



2023 EVENTS

PORCUPINE LAKE COMMUNITY CLEANUP

MESSAGE FROM THE FPRW BOARD

As the snow melts and warm weather returns, we want to wish you a great spring season and invite you to join a few of our events. Our activities are only possible because of our members and supporters - so we want to say thank you! This year, we want to continue to be a voice for a healthy watershed and create opportunities for everyone to connect with nature and learn about local biodiversity; appreciating nature is the first step in protecting it. We are looking forward to meeting you at one of our events.

- The FPRW team

Join the annual Porcupine Lake Community Cleanup on May 27th - Bring your family and friends and spend a few hours together make a difference in our beautiful community!

- * **When?** Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 9am to noon
- * **How to participate:** Meet us at Porcupine Lake’s White Waterfront to register and pick-up supplies (*garbage bags and gloves*) between 9-10am then tackle an area around the lake or anywhere in the South Porcupine or Porcupine community.
- * All volunteers are invited to join us around noon for bbq hot dogs and refreshments at the waterfront’s picnic shelter.



Volunteer cleaning a trail in South Porcupine - June 2022

For pre-registration or for more details about the event, don’t hesitate to contact us: friendsporcupineriverwatershed@gmail.com

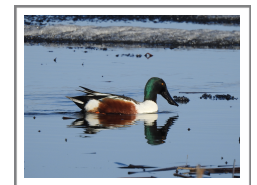
GUIDED WALKS AT PORCUPINE LAKE FOR WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY 2023



Dunlin (a migratory shorebird) at Porcupine Lake (27 May 2018)

The FPRW will host guided bird walks to highlight this global event. The 2023 campaign will focus on the importance of water; a fundamental resource for all life on earth including the aquatic ecosystems vital for migratory birds to survive.

Join these walks to learn more about the variety of birds who stop at Porcupine Lake to rest and feed on their migration north in spring or on their way south in fall. Space is limited - contact us by email to register.



Northern Shoveler. Porcupine Lake (13 May 2019)

- ◆ **Spring Migratory Bird Day Walk:** May 13, 2023 (8am to 10am)
- ◆ **Fall Migratory Bird Day Walk:** October 14, 2023 (9am to 11am)

Follow our social media pages or visit our website for more details on these events and to learn about other upcoming events.



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FPRW Mission

The Friends of the Porcupine River Watershed (FPRW) is committed to promoting a healthy, sustainable aquatic and terrestrial ecosystem in the Porcupine River Watershed through public education and community involvement.

PORCUPINE RIVER WATERSHED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The FPRW recognizes that the Porcupine River watershed is located on Treaty #9 territory and on the traditional territory of Indigenous Nations including the Mushkegowuk (Cree), Anishinabewaki and Métis. We cannot talk about water and environmental health without recognizing the insight and the history of land and water protection and caretaking by Indigenous Nations in our area. We need to include their voices in conservation discussions and decisions for now and for future generations.

WHAT IS A WATERSHED?

Take the quiz! *(find the answers at the bottom of the page)*

1. **What is a watershed?**
 - a) An area of land where all water drains to the same location.
 - b) A large body of water surrounded by land
 - c) A type of irrigation system
2. **Which of the following activities can negatively impact a watershed?**
 - a) Planting native plants
 - b) Recycling
 - c) Allowing pollutants to drain into a stream or river
3. **Which of the following best describes the relationship between a river and its watershed?**
 - a) The river is part of the watershed
 - b) The watershed is part of the river
 - c) The river and the watershed are separate entities

Can we really make a difference for the health of the watershed?

Absolutely! We can all do our part to keep watersheds healthier. Human activities, even on land far from waterways, can have harmful impact on the health of lakes and rivers. Pollutants will eventually enter creeks, rivers, wetlands and lakes where they can compromise water quality and harm fish and aquatic wildlife. Here are 3 easy steps we can all take:

- * Keeping pollutants out of stormwater drains. *(Check out the Ontario Yellow Fish Road program to learn why only rain should go into these drains.)*
- * Picking up after your dog and properly disposing the poop in garbage bins.
- * Eliminating/limiting pesticides and fertilizers on our lawns and gardens.

Quiz answers: 1. a) 2. c) 3. a)

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