



Red-spotted Purple butterfly
M. Nosanchuk

Pelee salamander
T. Hossie

Native bumblebee on Redbud
C. Summers

Your Island Passport to Nature

THE PELEE BUZZ

Pelee Island, Ontario, Canada

WELCOME TO PELEE ISLAND

The most southern inhabited place in Canada and an amazing hot spot for *Carolinian Biodiversity!* It is a designated *Important Bird Area* & a candidate *Key Biodiversity Area*. The island is on a major flyway for migrating birds, butterflies & dragonflies, spring & fall. It is home to species of plants, salamanders, snakes, snails & other creatures that occur nowhere else in Canada!

WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE

The *PELEE BUZZ program* is a combination of:

a **SPECIFIC EVENTS LED BY A LOCAL NATURALIST*** From bird watching, butterflies & snails, to trees & habitats, including an indigenous perspective, & the Arts.

b **SELF-GUIDED WALKS ON PELEE'S MANY TRAILS** Through meadows, woodlands, alvars & shorelines. The island is also a perfect place for cycling with the perimeter roads mostly sheltered from sun & wind.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING & learning more about the unique nature of the island! It is by understanding what is exceptional about Pelee that we value it, & strive to protect it. **EVENTS ARE FREE** but donations are welcomed: peleebuzz@gmail.com



DOWNLOAD EVENT DETAILS

- Check events & self-guided trips at: peleebuzz.ca
- **EVENTS REGISTER HERE:** peleebuzz.eventbrite.ca
- Also check **PELEE BUZZ FACEBOOK** for event updates, or email us at: peleebuzz@gmail.com

Pelee Island offers a large selection of over-night accommodations ranging from inns and bed-&-breakfasts, to cottages & camping. Visit: pelee.org/tourism/accommodations



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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge and send our gratitude to the original ancestors of Pelee Island and its surrounding waters. We recognize that these *First Peoples* stewarded the lands and waters and welcomed and aided new settlers from afar. We honour and respect the continuing presence of the *Caldwell First Nation* and the *Walpole Island First Nation* in this region and other indigenous communities across Turtle Island.

a SPECIFIC EVENTS LED BY A LOCAL NATURALIST*

**For a full description of events & register: peleebuzz.eventbrite.ca*

MARCH

15th ~ SALAMANDER NIGHT WALK Experience Pelee's unique salamanders in their breeding ponds, w/ Prof. Tom Hossie.



Pelee salamander
T. Hossie

APRIL

26th ~ DARK SKY VIEWING Tour the night sky with astronomer Steve Pellarin, RASC.

19th ~ PIBO BIRD BANDING STATION open to visitors, to May 31st.

SHORELINE CLEANUP carry a bag for spring beach walks; bring collected waste to the transfer station (no charge).

MAY

~ SPRING SNAKE WALK See Pelee's famous Blue Racer & other snakes after winter hibernation, w/ researcher Ryan Wolfe.

4th ~ SPRING BIRD WALK Experience new arrivals with their vibrant colours & songs! Fish Point, w/ expert birder Rob Tymstra, 9:00am.

9th-10th ~ SPRINGSONG 24hr BIRDING COMPETITION - Banquet on Saturday evening, contact: peleeislandmuseum.ca/events

17th ~ SPRING WILDFLOWER WALK Join us, come look down & see what is on the ground, w/ Lynne Tiessen & John Ambrose, 10:00am.

~ SALAMANDERS Observe this year's juveniles just before they emerge from ponds, hear about Pelee's unique-to-Canada population! w/ Prof. Tom Hossie.

31st ~ Pelee Island Winery 11TH HALF MARATHON, 10:00am (07:00 ferry from Leamington)



Blue Racer
R. Wolfe



Wild Blue Phlox
J. Ambrose

JUNE

1st ~ DISCOVER THE SNAIL-WATCHING CAPITAL OF CANADA! Experience these intriguing creatures with Jill Crosthwaite, NCC Ivey Property, 10:00am.

7th ~ BREEDING BIRD WALK Experience nesting birds in their quiet period, with PIBO's Sumiko Onishi, Fish Point, 9:00am.

14th ~ LAND-BASED TEACHING Carrie Ann Peters, Caldwell First Nation, 2:00pm.

9th-15th ~ COMING TOGETHER, AN ARTS-BASED RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION

14th ~ FARMERS MARKET, at the Quarry, 10am-1pm, Saturdays to end of August: Crafts, flowers, produce.

22nd ~ WILDLIFE CLOSE-UPS Trail Cam Workshop with Christina Friedrichsen & Darin Truman, Swallow Haven Farm, 1:30pm.



Barn Swallow
S. Onishi



Pondside trail cam photo
C. Friedrichsen

JULY

FARMERS MARKET, Saturdays, at the Quarry, 10am-1pm: Crafts, flowers, produce.

6th ~ BIRD WALK AROUND THE MARSH Experience NCC's new marsh & the great diversity of wetland birds it attracts, w/ PIBO's Sumiko Onishi, 9:00am.

13th ~ PELEE ISLAND GEOTOUR Join Laura Brown (University of Guelph) & Ron Tiessen for an immersive exploration of geological, archeological & physical features.



Island glacial grooves
S. Hughes

JULY cont'd

26th-27th ~ ANNUAL BUTTERFLY & DRAGONFLY COUNTS ~ Keen novices welcome, contact Bob Bowles at: rbowles@rogers.com

28th ~ P.I. BUTTERFLY SANCTUARY & TEACHING GARDEN Come & see what all the excitement is about! w/ Cherie Dillen, 2:00pm.

AUGUST

FARMERS MARKET, Saturdays, at the Quarry, 10am-1pm: Crafts, flowers, produce.

9th ~ PELEE ISLAND CHILI COOKOFF, Winery Pavilion, 4:00pm.

23rd ~ OAKS & OTHER SPECIAL TREES OF PELEE See the diversity of southern tree species of Pelee, w/ John Ambrose, Fish Point, 2:00pm.

23rd ~ PIBO BIRD BANDING STATION open to visitors, to October 31st

SEPTEMBER

5-6th ~ HERITAGE WEEKEND, info: peleeislandmuseum.ca/events

13th ~ HARVEST DINNER, info: peleeislandmuseum.ca/events

14th ~ HUMMINGBIRDS & FALL MIGRATION Learn to host hummingbirds, especially during their migration, w/ Cherie Dillen, Butterfly Sanctuary, 10:00am.

13th-14th ~ FLUTTER FEST events across the island, info: stoneandsky.org

~ FALL SNAKE WALK Hear how the snakes did during summer & see them before they enter hibernation, with Ryan Wolfe.

OCTOBER

PIBO BIRD BANDING STATION open to visitors, to October 31st

13th ~ Thanksgiving

18th ~ ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY ON A MOONLESS NIGHT An exploration of the night sky & ways to record it.

23rd ~ Pheasant Hunt, Thurs-Fri-Sat to the end of November (6 weeks).

NOVEMBER

2nd-3rd-4th ~ OWL NIGHTS, see the charming Northern Saw-whet Owl as they are assessed, banded & released. PIBO Facebook for updates & possible cancellations.

DECEMBER

PIBO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, date to be announced.

b SELF-GUIDED TRIPS ON THE ISLAND

Experience the many trail systems; explore prime bird, wildflower & butterfly habitats, woodland, alvar & geology sites ...or just take a quiet walk in nature!

**LIGHTHOUSE POINT • ISLAND ECO-TRAIL & MIDDLE POINT • STONE ROAD ALVAR
FISH POINT • WINERY & IVEY TRAILS • CYCLING AROUND THE ISLAND**

For a full description of these trips & trails visit: peleebuzz.ca

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JOIN US ON THE ISLAND!

Cover: Common green darner dragonfly (*Anax junius*) photo by Murray Nosanchuk



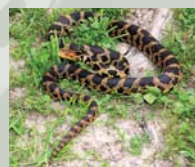
Red Admiral butterfly
M. Nosanchuk



Pin Oak at Fish Point
J. Ambrose



Ruby-throated
hummingbird
C. Cartwright



Fox snake
S. Hughes



A moonless night at
Lighthouse Point
J. Kungel



a very special thanks to all our conservation partners



PELEE ISLAND

Ontario, Canada





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EVENTS LOCATIONS

- 1 Heritage Centre
- 2 The Quarry
- 3 NCC Ivey Property
- 4 PIBO Banding Station
- 5 Fish Point Parking
- 6 Stone Road Alvar
- 7 Mission Hall
- 8 NCC FDNR Property
- 9 Swallow Haven Farm
- 10 Kraus Property
- 11 P.I. Butterfly Sanctuary

ISLAND FEATURES

- Point of Interest
- Trail
-  Hiking Permitted
-  Bicycling Permitted

- **Conservation Lands**

-  Nature Conservancy of Canada
-  Essex Region Conservation Authority
-  Ontario Nature
-  Provincial Nature Reserve



Hear Here! Recognized by Canadian Heritage, *Stone & Sky* is an eclectic series of curated artistic & musical events, culminating in a grand finale, *Flutter Fest*, a community migration celebration.

Event Schedules & Details visit: stoneandsky.org

FARMERS MARKET ~ Saturdays 10am-1pm, June 14-Aug 30



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