

Step  
Into Nature

During Trails Open  
Season 2011



## Conservation Areas Update

*Endless Opportunities for Adventure...*

### About Trails Open Ontario



From April through October each year, [Ontario Heritage Trust](#) promotes trail use and education, natural heritage conservation, stewardship, as well as physical activity and healthy lifestyles with their [Trails Open Ontario](#) program.

Inspired by the successful [Doors Open Ontario](#) program, [Trails Open](#) provides Ontarians with an opportunity to access and celebrate the trail systems that exist throughout our Province.

### Trails Open 2011 is now underway!

Once again, Conservation Authorities from across the province have partnered with Ontario Heritage Trust to bring you *Trails Open* events.

From leisurely wildflower walks to historic treks through underground caverns, geocaching and night hikes, Ontario's Conservation Areas are offering many unique events.

There is something for everyone at Conservation Areas this spring, summer and fall!

Below are some highlights from our [Trails Open 2011 Event Calendar](#):

### Hike and Filtration Plant Tour



**June 4-5, 2011**  
**[Inglis Falls Conservation Area](#)**  
**10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m**



### FREE ADMISSION

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority will be your host for the free Trails Open event at the Inglis Falls Conservation Area with a guided hike around the Mill Ponds and through the enchanted forest to the Inglis Falls Water Filtration Plant. The filtration plant was built by the City of Owen Sound to filter their drinking water. These unique underground caverns are now 100 years old. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in this event. Participants should wear appropriate footwear as the terrain is moderate and not wheel chair accessible.

### Hike at Napanee Conservation Area and Boardwalk



**June 11, 2011**  
**Napanee Conservation Area**  
**6:00 p.m to 7:30 p.m**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

Quinte Conservation Naturalist Terry Sprague will be leading a free guided hike at Napanee Conservation Area and Boardwalk. Located along the beautiful Napanee River in downtown Napanee, this Conservation Area features a boardwalk that extends east from along the river to the Springside Park Dam.

Please register for the hike by visiting [www.quinteconservation.com](http://www.quinteconservation.com)

### Geocaching Adventure



**September 11, 2011**  
**Lorne C. Henderson Conservation Area**  
**9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

St Clair Region Conservation Authority is giving you the chance to explore L.C. Henderson Conservation Area with a "Geocaching Twist".

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunt which uses a global positioning system (GPS) unit to locate a hidden cache (treasure). Walk along the trails of the 115 hectare wetlands/forested habitat and bring your GPS receiver to discover the excitement of Geocaching. A limited number of GPS receivers will be available to borrow. A laptop will be set up to upload the coordinates to your GPS (if your GPS needs a special cable please bring it).

Visit [www.scrca.ca](http://www.scrca.ca) for more details!

**Timmins Hiking Day**



**September 25, 2011**  
**[Hersey Lake Conservation Area](#)**  
**10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

The Mattagami Region Conservation Authority and the Wintergreen Fund for Conservation are inviting City residents to come out to Hersey Lake Conservation Area and participate in Timmins Hiking Day. Volunteers will be on hand to lead several guided hikes of differing lengths while describing some of the unique plants and animals we have here in northern Ontario. Please make sure you dress for the weather and bring sturdy footwear. There will be several outdoor exhibits and staff will be on hand to answer any of your questions. Please meet next to the picnic shelter at the Hersey Lake Conservation Area. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, visit <http://mrca.timmins.ca> or call (705) 360-2660.

### Fall Hike in Backus Woods



**October 8, 2011**  
**[Backus Heritage Conservation Area](#)**  
**11:00 a.m**  
**Admission by donation**

Celebrate the **International Year of Forests** with us. Enjoy a fall hike to discover the types of trees commonly found here and how they are important for the animals that call the forest their home. Guided hike departs from the Conservation Education Centre.

Call (519) 586-2201 for more information.

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To view our full *Trails Open 2011* event calendar visit:

[www.ontarioconservationareas.ca/trailsopen](http://www.ontarioconservationareas.ca/trailsopen)

