

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

JULY 2018



LOCATION:
Heart Lake Conservation Area, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday July 7 and Sunday July 8, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

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



Heart Lake Conservation Area, Learn to Fish Family Fishing Weekend

TRCA in partnership with Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) host the popular “Learn to Fish” program at Heart Lake Conservation Area throughout the summer. Each year TRCA also hosts a special “Learn to Fish Family Day” weekend for families throughout the GTA.

The Heart Lake Learn to Fish Family Weekend is an educational and hands-on activity where TRCA staff that have received specialized training from MNRF, educate attendees on rules, regulations, sustainable fishing, how to obtain a fishing licence in Ontario, provide guidance on proper knot tying to ensure hooks and lures are firmly fixed to the fishing line and demonstrate safe casting techniques. Participants are provided with a fishing rod and reel, practice tying on hooks and casting and then take to the shoreline to begin fishing.

This is a very rewarding and popular activity with prizes being awarded for largest and smallest fish caught in each session

The grandfather from a family traveling from Listowel, Ontario spoke to TRCA staff stating; “I want to learn new techniques to take my grandson fishing and have a bonding moment”.

Educational activities of this nature provide local residents with a unique experience but also teaches proper fishing etiquette to ensure safety of both anglers and wildlife.



Positive Environmental Impacts

Fish Species	# of Fish Caught	Largest, Smallest (cm)	# of Participants
Pumpkinseed	9	8.8 and 16.6	93
Rock Bass	18	18.5 and 8.0	

