

Fishing and Hunting

The Conservation Halton watershed offers numerous outdoor recreation opportunities including hiking, skiing, cycling, rock climbing, swimming, and fishing. This viewpoint outlines the rules, regulations, and good stewardship practices surrounding fishing and hunting on Conservation Halton lands. Fishing is permitted in a number of Conservation Halton's parks. However, hunting is not permissible on any lands owned by Conservation Halton.



Fishing is one of many outdoor activities available to watershed residents

Fishing

- Fishing is available at Hilton Falls, Kelso and Mountsberg Conservation Areas, which have gate fees. Additional locations for angling are found at four of our non-gated parks: Burns, Campbellville, Carlisle and Sixteen Valley.

- Ontario fishing regulations apply when fishing on Conservation Halton lands. In addition, a valid Ontario Fishing Licence is required for those ages 18 to 65.

- A variety of fish species are found in our watershed's streams, ponds, and

Summary

Conservation Halton's viewpoint on hunting and fishing promotes the sustainable use of natural resources and outlines the importance of engaging in hunting or fishing activities in a legal and responsible manner.

reservoirs including: rainbow trout, brown trout, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, black crappie, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, sunfish, creek chub, white sucker, chinook salmon, and northern pike.

- Ice fishing is not permitted on any Conservation Halton parks or properties.

- Kelso and Mountsberg Conservation Areas permit fishing from boats but outboard motors are prohibited.



Northern Pike



Pumpkinseed



Largemouth Bass

Fish Responsibly!

For many, fishing is an enjoyable and relaxing pastime. However, it is always important to keep conservation in mind when harvesting a natural resource. Conservation Halton is dedicated to promoting responsible fishing practices within its watershed and Provincial seasonal limitations to fishing are enforced to protect both spawning fish and nesting waterfowl.

Some basic responsible fishing guidelines are as follows:

- Do not transfer fish from one body of water to another. Unauthorized fish introductions have the potential to severely reduce the biodiversity of isolated inland lakes.
- Never dump the contents of a bait bucket into a lake, river or stream and never dip your bait bucket into a body of water if it contains water from another source.
- Always clean hiking or boating equipment when moving between different sites. Remember to drain water from your boat, livewell, and bilge before moving to a new location.

Fish Bait

It is important to follow regulations and only use legal bait species. Round goby, for example, is illegal bait. Round gobies are invasive bottom feeders that multiply quickly and have the ability to alter water quality and out compete native species. In addition, bait should always be disposed of properly. Bait buckets should never be dumped into a lake, river or stream. Instead, unused bait should be salted and frozen or disposed in the garbage.

Hunting

- Hunting is not permitted on any lands owned by Conservation Halton. For information regarding hunting in Ontario, please consult the Ministry of Natural Resources' hunting regulations.
- Failure to comply with provincial hunting regulations can result in fines or imprisonment.
- Interfering with, killing or destroying the habitat of an endangered species is punishable by law.

Conservation Halton Natural Champion for a Healthy Watershed



Conservation Halton is the community based environmental agency that protects, restores and manages the natural resources in its watershed. Conservation Halton has staff that includes ecologists, land use planners, engineers, foresters and educators, along with a network of volunteers, who are guided by a Board of Directors that includes municipally elected and appointed citizens. Conservation Halton is recognized for its stewardship of creeks, forests and Niagara Escarpment lands through science based programs and services.

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