




PROGRAMS THIS WEEK

Monday, Aug 6	11:00-12:30 Drop-in Prop Table: “Beautiful Butterflies” Meet up with Rachel <i>at the Main Beach</i> and find out more about these beautiful flyers. With a variety of activities, she’s bound to surprise you!	11:30-1:30 BBQ at the Beach Bring some money and support the Friends of Murphys Point Park. Hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.	
Tuesday, Aug 7	11:00-12:30 Drop-in Prop Table: “Algonquin Wigwas Tchiman” Drop in for a few minutes <i>at the Park Store</i> and meet Peter, who spent 2 weeks working with Chuck Commada and Coleman Williams building a birchbark canoe. Peter will have samples on hand to explain how the build came together.		
Wednesday, Aug 8 	10am Silver Queen Mine Hike <i>Meet at the Lally Homestead</i> parking lot for this 1½ hour guided tour along the trail and into an abandoned mica mine. Hardhats supplied! LIMITED CAPACITY – PRE-REGISTER AT THE GATEHOUSE.	1-3pm Discovery Zone “Amazing Amphibians” Frogs, toads, salamanders, oh my! The word amphibian means ‘double life’, as most amphibians spend part of their life on land and part in the water. Stop by the Discovery Drop-in and get set up to explore, observe, and discover the amazing amphibian species that call our park home. <i>At the Main Beach.</i>	
Thursday, Aug 9	11am Kids Program “What’s that Bird?” Join Mark for a fun-filled program exploring some of the best ways to identify birds – you’ll even get to make a cool memento to help you remember! For kids aged 7-12 and their guardians. <i>At the Main Beach.</i>	7pm Storytime Meet Emma and Peter at the <i>Campfire Circle</i> (near the amphitheatre) for a couple of their favourite campfire stories. Bring your own marshmallows! For kids aged 3 and up with their guardians.	
Friday, Aug 10 	11am “Go Wild for Art” (All ages) Meet up with Rachel and Emma <i>at the Main Beach</i> for a program which capitalizes on the connection between Ontario Parks’ rich cultural heritage and its longstanding association with Canadian art. Supplies are limited. First come, first serve.	2pm Guided Hike “Reading the Forest” Join Matt and Emma for a guided hike along the beautiful Sylvan Trail. Discover what’s in the forest around you, including medicinal trees and more! The 2.5 km moderate hike will take about an hour. <i>Meet at the Day Use parking lot.</i>	8pm Silver Queen Mine Hike Join Mark, and hopefully some evening birds, bats and moths, for this special nature hike along the Silver Queen Mine Trail. <i>Meet at the Lally Homestead.</i> See the mine in a different light too! Hard hats supplied but <u>please bring a flashlight!</u> LIMITED CAPACITY – PRE-REGISTER AT THE GATEHOUSE.
Saturday, Aug 11	11:00-12:30 Family Program “Kids Nature Blitz” Julianne and Emma will have all sorts of nets, jars, lenses and guides with them to help you explore the wildlife of the Main Beach. You’ll be amazed at the things you’ll discover!	8pm Nature Program “It’s not all sunshine and fishing – the secret life of the Common Loon.” This <i>Amphitheatre</i> presentation follows a ‘year in the life’ of the Common Loon. Join Mark as he showcases the results of research into their private lives and find out how you can help too.	
Sunday, Aug 12	10am – Noon Silver Queen Mine Open House The year is 1908 and the Silver Queen Mine is in its heyday of operation! Venture down the trail and into the mine. Meet up with characters from days gone by along the way. Parking available at the <i>Lally Homestead.</i>		
Monday, Aug 13	11am – 1pm Discovery Zone “Feathered Friends” How many birds have you seen or heard in the park? Ontario’s birds come in all sorts of shapes, sizes, and colours and are an important part of our local biodiversity. Join us at the Discovery Drop-in to pick up some birding tips and head out in search of some feathered friends.		

*** The VISITOR CENTRE, located across from the *Park Store*, is open daily from 1-4 p.m. during July and August. Come meet park staff for some interpretive fun. Stay for the short **GRAY RATSNAKE DEMONSTRATION** every day at 2 p.m.