

JUNE 2017



LOCATION:
Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday, June 24, 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton, Town of Caledon

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Bike Brampton, City of Brampton, Town of Caledon.



4th Annual Bike the Creek, Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre

Cyclists gathered at Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre for the fourth annual Bike the Creek event. The event's theme this year was celebrating Canada's 150 Anniversary and included a "Bike Rodeo" for children and five different cycling courses to choose from. The different courses included an 11 km Family Ride, a 17 km Nature Ride, a 25 km City Ride, a 41 km End to End Ride and new this year, a much requested longer route of 60 km that was affectionately called the Canada 150 Ride.

Each route was carefully mapped to experience a wide variety of cultural and natural heritage. Natural valley lands, areas around stormwater ponds and historical landmarks were all featured in the event. Due to volume of participants, riders were set out at staggered times to start their chosen route. Cyclists stopped at rest areas and pavilions along paths to have their passport stamped and learn about natural features and cultural heritage. Bike tune-up's were made available for cyclists to help them have a safe and enjoyable experience. Participants had a chance to win prizes and were treated to a lunch provided by Barbeque Gourmet.

This event provides an opportunity for people to understand the importance of active transportation, become familiar with local trail systems and existing bike routes, and develop a greater appreciation of natural spaces and cultural heritage of the areas.

Special guests this year included Minister Kathryn McGarry, MPP Harinder Malhi, Lawrence Loh, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, Mayor Allan Thompson, and Regional Councillor Michael Palleschi.



POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Length of Event	Course Lengths	# of Participants
7 hours	11 km, 17 km, 26 km, 41, km and 60 km	631