

Plantapalooza on Pelee Island!

Photo by NCC

What you will be doing

Head out to the Florian Diamante Nature Reserve to take part in a Plantapalooza! At this event we will be planting tiny oak trees and wetland plants to re-establish native plant diversity on the site. Planting will involve bending and using shovels to dig holes for the plants and trees.

Why you will love it

The site features restored marsh habitat but needs a helping hand to restore the plant diversity needed by many of the wildlife species on the property. In addition to contributing to restoration of marsh, you will also learn about what each species of plant has to offer to the ecosystem.

About the property

The Florian Diamante Nature Reserve is a 183-hectare mosaic of alvar, forest and agricultural land. Located on a shallow-soiled limestone outcrop that formed one of the original "islands" before Pelee was drained, this property supports a diversity of rare species including yellow-breasted chat, blue ash and gray fox. Current agricultural fields on the property provide unique opportunities to restore wetland habitat to the island.

Gathering details

Date: May 29, 2022

Time: 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

* we will have a second "Welcome/start" at noon for anyone taking the ferry to the island in the morning

Location: Florian Diamante Nature Reserve

Meeting details:

Brown's Road, Pelee Island, ON
N0R 1M0

See more detailed instructions on where to meet page 2

GPS coordinates:

41.802132°N, -82.645141°W



COVID-19 Notes

This event will be entirely outdoors and there is a maximum capacity of 20 people. Masks will be available. All participants must complete a COVID-19 screening before attending.



On-site Facilities

No toilets are available on-site, so please be sure to stop on your way. Toilet paper and hand sanitizer will be available for those who need to use the natural facilities during the day.

Driving directions

Pelee Island is accessible by a 1.5-hour public ferry ride out of Leamington. Reservations must be booked in advance either by phone or online – see schedule here: <https://www.ontarioferries.com/pelee-island-ferries/schedule-overview/>

The event is timed so that you would need to spend the previous night on the island to be there for the 10 am start, but we will have a second “Welcome/start” at noon for anyone who can only come for the day. The ferry is susceptible to delays and cancellations due to weather. Please check the weather and the ferry website or twitter account (@peleeferry) before you leave.

Directions to the Leamington Ferry Terminal: 500

Erie Street, Leamington, Ontario, N8H 3E5

Directions from ON-401

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| 1. From ON-401, take exit 48 for County Road 35/ON-77 toward Comber Road/Stoney Point/Leamington | |
| 2. Head south on Comber Side Rd/ON-77 | 11.0 km |
| 3. Turn left to stay on ON-77 | 11.4 km |
| 4. Continue onto Erie St N | 110 m |
| 5. Use the right lane to turn sharply left onto Erie St S | |

Approximate distance/time: 25 km/25 minutes

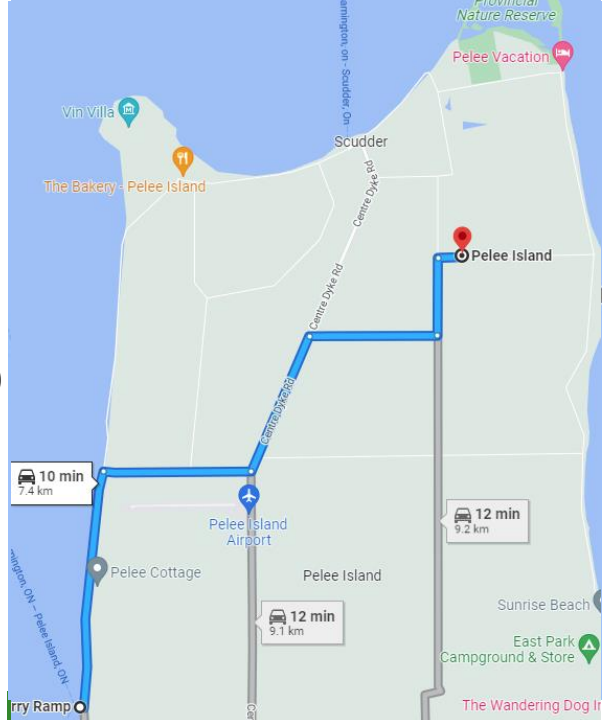
Directions to NCC’s Florian Diamante Nature Reserve from the Ferry Terminal

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| 1. From the ferry terminal, turn left/north on West Shore Road | 2.3 km |
| 2. Turn right onto West Pump Rd | 1.4 km |
| 3. Turn left onto Centre Dyke Rd | 0.16 km |
| 4. Turn right onto Parsons Rd | 1.7 km |
| 5. Turn left onto Henderson Rd | 1.9 km |
| 6. Turn right onto Browns Rd | 0.3 km |

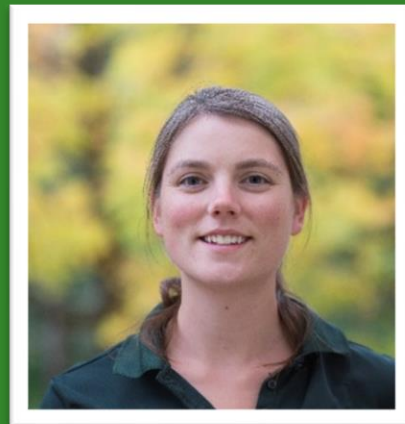
Drive until you see a silver Dodge Caravan with NCC logos on it, parked on the left-hand side. Park on the side of the road or in the field beside the van.

Approximate distance/time: 7.8 km/11 minutes

Click this [google maps link](#) and enter your address for directions tailored specifically for you!



**Lost or running late?
Call me!**



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Cancellations

If for any reason you cannot attend this volunteer event please inform us in advance by email or phone.

Inclement weather

This event will run rain or shine, but field work will be cancelled or postponed if extreme weather conditions occur or site conditions are unsafe. If this occurs, all attempts will be made to contact you at the number you provided when you registered.



Photo by Brent Calver

Schedule

Time	Activity
9:45 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.	Arrive at Florian Diamante Nature Reserve
10:05 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Welcome, orientation and safety talk
10:20 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Tree and wetland species planting
12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch break and welcome any newcomers
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Tree and wetland species planting
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Wetland tour
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Wrap-up, thank yous and goodbyes



What to bring

- rubber boots or sturdy close-toed shoes you don't mind getting muddy
- gardening/work gloves
- long pants
- light layers
- hat with a brim
- Raincoat and rain pants
- water bottle
- lunch
- sunscreen/bug spray
- any necessary medications



What's provided

- Extra water, juice & snacks
- Work equipment (shovels and trowels)
- Protective equipment (gloves, safety glasses, etc.)
- Safety equipment (hand sanitizer, masks, first aid kits, etc.)
- Sunscreen & insect repellent
- Toilet paper

Field Safety Notes

There may be poison ivy and prickly vegetation on the property. Close-toed footwear, long pants and long sleeved shirts will limit exposure. Your event leader will help you avoid these plants where possible.

There may be ticks which can carry Lyme disease in the area. Tucking your pants into your socks and your shirt into your pants can limit your exposure. Be sure to check yourself thoroughly for ticks at the end of the day. For more information about Lyme Disease and prevention, visit the [Health Canada Website](#).

General Information for visitors to NCC properties

When accessing Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) properties please note:

1. You may be hiking/walking on terrain that may be steep, uneven, slippery, or jagged, or where solid footing is obscured by vegetation. Be sure to have good walking shoes with ankle support and treads.
2. Since you will be visiting rich natural areas, you will encounter many types of plants and animals, on land and in the water, some of which may be dangerous or poisonous to humans. It is your responsibility to learn about the environment you'll be visiting, and how to avoid natural threats, especially in areas inhabited by large carnivores.
3. You must help keep these areas beautiful by packing out everything you bring in, including garbage.
4. You will be enjoying the outdoors in all kinds of weather, from bright sun to rainy conditions. Be sure to bring sunscreen, preferably waterproof with a high protection factor, and apply it frequently. Bring rain gear. Wear layers of clothing that will allow you to be warmer or cooler during different parts of the day.
5. Black flies/mosquitoes and other biting/stinging insects may pose a problem at certain times of the year.
6. Many of the habitats on Nature Conservancy of Canada properties are ecologically sensitive. Be aware of your impact: do not pick flowers, avoid crushing plants and do not feed or harass wildlife.
7. Some Nature Conservancy of Canada properties are fenced and use cattle or other livestock for grazing. As these animals may be unpredictable, refrain from approaching or harassing them.
8. Some Nature Conservancy of Canada properties contain abandoned buildings and/or mineshafts. If encountered, do not enter or approach any of these structures due to unknown hazards and risks.
9. Fires of any sort are absolutely prohibited on Nature Conservancy of Canada property.
10. Even with appropriate precautions, accidents can happen. The Nature Conservancy of Canada does not provide any trained medical professionals or any hazard or emergency evacuation facilities.