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It's not all pretty. In the summer of 2005, students employed by the LRCA removed nearly six tons of trash from local watercourses. Garbage also gets illegally dumped at Conservation Areas such as the Mills Block (seen here).

In 2005, new accessible picnic tables were installed at Silver Harbour Conservation Area.

Each table is made of concrete and stands 28-inches high. That allows a standard wheelchair to be placed close enough for an individual to use the table to eat at, read or participate in other activities.

Each of the new tables cost \$741 to purchase.

More accessible picnic tables will be installed at other Conservation Areas as required and as funding permits.



LEFT: Ontario Rangers from Sleeping Giant Provincial Park assisted with Purple Loosestrife Control Days. They removed a large patch of Loosestrife from the a ditch at the corner of the Expressway and John Street.

BELOW: In partnership with the City of Thunder Bay, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Ducks Unlimited, the "Wetlands At Island Drive Bridge" interpretive display was installed in August 2005. The site also features an accessible fishing/viewing platform.



Remember...



...a time before there was a Neebing - McIntyre Floodway?

This was Intercity Plaza in 1971. The parking lot was a virtual lake as the McIntyre River spilled its banks. In 1984 construction was completed on the Floodway. In the spring of 2005 the diversion channel operated twice diverting excess water. Since construction, the Floodway has operated as designed and provided "insurance" against flooding which occurred regularly in the Intercity area. As a result, millions of dollars in development has taken place in the Intercity area making it the retail center of Thunder Bay.

2006 Explorer Card— Your key to healthy living

It's been proven time and again that exercise is good for almost everything that ails you.

A daily walk can help lower your blood pressure, stress and weight. It can also help prevent the onset of diabetes or help control it.

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority maintains trails at most of its nine Conservation Areas.

A short daily walk on any of our trails can help you control your health.

If you are, or if you plan to be, a frequent visitor to our Conservation Areas, you should consider the purchase an Explorer Card.

For just \$25 a year, the Card gives you unlimited access to all our Conservation Areas. You will no longer need to carry change for the regular \$2/vehicle admission fee.

Plus, when you hold an Explorer Card, you are also allowed *free admission* to events such as our Craft Fair, Waterfowl Viewing Days or Family Fishing Day!

The Card is also convenient for visitors who use Silver Harbour or Little Trout Bay Conservation Areas to access Lake Superior.

To get your 2006 Explorer Card, complete and return the form below!

Yes, I (we) want to order an Explorer Card

AMOUNT DUE

_____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

of Cards per Card TOTAL AMOUNT



PAYMENT METHOD

I have enclosed a cheque for the amount shown above, made payable to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

OR I wish to charge the amount shown above to my **VISA** card.

Card #: _____ Expiry: _____

Cardholders Name: _____

Cardholders Signature: _____

MAILING INFO for CARD & RECEIPT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov.: _____ Postal Code: _____

Please put this form with your payment in an envelope and mail to:
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority
 P.O. Box 10427
 Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6T8

~ thank you ~

2006 Calendar of Events

- February 9 - Lakehead Conservation Foundation Dinner/Auction, Valhalla Inn
- April 29 - Spring Waterfowl Viewing Day, Mission Island Marsh*
- May 14-20 - Arbour Week
- May 4-6 - display at Chamber of Commerce Trade Show
- June 3 - Lakehead Conservation Foundation Garden Party/Plant Sale, Conservation Authority office
- June 25 - Memorial Grove Dedication Ceremony, Slovak Legion, Atlantic Avenue
- July 9 - Family Fishing Day, Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area*
- August 7-11 - Purple Loosestrife Control Days
- August 20 - Family Picnic Day, Hurkett Cove Conservation Area*
- September 17 - Fall Craft Fair & Farmers Market, Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area*
- October 14 - Fall Waterfowl Viewing Day, Mission Island Marsh*

Watch for other exciting events!

* Admission included with purchase of 2006 Explorer Card
 To organize a special event or assist as a volunteer call us at 344-5857.

- all events subject to change. Call to confirm details -