

Introducing The ‘Gros Morne Beach Watch’ Program

*Interested in Volunteering? Interested in the Health of your Beaches?
If so, the ‘Gros Morne Beach Watch’ program may be for you!*

Our marine and coastal ecosystems provide many important benefits and are vital to the health of our communities. They offer a source of beauty and inspiration. In addition, they support industries such as tourism, fisheries, transportation, and oil and gas. However, things ranging from plastics and invasive species to oil spills and changing weather all have the potential to adversely impact beaches and marine ecosystems along the coast of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Hence, it is important that we monitor the long-term health of the coastal ecosystems and of the organisms that depend on them.

The Gros Morne Beach Watch program is designed to do just that. Starting this spring, we will be looking for local residents who want to volunteer some of their time to walk a beach in their area and record their observations of such things as dead and live birds, beached marine mammals, oil pollution, and non-native species. Ideally, each volunteer can perform these walks two to three times each month from May to November. Participants will be given training in a range of topics ranging from marine conservation to natural history and will enjoy the benefits of being part of a group of citizens who share their concern for the health of our coastlines.

This community-based, volunteer observer program is being developed by Gros Morne National Park in partnership with the Bonne Bay Marine Station and CURRA. Our search for participants will begin in early May when public meetings will be held in communities throughout the Gros Morne area.

Come out and join our team! Explore your coastline and help protect this valuable ecosystem!



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