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 **raresites.org** or call 519-650-9336 x 125

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Saturday, May 9, 2015 8:00 am to 9:00 am **Bird Banding Demonstration** Location: Meet at the Slit Barn, ***rare*** ECO Centre, 768 Blair Road, Cambridge	Bird banding provides valuable information to researchers about bird ecology, migration routes and population dynamics. A group of volunteers, led by master bird bander Kevin Grundy, have been banding birds during the Spring and Fall migrations at ***rare*** since 2008. Join us for a close-up look at what is involved in bird banding. Observe how the birds are captured, banded, and what information is collected. You will have a unique opportunity to observe close up some of the bird species that breed at ***rare*** or migrate through the property. Children are most welcome!
Tuesday, May 12, 2015 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm **Landscape Photography with DCphotography** Location: Resource House, ***rare*** ECO Centre, 768 Blair Rd, Cambridge	Join Devon Crowell of DCphotography for a night of hands-on landscape photography tutorials. The focus of the night will be landscape 'essentials,' and ***rare*** property and imagery as a means to promote conservation. Those in attendance should be amateur level photographers familiar with DSLR camera systems. The night will run roughly 2.5 hours with time afterwards for additional questions. BYO cameras if you can, but certainly not necessary!
Saturday, May 16, 2015 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm **Trails in Motion Film Tour: Waterloo Region** Location: Slit Barn, ***rare*** ECO Centre, 768 Blair Road, Cambridge Cost: $12	Trails in Motion is an annual international film tour that brings a collection of the finest trail and ultra running films to passionate audiences around the world. This festival-styled event is hosted in more than 25 countries by people who love to share the "dirty art" with their local running communities. Join like-minded trail runners and adventure sports enthusiasts at the *Trails in Motion Film Tour: Waterloo Region* event. **Advance registration is required**.
Saturday, May 23, 2015 8:30 am to 6:00 pm **A Day on the Grand: Ontario Nature's 84th Annual Gathering** Location: Slit Barn, ***rare*** ECO Centre, 768 Blair Road, Cambridge Cost: $50 (Regular), $35 (Student/Youth) $125 Family	Join Ontario Nature and ***rare*** **Charitable Research Reserve** for a day on the Grand River. Explore the diverse habitats - including alvar, cliff, wetland, and woodland - found on this 900+ acre reserve, meet the researchers who study ecology in the reserve, and become a citizen scientist yourself. **Advance Registration is required**, and lunch is included. There will not be any parking available on site - complimentary shuttles will be provided. Please visit raresites.org or ontarionature.org to register or for more details. **Must register by May 4!**

J U N E

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm **Rain Barrel Pickup (Fundraiser)** Location: ***rare*** ECO Centre, 768 Blair Road, Cambridge	Looking to catch free water for your lawn and garden? You can do it by ordering rain barrels online from ***rare***! Merely $50 will get you a barrel and help raise funds for an irrigation upgrade at Springbank Gardens! Available accessories make setup and use of your barrel a breeze so don't forget to order everything you will need. Visit raresites.org to place your order and pick it up on June 3.
Thursday, June 18, 2015 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm **Trending: Birds at *rare*** Location: Resource House, ***rare*** ECO Centre, 768 Blair Road, Cambridge	Do you enjoy birding and want to learn more about the birds you see? Ever wonder why bird populations fluctuate from year to year around the ***rare*** property? Recent Lakehead University graduate Mallory Vanier will be presenting her undergraduate thesis project which will answer these questions and more. This is an opportunity for those who have assisted in banding and monitoring to see the results of their work in a new summarized context, as well as provide insight for beginner and novice birders.
Saturday, June 20, 2015 10:00 am to 12:00 pm **Butterfly Hike** Location: Meet at Lamb's Inn, ***rare*** Administration Building, 1679 Blair Rd, Cambridge	Join us for a presentation, then hike to various parts of ***rare*** and discover the majestic world of butterflies. Whether you are new to butterflies or want to brush up on your butterfly identification skills, you will learn about the butterflies you see in your gardens, parks, and school grounds. This walk is also a great introduction for the upcoming 10th Annual Butterfly Count.

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Sunday, July 5, 2015 8:30 am to 10:30 am **Early Summer Plant & Bird Walk** Location: Meet at ***rare*** ECO Centre, 768 Blair Rd, Cambridge	Join us for a morning hike with Ken Dance to search for plants and birds in the valley of the Grand River and the ***rare*** trail system. The importance of the Grand River valley as a habitat and an ecological corridor will be discussed. Please dress for the weather with appropriate footwear.
Saturday, July 11, 2015 9:00 am to 4:00 pm ***rare's* 10th Annual Butterfly Count** Location: Meet at Lamb's Inn, ***rare*** Administration Building, 1679 Blair Rd, Cambridge Cost: $3	Join Jessica Linton for ***rare's*** 10th Annual Butterfly Count. During this official butterfly census, we will be identifying and counting all of the butterfly species throughout all habitats on the Reserve. Nets and identification resources/guides will be provided. Please note that participants are asked to bring their own lunch; and don't forget your hat, water bottle and sunscreen. Long pants and appropriate hiking shoes are recommended.
Tuesday, July 14, 2015 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm **Owl Prowl 1** Location: Meet at ***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! If you miss this one, don't forget to sign up for the second owl prowl!
Tuesday, July 21, 2015 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm **Owl Prowl 2** Location: Meet at ***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!
Saturday, July 25, 2015 10:00 am to 11:00 am **Run for *rare*—Train for 5K part one** Location: Meet at George Street Parking Lot (entrance to Grand Trunk Trail)	Join us as we train for the **2015 Walk & Run for *rare***! Along with seasoned runner and trainer, Justine, we will run the Grand Trunk Trail while learning some tricks and gaining some tips on how to reach your goal and completing a 5k fun-run! If you miss this one, don't worry, there will be two more chances—come for one or all three! This event is **FREE**!

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Saturday, August 8, 2015 10:00 am to 11:00 am **Run for *rare*—Train for 5K part two** Location: Meet at North House, 681 Blair Rd, Cambridge	Join us as we train for the **2015 Walk & Run for *rare***! Along with seasoned runner and trainer, Justine, we will run through the Community Gardens and the Butterfly Trail while learning some tricks and gaining some tips on how to reach your goal and completing a 5k fun-run! If you miss this one, don't worry, there will be one more chances—come for one or all three! This event is **FREE**!
Wednesday, August 19, 2015 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm **Knitting in Nature Night** Location: Meet at the Pavilion, Community Gardens, 681 Blair Rd, Cambridge	Join our Executive Director and prolific sweater knitter, Stephanie Sobek-Swant, for a casual stich and chat at the Pavilion in our community gardens. All fiber enthusiasts are welcome- bring your latest knitting, crochet, embroidery, quilting, weaving, spinning, or felting project, and enjoy a lovely late summer evening and get a head start on your fall crafting. Kids are welcome. This event is **FREE!**
Friday, August 21, 2015 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm **Seasonal Cooking with Moe Vidotto** Location: North House, 681 Blair Rd, Cambridge Cost: $65	Join us for a cooking class lead by chef Moe Vidotto from Savour the Season. Learn about the artisan-centred approach to cuisine with a focus on seasonally-available, local, and fresh foods. Create - and then enjoy - a four course garden to table meal! This event is limited to 10 people, and registration covers all food costs. Please note that due to popularity and limited space, **registration is not guaranteed until payment is received**.
Saturday, August 22, 2015 10:00 am to 11:00 am **Run for *rare*—Train for 5K part three** Location: Meet at George Street Parking Lot (entrance to Grand Trunk Trail)	Join us as we train for the **2015 Walk & Run for *rare***! Along with seasoned runner and trainer, Justine, we will run the Grand Trunk Trail while learning some tricks and gaining some tips on how to reach your goal and completing a 5k fun-run! This is the last event in the series—come for one or all three! This event is **FREE**!
Saturday, August 22, 2015 2:15 pm to 3:30 pm **Yoga in Nature** Location: Meet at North House, 681 Blair Rd, Cambridge	Moksha Yoga Cambridge is partnering with ***rare*** to offer Yoga in Nature - a 60 minute yoga practice dedicated to toning the body, calming the mind, and connecting with nature. Class is accessible to all levels. We will meet in the North House parking lot and walk up to the gardens. Due to limited parking space, please car pool if you can.