



Hello Participants!

The Kingston Field Naturalists Invite you to join us for our 20th BioBlitz at our own Helen Quilliam Sanctuary June 15-16, 2018

This will be the Kingston Field Naturalists 20th BioBlitz in the Kingston area! We would like to record up to 1,000 species in 24 hours and hope that everyone, including our volunteers, will find it a fun and educational event. This BioBlitz follows Blitzes in this location in 2000 and 2002 and will serve to show changes that have occurred in the past 16 years as well as add to the tally.

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, 15 June, to 3:00 pm on Saturday, 16 June, 2018.**
The event will run, rain or shine.

The Site

We are delighted to hold this special 20th BioBlitz at our own property- the Helen Quilliam Sanctuary. This 498 acre property on the Canadian Shield has a variety of habitats including deciduous and coniferous forest, stream, lake, rocky outcrops, cliffs, marshes, ponds and an acid bog.

Access from Kingston. Allow about three quarters of an hour from Kingston to the site north of Sydenham, east of Verona and south of Westport. See map. Car pooling is suggested.

Directions to Helen Quilliam Sanctuary

GPS location: 44 506038, 76 580242

NAD 83 UTM Zone 18 easting 374386, northing 4929294

From Kingston take Sydenham Road north to Sydenham and then Bedford Road north to the site.

From Verona take Desert Lake Road to Bedford Road and south to the site.

From Westport take Westport Road west to Canoe Lake Road then south to Bedford Road and south to the site.

Accommodation BOOK NOW!! Information on the web

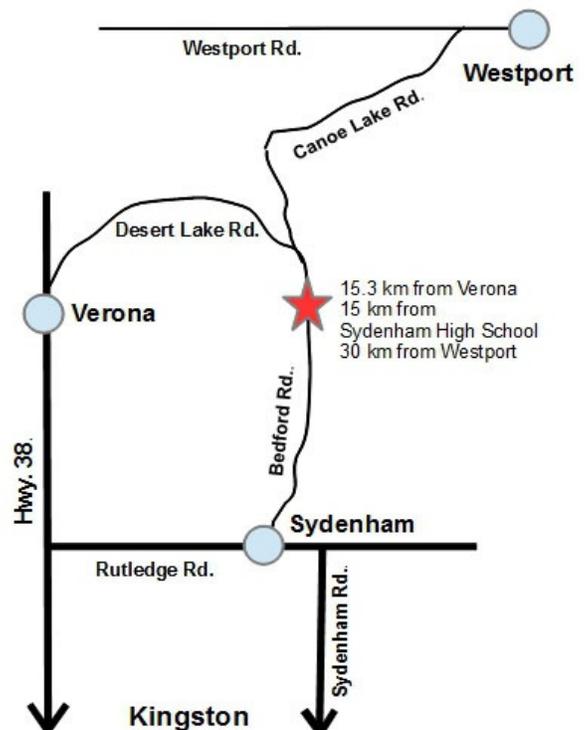
Camping. There will be no camping at the site.

Desert Lake Family Resort is the nearest campground (613 374 2196). They also have rooms

Cottages Snug Harbour Resort at Mitchell Creek (613 374 5412)

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Registration: Participants must register at the BioBlitz base site between **2:30 and 9:00 pm on Friday, June 15** or between **8:00 am and 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 16.**



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Species observed

For all observations a minimum of the species name, observer, date, location observed (ideally GPS coordinate) and trail should be recorded. Applicable notes should be added. 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 notice board 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.ca:** In addition to our regular reporting you may submit observations digitally with eBird.ca (**please share your checklists with user name Kingston FN**) and/or with iNaturalist. There will be a special "BioBlitz event" created in iNaturalist specifically for this occasion where observations can be submitted, viewed and observers can seek identification help where necessary.

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 8:00 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 some cell phone coverage at the site. (Rogers best)
- The nearest stores are in Sydenham (14 km)

Barbeque

A barbeque lunch will be available on Saturday from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Richard Brault, our chef this year, will provide a hamburger (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 property.. 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 (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** (h) 613-389-6742,(c) 613 985 8967, n8ture.anne@sympatico.ca. or

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Yours truly, Anne Robertson, Coordinator

Attachment: BioBlitz program

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