

# Campers celebrating 40 years of outdoor fun

Meandering Mohawks  
mark anniversary  
this weekend  
at Milton Heights

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It's been said the family that plays together stays together.

Members of the Meandering Mohawks family camping club has experienced that to be true with a bit of a twist — in their case, the family that camps together stays together.

For the past 40 years, members of the Burlington-based Meandering Mohawks have been camping together across Ontario and in the United States, partaking in a hobby that provides opportunities to travel, connect with nature and meet scores of people with a common interest.

"Once you start camping, whether you start in a tent or something bigger, it grabs you," said group president Chris Devereux.

Today, 23 trailers will descend upon Milton Heights Campground on Tremaine Road for a sort of family reunion to celebrate the Meandering Mohawks' 40-year milestone.

It's always nice to see campers who used to go on trips with their parents now taking their own families,

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Devereux said, adding, "It'll be a good time of fellowship and friendship."

Almost 70 people will be participating in this weekend's events, which will include a celebration dinner tomorrow and — if the weather co-operates — a

campfire.

The group, which has members from Milton, Oakville and Burlington, is a member of Family Campers and RVers and consists of about 26 families from across Ontario.

Members spend summers initiating or attending campouts and conventions across Ontario and in the U.S.

Lodging ranges from a simple tent to a luxury RV, with everything in between.

This year, a caravan of 14 RVs has embarked upon a two-week trip traveling as far as Ottawa and was to arrive in Milton today for the anniversary celebrations.

Group camping allows campers to meet people and learn from each other, Devereux said.

"After a while, you get to know people all over the place," she said.

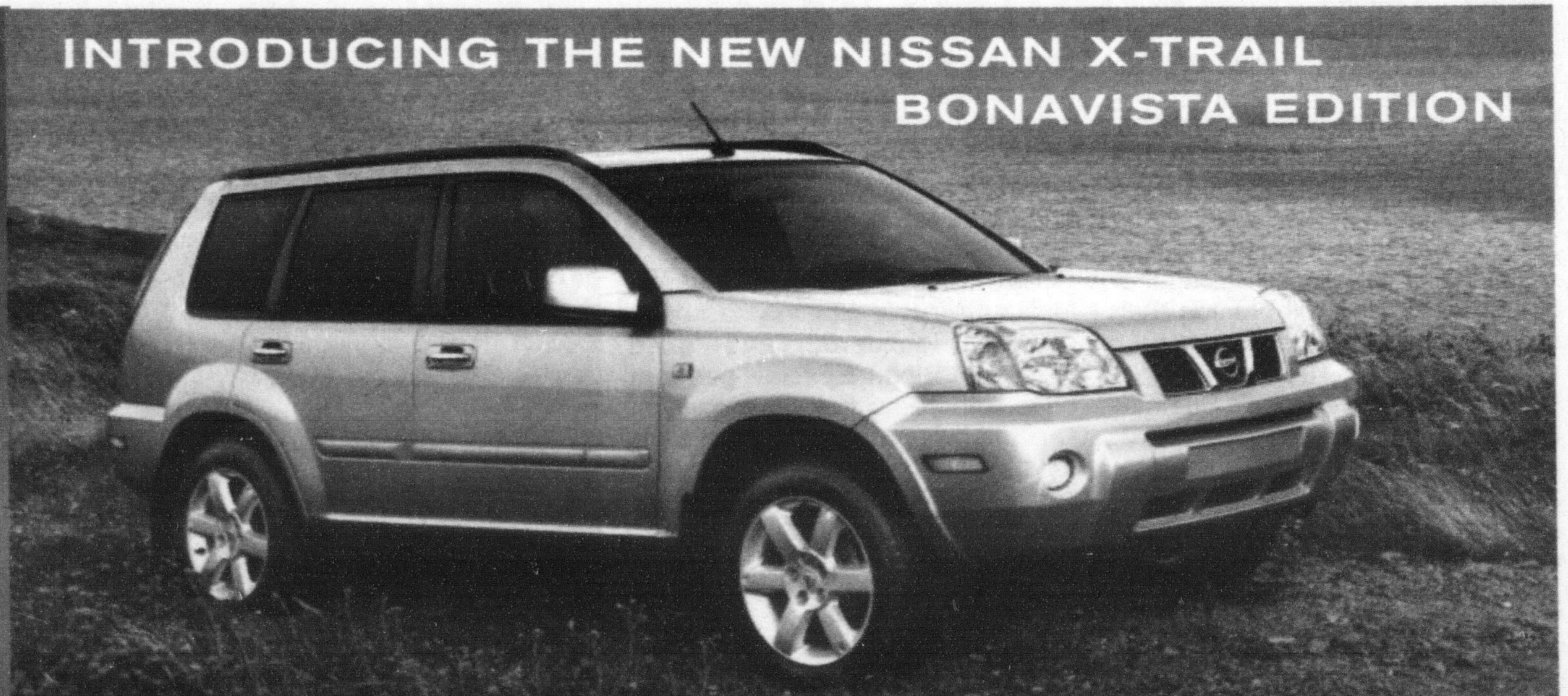
On some campouts, members assist conservation areas such as Mountsberg and Kelso with activities ranging from cleaning paths to fixing fences.

Throughout the winter, members meet monthly to socialize and plan summer camping activities — a great way to get through the cold months, Devereux said.

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