

Nature volunteer programs are back by popular demand at WPEC

Working together to take care of our nearby natural spaces is important. How can you help?

Willow Park Ecology Centre's Volunteer Mentorship Program for teenagers, families and groups has been running a unique nature stewardship program for over 10 years. You're invited to come out, enjoy some fresh air and exercise, and help beautify and maintain key park habitat areas, gardens and pathways for both wildlife and human visitors.

The 2016 Program launches the season's invigorating, in-park activities on April 30. Join the team anytime between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you're a student, consider joining the Student Mentorship Program. It's held after school on Tuesdays and

Thursdays, 4-6 p.m., and runs from May 3 until June 16. Please sign-up at willowparkecolgy.ca.

Have fun experiencing all that this lovely restored nature space, located along the Credit River and sparkling Silver Creek, has to offer! The park is also open to the public on April 30 between 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Town's Green

Leadership day. And check WPEC website for programs and upcoming events!

WILLOW PARK PROGRAMS ARE FOR THE BIRDS

Mark your calendars with some upcoming special event dates at the Willow Park Ecology Centre that are totally for the birds.

Willow Park Ecology has received a Baillie Fund Bird grant which will go toward the Hungry Hollow bird inventory. Its key objective is to develop and deliver a Birds of Hungry Hollow pilot program for recreational learning about monitoring Canadian birds and conservation.

The first one is on Saturday, May

14 Spring Migratory Bird Day Workshop 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Willow Park, Norval. Naturalist Don Scallen will lead How to Look for Birds and Pat Kelly will help to make your own bird box. Cost: \$20.

Willow Park Ecology Centre is on Hwy. 7 in Norval. Park off Mary St. Pre-register at www.willowparkecolgy.ca.

Managing your pond is easy with the CVC

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) invites landowners to participate in the Natural Pond Management workshop on Saturday, May 7 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The workshop takes place at the Watershed Learning Centre in Terra Cotta Conservation Area, located at 14452 Winston Churchill Blvd., Halton Hills.

Ponds enhance the beauty of properties and are also important habitat for fish and wildlife, said Mike Puddister, Deputy CAO and Director of Watershed Transformation at CVC. Learning how to care for ponds naturally helps improve water quality and overall watershed health.

Participants will learn how to improve the health of their ponds from CVC's aquatic specialists. They will see the positive effects of natural pond management practices during the outdoor portion of the workshop.

Workshop participants will learn techniques to help with algae, create fish and wildlife habitat as well as to naturally improve the overall health of ponds and streams, said Sherwin Watson-Leung, Program Coordinator, Aquatic Restoration.

The cost of the workshop is \$15 per person. Participants will receive a copy of the Natural Pond Management handbook and also learn about funding opportunities for pond restoration projects through CVC's Landowner Action Fund.

Register by noon May 5 at www.creditvalleyca.ca/events. For more information call 1-800-668-5557 ext. 436. Preference will be given to landowners owning one acre or more of rural property in the Credit River watershed.

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