

When witches go riding, and black
cats are seen, the moon laughs
and whispers, 'tis near Halloween.
-Author unknown



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Prepare to be scared at a Conservation Area near you!

Something scary is brewing at Conservation Areas across the province! Halloween is fast approaching and we are busy preparing *spooktacular* events for you and your entire family! So stop in for a spell...if you dare!



Hallowe'en Howl

October 26th- Ganaraska Forest Centre- 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Get into the Hallowe'en spirit during this spooky night in the Ganaraska Forest. Carve pumpkins, enjoy an interactive and fun campfire, and then go on a guided night hike through the forest. Children are encouraged to attend in costume! Pre-registration & payment are required for this event by calling 905.885.8173. \$12/adult & \$6/child

Halloween Haunted Forest at 'Terror' Cotta

October 26th/27th- Terra Cotta CA- 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

"Terror Cotta Haunted Forest" returns to Terra Cotta Conservation Area with plenty of spook-tacular fun for the family.

The event is designed for children 12 and under and all children must be accompanied by an adult to be admitted. Little ghouls and goblins can take part in a mysterious spirit walk presented by "To Be Determined Theatre Company", haunted wagon rides, a spooky maze, campfire tales and interactive haunted stations with "Georgetown Little Theatre".

Participants are encouraged to wear costumes and have their picture taken at the photo booth for a small fee.

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children six to 12. Children under six are admitted for free. Admission for seniors 60 and older is \$5. Tickets must be purchased in advance and visitors should be prepared for the weather since the event runs rain or shine.

For more information call 1-800-367-0890 or visit www.creditvalleyca.ca/hauntedforest.

Westfield's Haunted Halloween- For the Birds

October 26th/27th- Westfield Heritage Village- 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm



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Something curious is happening at Westfield Heritage Village! Find out during the Haunted Halloween program! The village will be lit by lanterns, pumpkins and moonlight, and visitors will be treated to a magical evening of folklore, surprise and mystery. During this family friendly event, visitors of all ages will be able to explore the village's unique setting and discover the origins and traditions of Halloween's past. This year, the theme for the Halloween program is the folklore and superstitions associated with birds. There is a long tradition of birds being considered messengers of both good and bad luck, predicting the future, signalling a death or being responsible for any number of events or circumstances.

Westfield Heritage Village is a magical place for families, with lots of opportunities to have fun and make discoveries together.

Admission is \$11.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors and persons with disabilities, and \$6.50 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under are admitted free. For more information please call 1-800-883-0104 or visit www.westfieldheritagevillage.com

*NOTE: Spooky image in e-news header was provided by Hamilton Conservation Authority- a preview of 2012 'Westfield's Haunted Halloween'

Nature at Night

October 27th- Tiffin Centre- 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

On Saturday, October 27th between 5 and 9 p.m., the Tiffin Centre will be hosting an exciting exploration of "Nature at Night"! There will be fun for all ages, including guided hikes, cool and creepy crafts, hot chocolate by the fire and a chance to learn about bats, owls and more creatures of the night.

Admission is \$5 per person, children 4 and under are free.

Advance registration is required - to learn more, [click here](#) to download the flyer or contact the Environmental Education department at 705-424-1479 ext. 280 or outdoored@nvca.on.ca.

All Hallows Eve

October 27th-Black Creek Pioneer Village-7:00pm to 10:30pm

What spirits lurk in the dark corners of the Village? Discover the true horrors of the Victorian age - murderers, body snatchers, post-mortem photographers and the treat of being buried alive.

Do you dare to enter our historic homes and risk a ghostly encounter?

For more details visit: <http://www.allhallowseve.ca>

Halloween Spooktacular

October 27th/28th- Mountsberg CA- 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Start your Halloween festivities early by coming to Mountsberg Conservation Area's Halloween Spooktacular. This event is free with park admission and features plenty of hauntingly good fun for everyone.

At the Halloween Spooktacular you can join us in the Haunted Playbarn - if you dare! Families can enjoy making some scary crafts and the children can get a Halloween temporary tattoo. The Scary Scavenger Hunt will test your knowledge of bones and other creepy crawlies. We will also help you dispel some myths by visiting with Mountsberg's Halloween Creatures.

There is plenty of fun and adventure for the whole family, and anyone arriving in costume will receive a free hot drink.

For more information on this event and all the other happenings at Conservation Halton Parks visit www.conservationhalton.ca/events

Hallowe'en Hike

October 28th- Laurel Creek Nature Centre- 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Take this opportunity to snuggle up with a snake, hear a cockroach hiss or make friends with a frog. After meeting some live animal friends, the group will head outside for a night hike. Then we will warm up by carving a super scary pumpkin. 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.

Haunted Hike Family Nature Event

October 29th- Heart Lake CA- 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Join us for an evening walk through Heart Lake forest and learn about the wildlife that wakes up just as we get ready for bed. After the walk, we'll warm up around a campfire and share some spooky stories. Come experience the sights and sounds of the park in the dark. Prizes will be awarded for participants in costumes! This is a free event.

Owl Prowl Night Hikes

November 2nd/3rd- Morrison Dam CA- 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

An Owl Prowl is a great chance to hear an interactive presentation about owls and to take part in a night-hike owl 'hoot.' People are invited to 'lug-a-mug' to the event (to avoid waste) and enjoy hot chocolate and a campfire.

This event is free but donations are always welcome to support conservation education. People taking part are asked to dress for the weather and to leave pets at home.

Please contact Ausable Bayfield Conservation for more information by visiting abca.on.ca or calling 519-235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610 or by e-mailing info@abca.on.ca

Creatures of the Night

November 10th- Little Cataraqui Creek CA- 6:00 pm

Get out for a breath of brisk fall air at our evening walk. Come out to learn about the creatures that come out at night at Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area. Meet at the Outdoor Centre.



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