

Exploring the Headwaters this fall with Credit Valley Conservation

Autumn is the ideal time to get out and appreciate the beauty of nature.

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) is offering an opportunity for exploration and nature appreciation at its annual Stewardship Forum and Volunteer Appreciation Event Oct. 3. This year's event will include a bus tour through the Headwaters region of Orangeville and Caledon.

"This year we wanted to highlight some of the important environmental projects in the northern watershed," said CVC's Deputy CAO and Director of Watershed Transformation Mike Puddister. "The Headwaters are an important part of the Credit River watershed and the conservation work done in this region directly impacts the health of the entire watershed."

This year's theme, Our Nature to Conserve: Exploring the Headwaters, will focus on the important environmental work happening in the Headwaters region. Stops along the tour will showcase a variety of restoration projects, low impact development practices, conservation areas and community initiatives that are improving the quality of the environment. Participants will visit a number of locations, including Island Lake Conservation Area, Upper Credit Conservation Area, Alton Public School, Whole Village and the Orangeville Community Garden.

The Stewardship Forum starts at 8:30 a.m. with registration and refreshments at the Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre, upper level banquet hall, at 6 Northmen Way, Orangeville. Following registration, the event will feature a keynote address by John Riley, chief science advisor at the Nature Conservancy of Canada, author of *The Once and Future Great Lakes Country*, and local Headwaters resident.

"This bus tour will not only showcase local restoration projects and initiatives at our conservation areas, it will also give participants an opportunity to see how the community plays a key role in improving our environment," Puddister commented. "It's about connections. We believe learning about the work at these sites first-hand gives a greater understanding and appreciation of their importance. Participants can explore how they might get involved in future environmental projects."

The Stewardship Forum is an annual event that brings together members of the community, environmental groups and students. This event is an opportunity for individuals to participate in hands-on learning and networking.

For more information or to register, visit www.creditvalleyca.ca/forum

Registration is open until Sept. 25.

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