

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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2019 Outdoor Adventure Events Calendar



FAMILY CROSS-COUNTRY SKI & SNOWSHOE DAY

Saturday January 26th 2019

Ganaraska Forest Centre

9:30am session & 1:00pm session

Have you ever experienced the Ganaraska Forest on a pair of skis or snowshoes? Trust us, after you do, you'll want to keep coming back to explore!

Join GRCA staff for a morning or afternoon on the trails. Receive an introduction to cross-country skiing, followed by a guided ski through the central section of the forest. After your ski, consider trying out snowshoeing on your own. Equipment for both activities will be provided for the session.

In case of poor conditions, the alternative day to participate will be February 2nd.

Please note that spaces are limited for each session 9:30am & 1:00pm. Pre-registration is required.

Fee: \$25.00 + HST per participant. Includes equipment rental. A refundable damage deposit for the equipment will be required.

THERAPY IN NATURE

Monday February 18th 2019

Ganaraska Forest Centre

9:00am – 12:00pm

The GRCA is pleased to welcome Blue Bark and Co. to the Ganaraska Forest!

Join Guide Jessica on a morning of cleansing the soul with nature. This 1.5km gentle walk in the woods, with activities along the way, is appropriate for those who are looking for a deeper connection to nature.

The fee to participate in this experience is \$45.00. Spaces are limited. Pre-registration is required.

MAPLE SYRUP DAY

Saturday March 23rd 2019

Ganaraska Forest Centre

10:00am – 1:00pm

Join the GRCA in a celebration of all things maple syrup. This event is full of fun! Participate in tours of Maple Valley, demonstrations in the Sugar Shack, games and stories around the campfire, crafts in the Seminar Room, and we can't forget the live music and pancake feast in the Great Hall!

The fee to participate in the fun is \$15.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child (16 & under), children under 2 years of age are free of charge.

Tickets for this event are to be purchased at the Gatehouse upon arrival at the Ganaraska Forest Centre.

30TH ANNUAL OFAH/GFC CONSERVATION DINNER

Saturday April 13th 2019

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 2018. Call the GRCA @ 905.885.8173 for sponsorship opportunities, to purchase tickets or for further information.

UNDER THE STARS

~~Friday April 26th 2019~~

Friday, May 31st 2019

Ganaraska Forest Centre

~~7:00pm – 9:00pm~~

8:30pm – 10:30pm

Join the Peterborough Astronomical Association (PAA) in an exploration of the night sky. Start the evening off with equipment demonstrations and displays, and then enjoy an **'Astronomy 101' presentation in the Great Hall of the Ganaraska Forest Centre** before venturing back outside to try your hand at searching the dark sky with members of the PAA.

The fee to participate in this informative and educational evening is \$15.00 + HST per adult and \$10.00 + HST per child (16 & under). Pre-registration is required.

RAIN BARREL AND NATIVE PLANT SALE

Saturday May 25th 2019

Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority

9:00am – 12:00pm

It's time to prep your summer garden!

Pre-order a rain barrel through the GRCA and when you pick it up, shop for native species to plant in your garden. Choose from numerous varieties of native plants, shrubs, trees, and groundcovers to create your perfect garden oasis.

All proceeds go towards the GRCA's programs and services. PLEASE NOTE: The deadline to order your rain barrel is May 17th 2019 via rainbarrel.ca/ganaraska.



POSTPONED

INVASIVE SPECIES WALK

Saturday June 8th 2019

Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority

10:00am – 12:00pm

Do you think you could tell the difference between Queen Anne's Lace and Wild Parsnip? If you found a patch of Giant Hogweed, would you know where to report it?

Learn this and much more during an informative and educational walk through the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority's (GRCA) Millennium Conservation Area with GRCA's Watershed Biologist.

There is no cost to attend this event. Spaces are limited. Pre-registration is required.

LEARN TO FISH DAY

Saturday August 10th 2019

Garden Hill Conservation Area

10:00am – 12:00pm

Join GRCA's Watershed Biologist for a fun and educational morning learning how to fish at Garden Hill Conservation Area. **You'll walk away knowing** how to rig, bait and cast a fishing rod, identify local fish species, and fish safely and sustainably.

If you have your own fishing gear, please bring it; otherwise, equipment can be borrowed through Ontario Federation of **Anglers & Hunter's TackleShare** Program which will be on-site.

The fee to participate in this event is \$15.00 + HST. Spaces are limited, pre-registration is required.

OWL PROWL

Friday November 1st 2019

Ganaraska Forest Centre

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Join GRCA outdoor education staff on an exciting evening prowling for owls in the Ganaraska Forest. Start the evening off with a presentation before venturing out on the guided night hike in search of an owl or two.

The fee to participate is \$15.00 + HST per adult and \$10.00 + HST per child (16 & under). Due to the late outdoor activity, all participants must be 8 years of age or older.

Spaces are limited. Pre-registration is required.

Please note most events require pre-registration and payment through the GRCA. Call 905.885.8173 or email info@grca.on.ca.