

The Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) was formed in October 1946 under the Conservation Authorities Act, and is one of the oldest conservation authorities in Ontario. **GRCA's overall goal is to enhance and conserve** across the Ganaraska Region watersheds by serving, educating, informing and engaging.

The watersheds of the GRCA cover an area of 361 square miles from Wilmot Creek in Clarington to east of Cobourg, and from the south shore of Rice Lake down to Lake Ontario. Included is the 11,000 acre multi-recreational Ganaraska Forest. It is the largest block of continuous forest in Southern Ontario; represents one of the most successful conservation projects ever undertaken in central Canada; and is home to the Ganaraska Forest Outdoor Education Centre (GFC).



The GFC is the place to be! This multi-use facility, which is visited by over 10,000 students and guests each year, accommodates outdoor education programs, community and corporate group rentals, weddings and other special events. Come check us out!

From the East: Exit 401 at Port Hope and travel north on County Road 28 to County Road 9. Travel west on County Road 9 for 16 km. Watch for the GFC sign and turn north on Cold Springs Camp Road, and travel for 4km to the Forest Centre.

From the West: Exit 401 and travel north on Hwy 115. Turn east onto Durham Road 9 and travel for 10 km. Watch for the GFC sign and turn north on Cold Springs Camp Road, and travel for 4 km to the Forest Centre.



The **Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority's Nature Nuts Summer Camp** for children 6-14 years old, offers different themed weeks; everything from Surviving the Elements day camp to our Leader in Training overnight camp. Contact us

for more information, or visit our website and follow the squirrel!

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# 2018 Outdoor Adventure Events Calendar



## FAMILY CROSS-COUNTRY SKI & SNOWSHOE DAY

Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup> 2018

Ganaraska Forest Centre

9:30am session & 1:00pm session

The Ganaraska Forest is beautiful year-round, but especially in the winter. **You'll want to keep coming back** to explore the forest after you experience it on a pair of skis or snowshoes! Receive an intro to cross-country skiing followed by a guided ski through the forest; then try out free snowshoeing!

In case of poor conditions, the alternate day to participate will be February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

\$25.00 + HST/participant includes equipment rental. Pre-registration required. Refundable equipment deposit required.

## MAPLE SYRUP DAY

Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2018

Ganaraska Forest Centre

10:00am – 1:00pm

Join us in a celebration of all things maple syrup! Demonstrations, tours, live music, games and stories for the whole family; crafts and face painting for the kids; and of course, a pancake feast for everyone!

\$15.00/adult & \$10.00/child (16 & under). Tickets purchased at GFC Gatehouse upon arrival.

## 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OFAH/GFC CONSERVATION DINNER

Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2018

Cobourg Lion's Community Centre

5:30pm – 10:30pm

This annually sold out event is one that you do not want to miss out on! An evening of live and silent auctions, raffles, door prizes, great food and good company – all in support of the Ganaraska Forest Centre outdoor education program.

Tickets are \$75.00 and available in advance only. Sales begin in December 2017. Call the GRCA @ 905.885.8173 for sponsorship opportunities, to purchase tickets or for further information.

## RAIN BARREL FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority

8:00am – 12:00pm

Get ready for the warmer weather with a rain barrel for your property and/or garden! Choose from different sizes and colours. Rain barrels must be pre-ordered through RainBarrel.ca/Ganaraska, and picked up from the GRCA on May 26<sup>th</sup>. For further information, email [info@grca.on.ca](mailto:info@grca.on.ca).

All sales are in support of the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority programs and services.

## INVASIVE SPECIES WALK

Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018

Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority

10:00am – 12:00pm

Is that **Queen Anne's Lace** or Wild Parsnip? How do I manage this invasive plant **that I've** found in my backyard? Learn this and much more during an informative and educational walk through the Millennium Conservation Area with **GRCA's Ecologist**.

This is a free event. Pre-registration is required.

## NORTHUMBERLAND BIOBLITZ

Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> 2018

Ganaraska Forest Centre

10:00am – 4:00pm

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Northumberland BioBlitz will be conducted in the Ganaraska Forest! Public Citizen Scientists are invited to explore, survey and assist with species counts.

This is a free event. Keep your eyes on @GanaraskaCA and @Northumberlandbioblitz on Facebook for event details.

*Please note most events require pre-registration and payment through the GRCA. Call 905.885.8173 or email [info@grca.on.ca](mailto:info@grca.on.ca).*

## BATS IN YOUR BACKYARD!

Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup> 2018

Cobourg Conservation Area

8:30pm – 10:00pm

Think you have to go to the cottage to see wildlife? Think again! Northumberland County is home to a rich variety of wildlife, including the only flying mammals, bats! Join local bat expert, Chris Ketola, as we learn about these amazing animals that flutter above our heads at night. A fascinating & educational experience for all ages!

This is a free event. Pre-registration is required.

## 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KIDS, COPS AND CANADIAN TIRE FISHING DERBY

Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 2018

Port Hope Marina

9:00am – 1:00pm

Families with children aged 17 & under are invited to join the GRCA, Municipality of Port Hope Parks & Rec, and Port Hope Police for a morning full of fun fishing! Bring your fishing pole, life jacket, sunscreen and sense of adventure! Bait will be provided. This is a free event sponsored by Kids, Cops and Canadian Tire Fishing Days.

## OWL PROWL

Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018

Ganaraska Forest Centre

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Local bird expert, Chris Ketola, will lead this exciting night hike prowling for owls in the Ganaraska Forest. Enjoy a presentation before venturing out on a guided walk in search of an owl or two.

\$15.00 + HST/adult & \$10.00 + HST/child. Pre-registration is required.

## UNDER THE STARS

Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> 2018

Ganaraska Forest Centre

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Join the Peterborough Astronomical Association at the Ganaraska Forest Centre to marvel at the celestial sights with telescopes & other observing aids provided.

\$15.00 + HST/adult & \$10.00 + HST/child. Pre-registration is required.