

BioBlitz Canada 150

Date: June 9, 2017 – June 10, 2017

Time: 7:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Place: REGINA | Royal Saskatchewan Museum, Saskatchewan Science Centre and Wascana Centre
Habitat Conservation Area

Cost:

All activities at BioBlitz Canada 150: Regina are FREE of charge.

La participation à toute activité de BioBlitz Canada 150 : Regina est gratuite.

What is a bioblitz?

A bioblitz is a 24-hour period where the public and scientists come together to celebrate nature by recording as many species as possible within a designated area, creating a species list for that date and location.

What is Bioblitz Canada 150?

The BioBlitz Canada 150 project is led by the Canadian Wildlife Federation under the Canada 150 initiative. It will collect new scientific data and document new species across the country and provide information that is critical for decisions on the state of Canada's biodiversity. BioBlitz Canada 150: Regina, presented by the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, is 1 of 5 flagship events across the country.

Schedule of Events

Pre-register to be part of a guided survey or just drop in for some of the on-going activities. We will hold a small amount of first come-first served spots for most of the guided activities, but cannot guarantee a spot for you unless you pre-register.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bioblitz-canada-150-regina-bioblitz-canada-150-regina-tickets-34546562699?aff=es2#tickets>

Friday, June 9

7:00 pm Drop-in Nature Crafts (7:00 pm to 9:00 pm) Saskatchewan Science Centre

Pre-register Evening Insect Walk (2 hours) -- Presented by SaskTel Wascana Ferry to Willow Island

7:30 pm Pre-register Bat House Building (7:30 pm to 9:00 pm) Saskatchewan Science Centre
Pre-register Owl Calling Walk (1 hour) Saskatchewan Science Centre

8:00 pm Pre-register Frog Calling Walk (1 hour) Saskatchewan Science Centre

9:00 pm Drop-in Bat Presentation (1 hour) -- Presented by PCAP Native Prairie Speaker Series
Saskatchewan Science Centre

10:00 pm Habitat Conservation Area Drop-in Insect Light Trapping (2 hours)

Saturday, June 10

7:00 am Habitat Conservation Area Pre-register Bird Walk (1 hour)

8:00 am Habitat Conservation Area Pre-register Vertebrate Walk (1 hour)

9:00 am Habitat Conservation Area Pre-register Bird Walk (1 hour • French)
Pre-register Insect Walk (1 hour)

10:00 am Habitat Conservation Area Pre-register Traditional Plants Walk (1 hour)
Pre-register Urban Ecology Walk (1 hour)

Habitat Conservation Area

Drop-in BioBlitz Basecamp (10:00 am to 5:00 pm)

- Registration
- Watch scientists at work
- Learn to use iNaturalist, and get assigned an area to search and blitz

Wascana Ferry to Willow Island

Pre-register Insect Walk (2 hours)

11:00 am Habitat Conservation Area

Pre-register Plant Walk (1 hour • English • French)

Pre-register Bird Walk (1 hour)

12:00 pm Habitat Conservation Area

Pre-register Vertebrate Walk (1 hour)

Habitat Conservation Area

Drop-in Pond Dipping, Turtle Viewing, Bug Catching, Worm Charming (12:00 pm to 5:00 pm)

1:00 pm Habitat Conservation Area

Pre-register Bird Walk (1 hour)

Pre-register Plant Walk (1 hour)

2:00 pm Habitat Conservation Area

Pre-register Urban Ecology Walk (1 hour)

3:00 pm Habitat Conservation Area

Pre-register Bird Walk (1 hour • French)

4:00 pm Habitat Conservation Area

Pre-register Insect Walk (1 hour)

7:00 pm Royal Saskatchewan Museum

Drop-in Songs 4 Nature Concert (7:00 pm to 10:30 pm)

Come Prepared

Come prepared for a day outdoors; proper footwear, hat, clothing, sunscreen, lunch/snacks and a water bottle. Portable washrooms will be available onsite at the Habitat Conservation Area and there are washrooms available at Leibel Field. Download the free iNaturalist app and join the BioBlitz Canada 150: Regina project to be prepared to enter your data from the blitz.

Parking

Parking is available at the Science Centre. Parking for the Habitat Conservation Area (HCA) can be found along McDonald St. and Assiniboine Ave. There is also a parking lot at Leibel Field. It is a very busy area.

Avoid the mess of parking – walk, bike or take the bus! Bikes are not allowed in the HCA itself but can be locked together at BioBlitz Basecamp.

Be Kind

The Habitat Conservation Area (HCA) is a 23-acre site in Wascana Centre that has been set aside for wildlife, providing valuable habitat for various mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, insects and plants. Explore the HCA listening for the unique calls of the Bobolink, watch the pelicans glide above the water searching for a quick bite, see the turtles bask on the banks on a sunny day, or just come to enjoy being out in nature.

To preserve this gem, keep in mind

No dogs are allowed inside for the protection of wildlife, nests and young.

No bicycles are allowed **inside** the habitat area for the preservation of our trails and grassland habitat.

Stay on the paths to prevent degradation to the surrounding habitat and the spread of invasive species.

Please leave all natural material HCA and avoid breaking branches or picking plants; they are homes and food for wildlife.

Strollers can be used inside as long as they stay on the pathways.