

**JUNE 2017**



**LOCATION:**

Heart Lake Conservation Area (HLCA), Etobicoke Creek Watershed

**DATE:**

Saturday, June 11, 2017

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**

Region of Peel, City of Brampton

**PARTNERS:**

Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, New Samaritans Pathfinder Club



## Heart Lake CA, Learn to Fish with New Samaritans Pathfinder Club

A group of more than 80 people from New Samaritans Pathfinder Club joined TRCA staff to take part in the Learn to Fish program this summer at Heart Lake Conservation Area in Brampton.

This group has a long history of working with TRCA and participating in a variety of activities including native tree and shrub plantings and pollinator habitat enhancement.

This year marked the first time that Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's Learn to Fish Program was run outside Ontario's Provincial Park system. The Learn to Fish program introduces youth and adults to angling safety and regulations. This fun and engaging two-hour program combines a practical teaching session with an hour of supervised hands-on fishing.

The program teaches participants how to rig, bait and cast a fishing rod, identify and catch local fish species, how to obtain a fishing license and importance of following fishing regulations.

TRCA staff assisted in presenting valuable information new anglers require in order to fish legally, successfully, safely and sustainably.

Catch numbers of fish were minimal but that did not stop participants from having fun and getting passionate about fishing.



### POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Fish Species	# of Fish Caught	Largest and smallest fish (In mm)	# of Participants	Participant Hrs Contributed
Sunfish,	20	30mm, 80 mm	83	166