



September Events!

Great Goderich Shoreline Clean-up

The Great Goderich Shoreline Clean-up will bring our community together to fight back against plastic pollution on Lake Huron. This family friendly event will feature a beach BBQ courtesy of Zehrs Goderich as a thank you to the incredible volunteers. All money raised will go towards local conservation projects!



When: Saturday, September 24th 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Clean-up locations: St. Christopher's beach or entrance to the Menesentung Bridge (the big rock).

Help keep the Goderich beach beautiful, safe, and clean by clicking the volunteer button below. To become a sponsor please email coastalcentre@lakehuron.ca

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Froggy Fest

A Celebration of Conservation & Creativity

If you love art and conservation this is the event for you!



When: Saturday, September 17th
from 8:00am - 1:00pm

Where: Courthouse Park in Goderich
along side the Farmers Market

- Do froggy art with real artists!
- Learn amazing stuff from conservation experts!
- Buy a snack and some cool eco-sweg!
- Take in a concert by Boy in December!
- Take home free seeds and other sweet giveaways!

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Field Season Wrap-up

A Successful CCYC Summer Comes to an End



We are excited to announce that the Coastal Conservation Youth Corps (CCYC) program was a huge success this summer, hosting over 30 youth who utilized the Lake Huron shoreline to learn about beach restoration, biodiversity, invasive species, Species at Risk, plastic pollution and so much more. This year the CCYC participants worked together to accomplish 4 beach clean-ups removing 63 lbs. of litter, removed 11 bags of invasive species, and planted 6 different types of native grasses. Thank you to all the incredible youth that participated this summer!



Cameron Hogg is a past CCYC participant turned Coastal Stewardship Assistant who worked along-side program coordinator, Kerry Kennedy, to help make this program a success. This what he had to say about his journey with the CCYC program:

“As a CCYC participant I enjoyed learning about Lake Huron’s coastal environment while meeting other participants, curious people in the community, and the Coastal Centre staff. Naturally when I saw a job opening to become the Coastal Education Assistant I jumped at the opportunity. I have been at the Lake Huron Coastal Centre for two months and I have loved every minute of it. It has been just as exciting as when I was a participant in the program last year.”

CCYC helped me to make new friends with similar interests, it has inspired me to consider a career in conservation, and it was a fun and impactful way to earn volunteer hours for high school. It is also a great way to stay active during the summer months and to make a difference in the community.”



Local youth will continue their positive impact during the final CCYC session this fall in Goderich. We have only a few more spots left for the fall group, which happens over two weekends (September 17th & 18th and October 1st & 2nd). Registration is still open, but spots are filling up fast.

Fall
Registration

Green Ribbon Champion Update



The Green Ribbon Champion (GRC) assessment season is officially over!

Our Coastal Restoration Technician, Holly, met so many incredible shoreline residents in Huron-Kinloss, Kincardine, and Saugeen Shores this year. Thank you for signing up to keep Lake Huron's sand dunes, beaches, and water resilient and clean. We'll see you all again soon!

Keep an eye out for **volunteer opportunities** during the restoration season this Fall!

Volunteer for GRC

Gallery: From the GRC Fieldbook



Canada Wild Rye - a native, cool-season grass and larval host for the Zabulon Skipper butterfly!



Zabulon Skipper
Photo by Bob Gutowski (iNaturalist)



White Sweetclover- a non-native, invasive plant.



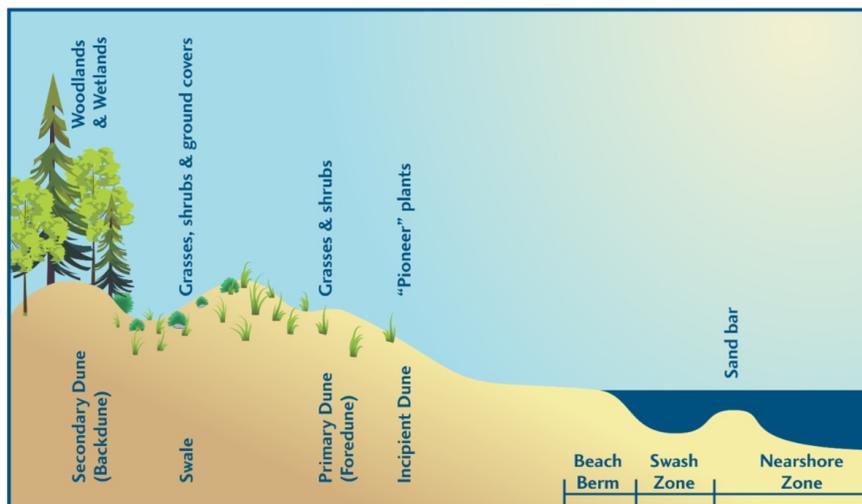
A Blue Jay was here!



A healthy Northern Leopard Frog in Tiverton.



Ecological Succession In A Sandy Coastal Environment



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American Searocket (photo below) is an annual, pioneer dune plant. Since it

can tolerate harsh weather and barren or degraded environments, it's usually one of the first species to colonize the incipient dune (diagram above). After it dies, the organic material it leaves behind enriches the sand and provides the nutrients required for other dune plants to thrive.



The decorative yet deadly Mountain Death Camas is a highly poisonous, native plant. It is one of our Coastal Restoration Technician's favourite plants (to look at).



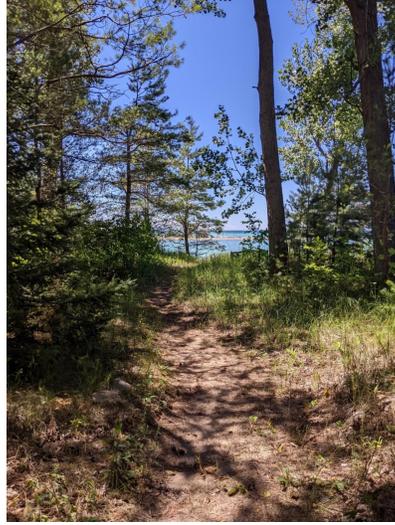
Death Camas Miner Bee
Photo by Libby and Rick Avis



Spotted Knapweed - a non-native, invasive plant.



A perfectly narrow, S-curved beach access pathway in Southampton.



A sneaky view of Stoney Island in Kincardine.

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Non-native Blue Lyme Grass (left) next to native American "Marram" Beach Grass (right).

Sunset Beach Clean-up Summary

What's On Your Beach?

Everyone loves Lake Huron sunsets... that's why we decided to make our beaches better while enjoying the beautiful sunset glow. Litter collected during our beach clean-up events is logged into the Ocean Wise database that collects information on shoreline trash nationally to help decision making and policy creation.

Ocean Wise Shoreline Cleanup is a conservation program that provides Canadians across the country the opportunity to take environmental action in their communities.

Top 3 litter types found at the sunset beach clean up events were...

Sauble Beach

- #1 Cigarette butts - **1319**
- #2 Plastic pieces - **86**
- #3 Food wrappers - **46**

Port Elgin

- #1 Cigarette butts - **957**
- #2 Plastic pieces - **242**
- #3 Food wrappers - **187**



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These events were made possible by Community Foundation Grey Bruce



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