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***Give The Gift of Nature for Christmas***

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) has just the thing for last minute Christmas shoppers.

The 2010 Explorer Card is an annual pass which provides unlimited seasonal access to the Authority's Conservation Areas. Without the pass, there is a \$2/vehicle fee for each visit. An Explorer Card provides the recipient with many benefits including the opportunity to view nature, improve personal health through physical activity and access to some spectacular scenery!

This winter, Explorer Card holders can go for a walk or snowshoe at Cascades or Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area. Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area is accessible throughout the winter and is a great location for bird watching and other wildlife viewing. Silver Harbour Conservation Area features access to Lake Superior for ice fishing. In summer, the Explorer Card can be used to visit Cedar Falls, Hurkett Cove, MacKenzie Point or Little Trout Bay Conservation Areas.

All of the LRCA's Conservation Areas are within a one hour drive of Thunder Bay and are fantastic destinations for increasingly popular "staycations."

The 2010 Explorer Card is available at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority office from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday (closed from noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch; closed for the holidays December 24th to January 3rd).

Proceeds from the sale of Explorer Cards are used to help maintain and improve Conservation Areas.