

Colourful splendor at your local conservation area

Autumn is a busy time of year for sightseers and locals who want to enjoy the changing colours of the season.

Some of the best places to admire fall colours are around Caledon. Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) has a number of conservation areas that offer ideal opportunities to take in autumn's splendor.

"This is an ideal time of year to get out and enjoy nature," said Mark Thompson, senior manager of corporate assets for CVC. "We encourage visitors to enjoy the vibrant colour change at our parks. We are so fortunate to have several properties on the Niagara Escarpment that provide beautiful scenic locations for day trips."

Some of the best autumn displays are at Terra Cotta, Limehouse, Silver Creek and Belfountain Conservation Areas, in the heart of the Niagara Escarpment. There is plenty of colour at other CVC properties throughout the Credit River watershed, from Rattray Marsh on the shores of Lake Ontario to Island Lake Conservation Area near Orangeville. Each of these areas offer opportunities to explore nature together and to appreciate the splendor of fall colour changes on trails, boardwalks, bridges or bike paths.

Fall colour experts across the province advise that colours are changing slowly this year. The progress of autumn colours is unpredictable from year to year because of shorter days, rapid temperature change, rain and wind. If you wait too long, however, you may miss the fall spectacle.

For weekly updates about fall colour progress at CVC conservation areas, visit

www.creditvalleyca.ca/news/story/fall-colours-at-the-conservation-areas/, or follow CVC on twitter at twitter.com/cvc_ca



The colours are spectacular this time of year around Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Photo by Jon Clayton, CVC