

# 2025 OFO Convention Field Trips and Guidelines

## GUIDELINES FOR FIELD TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Please arrive 15 minutes before departure and bring a packed lunch for the full day trips.

For those signing up for these trips, please note there will be a maximum of 20 participants per field trip.

Trip leaders are knowledgeable and mostly local birders. Carpooling from the meeting place is encouraged. Note that the field trip scheduled may be adjusted. Please confirm the field trip agenda at <http://www.ofo.ca/convention/index> prior to the convention.

Please note: we have attempted to put in GPS Coordinates; addresses etc. where possible. Most GPS coordinates have been pulled from ebird, please feel free to use ebird for other locations where possible

## OFO CONVENTION 2025 - SARNIA

### Friday, September 19, 2025 AM Fieldtrips

**Pinery Provincial Park:** Meet 9AM-2:30PM at Park Entrance. Bring lunch.  
9526 Lakeshore Rd., Grand Bend, ON N0M 1T0  
**Leader: Jeremy Bensette**

**St Clair NWA:** 9AM-2PM, meet at St. Clair NWA Headquarters at #5633 Balmoral Line parking area, off Town Line Rd. Bring hiking boots/lunch.  
RR 1 Pain Court, Dover, N0P 1Z0  
**Leader: Pete Read**

**Sombra Lagoons:** 9AM-12PM, meet leader at entrance. Scope useful.  
42°42'12.6"N 82°28'27.7"W  
Check e-bird  
**Leader: Jeremy Hatt**

**Strathroy Sewage Lagoons:** 9AM-1:30PM. Meet at main parking area to access the lagoons. Bring good footwear/snacks/lunch. Scope useful.  
42°56'48.7"N 81°38'55.8"W  
**Leader: Mark Peck**

**West Perth/Mitchell Wetlands:** 9AM-1:30PM-Meet leader at entrance/parking area. Bring good footwear/snacks/lunch. Scope useful.

**43°27'11.9"N 81°11'52.4"W**

**3890 Wellington St, Mitchell ON**

**Leader=Gis Segler**

**Lambton Forest, Port Franks:** 9AM-12:00PM, Meet leader at parking lot to enter the woods

**9997 Port Franks Rd, Port Franks On N0M 2I0**

**Leader=Allanah Vokes**

**Grand Bend & Thedford Sewage Lagoons:** 9AM-1:30PM. Meet leader at entry gate of Thedford lagoons. Later drive to Grand Bend lagoons. Wear good footwear. Bring snacks/lunch/Scope useful.

**43°17'19.8"N 81°45'19.6"W**

**L=James Holdsworth**

**Walpole Island:** 9AM-12PM: Meet leader at bridge crossing onto the island.

**42°32'47.9"N 82°29'27.7"W**

**L=TBA**

**Friday, September 19, 2025**

**PM Fieldtrips**

**Forest Lagoons:** 1.30 - 3.00 PM. Meet leader at Lagoon entrance. Scope useful.

**L=Dave Milsom**

**Sarnia Point Edward Waterfront Hike:** 1.30-3.00 PM. Meet leader at Western end of Michigan Avenue. Scope useful.

**L=Marcie Jacklin**

**Sombra Lagoons:** 1.00-3.00 PM. Meet leader at entrance. Scope useful.

**42°42'12.6"N 82°28'27.7"W**

**L=Jeremy Hatt**

**\*\*\* Young Birders Fieldtrip: Kettle Point:** 9 AM - 3 PM. Meet at public parking area at Ipperwash Beach.

**43°12'59.4"N 82°00'59.6"W**

**L: Mike Burrell**

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**  
**AM Fieldtrips**

**Hullett Marsh:** 8.30AM-12.00PM. Meet leader at Burns Line parking area for marsh visits.

43°37'28.7"N 81°27'16.9"W (general)

**L=Dana Latour**

**Forest Lagoons:** 8AM-11.30PM. Meet leader at lagoon entrance. Scope useful.

**L=James Holdsworth**

**Lambton Forest, Port Franks:** 8AM-12.00PM. Meet leader at entrance to forest trails.

[9997 Port Franks Rd, Port Franks On N0M 2I0](#)

**L=Jeremy Hatt**

**Kettle Point, Ipperwash Beach:** 8 AM-12.00PM. Meet leader at public parking area at Ipperwash Beach. Scope useful.

43°12'59.4"N 82°00'59.6"W

**L=Dave Milsom, Jeremy Bensette**

**Sarnia Point Edward Hike:** 8AM-12.00PM. Meet leader at western end of Michigan Avenue. Scope useful.

**L=Gis Segler**

**Wawanoosh Wetland Loop:** 8AM-12.00PM. Meet leader at wetlands conservation area entrance in Sarnia. Scope useful.

[6013 Blackwell Sideroad, Sarnia Ontario N7T 7H2](#)

**L=Mark Peck**

**Sarnia Canatara Park Loop:** 8AM-12.00PM. Meet leader at parking area to access the park. Wear good footwear.

[1200 Lake Chipican Dr, Sarnia ON N7V](#)

**L=Pete Read**

**\*\*\* Young Birders Fieldtrip: Forest Lagoons:** 8 AM - 1 PM. Parkhill Lagoons: 1:30PM to 2:30 PM

**L: Mike Burrell**

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**

**PM Fieldtrips**

**Exeter Lagoons** :1.00-3.00PM: Meet leader at parking lot for visits to lagoons. Scope useful.

43°21'17.2"N 81°29'57.6"W

**L=D Latour**

**Grand Bend & Thedford Sewage Lagoons**: 1:00PM-3:00. Meet leader at entry gate of Thedford lagoons. Later drive to Grand Bend lagoons. Wear good footwear. Bring snacks/lunch/Scope useful.

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**L=James Holdsworth**

**Perch Creek Short Loop**: 1.30-3.00PM. Meet leader at gate entrance at north side of Churchill Line, east of Blackwell Sideroad.

[1838-1902 Churchill Line, Sarnia Ontario N7t 7h3](#)

**L=Allanah Vokes**

**Forest Lagoons**: 1.00-3.00PM. Meet leader at lagoon entrance. Scope useful.

**L=Dave Milsom**

**Sarnia Point Edward (Hike)**: 1.00-3.00PM. Meet leader at western end of Michigan Avenue. Scope useful.

**L=Pete Read**

**Kettle Point, Ipperwash Beach**: 1.00-3.00PM. Meet leader at public parking area at Ipperwash Beach. Scope useful.

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**L=Gis Segler**

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**  
**All Day Fieldtrips**

**Pinery Provincial Park:** Meet 8AM-2:30PM at Park Entrance. Day fee required. Explore Park searching for local rarities and migrants. Bring good hiking shoes, snacks, lunch.

9526 Lakeshore Rd., Grand Bend, ON N0M 1T0

**Leader: Jeff Skevington**

**Sunday, September 21, 2025**  
**AM Fieldtrips**

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**Thedford, Grand Bend Sewage Lagoons:** 9.00AM- 2.00PM. Meet leader at entrance to Thedford Lagoons. Afterwards, drive to visit Grand Bend lagoons. Scope useful.

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**L=Gis Segler**

**\*\*\*\*Young Birders' Fieldtrip: Location:** Join Jeff for a **Mystery Trip**, meet at 8.00AM location to be published at a later date. Hike ends at 1.00 PM.

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**L=TBA**