

2026 Field Trip Program

Providing ecological restoration educational opportunities

The Society for Ecological Restoration, f Ontario Chapter (SERO) is pleased to offer three field trip opportunities in 2026 for members and non-members. These events will enable registrants to view and discuss innovative, new and established ecological restoration projects in Ontario.

The objective of the SERO program is to promote dialogue between practitioners and to introduce the public to notable restoration efforts that are occurring in Ontario. This is done by organizing short field trips, led by restoration practitioners and researchers, which promote the practice, principles, and benefits of ecological restoration.

2026 Field Trips

Property	Agency	Trip Leader	Restoration Efforts	Date
Turkey Point / Long Point	Nature Conservancy of Canada / Birds Canada / Long Point EcoAdventures	Kyle Borrowman, NCC	Landscape Scale Phragmites Management	Thursday, June 18
O'Conner Park / Mattamy / Windrush Woods	City of Mississauga	Jennifer Evans & Cassidy Mowbray, City of Mississauga	Wetland, Forest, & Meadow Restoration in Action	Tuesday, Sept 9
Westminster Road Natural Heritage Study	City of London	Marnie Shepley, City of London	Restoration Pre-Planning & Site Development	Friday, Sept 18

To reserve a spot for one or more trips, please use the EventBrite registration system. Children must be at least 10 years old and accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. Participants will be responsible for providing transportation to and from the field trips.

All tours will involve significant walking to access the various restoration projects on site. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing and bring drinking water and snacks. Due to the sensitive nature of the landscapes and wildlife on site, we ask that you leave your pets at home. For the consideration of all attendees, smoking and vaping are not permitted on the field trips.

Registration: Online at Eventbrite <http://sero.eventbrite.com>

Cost: \$7 for SERO members and students, \$15 for non-SERO members

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Landscape-Scale Invasive Phragmites Management in Turkey Point & Long Point

Nature Conservancy of Canada, Birds Canada & Long Pont EcoAdventures

Thursday June 18, 9:00am – 12:00pm

(Friday June 19th as storm day)



Trip Leaders:

Kyle Borrowman, Manager Habitat Restoration, Nature Conservancy of Canada

Description:

Join the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) and their partners Birds Canada and EcoAdventures to look at ongoing landscape-scale invasive species management to control *Phragmites australis* (Common Reed) populations throughout Long Point and Turkey Point Marsh. The field trip looks at the restoration efforts as well as practical impacts of the work from the perspectives of multiple stakeholders. There are several planned stops and locations associated with this field trip.

The field trip will start at the Long Point Bird Observatory with NCC & Birds Canada to discuss how the invasive species management program has impacted their research and their ongoing Phragmites projects. The field trip will include a

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tour of the post-treatment restoration sites nearby. From there, we will make a few stops across Long Point including the Long Point Causeway and lookout tower to showcase some of the restored areas and talk about the program. The final location will be at Long Point EcoAdventures where we can show the landscape view of Turkey Point and Long Point and discuss the work at Turkey Point marsh.

More Information: [NCC Ontario Work Website](#)

Meeting Location (Multiple):

Start: Long Point Bird Observatory at: 13 Old Cut Blvd, Port Rowan, ON

End: Long Point EcoAdventures at: 1730 Front Rd, Turkey Point, ON

Capacity: 25 people

Registration: [EVENT LINK](#)

Examples of Ecological Restoration Across the City of Mississauga

City of Mississauga

Tuesday Sept 9, 9:00am – 12:00pm
(Rain or Shine)

Trip Leaders:

Jennifer Evans, Natural Area Specialist, City of Mississauga

Cassidy Mowbray, Natural Area Specialist, City of Mississauga



Description:

Join the City of Mississauga and SERO for a triple-tour adventure across three Mississauga restoration sites! From wetlands to forests to meadows, you'll see hands-on restoration in action led by City of Mississauga staff, skilled contractors, and even our hardest-working goat consultants. The field trip has multiple locations starting at O'Connor Park to look at a wetland restoration project that used goats as management tools. The next location is Mattamy Sports Park to look at older growth forest filled with pit and mounds for amphibian nesting including nearby Western Chorus Frog (*Pseudacris triseriata*) habitat. Restoration work here involved tree planting and pit and mound creation. The last location at Windrush Woods

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involves review of a meadow restoration project with extensive invasive species management as well as the important integration of human interaction in the form of BMX-mountain bike trails on site.

More Information: [City Forestry and Environment Website](#)

Meeting Location (Multiple):

Start: O'Connor Park at: 3570 Bala Drive, Mississauga

Mid: Mattamy Sports Park at: 5320 Ninth Line, Mississauga

End: Windrush Woods at: 2780 Gulfstream Way, Mississauga

Capacity: 25 people

Registration: [EVENT LINK](#)

Planning Restoration: City of London's Westminster Natural Heritage Study

City of London

Friday Sept 18, 9:00am – 12:00 pm
(Rain or Shine)



Trip Leaders:

Marnie Shepley, Ecologist Planner, Planning and Economic Development

Description:

As the City of London continues to grow upward and outward, new or expanded infrastructure is needed to meet this demand. City of London policy states that where new infrastructure projects result in a loss of natural heritage features or their functions, the City must compensate for this loss on a 1:1 land-based offset to replace the lost feature(s). In 2023 the City's Ecology team led a land availability and land acquisition mapping exercise to demonstrate the need for the City to purchase lands specifically for offsetting compensation commitments for infrastructure projects over the long term. The purchase of the property at 1462 Westminster Drive was a result of this process. This property was chosen due to its proximity to existing significant natural heritage features as well as the 'blank canvas' to restore the agricultural areas to functioning ecosystems. It is intended

that the areas of the land that are currently farmed will continue to be farmed until the land base is needed for a compensation project. In 2026, approximately 5 hectares have been removed from farming to initiate site setup for the property to receive the first compensation projects in 2027. Of the five hectares; 3 ha will occupy wetland features, with 2 ha being utilized for an access road and wind break along the west property line. Join us to discuss the components of pre-planning for this site as the City of London works toward implementing ecological restoration on site.

More Information: [City Forest Website](#)

Meeting Location:

Parking Lot at: 1462 Westminster Dr, London

Capacity: 25 people

Registration: [EVENT LINK](#)