

JULY 2016



LOCATION:
Heart Lake Conservation Area, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday, July 9, 2016

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Region of Peel, Ministry of Natural Resources (MNRF), Community members



Heart Lake Conservation Area Learn to Fish Program with Community Residents

The very popular annual Learn to Fish event was once again a huge success this year. Families from all over came out to Heart Lake Conservation Area to learn the rules and regulations around fishing, get hands-on teaching on knot tying and how to safely cast. Most importantly, families were given lots of time along the edges of Heart Lake to enjoy some time fishing and practicing what they learned. In addition, a lure-making station was set up by MNRF to allow participants to make and use their own lures.

This is the second year TRCA partnered with the MNRF who helped present important information new anglers need to know to fish legally, successfully, safely and sustainably.

Prizes were also handed out for largest and smallest fish caught in each session. Catch numbers were low this year, but that didn't stop participants from having fun and getting passionate about fishing. The most unique catch of the day was a 10 cm long large mouth bass. The largemouth bass is a warm-water fish native to Ontario that can reach lengths of more than 55 cm and weights of up more than 6 pounds.

POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Types Of Fish	# Caught	Largest & Smallest	# of Participants
Rock Bass	10	18.2cm & 11 cm	80
Pumpkinseed	6	13 cm & 8 cm	
Largemouth bass	1	10 cm	

