



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events are \$8 or \$3 with an Events Discount Card, unless otherwise noted.

Please register in advance as spaces are limited. Visit www.raresites.org or call 519-650-9336.

JANUARY

Saturday, January 25, 2014
10:00am-noon

Animal-tracking Hike with John MacDonald

Location: Meet at Lamb's Inn,
1679 Blair Road, Cambridge

Was it a rabbit, deer, coyote, bobcat or something else? Which way was it headed and how fast was it travelling? How long did it stop in one area and could it have been injured? Recognizing the shapes and various imprint details that animals leave as they venture about **rare** property can give us insight into their activities and help better connect us to the natural world. Join the always-engaging John MacDonald as we explore Indian Woods and find the answers to these questions and more. Great for all ages! Please dress warmly with appropriate footwear.

Friday, January 31, 2014
1:30pm-3:00pm

The Importance of River Valleys to Wildlife with Ken Dance

Location: Resource House, **rare** ECO Centre,
768 Blair Road, Cambridge

This slide-illustrated talk will show the importance of river valleys to resident, wintering and migrating animals. The importance of the Grand River flowing through **rare** will be highlighted. Ken Dance will also use his collection of taxidermied hawks and owls to illustrate certain points about changes in the landscape and ecology of the Grand River basin. This is the first weekday afternoon session offered by **rare**: we hope to see you there!

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 05, 2014
6:30pm-8:30pm

Owl Prowl with Jason Bracey

Location: Meet at the Slit Barn, **rare** ECO Centre,
768 Blair Road, Cambridge

Back by popular demand! Join Jason Bracey as he shares his knowledge of the species of owls found in Ontario and at **rare**. Learn many unique adaptations of owls and how to identify their various species. Jason will lead you on a "prowl" to see and hear these beautiful night birds. Registration for this event fills quickly - sign up today! (*Dress warmly as barn is unheated.*)

Saturday, February 08, 2014
9:30am-noon

Snowshoeing at rare with Jamie Hember of the GVTA

Location: Meet at Lamb's Inn,
1679 Blair Rd, Cambridge

Grand Valley Trails Association's Jamie Hember has invited **rare** supporters to join him on this moderate level snowshoe hike covering approximately 6km of **rare** landscape. Hikers should meet at the Lamb's Inn parking lot. Please bring your snowshoes, "icers" (or equivalent), poles and a hot drink & snack. From the village of Blair, we proceed to a higher elevation overlooking Cambridge. If there has been an accumulation of snow, you will need snowshoes. Dress warmly as some areas are exposed and can be windy. This event is free; donations are always welcome.



February 14-17

FAMILY DAY WEEKEND 2014

Our offices are closed,
but almost all of our trails are open!

Enjoy some quality time
with your loved ones
in the great outdoors,
exploring the diversity
of flora and fauna at **rare**.

For details about our trailheads, parking,
regulations and a trail map, visit:
www.raresites.org/trails

Sunday, February 23, 2014

1:00-2:00pm

Location: 681 Blair Rd, Cambridge

Tour the North House

Now is your chance to visit one of our newest facilities at **rare**, an 800 square foot solar-powered, green-housing prototype known as North House. Come learn how this finalist in the US Department of Energy's annual solar decathlon in 2009 plays a part in energy conservation and research at **rare** - and beyond.

The fee for this tour is as follows: \$5 for adults (18 yrs and older); \$3 for children (6-17 yrs) and students (must show student ID card); \$20 for a family (max. 2 adults with children); free for 5 yrs and younger.

M A R C H

Monday, March 10 - Friday, March 14, 2014
9:00am-4:00pm

March Break ECO Camp

Location: **rare ECO Centre** (Slit Barn),
768 Blair Rd, Cambridge

Calling all kids, 6-12 years old! Join us to explore old growth forest, streams, wet-land, and meadows. Observe migrating birds. Search for wildlife traces and tracks on our trails. Experience nature up close and personal through hiking adventures, environmental art, and nature-based field activities. Create a journal of your time spent at **rare** – where inquisitive minds come to play. \$150/child. Extended care (early drop-off and late pick-up) is available upon request and is only an additional \$5 for *each* morning and afternoon care.

Thursday, March 20, 2014
7:00pm-8:30pm

Lawn Alternatives and Native Plant Landscapes with Derek Lippert

Location: Resource House,
rare ECO Centre, 768 Blair Rd, Cambridge

With a great variety of ground covers, shrubs, and perennials available, turf-free landscapes can be designed to fit most peoples' needs, lifestyles, and budgets. With some creativity, anything from a low, conservative appearance to a season-long riot of colour can be arranged. For those interested in ecology, or attracting birds, butterflies, and insects, beautiful landscape designs can include a wide variety of plants native to southern Ontario. Join special guest Derek Lippert from Quiet Nature as he leads us through this informative session.

Wednesday, March 26, 2014
6:30pm-8:30pm

Environmental Resume Workshop with Gracie Podger

Location: Resource House, **rare ECO Centre**
768 Blair Rd, Cambridge

Are you a high school student looking for summer work, a new graduate trying to find meaningful employment in your field, or anyone trying to break in to the environmental work force? This is the event for you! At **rare**, we work hard to inspire young minds toward a passion and responsibility for the environment, and now we want to take the next step in helping you get there. Lead by Gracie Podger, Employment Coordinator at PATH Employment Services, come out to learn some tips and tricks on building a resume targeted to the environmental job market.

A P R I L

6 Part Beginners' Gardening Series

Wednesday, April 02, 2014 *Your Growing Space*
Wednesday, April 09, 2014 *Develop Your Planting Plan*
Wednesday, April 16, 2014 *Seeds and Seedlings - Into the Dirt*
Wednesday, April 23, 2014 *Getting Outdoors - Transplanting, Direct Seeding, Maintenance*
Wednesday, April 30, 2014 *Delightful Maintenance*
Wednesday, May 07, 2014 *Harvest Time*

Location: **rare ECO Centre** (Resource House), 768 Blair Rd, Cambridge

Join **rare** Gardens Coordinator, Dan Radoslav, as he leads this engaging, hands-on beginners' gardening series. Each weekly lesson builds on the previous. Upon completion, gardeners will be comfortable with basic aspects of gardening and can look forward to getting out there and having a successful gardening season! All classes begin at 6:30pm with various ending times. Full program details can be found at www.raresites.org/events and hard copies are available at our admin office, Lamb's Inn.

Saturday, April 05, 2014
Noon-1:00pm

Tour North House

Location: 681 Blair Rd, Cambridge

Another opportunity to visit North House. See February for full details on reverse.

Tuesday, April 08, 2014
7:00pm-8:30pm

Heritage is Green with Kae Elgie

Location: **rare ECO Centre** (Resource House),
768 Blair Rd, Cambridge

Curious about the connection between heritage and climate change? Want to know how to make our communities livable and sustainable? Kae Elgie, President of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, North Waterloo Region Branch, will explain how "Heritage is Green." An illustrated talk for environmentalists, heritage advocates and people who like to expand their minds.

Thursday, April 17, 2014
7:00pm-8:00pm

Grand River Adventure with Derek Lippert

Location: **rare ECO Centre** (Resource House),
768 Blair Rd, Cambridge

For the past two years, JP Bartle and Derek Lippert have paddled the 250 km+ length of the Grand River, from its humble beginnings north of Grand Valley to the waves of Lake Erie at Port Maitland. By providing a 'source to mouth' insight into the river, Derek and JP hope to increase awareness of watershed-wide environmental issues and tourism potential while raising funds for tree planting and naturalization efforts throughout the watershed. Great for all ages. Free; donations welcome.

Saturday, April 26, 2014
10:00am-noon

Garlic Mustard Pull

Location: Springbank Gardens,
681 Blair Rd, Cambridge

Come on out to Springbank Gardens and get active while helping to control invasive species! This invasive species pull will focus on garlic mustard and will take place around the Springbank Community Gardens and our brand new Butterfly Trail. Keeping invasive species at bay helps keep the important native host plants for butterflies flourishing. A free, family event; all ages welcome.