



Conservation Areas - Your 'Quality Time' Destinations

Join us for Family Day!

February 2013



More GREAT Family Day Events at CAs

Tales by a Winter Fire at Mountsberg CA

Family Skate Day at Mac Johnson Wildlife Area

Family Campout Weekend at Valens Lake CA

License Free Fishing Weekend at Valens Lake CA

Family Day Hot Chocolate Festival at Dundas Valley CA

Family Day at Griffin

Get off the couch this Family Day - *Step Into Nature!*

Long weekends mean extra quality time with your family, especially this weekend!

Family Day is Monday February 18th, so grab your family and join in on the fun at Conservation Areas across Ontario! Ontario's more than 270 Conservation Areas are natural playgrounds that offer up inexpensive winter fun for the whole family to enjoy!

Spending Family Day indoors is so boring, so challenge your body and mind and *Step Into Nature* this long weekend! Scroll below for details on great Family Day events at Conservation Areas.

Family Hike Night

Enniskillen Conservation Area **February 15, 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

Start the Family Day Weekend off right with a FREE evening of interactive fun, involving a walk through the Enniskillen Conservation Area, after dark. We will explore our night vision, have a look at our celestial surroundings, learn a little about the habits and adaptations of nocturnal animals, play a few games and even try our hand at calling for local owls.

If the snow conditions cooperate with our plans for the night hike, we will offer participants an opportunity to try out some of our snowshoes. Dress for the weather with lots of layers and good sturdy footwear. Flashlights are not necessary and can be distracting to wildlife, so please leave them at home.

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For more information on the Family Night Hike please contact Ms. Cathy Grant, at the Conservation office at (905) 579-0411, ext. 108 or cgrant@cloca.com.

Snowflakes and Snowsnakes

Crawford Lake Conservation Area
February 16 to 18, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Celebrate the wonders of winter at Snowflakes and Snowsnakes for three special days of fun winter activities. You can hike, snowshoe or ski the snow-covered trails, gather around a toasty fire to roast marshmallows and try some Hemlock Tea, make a bird feeder, go on a winter discovery hunt to win prizes, and tour the longhouses in Crawford Lake's 15th century reconstructed Iroquoian Village and heritage site. Children will enjoy viewing the Race of the Snowsnake video, and will have the opportunity to try their hand at this traditional First Nations sport.

Although some activities are snow dependent, our winter celebration will take place regardless of the weather, so come join in the fun!

Friends & Family Ice Fishing Day

Lake Laurentian Conservation Area
February 17, 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Join Conservation Sudbury for our Friends and Family Ice Fishing Day at the Nature Chalet (2309 South Bay Rd.). That weekend is an Ontario Family Fishing weekend, so no fishing licenses are required. Ice augers, gear and free bait will be available courtesy of the OFAH Tackleshare program and Ramakkos.

Round out the day with building a snowman or sculpture on the lake, or going for a snowshoe out on the lake or hiking trails - snowshoes and maps will be available for free. Warm up at any time at the Nature Chalet or by our outdoor fire and enjoy complimentary hot beverages.

Please call (705) 674-8904 or email lakelaurentian@gmail.com for more information.

A Fun Family Outing at Balls Falls

Ball's Falls Conservation Area
February 18, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Enjoy the great outdoors hiking or snowshoeing, visiting the magnificent waterfalls, and warming up at the Centre for Conservation for a day of hands-on play. The Centre will feature unique and historical toys, games and play related activities for all ages including puppet shows by Studio Babette.

In addition to the main gallery of the Centre for Conservation, visitors can look at toys from the past and take in Canada at Play, an exhibit travelling from the Royal Ontario Museum. Special to the event will be a silent collector's teddy bear auction that ends at 3:30 pm. Light

lunch facilities and free hot chocolate will be available.

Family Day Skate

Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area

February 18, 9:00am - 4:30pm

Join us for a family skate on Kingston's largest natural ice rink! We'll have a fire going in the warming hut by the rink and you can drop by the Outdoor Centre for a cup of hot chocolate or coffee. Skate rentals are also available at the Outdoor Centre.

Family Day WinterFest South Huron

Various Locations in Exeter, ON

February 18, 8:00am - 8:00pm

The fun starts in the morning with breakfast and ends at night with fireworks. There are several fun-filled family events scheduled through-out the entire day.

For a full schedule of events, locations, and event times please visit: <http://www.familydaywinterfest.ca/>

Let Them Eat Cake!

Westfield Heritage Village

February 18, 12:30pm - 4:00pm

This program will feature the fascinating traditions, rituals and etiquette of courtship and marriage in early Ontario. A highlight of the day will be an Edwardian wedding ceremony at the historic Mountsberg Church, where a happy couple will exchange their vows in period finery. The foods, decorations and music of a 1912 wedding reception will be featured at the Gillen Home, where guests will receive a complimentary slice of wedding cake.

Throughout the village, there will be lots to see and do. At the Print Shop, visitors can see the work that would have gone into producing a wedding invitation in Victorian times. The General Store's windows will be filled with popular turn-of-the-century wedding gifts. Next door, the Dry Goods Store will feature a bride's trousseau. Children will enjoy making a special craft at the one room log schoolhouse.

Admission is \$8.50 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors and persons with disabilities, and \$5.50 for children ages 6 to 12. Children 5 and under are admitted free. Parking is free.

Family Fun Day

Tiffin Centre

February 18, 10:00am - 3:00pm

For just \$5 per person (children 5 & under free), you can enjoy outdoor entertainment for adults and kids of all ages!

Bring your skates and helmets for a spin on the pond, try out snowshoes, kicksleds and GPS geocaching, and adopt a maple syrup bucket. Children will enjoy making a nature craft, and roasting marshmallows over the fire. Please

help us support local Scouts and visit the picnic pavilion to purchase a hotdog and coco for just \$2 per person.

Family Day Event

Scanlon Creek Conservation Area

February 18, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Join us for a great afternoon outdoors in Nature! Activities will include kick sledding, guided nature hikes, a scavenger hunt, indoor children's craft area, hot chocolate and a bonfire. Guided hikes and kick sled outings are at 1:30 pm and again at 2:45 pm. Please meet in the Nature Centre parking lot at 1:00 pm.

There will be an entrance fee of \$10.00 per vehicle at the gatehouse.

For more information on this event please contact Brenda Winter at 905-895-1281 ext. 263 or b.winter@lsrca.on.ca

Snowshoeing & Hot Chocolate

Terra Cotta Conservation Area

February 18, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Learn the basics of snowshoeing while enjoying beautiful winter scenery. This two hour program is intended for those who have never tried snowshoeing before, although all skill levels are welcome.

This program involves indoor and outdoor activities, and is recommended for adults and children over seven years. Complimentary snowshoes are provided for those who require them.

Registration is required. Call the stewardship hotline at 905-670-1615 ext. 221 or education@creditvalleyca.ca. Members, please have your membership number ready.

To register online please select a time:

[Morning session](#)

[Afternoon Session](#)

Cancellations must be received by calling the hotline at 905-670-1615 ext 221, 24 hours before the start of the event to process a 100% refund, otherwise no refund can be made. Inclement Weather - In the event of adverse weather conditions on the day of the event, call the hotline at 905-670-1615 ext 221 for a notice of cancellation.

Family Winter Fun Day

Falls Reserve Conservation Area

February 18, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Join us for the annual Family Winter Fun Day. There's over 5 km of groomed ski trails to explore so bring your cross country skis and enjoy the scenic Maitland valley. Snowshoe rentals are available for \$3.00 a pair; suitable for ages over 4 and over. Staff will fit you with snowshoes and provide simple snowshoeing tips. The indoor climbing wall at the Above the Falls Challenge Course will also be open.

Admission is free and there will be free hot chocolate and coffee. For information visit www.mvca.on.ca or email Jason Moir at jmoir@frca.on.ca.

