## Welcome to

## Robert Edmondson Conservation Area

Robert Edmondson Conservation Area is a 30.8 hectare property that includes a 2.8 hectare pond with a pier for fishing and a picturesque 2 kilometre trail that winds through wetlands and woods.

The Trail begins along the west side of the pond and leads to a 400 metre boardwalk through a wetland blanketed with rich green Sensitive Ferns (*Onoclea sensibilis*) and continues through a variety of forests.

There are 27 plant communities associated with this area, which makes it a great spot to observe nature. Specific habitats here include; sugar maple forest, red maple swamp, white cedar coniferous forest and meadows. The gently rolling forest trail includes several crossings of the Kilbride Creek, a tributary to Bronte Creek that eventually empties into Lake Ontario.

This park was formerly named Burns Conservation Area, after the original owner of the property, Mr. James Gerald Burns. In 2013, park facilities were updated, and the park was renamed Robert Edmondson Conservation Area, in honour of the 38 years of service of Conservation Halton's Director of Watershed Management, Mr. Robert Edmondson. The rededication is meant to recognize his achievements and commitment to environmental protection in the Halton Watershed and across the Niagara Escarpment.



In the springtime, beautiful flowers that can be seen include;

Marsh-marigold (*Caltha palustris*)

Dutchman's-breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*)

Trout Lily (*Erythronium americanum ssp.*)

Rare species found within this Conservation Area include;

West Virginia White: a provincially rare butterfly Springtime Darner: a regionally rare dragonfly

