

# BC Nature Fall General Meeting, September 20-22 2018

## Event descriptions

Event Name	Date and Time	Description
Keynote 1	2018 09 20 at 1900	Nancy Holmes.
Keynote 2	2018 09 21 at 1900	Jay Kehne, Conservation Northwest
Keynote 3	2018 09 22 at 1900	<p>Adam T Ford, UBC - Okanagan campus</p> <p>Roads are one of the most ubiquitous human-made features on the earth, changing the movement patterns and abundance of wildlife. Canada's flagship national park, Banff, is bisected by Canada's most important transportation corridor. Harmonizing the needs to move goods and people safely across Canada, while maintaining ecological integrity, has been a great challenge. Banff has risen to this challenge and leads the world in reducing the harm of roads on wildlife, including a system of fencing and wildlife crossing structures. This success is a product of long-term support for science and cooperation among conservation partners. In this talk, I will summarize the lessons from Banff and outline how these insights can be applied broadly to areas of BC where driver safety and wildlife are concern.</p>
Thursday morning birding	2018 09 21 at 0600	
Friday morning birding	2018 09 22 at 0600	
Birding along Beaver Lake Road	2018 09 22	<p>Visiting one of the better birding areas in the Central Okanagan, this trip is designed for those who would rather do their birding later in the day and sleep in. Beginning at the valley bottom, the road winds steadily uphill through grasslands into the woods,</p>

		<p>with the trip ending on the shores of Beaver Lake at the Beaver Lake Mountain Resort.</p> <p>Join CONC birders for a drive along this interesting road. Some pavement, some gravel.</p> <p><a href="http://birding.bc.ca/regions/okanagan_valley/guide-kelowna.php">http://birding.bc.ca/regions/okanagan_valley/guide-kelowna.php</a></p>
Black Mountain / sntsk'il'ntən Regional Park	2018 09 21 at 1300	<p>The Friends of Black Mountain/sntsk'il'ntən Regional Park have agreed to lead a three- or four-hour hike though this unopened park, one of the newest in the Central Okanagan. A mix of grasslands, forest, and mountain viewpoint, this is a lovely park just east of Kelowna.</p> <p><a href="https://www.friendsofblackmountain.com/">https://www.friendsofblackmountain.com/</a></p>
Okanagan Rail Trail hike		<p>Recently the railway between Coldstream (outside Vernon) and Kelowna has been closed, the ties removed, and a hiking and biking trail put in place.</p> <p>Join CONC hikers for a trip along this trail.</p> <p><a href="https://okanaganrailtrail.ca/">https://okanaganrailtrail.ca/</a></p>
Okanagan Rail Trail bicycle trip		<p>Recently the railway between Coldstream (outside Vernon) and Kelowna has been closed, the ties removed, and a hiking and biking trail put in place.</p> <p>Join CONC bikers for a trip along this trail.</p> <p><a href="https://okanaganrailtrail.ca/">https://okanaganrailtrail.ca/</a></p>
Myra Canyon Trestles hike		<p>A spectacular portion of the Kettle Valley railroad, in the hills above Kelowna.</p> <p>Access is via a rough gravel road.</p> <p><a href="https://www.myratrestles.com/">https://www.myratrestles.com/</a></p>

<p>Myra Canyon Trestles bike trip</p>		<p>A spectacular portion of the Kettle Valley railroad, in the hills above Kelowna.</p> <p>Access is via a rough gravel road.</p> <p>Bicycle rental is available on site or bring your own.</p> <p><a href="https://www.myratrestles.com/">https://www.myratrestles.com/</a></p>
<p>Johns Family Nature Conservancy Regional Park</p>		<p>From the regional district website, “In April 2013, the new Johns Family Nature Conservancy Regional Park was announced in a partnership involving the Central Okanagan Land Trust (COLT) and Regional District.</p> <p>“323-hectares was bequeathed to COLT from the estate of Nancy and Alfred Johns and surviving members of the Johns siblings.”</p> <p>Join CONC members for a hike in this area. Note that high-clearance vehicles are required to access this park.</p> <p><a href="https://www.regionaldistrict.com/your-services/parks-services/parks-and-trails/30-johns-family-nature-conservancy-regional-park.aspx">https://www.regionaldistrict.com/your-services/parks-services/parks-and-trails/30-johns-family-nature-conservancy-regional-park.aspx</a></p>
<p>A tour of recent conservation projects in the Central Okanagan</p>		<p>This trip, involving only a little walking, will look at three recent projects in the Central Okanagan.</p> <p>The Fascieux Creek project, co-ordinated by the Eco Club at École KLO Middle School involved the naturalization (opening to the air) of a section of Fascieux Creek which ran under concrete slabs and through culverts.</p> <p>Munson Pond is an older man-made pond which now is a City park, with a trail and birding platforms. (<a href="https://www.kelowna.ca/parks-recreation/parks-beaches/parks-beaches-listing/munson-pond-park">https://www.kelowna.ca/parks-recreation/parks-beaches/parks-beaches-listing/munson-pond-park</a>)</p> <p>Mission Creek Restoration Initiative is a project to allow Mission Creek some freedom of movement. Dikes have been moved back and the creek is beginning to reconstruct a bend in the creek.</p>

		<p><a href="http://www.missioncreek.ca/">http://www.missioncreek.ca/</a></p> <p>These three projects are close together in the southern part of Kelowna. Also, nearby, if you want an extension of this trip, on your own, are the Thomson Marsh Park.</p>
Scenic Canyon Regional Park	2018 09 21	<p>From the regional district’s website, “Scenic Canyon Regional Park officially opened in May 2005 in conjunction with the opening of Phase 2 of the Mission Creek Greenway.</p> <p>“Highlights in this park include hiking trails, a riparian zone with a mature cedar grove, heritage, and geological formations.</p> <p>“Cultural sites include gold mining activity in placer gold pits, early settlement of Dan Gallagher, and rock ovens used by Chinese labourers.</p> <p>“Spectacular geologic features can be seen from trail viewpoints including Layer Cake Mountain, Pinnacle Rock, canyon walls and rock Hoodoos.”</p> <p>This hike will explore some of these features. The hike down to the creek is steep.</p> <p><a href="https://www.regionaldistrict.com/your-services/parks-services/parks-and-trails/25-scenic-canyon-regional-park.aspx">https://www.regionaldistrict.com/your-services/parks-services/parks-and-trails/25-scenic-canyon-regional-park.aspx</a></p>
Friday morning speaker	2018 09 21	TBA
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Friday morning speaker	2018 09 21	<p>Terri-Lynn Russell, ECE instructor Okanagan College</p> <p>Connecting children to Nature and Outdoor play promotes lifelong learning as well as strengthens community. This presentation will touch on why outdoors is promoted in early childhood. Topics highlighted will include: what does early childhood mean, benefits of being outdoors, the importance of adults experiencing outdoors with children, challenges and ideas to promote or experience nature and outdoors.</p>
Friday morning speaker	2018 09 21	Christina Chpwaniec, NatureKids BC
Friday morning speaker	2018 09 21	<p>Wayne Wilson, Executive Director, Central Okanagan Land Trust</p> <p>Community Collaboration</p> <p>Community collaboration takes many forms, and over the past number of years the Central Okanagan Land Trust has been fortunate to have the support of a wide range of individuals and groups. From government funding partners and private foundations to individual donors and corporate volunteer programs, the efforts to work together has brought significant positive results.</p> <p>This talk will illustrate the collaboration that supported three major projects in the Central Okanagan - Mission Creek Restoration Initiative, Munson Pond Naturalization Project, and the Johns Family Nature Conservancy Regional Park Waste Management Project.</p> <p>Wayne Wilson is the Executive Director of the Central Okanagan Land Trust. The bulk of his career was spent in the Museum field, and it was there he gained experience in grant writing and community engagement work. He holds a BA and MA in Historical Geography from UBC.</p>
Friday afternoon	2018 09 21 1300-1630	Wine tour of southeast Kelowna, possibly including Summerhill, Cedar Creek, Tantalus and Sperling