

**JULY 2017**



**LOCATION:**  
Heart Lake Conservation Area, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

**DATE:**  
Saturday July 8, 2017

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

**PARTNERS:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Region of Peel, Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Local Residents



## Heart Lake Conservation Area, Learn to Fish Event - Day 1

TRCA in partnership with Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) have been hosting a Learn to Fish activity at Heart Lake Conservation Area (HLCA) for several years in order to bring awareness of safe and recreational angling.

Families from around the GTA came out to HLCA to learn rules and regulations of fishing, participate in hands-on teaching of knot tying and how to safely cast a rod and reel. The group also attended a lure-making station set up by TRCA allowing participants the opportunity to make and use their own lures.

TRCA staff helped present important information to teach new and future anglers how to fish legally, successfully, safely and sustainably. Prizes were also handed out for largest and smallest fish caught in each session. Families spent the remainder of the day along the shoreline of Heart Lake practicing safe protocols of fishing.

The event also received a visit from Peter Milczyn, MPP, Etobicoke-Lakeshore and his family who attended and participated in this activity.

The very popular annual Learn to Fish event was once again, a huge success and although catch numbers were low, it didn't stop participants from having fun and getting passionate about fishing.



## POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Fish Species	Number of Fish Caught	Largest and Smallest Fish (mm)	Number of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Pumpkinseed	9	152 and 109	80	240
Rock Bass	3	173 and 125		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>240</b>

