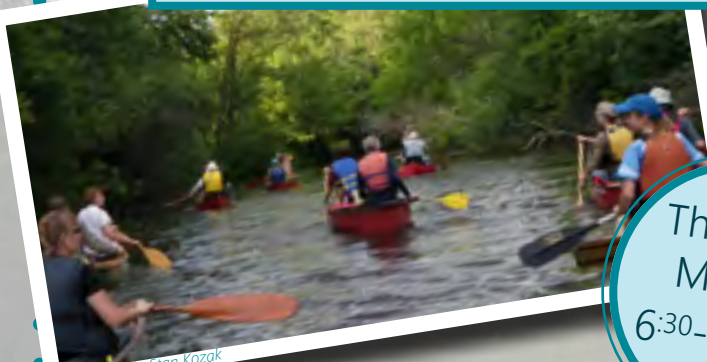


Photo Credit: Stan Kozak

Thursday
May 26
6:30-8:30 pm



Photo Credit: wellingtonwaterwatchers.ca

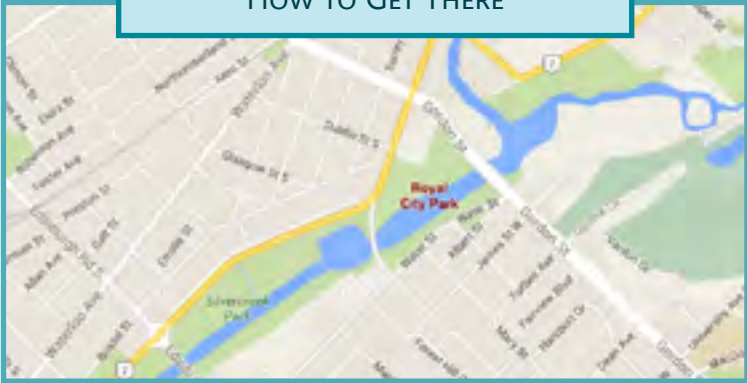
New paddlers will be shown beginner paddling techniques and will be able to practise them.

When registering online, participants must let the organizer know whether they will be using a canoe or a kayak, provided by the paddler.

Canoe and kayak rentals are available from Speed River Paddling.



HOW TO GET THERE



Location: Royal City Park.

Is this event accessible? No.

An advertisement for Speed River Paddling Inc. (SRP). The top half shows a red circular logo with the text "Canoe & Kayak Rentals" and "SPEED RIVER PADDLING INC." around a central "SRP" logo featuring a canoe and paddle. The background is a scenic view of a river with trees and a cloudy sky. The bottom half is a black banner with white text.

OUR SEASON STARTS MID-MAY!
OPEN TUES-SUN 10AM - 7PM
LOCATION - 116 GORDON STREET
FIND US ON FACEBOOK  /SPEEDRIVERPADDLING

THE RIVER OF TIME HERITAGE WALK

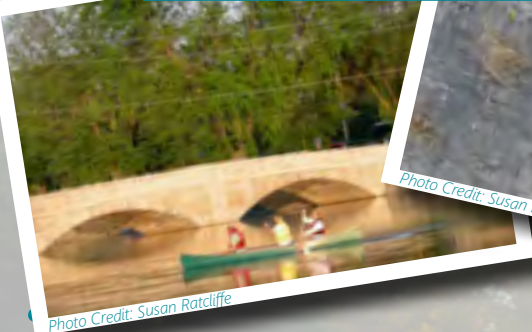


Photo Credit: Susan Ratcliffe



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Saturday
May 28
1pm - 3pm

Walk with me...

from the Native Gathering Place at the confluence of the Speed, past the shaping limestone walls, over the rare stone bridge, to the quarry lands. Hear the stories of the lost river islands, the passenger pigeons and the shape of our buildings. Learn more about the river that runs through the heart of our city.

Wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring rain gear in the unlikely event of rain.

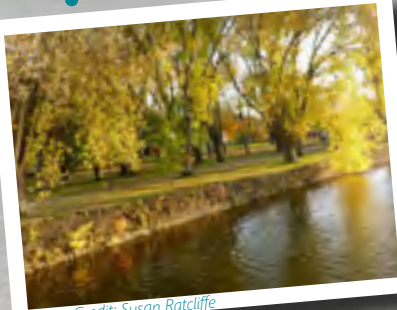


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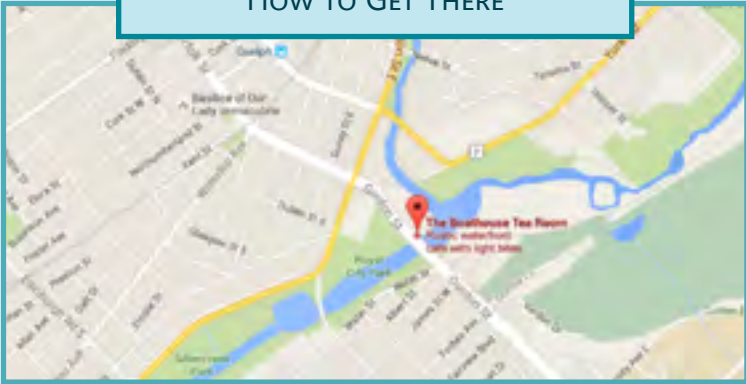


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HOW TO GET THERE



- **Start Location:** The Boathouse.
- **End Location:** On the other side of Edinburg Road.
- **Is this event accessible?** Yes.

Did you know?

As you walk the trails along the river, watch for green and blue plaques explaining the history of the river. For example, the one near Mary and Water Streets explains that the river was once a number of different channels, rather than the walled single waterway that it is now.

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GUELPH DANCE FESTIVAL 'IN THE PARK'



Friday
June 3
5:30 pm

'In the Park'

is Guelph Dance's wildly-popular, pay-what-you-can dance event. This year, we're expanding to include Hanlon Creek Park. Choreographers from across Canada will ignite your imagination as they put dance amongst the trees and fields!

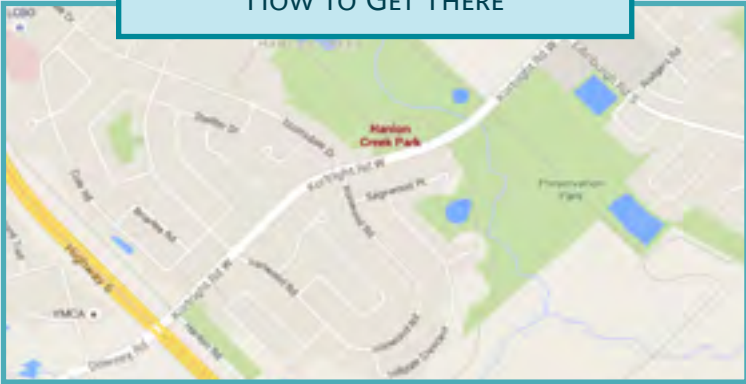
The event is suitable for all ages, so bring the family for a stroll through the park.

Details will be listed on our website:

www.guelphdance.ca



HOW TO GET THERE



- **Location:** Hanlon Creek Park, 505 Kortright Road W.
- **Is this event accessible?** Yes.

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Guelph
dance
Festival



guelphdance.ca



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MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 2 pm: Restoration Walk
8 2 pm: Restoration Walk	9	10	11	12	13	14 9am & 1pm: International Birding Day Walk
15	16	17	18	19 5:30 pm: Garlic Mustard Pull & Pesto	20	21 7 pm: Full Moon River Walk
22	23	24	25	26 6:30 pm: Beginner Paddling	27	28 1 pm: River of Time Walk
29	30	31	 <p><i>Photo Credit: Janet Baine</i></p>			



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JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><i>Photo Credit: www.facebook.com/2RiversFestival/</i></p>			1	2	3 5:30 pm: Guelph Dance 'In the Park'	4 9 am: 2Rivers Clean-Up
5 2 pm: Riverside Cycle & Pint	6	7 6:30 pm: Paddle Eramosa	8	9	10	11 1 pm: Crayfish Catch
12 2 pm: Singing Under the Bridge	13	14	15	16	17	18 10 am: Arboretum Bioblitz
19 9:30 am: Father's Day Photo Hunt	20	21	22	23	24	25 9 am: Elora & Fergus Nature & Heri- tage Festival
26	27	28	29	30	 <p><i>Photo Credit: Simon Bell</i></p>	

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2riversfestival.org/register

2RIVERS CLEANUP



Photo Credit: Mandy Hiscocks



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Saturday
June 4
9am - 12pm

**Join OPIRG
Guelph and Wellington Water
Watchers for our 37th annual
2Rivers Cleanup**

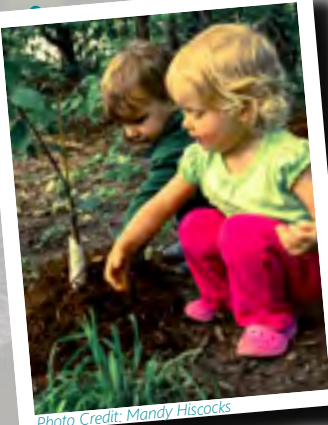


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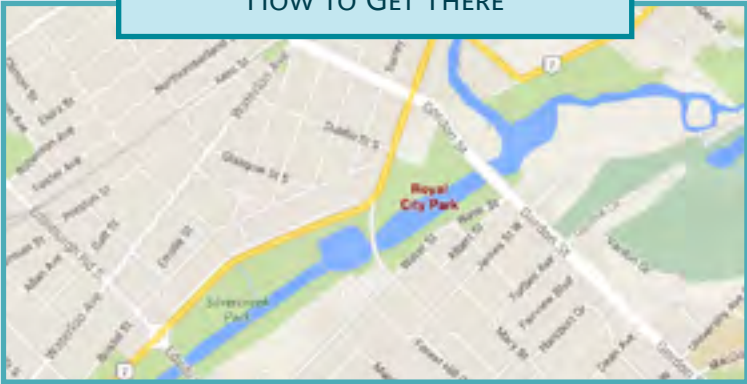
This year, alongside our traditional garbage pickup, the event will feature three other amazing river-loving activities!

What's the ultimate goal of the 2Rivers Cleanup? To revive, restore and rehabilitate the Speed and Eramosa rivers for all species to enjoy.

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HOW TO GET THERE



Location: Royal City Park - meet at the gazebo.

Is this event accessible? Please get in touch if you have accessibility questions or concerns: 519.824.2091 or organizational@opirgguelph.org.

Free, Family-Friendly event! Refreshments provided. All are welcome. Choose to participate in one of four river-focused activities:

1) Wade In! River Cleanup

CLEAN UP the river by learning what stays, what goes and what is habitat. A 37-year tradition!

2) Bug Out!

ASSESS the quality of the river by collecting, identifying and quantifying its aquatic "bugs".

3) Can You Dig It?

SUPPORT tree growth. Grow more trees along the river bank for river health.

4) Buzzin' Gardens and Habitat for Beemanity!

CREATE a pollinator garden along the beautiful Erasmosa River and build and install bee apartments!



Photo Credit: Mandy Hiscocks

CYCLING TOUR OF RIVERSIDE GARDENS... AND A PINT

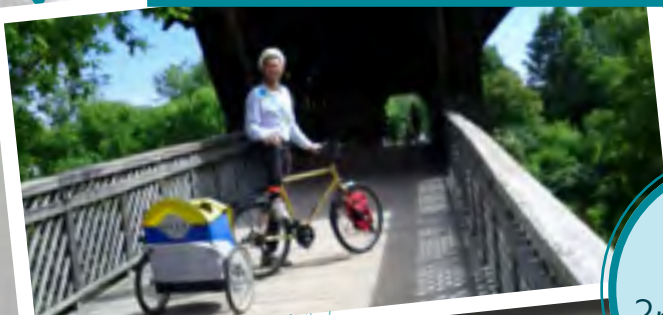


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Sunday
June 5
2pm - 4pm

Come out for a relaxing slow ride to explore some exceptional gardens along the River Trails. We'll begin at the covered wooden bridge, and proceed on various trails to locate beautiful home gardens, veggie gardens, pollinator gardens and more. We'll finish off at the Wooly to toast our favourite garden along the way.

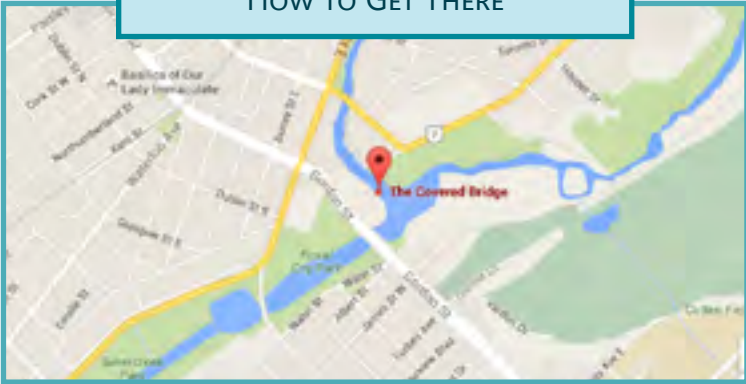
Guelph Coalition for Active Transportation's mission is to increase the quantity, quality and safety of active transportation in Guelph. We achieve our mission through advocacy and supporting Active Transportation events throughout the city.



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Guelph Coalition for
Active Transportation

HOW TO GET THERE



Location: The Covered Bridge.

Is this event accessible? No.

Did you know?

Guelph Covered Bridge - The covered bridge was built in June 1992 by 400 timber framers who were in Guelph for a Timberframers' Convention. It is based on a design from the 1880s.



*Meet you
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PADDLE ON THE ERAMOSA RIVER

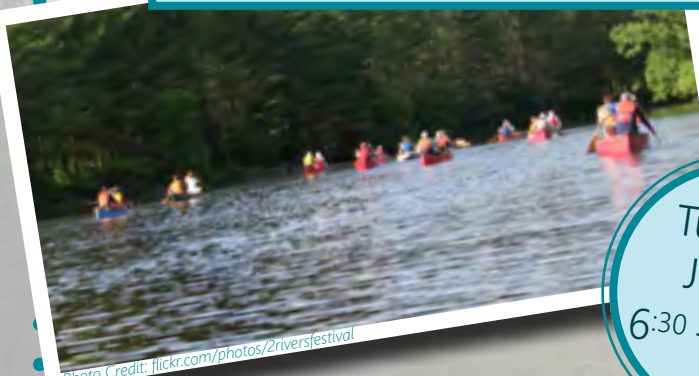


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Tuesday
June 7
6:30 - 8:30pm



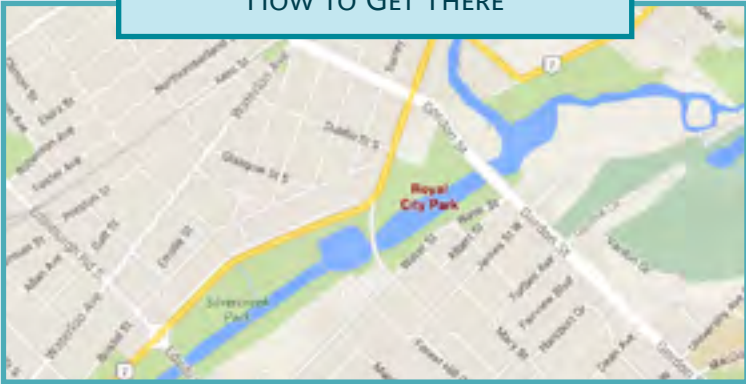
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Enjoy a leisurely
paddle on the
Eramosa River.

When registering
online, participants
must let the
organizer know
whether they will
be using a canoe or
a kayak, provided by the paddler.



HOW TO GET THERE



Location: Royal City Park or the Boat House.

Is this event accessible? No.

Canoe and kayak rentals are available from Speed River Paddling.



**We Celebrate
Our Rivers!**

Did you know?

The Boathouse - The Speed River Canoe Club was formed in 1895 and had up to 250 members. They canoed up the river every Thursday evening, returning after dark while singing. The current Boathouse was built in 1930 for boat storage.

LIFE UNDER THE WATER

CRAYFISH CATCHING IN THE SPEED



Photo Credit: Greg Meredith



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Saturday
June 11
1:00 pm

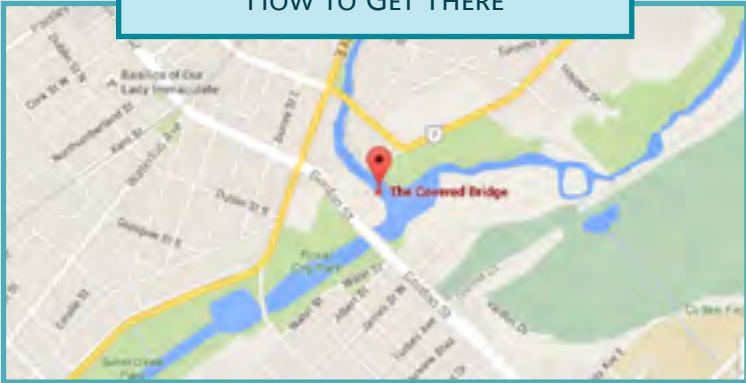
The confluence of the Speed and Eramosa Rivers is a marvelous place to learn about the biology of a river system. Have you ever wondered which fish call the Speed River their home? Do you know which insects begin life underwater only to later grow wings and fly? We will explore the interconnected lives below the water on the Speed River. Prepare to get wet! Although not required - if you wear strap on sandals or rubber boots it will allow you to join us in the river and catch some critters.



Photo Credit: Greg Meredith



HOW TO GET THERE



Location: End of York Road by The Covered Bridge.

Is this event accessible? No.

Be prepared to get wet. No barefeet please.

Did you know?

The Speed and Eramosa Rivers are two of four river tributaries to the Grand River that are designated as Canadian Heritage Rivers, the other two being the Nith and The Conestoga. Both rivers flow into the Grand River, which flows into Lake Erie. The entire Grand River Watershed is about the size of Prince Edward Island.

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WHO'S THAT SINGING UNDER THE BRIDGE?!



Photo Credit: Nick Craine

Sunday
June 12
2pm - 3pm

- *Resonance.*
- *Reverberation.*
- *Reflection. Water. Stone.*
- *Sky.*
- Guelph's own Ondine
- Chorus will sing a
- magical serenade to
- the Eramosa River
- under the Victoria
- Street Bridge. **Walk, Bike**
- **or Canoe** but arrive on time as space will
- be limited and you won't want to miss hearing
- Ondine's original vocal songs, arrangements
- and improvisations sung in exquisite 5-part
- harmony.

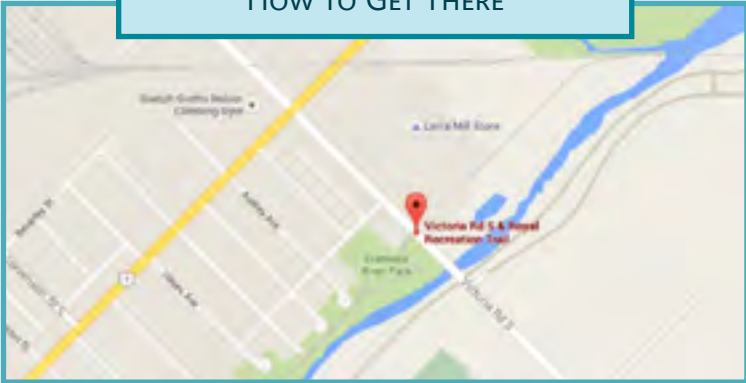


Photo Credit: Randy Sutherland

Hosted by:

Ondine Chorus

HOW TO GET THERE



Location: Victoria Road Bridge (located along the Eramosa River Trail, close to Victoria Rd and York Road).

Is this event accessible? Yes, however the terrain may be uneven and/or damp.

Bring a blanket, folding chair or hip waders.

www.facebook.com/OndineChorus



Spring Awakes!

To benefit Old Growth Forest Conservation

*Sunday, May 29
1:30 - 4:30 pm
Ignatius Jesuit Centre*

Tickets available at Janus Books & Loyola House \$25

www.facebook.com/SpringAwakesOldGrowthForest

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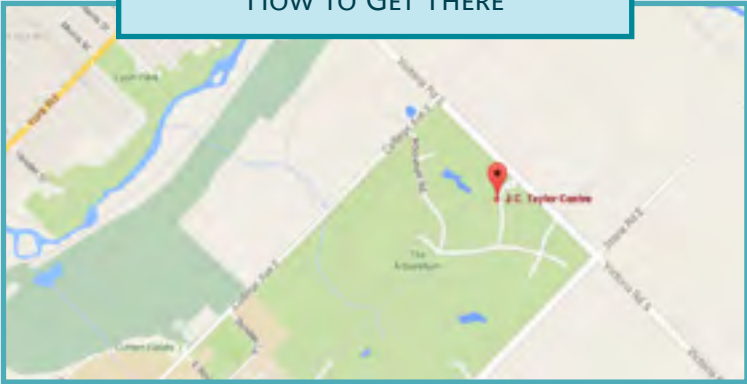
Saturday
June 18
10am - 4pm

Did you know that The Arboretum, University of Guelph, is an incredibly biodiverse site within the City of Guelph? It includes 111 lichen species, 207 bird species, 276 fungi species, 187 native herbaceous plant species, 60 native woody plant species, 44 mammal species and a whopping 798 moth species! Arboretum Creek is a tributary of the Eramosa River and it drains The Arboretum's Class One Provincially Significant Wetlands. This combined with the old growth forests, successional forests, open fields and plant collections attracts huge numbers of wildlife. We need your help to count them! Come out with biologists as we search The Arboretum including a wildlife corridor to the river.



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HOW TO GET THERE



Location: J.C. Taylor Nature Centre, The Arboretum, University of Guelph.

Is this event accessible? The building is but the trails are not.



Photo Credit: Chris Earley

At 10 am and/or 1 pm you can join hikes that will focus on different organism groups: search for wildflowers, catch dragonflies, watch birds or dip a net in the ponds. In between, you can help biologists identify insects and other organisms inside the JC Taylor Nature Centre.

Drop in for as long as you like and see why urban biodiversity is so important. All ages welcome!

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**Nature Connection
Since 2012**

FATHER'S DAY PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT



Photo Credit: Simon Bell



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Sunday
June 19
9:30 am -
3:30 pm

Come join the Focus on Nature photography team as we search for The Wild, The Beautiful and The Unusual along the Speed and Eramosa Rivers with our cameras. We'll start with a brief slideshow about how to take great pictures with your camera and end with a demonstration of photo editing techniques that everyone can use. What a great way to spend the day with Dad!

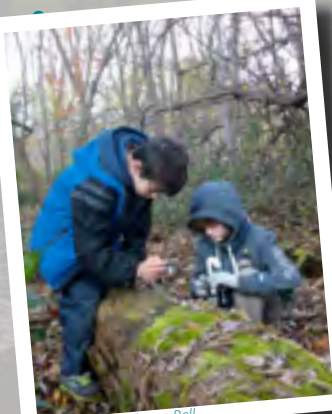
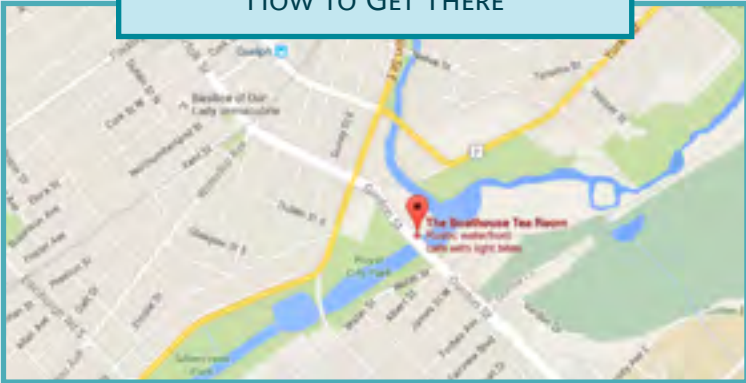


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Focus on
Nature

www.focusonnature.ca

HOW TO GET THERE



Location: The Boathouse/Bowling club.

Is this event accessible? Yes.

BYOC: Bring your own camera!

Did you know?

There are over 300 different bird species that have been recorded in the Grand River Watershed of which the Eramosa and Speed Rivers are a significant part. 65 of these bird species are considered to be rare in Ontario and 31 are considered to be at risk in Ontario and/or in Canada.

A promotional poster for 'Focus on Nature Summer Camps at the Arboretum'. The poster features a background image of a lush green forest. In the bottom right corner, there is a photo of a young girl with long dark hair, wearing a white shirt, holding a camera up to her eye as if taking a picture. The text on the poster includes the logo 'Focus on Nature' with a small globe icon, the title 'SUMMER CAMPS AT THE ARBORETUM' in large yellow and white letters, the dates 'JULY 11-15 & AUGUST 15-19', and a list of activities: 'Nature photography for 8 to 16 year olds', 'Learn to shoot and edit great images', and 'Explore nature in a safe environment'. At the bottom, it says 'For details visit www.focusonnature.ca'.

Focus on Nature **SUMMER CAMPS**
AT THE ARBORETUM
JULY 11-15 & AUGUST 15-19

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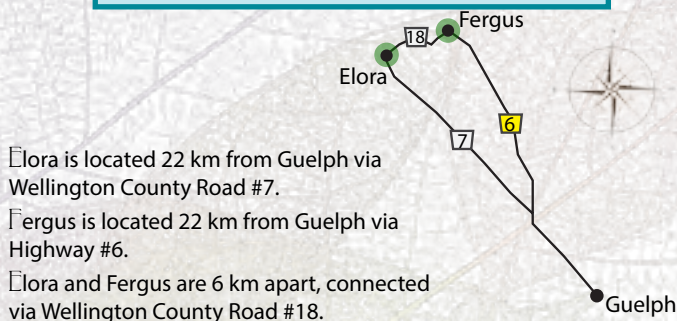
NATURE & HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Confluence Festival is a celebration of the natural & cultural heritage of the Elora & Fergus area. Nature activities include guided walks and workshops on birds, insects, fish, amphibians, mammals and plants; some cultural activities are Indigenous Peoples studies, area history and architecture. Note that both children and wheelchair-accessible studies are prominently featured.

www.confluencefestival.com
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[@confluence2016](https://facebook.com/confluence)

Saturday
June 25th
9am - 9pm

HOW TO GET THERE



THE CONFLUENCE

NATURE & HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday June 25, 2016
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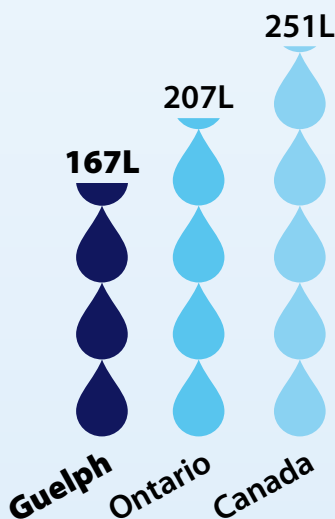


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