



Hello Participants!

The Kingston Field Naturalists Invite you to join us for our 21st BioBlitz at Ontario Power Generation - Lennox GS June 14-15, 2019

This will be the Kingston Field Naturalists 21st 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.

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, 14 June, to 3:00 pm on Saturday, 15 June, 2019.**
The event will run, rain or shine.

The Site

We are delighted to respond to the invitation of Ontario Hydro to hold this BioBlitz on their land. This 1500 acre property has a 150 acre wetland as well as upland meadows, various woodlots (one is 10 acres) and several limestone outcrops.

Access from Kingston. Allow about three quarters of an hour from Kingston to the site at 7263 Bath Road. See map.
Car pooling is suggested.

Directions to Ontario Power Generation – Lennox GS

GPS location: 44 1450, 76 8454

From Kingston take Bath Road (Hwy 33) west to 7263 Bath Road. (8km west of Bath)

From Napanee Take county road 8 then county road 21 to Hwy 33. Then E 0.25km to **7263 Bath Road**

From Hwy 401 west take exit 579 or 582 to Napanee then as above.

From Hwy 401 east, take exit 593 south on county road 4 to Hwy 33 then west to 7263 Bath Road

Parking will be near the main access gate and regular transportation to the base site will be available

Accommodation BOOK NOW!!

Information on the web

Camping. There will be no camping at the site. Camping may be available at United Empire Loyalists Heritage Centre Park, Adolphustown or Pickerel RV Park (Hay Bay)

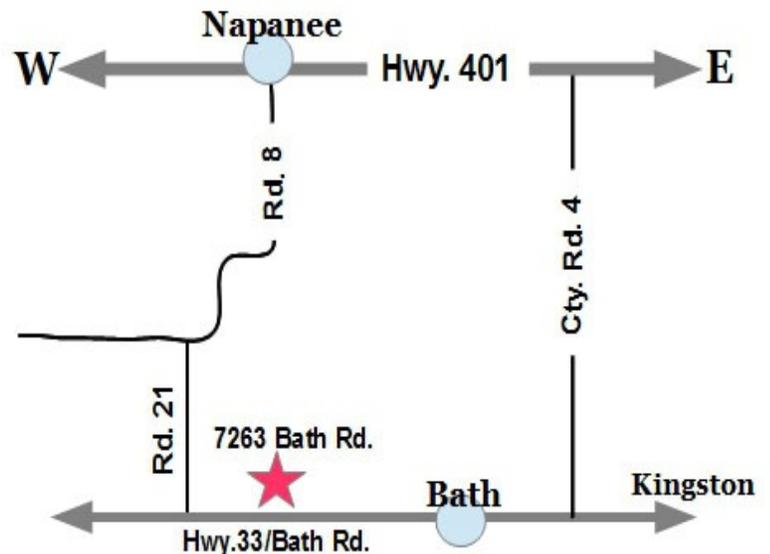
Accommodation also at

Hetherington Inn (B and B) Bath

Millhaven Inn (small cottages)

Napanee several hotels (Royal Inn, Fox Motor Home, Hampton Inn, Twin Peaks etc.)

Registration: Participants should register at the BioBlitz base site **between 2:30 pm and 9:00 pm on Friday, June 14** or **between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 15.**



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Species observed

For all observations a minimum of the species name, observer, date, location observed (ideally GPS coordinates) 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. Please join the general project found at: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/natural-history-of-the-kingston-study-area>.

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 cell phone coverage at the site.
- The nearest store is Fast Freddy's Corner Store in Bath (8 km)

Barbeque

A barbeque lunch will be provided by OPG on Saturday from 12pm to 1:00pm. The chef will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and vegetarian as well as ice cream and drinks. The suggested donation is \$5:00 (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 12:30 pm.

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

NO dogs at this event. Please be sensitive to the fact that this is private 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:

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Yours truly, Anne Robertson, Coordinator

Attachment: BioBlitz program

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