

JULY 2017



LOCATION:
Heart Lake Conservation Area, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Sunday July 9 2017

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

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



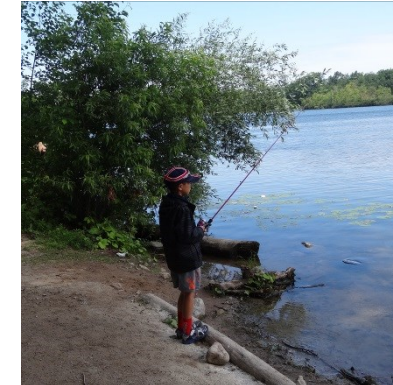
Heart Lake Conservation Area, Learn to Fish Activity - Day 2

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

This very popular annual activity was once again, a huge success this year. Families from all over the GTA, came out to HLCA to be guided by professional anglers to learn the rules and regulations and safety related to fishing, obtain hands-on protocols of knot tying and safe casting techniques.

More importantly, families were given recreational time along the shoreline of Heart Lake to enjoy family fishing and practice what they had learned. A lure-making station was set up to allow participants to make and use their own lures.

TRCA staff helped present important information new anglers need to know to fish legally, successfully, safely and sustainably. Prizes were awarded for largest and smallest fish caught in each session. Catch numbers of fish were moderate on the second day this year, but that didn't 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
Pumpkinseed	14	155 and 100	80	240
Rock Bass	6	175 and 124		
Total	20		80	240