



## NATURE WALK

### ALONG THE AUSABLE RIVER

**Saturday June 8, 2024 @ 2 pm**

(Prior to White Squirrel Golf Tournament Dinner at Ironwood Golf Course)

**WHAT:** A pleasant, relatively easy stroll along a mostly shaded woodland pathway following the MacNaughton-Morrison Trail. Although mostly level, there are a few sloped sections and one stairway along the trail.

**WHO:** Anyone who would like to participate in a nature walk before the golf tournament dinner.  
**This activity is free.**

**WHERE:** Meet in the PARKING LOT of the headquarters of the Ausable-Bayfield Conservation Authority. It is located adjacent to (on the north side of) the Ironwood Golf Course, on the NORTH SIDE OF MORRISON DAM/BRIDGE/LAKE, but on the EAST SIDE OF MORRISON LINE. (Note: on the east side of the road, south side of the dam/bridge/lake, another parking lot serves a different trail; this is NOT the parking lot where we will be meeting.) **Directions and a map are on the other side of this page.**

We will begin by walking across Morrison Line, and then follow the trail along the north side of the Ausable River. When we reach the footbridge, we will cross the river and return on the opposite (south) side of the river.

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 8, 2024 @ 2 pm. Remember that you are meeting at the Headquarters of the Ausable-Bayfield Conservation Authority parking lot. Refer to the "where" section above for further details as there are 2 trails and you need to meet at the right one.

(If you are a bit late, please follow the directions above and you will soon catch up with the group.) We expect the walk to take about 1 – 1½ hours, depending on how often we stop to look at and talk about plants, birds, butterflies or whatever else we might encounter.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Be mindful of the weather on June 8 and dress appropriately. Suggested items to bring are sunscreen, sunhat, insect repellent, water bottle and comfortable walking shoes. You may also want to bring a snack; the Golf dinner is scheduled for 5:30 pm.

**TRANSPORTATION:** It takes approximately 1 hour to drive from London to the Ironwood Golf Course in Exeter. The tournament organizing committee may be able to arrange carpooling; please indicate on the Registration form if you need a ride or can offer a ride.

**ORGANIZERS/LEADERS OF NATURE WALK:** Please contact Winnie or Dave Wake if you have any questions about the walk — 519-472-4864, [dwake@odyssey.on.ca](mailto:dwake@odyssey.on.ca).

**DIRECTIONS FOR NATURE WALK:** (From London)

- Drive north on Richmond Street (Highway #4)
- Drive through Arva and Lucan, almost to Exeter
- Just South of Exeter, turn right onto Kirkton Road (County Road #6)
- Drive approximately 2 kilometres and turn left on Morrison Line
- Note: There is a golf course at this intersection. It is **NOT** Ironwood Golf Course
- Drive north on Morrison Line; Ironwood Golf Course will be on your left, approximately 2.8 kilometres from Kirkton Road
- Continue past Ironwood Golf Course for approximately 0.8 kilometres
- Watch for "Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority" headquarters building on the right (71108 Morrison Line)
- Turn right and park in the "Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority" parking lot
- Note: There are **two** parking lots. Be sure to continue on Morrison Line, **past** Morrison Lake to the "Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority" headquarters parking lot.

