



Crawford Lake celebrates 20 years of conservation education

This year, Crawford Lake celebrates 20 years of educational programming. The Conservation Area's unique blend of geological, biological and cultural treasures provide the perfect ingredients for a conservation learning centre. Programs are based on current curriculum guidelines developed by the Ministry of Education and Training. Knowledgeable staff bring the curriculum to life through meaningful hands-on experiences at this natural environment park that includes a 15th century reconstructed Iroquoian village.

The Gathering Place facility, located near the native village is currently being renovated. Soon to be double its previous size, the building will accommodate more classes to meet increasing demand for education pro-

grams and provide a beautiful space for gatherings, corporate events and weddings.

During 2004, Crawford Lake will be installing a series of fun and informative signs along its most popular trail that surrounds the lake on an elevated boardwalk. Park visitors can learn more about the secrets that lie beneath the surface of the lake and why the lake and surrounding forest are considered to be so rare and important.

A visit to Crawford Lake during any season is a great adventure full of discovery. This 468-hectare park on the Niagara Escarpment in Milton is open year round and offers superb hiking, exhibits, cultural touring and a great gift shop.

Interior view of Iroquoian Longhouse at Crawford Lake.



Milton Country Depot helps feed the birds at Hilton Falls

For the past seven years, the Milton Country Depot has generously donated several hundred pounds of birdseed to the Hilton Falls Conservation Area for the Feed the Bird Program. This birdseed is packaged by park staff and provided to the public free of charge to feed the birds at the falls area.

"The chickadees will actually land on your hand to indulge themselves in their

favourite winter food — sunflower seeds," says Ron Kindt, Manager at Hilton Falls Conservation Area.

On behalf of our feathered friends, the Hilton Falls' staff would like to thank everyone at the Milton Country Depot for their generosity and support over the past years.

The Hilton Falls Conservation Area, located north west of Milton, is a 645-hectare park on the Niagara Escarpment that

includes some of the best bird watching opportunities in Southern Ontario. The heavily forested park, with a spectacular waterfall, has 33.5 kilometres of hiking trails.

Milton Country Depot is a lawn and garden centre on Bronte St. N. in Milton. The depot carries a full line of bird seed, bird feeders, equine horse feed, feed for pets and farm animals, fertilizer, farm fences and a full-line of work clothing. Its garden centre is now fully stocked and ready for spring.

The Depot has been in business for six years and services the public from as far away as Acton.

Watershed Viewpoints

Quarry Expansion and Rehabilitation

Conservation Halton believes that, when reviewing quarry expansion applications, the most important objective is to protect the natural environment. Conservation Halton also works with aggregate companies to mitigate negative impacts and develop quality rehabilitation programs.

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