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Catch The Big One At Your Local Conservation Area Ontario Family Fishing Weekend (OFFW) - July 6th - 8th



The Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA) would like to invite the public to visit one of the local conservation areas and enjoy some fishing fun during the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

If you or someone you know would like to try fishing in Ontario for the first time (or the first time in a long time), then this is the weekend for you. During the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend (12.01am Friday, July 6 to 11:59 pm Sunday, July 8) Canadian residents may enjoy the experience of fishing in Ontario without a licence. **Please note, during this event all other regulations, fees and limits will apply.** Ontario Family Fishing Weekend offers: fishing festivals, clinics, derbies and educational activities. For event information please contact a tourism information centre near your home or destination or call the OFFW Event Information Line at (705) 748-6324 or visit the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend website at www.familyfishingweekend.com.

“Creeks within CLOCA’s jurisdiction provide many great angling opportunities for a variety of fish species, such as, brown trout, rainbow trout, brook trout, smallmouth bass, panfish and many others,” states Jason Barnucz, Aquatic Biologist with Central Lake Ontario Conservation. “To address environmental pressures on local fisheries a Central Lake Ontario Fisheries Management Plan has been created and is currently going through a public review process. This plan contains recommendations for enhancing and preserving fishing opportunities within CLOCA’s watersheds and conservation areas for future generations.”

The following local conservation areas are open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm with fishing opportunities:

Heber Down Conservation Area (Whitby) - Disabled access and fishing platforms are available along with plenty of streambank fishing along the Lynde Creek. The disabled fishing platforms are located at the Devil’s Den Pond. Pay and display parking in effect.

Enniskillen Conservation Area (Clarington) – Fishing along the sides of the Bowmanville Creek.
Admission: \$1/person/day (honour box)

Lynde Shores Conservation Area (Whitby) - Fishing in Lynde Creek only via boardwalk from the parking lot. Pay and display parking in effect.

Oshawa Valleylands Conservation Area (Oshawa) – Streambank fishing along the Oshawa Creek. The creek is located behind the Conservation Administrative Office at 100 Whiting Avenue, Oshawa. Parking Available.

For more information or directions to these conservation areas please contact the Central Lake Ontario Conservation office at (905) 579-0411 or visit www.cloca.com.