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# CLOCA Conservation Areas to re-open Wednesday, May 20, 2020

OSHAWA, ON, Wednesday, May 13, 2020 — Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA) announces the re-opening plan for all eight of their Conservation Areas effective Wednesday May 20, 2020, with COVID-19 mitigation measures in place.

All Conservation Areas and adjoining parking lots will be open on Wednesday, May 20 for trail use only. All picnic areas, washrooms, buildings and on-site facilities remain closed until further notice. Regular parking fees apply, however cash is no longer accepted at parking metres, only Visa and Mastercard. Yearly Parking Passes are available for purchase (\$75). Visit the CLOCA website at [cloca.com](http://cloca.com) for additional information.

Central Lake Ontario Conservation requests that visits be limited to two hours in length, as a courtesy to others, to avoid overcrowded conditions—CLOCA wants everyone to benefit from the opportunity to experience the physical and mental health opportunities associated with fresh air and exercise, and a short stay is the best way to help achieve this.

Visitors need to respect the rules and direction from the Province and Durham Region Health Department to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Even in outdoor environments, the need to practice social/physical distancing still applies; wash your hands regularly, visit in groups no larger than five people and if you are sick, please stay home. In addition to these best practices, CLOCA reminds you to pack-out **ALL** waste and keep pets on a leash (no longer than two metres in length) at all times.

The following Conservation Areas will be open on Wednesday, May 20, from dawn to dusk:

1. Bowmanville/Westside Marshes Conservation Area, Clarington
2. Crow's Pass Conservation Area, Port Perry
3. Enniskillen Conservation Area, Clarington
4. Heber Down Conservation Area, Whitby
5. Long Sault Conservation Area, Bowmanville
6. Lynde Shores Conservation Area, Whitby
7. Purple Woods Conservation Area, Oshawa
8. Stephen's Gulch Conservation Area, Clarington

Please monitor the CLOCA [website](#) and social media channels (on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)) for further updates and changes to CLOCA operations. Central Lake Ontario Conservation appreciates the support and patience of their watershed community during the reopening process.

Central Lake Ontario Conservation's administrative office will remain closed to the public at this time, however CLOCA continues to operate at full capacity with all departments providing their respective services on a remote basis. Please refer to the [staff directory](#) for further information. Alternatively, messages can be left in the general mailbox at 905-579-0411. Staff will respond to messages during regular business hours (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.).

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### **About Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA)**

Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA) is a local, community-based, environmental organization and one of 36 Conservation Authorities responsible for managing watershed resources across Ontario. Established in 1958, CLOCA's jurisdiction is based on the watershed boundaries of four major watercourses and 18 minor watercourses draining an area of over 639 square kilometres. Central Lake Ontario Conservation's watershed stretches from the municipal boundaries of Ajax/Pickering to Clarington, and north from Lake Ontario to the crest of the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Central Lake Ontario Conservation provides a wide variety of science-based watershed management programs and services, delivered in partnership with their municipal partners, local landowners, environmental agencies and all levels of government. Central Lake Ontario Conservation's municipal partners include the Region of Durham, the cities of Oshawa and Pickering, the towns of Ajax and Whitby, the Municipality of Clarington, and the townships of Scugog and Uxbridge.