

Wings over the Rockies Nature Festival

May 5 - 11, 2025

Our Place in Nature



Morning

Lunch

Afternoon

Evening

Monday, May 5	Tuesday, May 6	Wednesday, May 7	Thursday, May 8	Friday, May 9	Saturday, May 10	Sunday, May 11
7:00-8:30 Outdoor Event Birding by Golf Cart with Randy Hopkins and Shelagh Wrazej Fairmont Hot Springs area	7:30-11:30 Walk Birding the Luxor Linkage with Brian Wesley and Bob Littlejohns Edgewater area	8:00-10:00 Walk Birding the Parson River Crossing with Rachel Darvill and Verena Shaw Parson area	7:00-8:30 Outdoor Event Birding by Golf Cart with Randy Hopkins and Shelagh Wrazej Fairmont Hot Springs area	7:00-11:00 Walk Explore the Riches of Ritchie's Point with Gareth Thomson Wilmer area	7:00-11:00 Walk Explore the Riches of Ritchie's Point with Gareth Thomson Wilmer area	7:30-11:30 Walk K2 Ranch Birding Excursion with Brian Wesley and Keynote Speaker Dr. Rob Butler Invermere area
7:00-11:00 Walk "Premier Skookum" Birding Excursion with Lyle Grisedale and Brian Wesley Skookumchuck area	7:30-11:30 Walk Hands-on Photography Excursion with Keltie and Stan Masters Fairmont Hot Springs area	8:00-11:00 Walk Edgewater Wander with Brian Wesley and Steve Burrows Edgewater area	8:00-10:00 Walk Ecology and Waterbirds of the Columbia Wetlands with Catriona Leven Radium Hot Springs area	8:00-11:00 Walk Fairmont Meadows Wetland Wander with Cam Gillies Fairmont Hot Springs area	7:30-11:30 Drive/Walk Kootenay National Park "Saturday Birding" with Brian Wesley Radium Hot Springs area	8:00-11:30 Walk Brisco Birding with Steve Pratt and Greg Scott Brisco area
8:30-11:30 Walk Birding the Wilmer Wetlands with Steve Pratt and Greg Scott Wilmer area	8:00-11:00 Walk Wacky Waterbirds with Cam Gillies Invermere area	8:00-11:30 Walk Wandering in Nature: A Photography Walk with Ryan Bavin Wilmer area	8:00-11:00 Walk Birding the Spirit Trail with Lyle Grisedale Fairmont Hot Springs area	8:30-11:00 Walk Radium Mill Pond Birding Excursion with Jody Allair Radium Hot Springs area	8:30-11:00 Walk Radium Mill Pond Birding Excursion with Jody Allair Radium Hot Springs area	9:00-11:00 Paddle Wetlands Paddle with Columbia River Paddle Invermere area
8:30-11:30 Walk Fairmont Meadows Wetlands Adventure with David Gibson Fairmont Hot Springs area	8:00-11:00 Walk Explore the Skookumchuck Prairie Important Bird Area with Dianne Cooper and Randy Harris Skookumchuck area	8:30-11:00 Hike Discover the Dramatic Dutch Creek Hoodoos with Jenny Feick and Ian Hatter Fairmont Hot Springs area	8:30-10:30 Walk Redstart Restoration Ramble with Rick Kubian Radium Hot Springs area	9:00-11:00 Paddle Wetlands Paddle with Columbia River Paddle Invermere area	9:30-3:00 Paddle & Lunch Guided Columbia River trip from Invermere to Radium with Columbia River Paddle Invermere area	12:00 Indoor / Outdoor Festival Wrap-Up Casual Lunch & Social 12:00 - 1:30 Auction Item Pick-up 12:00 - 3:30 Columbia Valley Centre, Invermere
9:00-11:00 Paddle Wetlands Paddle with Columbia River Paddle Invermere area	8:30-11:30 Drive/Walk Dippers and Ducks with Doug Yukes Invermere area	8:30-11:30 Drive/Walk Dippers and Ducks with Doug Yukes Invermere area	8:30-11:30 Walk The Bluebirds are Back!! with Joan Galloway & Lori Jo Jamieson Fairmont Hot Springs area	9:00-11:30 Outdoor Workshop Garden Art - Make Your Own Metal Garden Sculpture with Cajsja Fredin Invermere	9:00-11:30 Outdoor Workshop Garden Art - Make Your Own Metal Garden Sculpture with Cajsja Fredin Invermere	1:30-3:30 Walk The Buzz on Bees: Pollination, Honey, and Conservation with Kim Weaver & Steve Root - Weaver's Bee Co. Invermere
9:00-11:30 Indoor Workshop Painting Bird Habitats: A Watercolor Workshop with Lori Baugh Littlejohns Invermere	9:30-12:00 Paddle Lake Paddle & Coffee with Columbia River Paddle Invermere area	8:30-11:30 Hike Wildlife & Wilderness of the Back 40 Retreat at Brisco Mountain with Katherine Friedley & Adrian Pery Brisco area	8:30-11:30 Walk Ecological Tour of the Zehnder Ranch with John Zehnder Invermere area	10:00-11:30 Indoor/Outdoor Workshop Creating Photos with IMPACT at Dorothy Lake with Kimberley Rae Invermere area	10:30-11:30 Complimentary Event Nature/Bird-Themed Storytime with Dallas Hussar at the Invermere Public Library Invermere	
9:30-3:00 One Event, Two Walks Walk #1 - 9:30-12:00 Lunch Break Walk #2 - 1:00-3:00 Exploring the Source of the Columbia River Trail with the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society and Lake Windermere Ambassadors Canal Flats	10:00-11:00 Tour & Sampling The Path to the Perfect Cup: Kicking Horse Coffee Facility Invermere	9:00-11:00 Paddle Historic Tour by Voyageur Canoe with Columbia River Paddle Invermere area	8:30-4:00 Hike & Lunch Wildlife & Wilderness: A Guided Hike to Dog Lake with Chris Skinner - Playwest Mountain Experiences Radium Hot Springs area	1:30-4:00 Walk Connecting Lakes to Mountain Streams with Ben Mitchell-Banks Invermere area	12:30-3:30 Walk Forest Bathing Columbia Walk with Pat Bavin Radium Hot Springs area	
10:00-2:00 Hike & Optional Paddle Gamboling About in the Heart of the Wetlands with Ron and Tracy Grams Spillimacheen area	10:00-2:00 Hike Wetlands and Waterfalls with Ron and Tracy Grams Spillimacheen area	9:00-11:00 Walk How to Speak Carnivore - Coexisting with Wildlife with Steve Michel & Shelagh Wrazej Radium Hot Springs area	12:00-1:30 Luncheon Presentation British Columbia's Ecological Reserves: Hidden Gems of Conservation with Jenny Feick Invermere	2:00-3:00 Complimentary Event Microscope Exploration for Kids in Gr. 1-7 - After school at the Invermere Public Library Invermere	1:30-4:00 Walk Wandering above the Columbia Wetlands with Ian Hatter and Jenny Feick Fairmont Hot Springs area	
12:00-1:30 Luncheon Presentation Our Journey into Nature with Keltie and Stan Masters Invermere	12:00-1:30 Luncheon Presentation 19 Days Exploring Yukon's Remote Wind and Peel Rivers with Tyerel Raven Invermere	10:00-11:00 Tour & Sampling The Path to the Perfect Cup: Kicking Horse Coffee Facility Invermere	2:00-3:30 Walk Garden Tour & Create Your Own Veggie Basket with Lana Banham - Homestead Harvest Invermere	2:00-4:00 Walk Grizzly Bear Habitat & Human Connections with Bryon Benn Fairmont Hot Springs area	1:30-4:00 Walk Wandering above the Columbia Wetlands with Ian Hatter and Jenny Feick Fairmont Hot Springs area	
2:00-4:00 Walk Panisqac, to walk softly with Mara Nelson Fairmont Hot Springs area	2:00-4:00 Walk What's bugging the trees? A stroll through the forest with Jakub Olesinski Radium Hot Springs area	11:00-1:00 Walk & Lunch Exploring Connections on a Farm-to-Table Adventure at Edible Acres Farm + Cafe Windermere	2:00-4:00 Walk Panisqac, to walk softly with Mara Nelson Fairmont Hot Springs area	2:00-4:00 Walk Recovering Grasslands: Restoring Diversity at Redstart with Elena Olsen Radium Hot Springs area	1:30-2:30 Indoor Workshop Create a Clay Mountains & Lakeside Landscape with Black Star Studios Invermere	
2:00-4:00 Walk Grizzly Bear Habitat & Human Connection with Bryon Benn Fairmont Hot Springs area	2:00-4:00 Walk From Grand Landscapes to Tiny Nature Treasures with Priya Biswas and Archie Miller Fairmont Hot Springs area	1:30-4:30 Drive/Walk Waterbird Wandering with Lyle Grisedale and Brian Wesley Canal Flats area	2:00-4:00 Walk A Photographic Exploration of Columbia Lake with Priya Biswas and Archie Miller Fairmont Hot Springs area	2:00-4:00 Walk You Belong Among the Wildflowers with Kathleen Mpulubusi Radium Hot Springs area	1:30-4:00 Walk Connecting Lakes to Mountain Streams with Ben Mitchell-Banks Invermere area	
2:00-4:30 Indoor Workshop Painting Bird Habitats: A Watercolor Workshop with Lori Baugh Littlejohns Invermere	2:00-4:00 Walk Panisqac, to walk softly with Mara Nelson Fairmont Hot Springs area	2:00-4:00 Talk/Walk Why did the badger cross the road? with Meghan Anderson Radium Hot Springs area	2:00-4:00 Walk Sinclair Creek - Restoring Native Species With Jon Bisset Radium Hot Springs area	2:00-4:00 Walk Felted Bird Workshop with Jennifer Bowes Invermere	2:00-3:00 Complimentary Event Family Event - Explore: Nature's Hidden Treasures with Denise Hoffgaard Invermere	
2:00-5:00 Walk Forest Bathing Columbia Walk with Pat Bavin Radium Hot Springs area	2:00-4:30 Walk Bears and Birds on the side of Brisco Mountain with Back 40 Katherine Friedley and Adrian Pery Brisco area	2:00-4:00 Walk Flower Power with Andrea Petzold Radium Hot Springs area	2:00-4:30 Walk Felted Bird Workshop with Jennifer Bowes Invermere	2:00-4:00 Walk Panisqac, to walk softly with Mara Nelson Fairmont Hot Springs area	2:30-4:00 Activity Drumming - Rhythm by Nature with Patrick Carrick Invermere	
4:30-6:00 Social Complimentary Festival Kick Off Social Host Location: Copper Point Resort Invermere	2:00-4:30 Indoor Workshop Garden Art: Create a Clay Gnome with Robyn Oliver and Shona Robichaud Pottery Playground, Invermere	2:00-5:00 Walk I Look Up, She Looks Down with Don Delaney and Kathleen Mpulubusi Wilmer area	3:30-8:00 Paddle & Dinner Guided Evening Columbia River Trip, Radium to Edgewater with Columbia River Paddle Radium Hot Springs area	2:00-4:30 Walk Creating Photos with IMPACT at Lake Enid with Kimberley Rae Wilmer area	3:00-4:00 Indoor Workshop Indoor - Create Clay Ladybugs on a Leaf with Black Star Studios Invermere	
7:15-9:00 Evening Presentation Capturing Moments, Creating Legacy: One Woman's Adventure into Photography, Nature, and Connections with Caio Paagman Invermere	2:30-4:30 Paddle Lake Lillian with Columbia River Paddle Invermere area	3:00-4:00 Walk I Look Up, She Looks Down with Don Delaney and Kathleen Mpulubusi Wilmer area	3:00-4:00 Indoor Event A Journey into Nature with Keltie and Stan Masters Invermere		3:00-4:00 Indoor Workshop Indoor - Create Clay Ladybugs on a Leaf with Black Star Studios Invermere	
9:00-10:30 Outdoor Event Evening Bat Count with Georgie West Invermere area	4:30-6:00 Social Gathering Complimentary Chirp & Chat Host Location: Conrad Kain's Kitchen & Grill Radium Hot Springs	3:00-4:00 Walk I Look Up, She Looks Down with Don Delaney and Kathleen Mpulubusi Wilmer area	4:30-6:00 Social Gathering Complimentary Chirp & Chat Host Location: Rocky River Grill Invermere		Signature Evening Event Wings Gala Celebration & Keynote Presentation with Dr. Rob Butler Incredible buffet dinner provided by Trotters Catering Cash Bar Doors open 5:15, Dinner begins 6:00 Keynote Presentation 7:00 - 9:00 Columbia Valley Centre, Invermere	
	7:15-9:00 Evening Presentation Travels and Travails: Researching & Writing the Birder Murder Mystery Series with Steve Burrows Special book signing hosted by Four Points Books Invermere	7:15-9:00 Evening Presentation For the Love of Birds - An exploration of Environmental Stewardship with Gareth Thomson Invermere				



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See you May 4-10, 2026!

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