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## **THE NOVA SCOTIA NATURE TRUST AND THE TOWN OF WOLFVILLE TAKE TO THE TRAILS**

**Wolfville, N.S. (February 9, 2015)** –On Saturday February 8th, a crowd of over 30 people gathered at the Wolfville Watershed Nature Preserve, (Kings County) to take part in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual guided snowshoe hike on the property.

Protected by the Town of Wolfville and the Nature Trust in 2007, the Watershed is now one of the Nature Trust’s most visited protected properties. The Wolfville Watershed Nature Preserve is used year round by many community groups including Scouts Canada, birders and other naturalists groups. In addition, local community members have installed Wood Duck boxes and boxes for Barred Owls. The property is also a research site for endangered Atlantic Salmon conservation initiatives.

“We were thrilled to team up with the Town of Wolfville again to host this moonlit hike. The goal of the winter hike is to encourage people to get outside to enjoy Nova Scotia’s natural beauty, despite the cold weather. The Wolfville Watershed is the perfect location because it is spectacular in every season! This year there was no shortage of snow and we had a great turnout. It is always pretty magical to experience the Wolfville Watershed at night.” said Nature Trust Land Stewardship Coordinator, Alice Morgan.

The 605 acre Wolfville Watershed property was permanently protected through a ground-breaking conservation easement signed by the Town of Wolfville and the Nature Trust in 2007. This agreement represented the first time a Canadian municipality partnered with a non-governmental organization to permanently protect a municipally-owned natural area.

The Watershed’s many exceptional natural features, including undisturbed wetlands containing rare orchids and an old-growth hemlock stand, are now conserved forever, and the protected area is open for the public to visit year round. The property remains in Municipal ownership and is stewarded jointly with the Nature Trust and the Town of Wolfville.

[View the 2015 Wolfville Watershed Moonlit Snowshoe Hike photo album.](#)

**For more information on the Wolfville Watershed Nature Preserve or the Nova Scotia Nature Trust please contact the Nature Trust office at (902) 425-LAND or visit: [www.nsnt.ca](http://www.nsnt.ca).**



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- <http://www.nsnt.ca>
- Nova Scotia's leading private land conservation organization
- Protected over 9000 acres of land to date and 70 conservation properties across Nova Scotia
- The Nature Trust offers a unique solution for a significant conservation challenge. Unlike most of Canada, over 70% of Nova Scotia is privately owned, not government land. These private lands include many of most ecologically important areas, yet face unprecedented development pressures. The Nature Trust's community-based, private land conservation approach is crucial to conservation success, and an essential complement to conservation efforts on government land.
- Through conservation agreements, we help families to protect, forever, their treasured and ecologically important family lands. We also accept land donations and bequests of land, and in exceptional cases, we purchase outstanding and threatened natural areas.
- All conservation lands entrusted to our care become part of the land legacy that we safeguard for all Nova Scotians. Our commitment is to protect those lands, forever. Staff and volunteers across the province help to steward and safeguard these treasured and irreplaceable natural areas.
- Our innovative, community-based educational initiatives are helping to build understanding and appreciation for the natural world. We give Nova Scotians the knowledge and tools they need to take an active part in protecting the places they love and ensuring that the legacy is passed on to future generations.