

Time to Give a Hoot!

Frequent Restoule visitors and “Bird Watchers Extraordinaire”, Gary and Connie Sturge have been filling us in on some of their local bird watching experiences.

As members of the Nipissing Naturalists Club (NipNats) they are regularly involved in bird count exercises. In particular they enjoy the Owl Survey. It gets them out later in the day and evening and since owls are not easy to find they love the challenge.

So...since there may be lots of folks in Restoule (seasonal and full time) who have an interest in birding, we are putting out information on the Owl Survey and those interested are invited to contact the NipNats on how to get involved. Below is the link to all things Owl.

[Nipissing Owl Surveys](#)

Apparently there is a defined route in Restoule for undertaking the survey.

Gary describes it as follows:

One of our owl routes is in Restoule, it starts at the park and runs out the hwy through town, turns crosses the bridge and runs down and along shore of Lake Commanda. So some time in April, likely near mid month the people might hear a lot of owl calls or see some one stopped playing the calls. Starts ½ hr after sunset and finishes about 11:30, 10 stops 2 km apart and the calling goes on for about 13 min at each site.

Our intrepid ornithology enthusiasts documented last year’s owl survey. So for those wondering how an owl survey is actually conducted we have included their report from last year.

It is a separate document only because I was unable to complete the various permutations necessary to combine them.

Good luck to our Birders!

