

COME JOIN IN THE FUN -- BE PART OF PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY'S FIRST BIOBLITZ

WHEN? 12 PM August 9 until 12 PM August 10/14 (24 hours)

WHERE? The biologically significant OSTRANDER POINT CROWN LAND BLOCK in the South Shore Important Bird Area, South Marysburgh. (Helmer Rd. And Babylon Rd.) Base Camp at 2763 Co. Rd. 13

WHO SHOULD COME? County residents, families, students, vacationers: anyone who wants to see and learn about the plants, birds, butterflies, moths, other insects, amphibians, reptiles and mammals of this special area.

WHAT EXPERIENCE SHOULD I HAVE? None except an interest in natural history. If you have a special interest in birds, plants, butterflies, etc. then you probably wouldn't want to miss out on this opportunity.

PURPOSE: Do a biological inventory of the site and introduce people to the significant habitats and biota that call this area "home".

ACTIVITIES:

- an introductory walk at 12 PM Saturday for an overview of the site and the habitats present
- ongoing programs through the day and evening investigating and searching for butterflies, moths, etc.
- an early morning birding walk on Sunday led by Terry Sprague
- a chance for independent observations and reporting to base camp
- come hear the whip-poor-wills on Saturday evening [final full moon of summer]

EXPERTS WILL BE PRESENT TO LEAD WALKS AND HELP IDENTIFY PLANTS AND ANIMALS.

HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO BE INVOLVED? Come for an hour, an afternoon, an evening, a day or for both days but be sure to come to the "Wrap-up" on Sunday afternoon at 12 PM when the highlights of the Bioblitz will be summarized and everyone can compare notes on what they saw.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING? A camera if you have one. Binoculars if you have them. A butterfly net if you have one but a camera can be used as well. If you can't identify a butterfly or bird, one of the experts may be able to help at the "site camp" where there will be plenty of reference guides for you to use for identification.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR? Since poison ivy and ticks are endemic in County wildlands, everyone should wear closed shoes, long sleeves and trousers.