



## Hello Participants!

# *The Kingston Field Naturalists and Thousand Islands National Park*

*invite you to join us in their*

## **2017 BioBlitz**



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This will be the Kingston Field Naturalists 19<sup>th</sup> BioBlitz in the Kingston area! We would like to record over 700 species in 24 hours and hope that everyone, including our volunteers, will find it a fun and educational event. This year our emphasis will be on Canada 150 - celebrating our natural heritage. To celebrate this National event we've partnered up with Thousand Islands National Park to undertake one of many BioBlitzes' that will be happening in National Parks across the country.

The idea for the BioBlitz comes from the Canadian Biodiversity Institute. It's an inventory of as many living things as can be identified within a 24 hour period. Specialists and experts from a diverse set of disciplines will be grouped with interested volunteers to explore the area under investigation. The inventory and interaction of volunteers with the public are integral goals of this event.

The BioBlitz takes place from **3:00 pm on Friday, 16 June, to 3:00 pm on Saturday, 17 June, 2017.**

The event will run, rain or shine.

### The Site

We are delighted for the opportunity to hold this BioBlitz in cooperation with Thousand Islands National Park at their Landon Bay site. This is a 270 hectare property and has a variety of habitats including deciduous and coniferous forest, stream, lake, fields, rocky outcrops, marshes, ponds and small wet meadows.

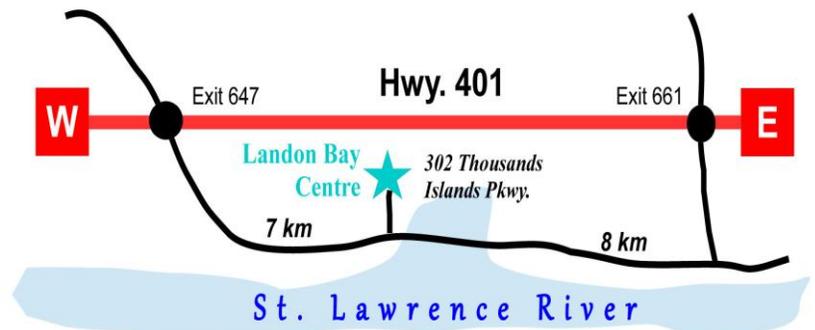
**Access from Kingston.** Allow about three quarters of an hour from Kingston to the site. See map. Car pooling is suggested.

### Directions to Landon Bay

GPS location NAD 83 zone 18T 4142127, 4911656

From Kingston take Hwy 401 east to exit #647 Gananoque then Thousand Islands Parkway for 7 km to 302 Thousand Islands Parkway.

From the east take Hwy 401 exit #661 south to Thousand Islands Parkway then west for 8 km to 302 Thousand Islands Parkway.



### Accommodation

**Camping.** Camping is available at the Landon Bay site. Primitive camping only. Privy available. There is no running water and no fires are allowed. There will be a charge of \$5:00 per adult to help cover the privy costs. Camping will only be available by registration and space is limited so please register for camping in advance with Peter Good at [goodcompany@sympatico.ca](mailto:goodcompany@sympatico.ca) or **613-378-6605**.

**Hotels/motels in Gananoque** should be booked well in advance.

### Registration

- Participants must register at the BioBlitz base site **between 2:30 and 9:00 pm on Friday, June 16** or **between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 17**. Emergency: call 911, Thousands Islands National Park dispatch: 1-877-852-3100. Josh cell: 613-876-9864. Anne cell: 613-985-8967

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## Species observed

**For all observations a minimum of the species name, observer, date, location observed (ideally GPS coordinate) and applicable notes should be included.** Upon registration, a tally sheet will be provided and a map of the property. A tally will also be kept at the BioBlitz base site so you may look at species already recorded and note those that may yet be found. **Please let us know** if you need to go off trail. Please also tell us if you would like to be paired with another expert for your recording.

**For this year's BioBlitz there will be two options for submitting your species observations:**

- 1. Written records: A written record with your name must be handed in for species to be included in the final tally.** Please return your final tally sheets and field notes to the base site before departure. Tally sheets will be copied and returned if you wish. A reward will be offered for checking out and returning tally sheets. Any species of note should be photographed and the site of observation GPS'd if possible.
- 2. Digital submissions through iNaturalist.ca or eBird.com:** In addition to our regular reporting all Canada 150 BioBlitz data from across Canada will be entered in to iNaturalist.ca (rare species will be location protected). While not required (see option 1 above) observations can be submitted digitally to either of these online data bases. There will be special "event" created in iNaturalist specifically for this BioBlitz where observations can be submitted, viewed and observers can seek identification help where necessary. A tutorial can be found here:  
<http://inaturalist.ca/pages/video+tutorials+%252f+tutorials+video>.

## What to bring

- Please bring your own meals and snacks, but note the Saturday BBQ option (see below) and coffee available at the base site 7:30 to 8:30 am on Saturday.
- Please also bring sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, and a flashlight for night activities.
- Good walking boots are advised. Wear long pants to protect against Poison Ivy, deerfly and ticks. Tick protection also with long boots, gaiters, and/or 30% deet..
- Your own clipboard, checklist and field guides, binoculars and magnifiers.
- Cameras and GPS units will be useful (but not required) to record rare species and species needing identification.
- Potable water and a washroom will be available at the base site. Please bring your own water bottle and travel mug.
- There is cell phone coverage at the site.
- The nearest store is in Gananoque (12 km)

## Barbeque

A barbeque lunch will be available on Saturday from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Gaye Beckwith, our chef again this year, will provide sausage on a bun (or vegetarian), ice cream and drinks. The suggested donation is \$5 (no charge for under 18 year olds). First come, first served! You may wish to bring a **chair**. Do join us for the BBQ. Informal remarks and Youth Quiz prizes at 12:30pm.

**Please . . . Plan on taking your garbage home with you.**

**NO dogs at this event.** Please be sensitive to the fact that this is protected public property and we are there with the kind permission of Thousand Islands National Park. Try to keep the impact to a minimum and attempt to leave things as they were found. No collecting or wildlife handling can occur unless preauthorized by the Park (which all group leaders will be). Photographs should be used wherever possible. We are requesting that all qualified observers prepare **NHIC species occurrence forms** for rare and declining species observed during this event. Forms will be available on request.

If you have expertise not covered in the accompanying program, please come and educate us! Please also let us know if there is anything you might need that we might supply.

We look forward to this event and hope you do as well.

Please share this information with anyone you know who might be interested.

You may contact us at: **Anne:** 613-389-6742, [n8ture.anne@sympatico.ca](mailto:n8ture.anne@sympatico.ca). or **Janis:** 613 540 1167, [janis.grant@iCloud.com](mailto:janis.grant@iCloud.com)

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