

2017 Wildwood Conservation Area Visitor Programs

Saturday, July 1

Canada Day Celebration

Celebrate Canada's 150th by decorating your site and showing you're proud to be Canadian! Prizes awarded to the best Canada themed sites. Join us for a hayride around the campground starting at the Visitor Centre 7 pm.

Saturday, July 8

Family Fishing Day

7-11 am Marina Rental Building

Prizes for everyone! No license required during Ontario Family Fishing Week. No need to catch a fish to win a prize, just enjoy your time fishing. Thanks to "Kids, Cops, and Canadian Tire" as well as the Stratford Police Service for helping to fund the event. Stratford Police Officers and local Conservation Officers will be out to enjoy the morning fishing with youth.

Saturday, July 15

Photography Workshop

10 am Visitor Centre

Bring your camera & join Scott Wishart and his son, Paul, at the Visitor Centre for a presentation, followed by a hike to learn about outdoor photography. Any camera will do, even your smart phone.

'Scott Wishart is a recently retired newspaper photographer with 37 years of experience in the field. A graduate of Loyalist College, he has had work published across North America and is the recipient of several newspaper awards. Paul Wishart is an award-winning visual effects artist in Toronto with a passion for wildlife photography. His work can be viewed at www.paulwishartphotography.com.'

Saturday, July 15

Guided Hike - Plants & Fungi

2 pm Visitor Centre

Meet with Luke Eckstein, outdoor educator, for an intro to local plants and fungi, followed by a hike to see a variety of species found at Wildwood.

Saturday, July 22

Yard Sale

8 am-12 pm Campground

The annual yard sale is back again! Campers are welcome to set up on their sites.

Saturday, July 22

Speaking of Wildlife

10 am Visitor Centre

Come for a close encounter with some of Ontario's magnificent wild creatures. Learn about adaptations, social structure, habitats and threats. The animal line-up varies from day to day but may include a porcupine, fox, skunk, opossum, hawk, owl, turtle, or snake.

Saturday, July 29

Salthaven Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Centre

10 am Visitor Centre

Wildlife Rehabilitator Brian Salt captivates audiences with exciting and educational presentations. Through tales of his extensive work with Canadian wildlife, Salt shares real rescue stories and incredible facts that inspire audiences to make a difference in everyday living. Salt, along with his animal ambassadors, deliver presentations that will exceed your expectations.

Saturday, July 29

Stargazing and Astronomy

9 pm Beach Pavilion

Come to the beach and see the planets and stars through a high tech telescope, with special guest Alex Westman.

Saturday, August 5

Wetland Program – Scales Nature Park

10 am Visitor Centre

Wetlands are home to lots of creatures, many of them rarely seen up close. Discover them for yourself as we bring bugs, crayfish, tadpoles and more to show off our wetland wildlife.

Sunday, August 6

Travelling TackleShare Workshop

8:30 am Marina Rental Building

The Travelling TackleShare program will be on the road visiting a number of Ontario Parks and other locations across the province, providing a hands-on educational workshop to get new and young anglers out on the water at no cost. The three-hour Travelling TackleShare program includes an interactive workshop that teaches kids about fish identification, aquatic habitat, water safety and the threat of invasive species to freshwater ecosystems. The workshop also includes introductory fishing techniques, followed by the opportunity to go fishing using rods and reels provided by the TackleShare Program.

Sunday, August 6

Guided Hike - Plants & Fungi

2 pm Visitor Centre

Meet with Luke Eckstein, outdoor educator, for an intro to local plants and fungi, followed by a hike to see a variety of species found at Wildwood.

Saturday, August 12

Mad Science - "Fire & Ice"

1 pm Visitor Centre

45 minutes of spectacular experiments and demonstrations!

Saturday, August 19

Halloween at Wildwood

6 pm Campground

Put on your costumes and Trick or Treat around the campground!

Saturday, August 19

Canadian Raptor Conservancy

10 am Visitor Centre

Learn about the natural history, prey species, range and relationship to humans of some of the most fantastic creatures on our planet! See each bird's unique flight characteristics.

Saturday, August 26

Sciensational Sssnakes!

10 am Visitor Centre

Hands-on education about reptiles and amphibians for the young and the young at heart. The presentation will feature an informal lecture about the animals, their ecology and conservation issues, as well as an opportunity for participants to interact with, touch and hold the animals.

Sunday, August 27

Memorial Forest Dedication

The St. Marys & Area Memorial Forest is a partnership between the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, St. Marys Ministerial Association and local funeral homes. The Memorial Forest program provides a lasting tribute to loved ones and helps to improve the environment. Memorial trees are planted each spring and a dedication service is held each August. Trees may be purchased through your funeral home of choice.

Saturday, September 2

Stargazing and Astronomy

9 pm Beach Pavilion

Come to the beach and see the planets and stars through a high tech telescope, with special guest Alex Westman.

ON GOING EVENTS

Horseshoe Tournaments

July 1, July 15, August 5, August 12, September 2

All tournaments start at 1 pm. No entry fee or sign up required. Meet at the horseshoe pits behind Shelter B. Note: Equipment is available throughout the season. See gatehouse staff for details.

Group Trail Rides

Join the fun and ride the lake trail together. Every Wednesday, from May 17 to August 30, at 6:30 pm. Bikes available for rent at the gatehouse.

Stay tuned for additional programming and events throughout the season.

www.wildwoodconservationarea.ca



@wildwoodca



Wildwood Conservation Area

Paul Switzer
Superintendent
switzerp@thamesriver.on.ca
(519) 284-2931 ext. 431

Dave Griffin
Assistant Superintendent
griffind@thamesriver.on.ca
(519) 284-2931 ext. 424

Ryan Mullin
Assistant Superintendent
mullinr@thamesriver.on.ca
(519) 284-2931 ext. 428

