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Your Island Passport to Nature

PELEE BUZZ



PELEE ISLAND, ONTARIO, CANADA

WELCOME TO PELEE ISLAND – KBA ON-013

In 2025 Pelee Island was recognized as a *Key Biodiversity Area*.



KBA's are globally significant sites for conservation – crucial places on our planet where unique species & ecosystems occur in important numbers or extent. The island has long been recognized as a hot spot for *Carolinian Biodiversity* – on a major flyway for migrating birds, butterflies & dragonflies, in spring & fall. It is home to many species of plants, salamanders, snakes, snails & other creatures that occur nowhere else in Canada! Come & participate in these events & learn what all the *BUZZ* is about!

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 & snakes, to wildflowers & 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 & REGISTER*



- Check events & self-guided trips at: www.peleebuzz.ca
- ***EVENTS REGISTER HERE:** www.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 and camping. Visit: www.pelee.org/tourism/accommodations

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.

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a SPECIFIC EVENTS LED BY A LOCAL NATURALIST*

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

MARCH

14 ~ SALAMANDER NIGHT WALK Experience Pelee's unique-to-Canada salamanders in their breeding ponds. w/Prof. Tom Hossie, thossie@trentu.ca

APRIL

1 ~ FERRY SERVICE BEGINS, from Leamington, 800-661-2220

SHORELINE CLEANUP ~ Carry a bag with you for your spring beach walks, then bring the collected waste to the transfer station! (no charge)

18 ~ PIBO BIRD BANDING STATION Fish Point, open to visitors to May 31st.

25 ~ TURTLES OF PELEE See the island's native turtles & learn what you can do to help them thrive. Lighthouse Point, w/Ryan Wolfe, 9:00am

MAY

2 ~ SPRING SNAKE WALK See Pelee's famous Blue Racer & other snakes, learn about their important roles, Middle Point, w/Ryan Wolfe, 4:30pm

3 ~ SPRING BIRD WALK Come explore Fish Point & experience new arrivals in their vibrant colour & song! Leader TBD, or explore on your own.

8-9-10 ~ SPRING SONG 25th BIRDING COMPETITION ~ Banquet Saturday evening, guest birder talk Sunday morning. Contact: www.peleelandmuseum.ca/events

16 ~ SPRING WILDFLOWER WALK See the diversity of ground flora before the trees leaf out, at Fish Point w/Lynn Tiessen & John Ambrose, 10:00am

23 ~ RESTORATION OF DIVERSE HABITATS ON FLAT LAND A walk through wetlands, meadows & woodland w/Dave Kraus & John Ambrose, 1:00pm, SH Farm
30 ~ Pelee Island Winery HALF MARATHON, 10:00am (special 7:00am ferry)

JUNE

6 ~ MAGNIFICENT MOTHS: JEWELS OF THE NIGHT See Pelee's high diversity of moths, w/Alan MacNaughton, of the Toronto Entomological Assoc., 9:00pm

13 ~ FARMERS MARKET at the Quarry 10am-1pm, Saturdays to the end of August ~ handmade crafts, fresh flowers, fresh produce ~

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

21 ~ ALVAR WILDFLOWERS & BUTTERFLIES Explore Pelee's extremely biodiverse Stone Road Alvar nature reserve, w/James Kamstra, 10:00am

JULY

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

4 ~ STONE & SKY Music & Art, to September, details: www.stoneandsky.org/2026-season

11 ~ WETLAND HABITAT RESTORATION Jill Crosthwaite of NCC leads us around the large wetland restoration project at Henderson Rd. See all the birds & other wildlife attracted to it. 7:30pm



Pelee salamander
T. Hossie



Painted turtles
J. Ambrose



Blue Racer
R. Wolfe



Bloodroot
J. Ambrose



Short-lined Chocolate
A. MacNaughton



Nesting Chipping Sparrow
S. Onishi

Cover: *White Pelicans* at Fish Point S. Hughes; *Stone Road Alvar* J. Ambrose; *Pelee Salamander* T. Hossie; *Zebra Swallowtail* C. Dillen; *Redbud & Bumblebee* C. Summers; *Banded Tiger Snail* J. Crosthwaite; *Prickly Pear Cactus* S. Hughes; *Lighthouse Point* J. Ambrose

JULY cont'd

25 ~ CHRISTMAS IN JULY Turkey dinner at the Legion, contact: peleearthworks@gmail.com

25-26 ~ ANNUAL BUTTERFLY & DRAGONFLY COUNTS Keen novices are welcome!

Contact Antonia at: aguidotti8@gmail.com

AUGUST

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

8 ~ PELEE ISLAND CAMINO WALK, register: esscatholic@dol.ca

15 ~ PUSHING THE LIMITS Pelee, at the same latitude as Rome, has the most heat units in Canada. See what grows in this special place, from native Carolinian trees to exotic palms, pomegranates. w/John Ambrose, 2:00pm

17 ~ SWALLOWTAILS: A to ZEBRA Come for an introduction to the *Butterfly Sanctuary & Teaching Garden*, w/Cherie Dillen, 2:00pm

22 ~ PIBO BIRD BANDING STATION Fish Point, open to visitors, to October 31st

SEPTEMBER

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6 ~ HERITAGE WEEKEND, details at: www.peleelandmuseum.ca/events

12 ~ HARVEST DINNER, details at: www.peleelandmuseum.ca/events

14-20 ~ COMING TOGETHER & FLUTTER FEST, details: www.stoneandsky.org/2026-season

FALL SNAKE WALK Experience Pelee's special snakes! Hear how they did during the summer, see them before hibernation. w/Ryan Wolfe. Date TBD

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

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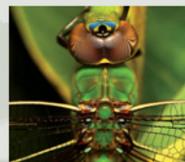
PELEE ISLAND PHEASANT HUNT, Thursday-Saturday, Oct.22-Nov. 28

30-31-Nov.1 ~ OWL NIGHTS, See charming Northern Saw-whet Owls as they are assessed, banded & released. *PIBO* Facebook for updates & possible cancellation.

DECEMBER

7th ~ Last ferry of the season, air service begins.

PIBO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, date to be announced.



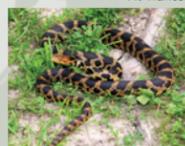
Dragonfly
M. Nosanchuk



Pomegranate
J. Ambrose



Zebra Swallowtail
M. Hunter



Fox snake
S. Hughes



Northern Saw-whet Owl
J. Ambrose

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!

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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

2026 PELEE BUZZ EVENTS LOCATIONS

- Heritage Centre
- The Quarry
- NCC Ivey Property
- PIBO Banding Station
- Fish Point Parking
- Stone Road Alvar
- Middle Point
- Mission Hall
- NCC FDNR Property
- Lighthouse Point
- Swallow Haven Farm
- P.I. Butterfly Sanctuary

Map Labels: Lighthouse Point, Lake Henry, PELEE MOTORS 519-724-2086, FILLING STATION ~ Snacks & Soft Serve Ice Cream, PELEE ISLAND CO-OP ~ Fuel Groceries, Sundries & Hardware, THE SHACKS ~ Souvenirs, Pizza, Tacos, Ice & more, SCUDDER BEACH BREAKFAST & BRUNCH Food, Coffee, Wine & Beer, Golf Car & e-Bike Rentals, Scudder Marina, Harris Garmo Rd, Clutton Rd, Sheridan Point, Vin Villa, North Bay, North Shore Rd, Dog & Goat Restaurant RVs & Camping 519-325-8109 MAIN STATION GUESTHOUSE, Ruggles Run, Browns Rd, Middle Point, Victoria Rd, Centre Dyke Rd, Parsons Rd, West Pump Rd, PELEE ISLAND AIRPORT, Henderson Rd, East Shore Rd, Stonehill Estates - Farm Shop, ONE OF A KIND PELEE Art, Gifts & Island Collectables CONEHEADS Ice Cream Mini Golf ~ Good Food Fast! Medical Clinic Westview Tavern, West Dock Ferry Landing, LCBO, THE PELEE SHOP ~ Souvenirs & Bike Rentals 519-724-2828, STONE HOUSE 1891 Craft Kitchen & Historic Bar PELEE ISLAND ADVENTURES Tours, Golf Car & e-Bike Rentals, 2 CHICKS CREATIVE ~ Glass Studio @2chickscreative_peleeisland, Mosquito Point, Mosquito Bay, Fish Point, East Park Campgrounds & Public Beach, The Wandering Dog Inn, Mill Point, Stone & Sky, Curry Dyke Rd, Mahoney Rd, South Bay, South Shore Rd, Cooper's Rd, East West Rd, Stone Rd, South Bay Rd.

Map Information: ferry from the mainland, PELEE ISLAND FERRIES 800-661-2220, Stone & Sky, Ruggles Run | Pelee Island, 0 250 500 1,000 m, KBA CANADA KEY BIODIVERSITY AREAS, NATURE CONSERVANCY CANADA, Map courtesy of natureconservancy.ca



Pelee Island Butterfly Sanctuary & Teaching Garden

FEEL THE BUTTERFLY MAGIC!
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Space is limited - private or group tours

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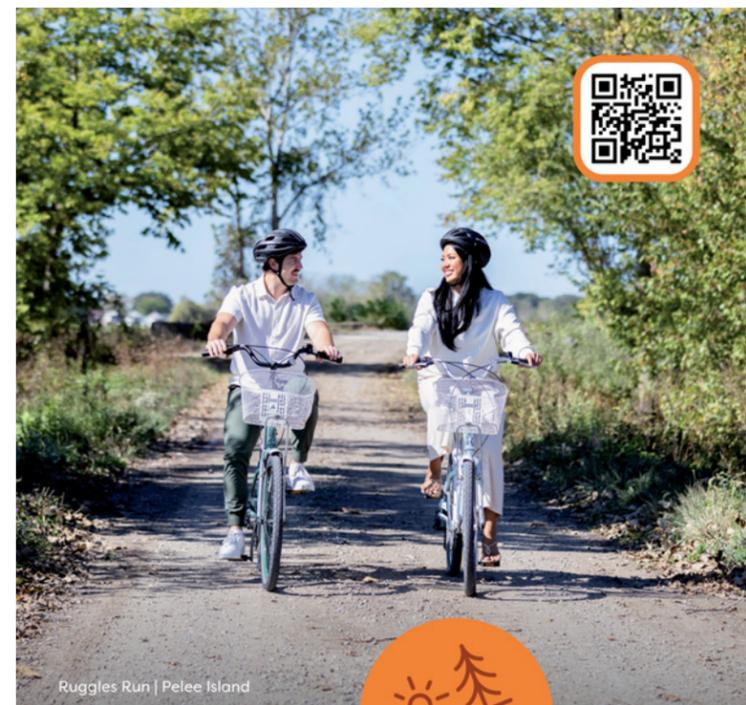
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Stone & Sky

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FARMERS MARKET ~Saturdays 10am-1pm, June 13-Aug 29+Sept 19

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