

The Bras D'Or Lake Biosphere Region Association Presents
WALK THE WATERSHED! – An exploration of Biosphere trails

And a search for

The Fungus Among Us

(specifically at Uisge Ban Falls Provincial Park)

When?

1:00 p.m.

Saturday – September 28, 2024

Where?

Meet at trailhead parking area

715 North Branch Road, Forks Baddeck

Join the Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Region Association for the Association's fifth and final hike of 2024 at Uisge Ban Falls Provincial Park. Accompany our intrepid natural history interpreters, members of The Cape Breton Naturalists' Society, who will once again will share their expertise and knowledge to help you find and identify as many species of fungi as possible. This is THE place to observe fungi and their allies as the deep and rich soils of the hardwood forest support an amazing variety of common and not-so-common mushrooms, slime molds and rusts. Late flora and songbirds will, of course, be present but it is the fungus among us that will be the star of the show!

PLEASE NOTE: The trail beyond the final bridge is in very poor shape and, as a result we will NOT travel beyond that point due to the heightened risk of injury.

Trail difficulty: Easy to moderate - Although this a maintained 1.5 km linear trail, sections can be wet and/or rough due to exposed tree roots and rocks from trail use. Streams are bridged. The trail begins in conifer-dominated forest with its own site-appropriate fungi. A bonus is the fabulous view down onto the North Branch Baddeck River that, over millennia, cut the gorge through which this river flows. The forest, as the trail climbs, transitions to hardwoods, resulting in a more open forest floor and a wider range of both fungi and late flora.

We will meet in the parking area at the trailhead on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and footwear and bring water. Snacks optional!

Please visit our website at blbra.ca for more information.

Map of Trail and photos