



Community Volunteers Invited to Participate in BioBlitz and Shoreline Cleanup this Weekend at Assiniboine Park

For immediate release: Winnipeg, May 21, 2024 – The Assiniboine Park Conservancy is extending an open invitation to members of the community to participate in two conservation events this weekend at Assiniboine Park.

Both events are open to volunteers of all ages; children under 14 must be supervised by an adult parent or guardian. The events will proceed rain or shine and only be cancelled in the case of extreme weather. Advance registration is not required.

“At the Assiniboine Park Conservancy, our commitment to conservation includes understanding and protecting the green spaces we steward within Assiniboine Park and the species they protect,” said Laura Cabak, Director of Communications & Public Relations, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “These events are a great way to connect with our community on the importance of biodiversity, sustainability, and conservation.”

BioBlitz | Saturday, May 25, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

A bioblitz is a collective effort to record as many plant and animal species as possible within a designated location and time. Events of this nature are a great way to encourage public awareness around biodiversity while generating useful data for science and conservation.

The event will take place between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Community volunteers are invited to explore the Park at their leisure or participate in guided walks led by conservation scientists for a deeper dive into the wonders of nature that exist right here in Assiniboine Park.

10:30 a.m. – Paulson Des Brisay, Birding Walk
11:00 a.m. – Dr. Katherine Dearborn, Common Plants and Insects
11:30 a.m. – Kirstyn Eckhardt, Butterfly Walk
12:00 a.m. – Katherine Morgan, Dip Netting for Aquatic Invertebrates
12:30 a.m. – Sara Patterson, Tree and Shrub Walk

Volunteers will use [iNaturalist](#) to document their observations.

More information can be found on the [BioBlitz event page](#) on the Park website.

Shoreline Cleanup | Sunday, May 26, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This event is part of the [Ocean Wise Shoreline Cleanup](#), a conservation program that helps reduce the amount of litter that ends up in the ocean. The cleanup will take place along the section of the Assiniboine River adjacent to Assiniboine Park. By removing waste along the shoreline, we can help protect wildlife, improve water quality, and reduce the amount of plastic pollution that ends up in our rivers and lakes.

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Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of 30 minutes of waste-picking time and can come and go anytime between 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Instructions, garbage bags, pickers, and light snacks will be provided. Volunteers should wear closed-toe shoes, bring reusable gloves, and dress for the weather.

More information can be found on the [Shoreline Cleanup event page](#) on the Park website.

These events are part of our extended Party for the Planet in celebration of Earth Day. Party for the Planet activities were made possible with support from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

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