

## Crawford Lake hosts Snowflakes and Snowsnakes

Winter is a magical time to gather with family and friends and celebrate the season. There's no better way to celebrate winter than to get outdoors and have some fun.

Crawford Lake Conservation Area will hold its annual Snowflakes and Snowsnakes festival February 8. It will include many outdoor and indoor activities to help participants embrace the magic of winter.

Visitors will be able to take part in a snowshoe demonstration to learn the history of snowshoes and try out a pair.

Those who love sports will be invited to try racing a 'snowsnake' down an icy trough in a traditional Iroquoian game. And the park will hold a marshmallow roast around a fire in the Iroquoian village.

There will also be hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing on the 16 km of trails in the park. Or, visitors will be able to tour through the Iroquoian village.

For those who like to stay warm and toasty, the festival will offer many indoor activities. Participants will be able to gather around a fire in an Iroquoian longhouse and listen to traditional First Nations legends.

Free craft-making will also be available in the Visitors Centre and visitors will have the chance to warm up in the auditorium with an audio-visual presentation.

Finally, the Crawford Lake Gift Shop will be open for those who want to purchase gifts, buy a snack or visit the barbecue.

The Snowflakes and Snowsnakes festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The first 20 cars into the park will receive a free gift, and visitors can also fill out a ballot to win a park pass or other prizes.

Admission costs \$6. Children aged 4 years old and younger will be admitted free.

Crawford Lake is located on the corner of Guelph Line and Steeles Avenue.

For more information, call (905) 854-0234 or visit www.conservationhalton.on.ca.

## Hydro pole snapped in rural crash

A hydro worker removes the fixtures from a downed utility pole following a single-vehicle accident Friday afternoon on Campbellville Road, east of Guelph Line, that brought down the pole, snapping it in two and leaving live hydro wires across the roadway. The driver wasn't injured.

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