

**Clean Water, Healthy Lands for  
Healthy Communities**

The **Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA)** was formed in October 1946 under the Conservation Authorities Act, and is one of the oldest conservation authorities in Ontario. GRCA's overall goal is to enhance and conserve across the Ganaraska Region watersheds by serving, educating, informing and engaging.

The watersheds of the GRCA cover an area of 361 m<sup>2</sup> from Wilmot Creek in Clarington to east of Cobourg, and from the south shore of Rice Lake down to Lake Ontario. Included is the 11,000 acre multi-recreational Ganaraska Forest. It is the largest block of continuous forest in Southern Ontario; represents one of the most successful conservation projects ever undertaken in central Canada; and is home to the **Ganaraska Forest Outdoor Education Centre (GFC)**.

The **GFC** is the place to be! This multi-use facility, which is visited by over 10,000 students and guests each year, accommodates outdoor education programs, community and corporate group rentals, weddings and other special events. Come check us out!



The **GRCA's Nature Nuts Camp** for children 6-14 years old is the place to be! Offered during March Break and Summer, this camp includes different themed

weeks; everything from Surviving the Elements day camp to our Leader in Training week-long overnight camp. Contact us for more information, or visit our websites and follow the squirrel!

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**2020  
Outdoor  
Adventures  
Public Events  
Calendar**



**UNDER THE STARS**  
**Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Ganaraska Forest Centre**  
**7:00pm – 9:00pm**

Join the Peterborough Astronomical Association (PAA) in an exploration of the night sky. Start the evening off with equipment demonstrations and displays, and then enjoy an 'Astronomy 101' presentation before venturing back outside to try your hand at searching the dark sky with members of the PAA.

The fee to participate in this informative and educational evening is \$15.00 + HST per adult and \$10.00 + HST per child (8-16 yrs old). Pre-registration is required.

**INVASIVE SPECIES WALK +**  
**RAIN BARREL & NATIVE PLANT SALE**  
**Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority**  
**9:00am – 12:00pm**

It's time to prep your summer garden!

Pre-order a rain barrel through the GRCA, and when you pick it up, shop for native species to plant in your garden. Choose from numerous varieties of native plants, shrubs, trees, and groundcovers to create your perfect garden oasis.

Do you think you could tell the difference between Queen Anne's Lace and Wild Parsnip? If you found a patch of Giant Hogweed, would you know where to report it? Learn this and much more during an informative and educational walk through the Millennium Conservation Area with GRCA's Watershed Biologist. Spaces are limited for these free walks at 9:30 & 10:30. Call to pre-register.

All proceeds from rain barrels & native plants go towards the GRCA's programs and services. The deadline to order your rain barrel is May 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 via [rainbarrel.ca/Ganaraska](http://rainbarrel.ca/Ganaraska)

**31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GFC CONSERVATION DINNER**  
**Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Cobourg Lion's Community Centre**  
**5:30pm – 10:30pm**

This annually sold out event is one that you do not want to miss! An evening of live and silent auctions, raffles, door prizes, great food and good company – all in support of the Ganaraska Forest Centre outdoor education program.

Tickets are \$75.00, and available in advance only. Sales begin in December 2019. Call the GRCA @ 905.885.8173 for sponsorship opportunities, to purchase tickets or for further information.

**NATURE NUTS SUMMER CAMP**  
**July 6<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority**

Visit [grca.on.ca/nature-nuts-camp](http://grca.on.ca/nature-nuts-camp) for more information.

**HERPTILE DAY**  
**Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ganaraska Forest Centre Teepee**  
**10:00am – 12:00pm**

Join GRCA's Watershed Biologist for a fun and educational morning learning all things herptile! Hike down to the Ganaraska Forest ponds, and collect reptiles and amphibians to study. Learn about native species to our area and how they benefit the ecosystem.

The fee to participate in this event is \$15.00 + HST. Spaces are limited. Pre-registration is required.



**GANARASKA FOREST TOUR**  
**Saturday October 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**Ganaraska Forest Centre Teepee**  
**10:00am – 12:00pm**

Join GRCA's Forester on a guided hike to some of the coolest spots in the Ganaraska Forest. Learn about the history, management and future of the 11,000-acre forest.

The fee to participate is \$15.00 + HST per person. Spaces are limited. Pre-registration is required.

**OWL PROWL**  
**Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ganaraska Forest Centre**  
**6:00pm – 9:00pm**

Join GRCA outdoor education staff on an exciting evening prowling for owls in the Ganaraska Forest. Start the evening off with a presentation before venturing out on a moderate paced 1.5 hour (2km) guided night hike in search of an owl or two. Trail conditions can vary; please be prepared with proper footwear and a flashlight.

The fee to participate is \$20.00 + HST per adult and \$12.00 + HST per child (8-16 yrs old). Spaces are limited. Pre-registration is required.

**Please note most events require pre-registration and payment through the GRCA.**  
**All events are non-refundable.**  
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