

## Escorted Nature Walks

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### Tantramar Seniors' College: Course Outline

Fall, 2010



### Course Description

There will be three Escorted Nature Walks this Fall.

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, Andrew Macfarlane will lead a walk in the Cape Jourmain National Wildlife area focusing on identifying sea birds.

Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bill Fairbanks and John McKay will host a visit to the Tidnish Bridge stone bridge and suspension bridge and then a visit to the Tidnish terminus of the Ship-Railway. Bill will identify and discuss the local plants and John will discuss the history and the nature of the remaining artefacts of the Ship-Railway.

Saturday October 30, Doug Perry and Dick Beswick will escort the group on a walk on the improved walking trail in the Wallace Bay National Wildlife Area off of the Aboiteau Road

### Escorters

Mr. MacFarlane works with Canadian Wildlife's facility at the Sackville Waterfowl Park. He has generously shared his birding knowledge with young and old in helping in sighting and identifying the species migrating through our region.

Bill Fairbanks is well known for his avocation of plant biology and has benefited Amherst area residents of all ages with his identification and information about plant species in our area.

John MacKay has authored 38 publications on the Ship-Railway. He is most expert in relating the history, to the remains and ruins of the original sites.

Doug Perry is an Engineer who lives in the Wallace area and has offered to participate in escorting our group in the walk through the Wallace Bay Wildlife Area.

Dick Beswick has participated in organizing of the escorted nature walks and will assist in escorting the walk through the Wallace Bay Wildlife Area.



## Logistics

On Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>, participants will meet Andrew Macfarlane in their cars at the Cumberland County Museum at 9:00 am and proceed in their cars to Cape Jourimain for their walk.

On Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, participants will meet Bill Fairbanks and John McKay in their cars at the Cumberland County Museum at 9:00 am and proceed in their cars to Tidnish Bridge on the Tyndal Road to walk over the stone bridge and the suspension bridge and then go on the Ship-Railway terminus park near Tidnish Crossroads.

On Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, participants will meet Dick Beswick in their cars at the Cumberland County Museum at 9:00 am and proceed to Wallace Bay walking train off of Aboiteau Road and meet Doug Perry there.

**If there is rain forecast for the Day of the Walk, then that Walk will be cancelled and it may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Walk host for that day.**

## Participant Equipment & Clothing

Students should be encouraged to take good walking shoes and dress appropriately for extended exposure to wind and cold, particularly be prepared for the expected cold winds at Cape Jourimain. They may also want to bring their binoculars and cameras.

### Please Note

**Storm Policy:** No classes when schools are closed in Amherst

**Scent-Free:** Some people are very sensitive to perfume and other scents. Please respect a scent-free environment by not using scented products. Thank you.

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