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Visit A Conservation Area During March Break!

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) is encouraging families to Play In Our Backyard during the March break.

“A visit to a local Conservation Area is extremely affordable and fun!” explains Authority Chairman, Bill Bartley. “All of our Conservation Areas are within a one-hour drive of the City of Thunder Bay and admission is just \$2.00 per vehicle.”

Four of the LRCA’s Conservation Areas are accessible to the public throughout the winter.

There are six-kilometres of trails at Cascades Conservation Area which allow families to get close to nature within the City of Thunder Bay. When visiting Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area, visitors should remember to bring binoculars for bird watching and viewing other wildlife including deer.

Silver Harbour Conservation Area, in the Municipality of Shuniah, provides access to Lake Superior for families that enjoy ice fishing. Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area, 14-km north of the City on Hazelwood Drive, is a popular destination for ice fishing and features three trails which are well suited for snowshoeing.

“The LRCA also has a limited supply of snowshoes available for rent,” says Bartley. “They can be picked up during regular office hours, Monday to Friday.”

Trail maps for each Conservation Area are available online (www.lakeheadca.com) or free of charge at the LRCA office. Frequent visitors are encouraged to purchase a 2009 Explorer Card for \$30.00 from the Conservation Authority office, located at 130 Conservation Road.

For more information the public can call 344-5857.