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Novembrrr is here!

Halloween is all done, the leaves have fallen off the trees, and we're starting to buckle in for another winter! Before it gets too cold out there, make sure to get out on the trails and enjoy the events we've got lined up!

New trail signs on the Mainland North Trail

HRM has recently installed new trail and direction signs on the Mainland North Trail. Go for a nice walk along the trail and see what you think! Let us know your comments and we'll share them with HRM!



Winter Tree for the Birds is back!

Halifax North West Trails Association is hosting its annual Winter Tree for the Birds event on Sunday November 28th on the Mainland Commons. This all-ages event in partnership with Ducks Unlimited and CWF Wild Outside, welcomes winter and gives the local birds some tasty treats. We'll make simple bird feeders, hang them on the Mainland Common Loop trail and then enjoy a cup of hot chocolate. Please join us on November 28th between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. You will find us set up at the top of Westridge Drive in the parking lot of the Mainland Common. Proof of Vaccination and photo ID will be required from all participants.



HNWTA Walking Groups are a hit!

Our walking groups are still ongoing and are still a blast to join in!

Come out for a weekly 30-minute walk on level ground. We offer two weekly walking groups and reaching out especially to those who do not usually go for a walk. Both groups will provide a leader and an accessible, short walking route. Wear appropriate footwear and bring water. Canes, walking poles and mobility walkers are welcome.

On Tuesdays, meet at the top of Westridge Drive where Westridge meets the Mainland North Trail, at 1:30 pm. There is parking on the street and in the parking lot.

On Thursdays, meet at DeWolfe park, 150 Waterfront Drive, Bedford, by the washrooms and fountain at 10:00 am.

To register, please complete the [form through NS Walks](#) and type in HNWTA Walks when you complete the form (ex. Alyssa (HNWTA walks please!)) since there isn't a space to specifically select our walking groups. Send us an email (hnwta_communications@gmail.com) if you have any questions!



Stay alert while outdoors

In October, there was a possible coyote sighting at Belcher's Marsh. Though this is our first report of such a sighting, it's important to stay alert when out in nature, even in a park surrounded by city. [Here's some advice](#) on how to identify a coyote track and what to do if you have an encounter

Always be prepared

In addition to wearing hunter orange while out in the woods, this story presents a good reminder about why it's important to prepare for a walk in the woods, and that we should never underestimate how quickly things can go wrong. This woman found herself circling the trails, running out of steam while looking for the right path home. With her cellphone battery getting low she posted a plea for help and was very fortunate to have a reader come to her aid. [Read her story](#) and some important tips from Hike NB.

A Battle for Hemlock Trees

Volunteers have been tapping Hemlock trees in The Tobatic Wilderness Area in a new effort to protect the hemlock from defoliation. This raised \$125,000

to have general information on the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. They request you to purchase the insecticide commonly used as a flea repellent for domestic animals. Check out the [full story here!](#) This invasive species is a real threat to Nova Scotia's Hemlock tree population, so we're eager to see how this treatment works! When you're in Hemlock Ravine, keep an eye out for these bugs and let us know if you see any.

Good Nature News:

The Sobe Family Foundation recently helped the Nova Scotia Nature Trust with a one million dollar donation towards their "Twice The Wild" campaign. The campaign's aim is to bring 30000 acres under their stewardship by 2023. [Read more here](#) and find out more information about [the campaign here!](#)

Join us!

Follow these links to learn more about projects and areas that we are always looking for volunteers to help us with!

[Naturalist HNWTA Project](#)
[Call for Board Members](#)

[Calling all Volunteers!](#)

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