

Guided Walking Tour at the Morris Island Conservation Area

Sunday, 3 May 2009

The Ottawa Forest and Greenspace Advisory Committee is holding another guided walking tour event as part of the 2009 Walk in the Woods Series: Exploring the Morris Island Conservation Area, through natural trails that travel to small off-shore islands with scenic views of the Ottawa River.

Special guest speakers Phil Sweetnam will provide an historic perspective of the Conservation Area from having served as an appointee to the Mississippi Valley Conservation for 28 years; along Jackie Oblak, adviser to the MVC and/or Heather Hamilton, Vice-Chair to the Ottawa Forests and Greenspace Advisory Committee, to provide insight on the flora and fauna as we explore the area. A special thank you goes to Ted and Linda Mosquin, advisers to the MVC, for accompanying us during the “pre-walk” of April 19th and sharing their knowledge of the area’s fauna and flora.

Event Details

Date and time: May 3rd, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Rendez-vous point: Meet at the parking lot at the entrance of the Morris Island Conservation Area.

Bring: Weather appropriate attire, comfortable walking shoes, water. We recommend wearing long pants and closed shoes as there is poison ivy along the trails.

Please note: This tour is oriented towards adults and older children. Although part of the walk is along the causeway, which is a wide gravel trail, some people may consider the walk physically challenging when we enter the Chats Falls Trail where some rocks and large tree roots protrude in certain areas making the path somewhat uneven. The tour will be delivered in English. This event is free of charge. There is a public washroom facility and a parking area available.

Directions: Allow yourself ample time to get to the Morris Island Conservation Area: It took us a minimum of 55 minutes of travel time (by car) from the Fallowfield Road and Highway 416 to the Morris Island Conservation Area’s parking lot. Morris Island Conservation area is located along the Ottawa River near the village of Galetta. Take the 417 west to Exit 169 (Kinburn Side Road), keep right and merge onto the Kinburn Side road. Turn Left at Hwy 17. Turn Right at Galetta Side Road. **Turn Left on Logger's Way. Turn Right at Morris Island Drive**

(And since TRAVEL TIME can be deceiving, we have included the approximate travel distance in kilometers to reach the Morris Island Conservation Area by car when travelling North on Carp Road: If you take Carp Road from March Road to Galetta Side Road, the travel distance is 16km. The travel distance on Loggers Road, from Galetta Side Road, is 6 km to the entrance of the Morris Island Conservation Area’s parking lot.)

Special thanks to our partners for this event:

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