

## **Kitchener-Waterloo Field Naturalists**

### **Outings Schedule for February 2012**

by

**Mary Voisin – Outings Director**

#### **Cross Country Skiing**

**at Schneider's Farm**

**Saturday, March 3, 2012**

**Jim Galway, 519-699-4520**

#### **Meeting Time/Place:**

**9:30 am at the North Entrance to the farm, 1169 Berletts Road, Waterloo, approximately 300 meters west of the Wilmot Line.**

Join Jim for this leisurely skiing hike as we explore this natural area in winter. There are a few hills, but we'll avoid the more difficult ones for safety reasons. Bring your binoculars, drinks and of course your skis.

#### **Waterfowl and More**

**Linear Trail Cambridge**

**Wednesday, March 7, 2012**

**Marco DeBruin 519-658-5372**

#### **Meeting Time/Place:**

**9:30 a.m.**

**The parking lot (Morningside Drive side) at the "roundabout" Blair Road and Fountain Street S in Cambridge. (Just south of Highway 401**

Join Marco for a walk along Cambridge's Linear Trail. We'll follow the trail along the Grand River, from the confluence downstream and back. This area can yield some interesting waterfowl as well as other birds and mammals. For the most part this trail is fairly level, but there could be a few sections that are a little more challenging. This time of year could bring some icy sections so wear appropriate footwear. Dress warmly and allow a couple of hours for this outing.

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Long Point Waterfowl  
**Saturday, March 17, 2012**  
**Jim, Mike and Ken Burrell**  
**519-699-4695**

**Meeting Time/Place:**

**8:00 am Homer Watson Blvd. / Fountain Street 401 Carpool lot**

Join Jim and sons, Mike and Ken, for this popular annual outing to Long Point, one of Lake Erie's birding hotspots. We should see many species of ducks, geese and swans as they stop on their way northward. Bring a lunch, binoculars, field guides and a scope if you have one. Please bring walkie-talkies if you have them to allow for better communication between groups. Dress warmly as it may be cooler near the lake at this time of year.

**Waterloo Regional Forest**

**At Petersburg**

**Saturday, March 24, 2012**

**Dale Ingrey 519-884-3667**

**Meeting Time/Place:**

**9:00 am at The Beer Store parking lot at Fischer Hallman and Highland Road, Kitchener**

The Petersburg Tract is 40.5 hectares, part of ESPA 15 (St. Agatha Forest) and is popular with hikers, skiers and cyclists. It's also a valuable corridor for the movement of wildlife in Waterloo Region since it links to Spongy Lake, the Baden Hills and the Phillipsburg Floodplain Forest. Come for a leisurely morning hike to look for signs of spring—early wildflowers, returning birds, etc. We'll avoid the cycling trails and stick to the main hiking trails, which have more gradual slopes. Bring a drink and your binoculars, field guides for this approximately 3-hour hike (travel time from meeting place to Petersburg included).

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**March 2012 at a Glance** - refer to this Heron for full outing details

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Cross Country Skiing 9:30 am
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Linear Trail Cambridge 9:30 am	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Long Point 8:00 am
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Petersberg Reg. Forest 9:00 am
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> KWFN Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>