



## Celebrate the Season At a Conservation Area

December 2012



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### Health Alert!

#### ***Stepping into Nature in the Winter has big health benefits!***

It can be hard to motivate yourself to get outside in the winter months! But enjoying winter activities can have big payoffs for your health.

In addition to the cardiovascular and mental benefits of enjoying winter recreation, some activities

### Can you believe it's December already?

To help celebrate the season, Conservation Authorities across Ontario are hosting festive events. Enjoy a traditional dinner, make holiday crafts, go carolling in nature, or just relax while taking in the seasonal sights, sounds, and smells.

It's a time for family, great food, and fun- and we hope you will join us in celebrating!

Please browse through the event listings below!

### Old Fashioned Christmas at O'Hara




**Friday, December 7- 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm**  
**Saturday, December 8- 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm**  
**Sunday, December 9- 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm**  
**O'Hara Mill Conservation Area**

You are invited to an old-fashioned Christmas gathering at the O'Hara Mill pioneer log house, which will be decked out in period decorations. There will be hot chocolate, hot cider and Christmas cookies to sample, along with chestnuts roasting on an open fire. Listen to talented local musicians, carol singing and story telling in the warm glow of candles, oil lamps and the massive open fireplace. The Visitor Centre will be open and there will be live entertainment there as well. There will be a large outdoor bonfire you can sit around with friends and family.

This is a free event, but donations are welcomed.

### Christmas Nature Crafts

burn ALOT of calories. Let's use three seasonal activities that are popular at Conservation Areas as examples:

	=	<b>570 CALORIES PER HOUR</b>
	=	<b>500 CALORIES PER HOUR</b>
	=	<b>430 CALORIES PER HOUR</b>

### **Saturday, December 8- 10:00 am to 12:00 pm** **Lake Laurentian Conservation Area**

Join Conservation Sudbury staff for seasonal craft making at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area. Hot beverages and light snacks will be provided. A short hike will be included in order to collect natural materials for the crafts. Event is free but a donation to cover cost of materials would be appreciated.

Space is limited to 25 people- email [lakelaurentian@gmail.com](mailto:lakelaurentian@gmail.com) or call (705) 674-8904 for more info.

### **Christmas by Lamplight**

**Saturday, December 8- 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm**  
**Saturday, December 15- 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm**  
**Saturday, December 22- 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm**  
**Black Creek Pioneer Village**

For three magical evenings, Black Creek Pioneer Village invites visitors to join in the holiday festivities. Bathed in the glow of lamplight and dressed in its finest holiday decor, Black Creek comes alive with live music, food and activities. Program only or with dinner options available. For more info visit:

<http://christmasbylamplight.ca/index.html>

### **Christmas Dinners**

**Sunday, December 9- Seatings at 2:30 pm & 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday, December 16- Seatings at 2:30 pm & 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday, December 23- Seatings at 2:30 pm & 5:00 pm**  
**Black Creek Pioneer Village**

Enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner with all the fixings in the historic Half Way House restaurant! Click here for the [Christmas Dinner Menu](#)

Members: Adult \$45.00/Children (under 12): \$22.50

Non-Members: Adult \$49.95/Children (under 12): \$24.95

Prices do not include HST. Prices include Parking & Admission to Black Creek - a \$22 value! Please specify if you would like a vegetarian meal when making your reservation.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. PLEASE CALL 416-667-6284

### **Kintail Country Christmas**

**Saturday, December 15- 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**  
**Mill of Kintail Conservation Area**



Join Mississippi Valley Conservation staff for festive family fun at the Mill of Kintail Conservation Area! There will be wagon rides, holiday music, crafts, photos with Santa and more! For more information visit: <http://www.mvc.on.ca>

### Festive Frolic

**Saturday, December 15- 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**  
**Laurel Creek Nature Centre**

Help prune the trails and learn about winter tree identification along the way. With the greenery, make a festive centerpiece that you can take home with you. A frolic isn't a frolic without a stop to feed the chickadees! Phone 519-885-1368 to pre-register. The cost is \$5 for children under 18 years old and \$10 for adults. Those 16 years old or younger must be accompanied by an adult.

### Christmas Dinner and Nature Hike

**Saturday, December 15- 7:00 pm**  
**Kortright Nature Centre**

Celebrate the season with family & friends, and enjoy a traditional Christmas Dinner and a guided nature walk at Kortright. Visit <http://www.kortright.org/whats-on/special-events.dot> for more details.

### Gingerbread Houses

**Sunday, December 16- 2:00 pm**  
**Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area**

Come to the Outdoor Centre and make a gingerbread house out of graham wafers. We will have the wafers, icing and candy to complete your house. The kits are just \$2.00 each. While you wait for your house to set before decorating, we invite you to go for a hike, or/and feed the chickadees. If you would rather not go outside, the snack bar will be open so you can sit by the fire and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie. Please note that there may be food allergens present with this activity

### Carolling in Nature

**Sunday, December 16-4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

### Scanlon Creek Conservation Area

Please join us in singing Christmas carols around a bonfire!  
After singing, you are invited to come indoors at the  
Nature Centre for hot chocolate and cookies.  
For more information call Brenda Winter at 905-895-1281  
ext 263 or email [b.winter@lsrca.on.ca](mailto:b.winter@lsrca.on.ca)

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