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Paddle the Nottawasaga River – no experience necessary!

On **Saturday, July 21st** join local environmental experts and professional paddling guides for a canoe and kayak trip along the Nottawasaga River.



See spectacular dune formations and a great variety of plants and wildlife. Discover how healthy aquatic habitats can improve water quality. Try your hand at sampling water chemistry! This 2-hour flat water trip has only a few gentle riffles and is suitable for the entire family. No previous paddling experience is necessary. **Meet at 9 a.m. at the canoe launch at the Klondike Sports Park in Wasaga Beach** and finish at the Schoonertown Bridge for a shuttle back. Kayaks and canoes (2-6 person) are available for rent or you may bring your own.

You must register in advance by contacting Sarah Campbell at scampbell@nvca.on.ca or 705-424-1479 ext 243. Space is limited!

Sponsored by the Nottawasaga Watershed Improvement Program and the Wasaga Beach Healthy Community Network (in collaboration with Free Spirit Tours).

CALENDAR:

**Paddle the
Nottawasaga:
Jul.21**

**Next Board of
Directors Meeting:
Jul.27, 9am-12pm
at the Tiffin Centre
- John L Jose bldg**

**Festival at the Fort:
Sept. 15**

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August spaces left for Camp Tiffin



The popularity of Camp Tiffin has grown by leaps and bounds, and we are thrilled to have a full house for the first week of July!

There are still spaces left in the remaining weeks. [Check out the flyer](#) for more details or [click here for a registration form](#).

If your child is already registered, you will receive more information shortly by mail or e-mail. [Click here for a map](#) showing where to drop your child off at the Tiffin Centre.

Invasive Species “hit squad” is back

Invasive species pose a growing threat to Ontario’s biodiversity and cause billions of dollars in damage annually. There are more invasive species in Ontario than anywhere else in Canada, so it’s a good thing that the Invading Species Awareness Program (ISAP) Hit Squad is working in the province this summer.

Travis Mooney is an Invasive Species Technician working with the NVCA and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH).



Over the course of the summer, the Invasive Species Hit Squad – comprised of about 20 summer students across the province – will monitor more than 200 lakes, waterways and forests, looking for zebra mussels, spiny water flea, round goby, giant hogweed, garlic mustard and other invasive species. They will also contribute to a variety of efforts to control the spread of these invaders. Funding is

being provided by the federal government's Canada Summer Jobs program, and Conservation Authorities, stewardship councils and other community groups are also providing assistance.

If you think you spot one of these invaders, call Travis at 705-424-1479 ext. 251 or e-mail him at

tmooney@nvca.on.ca, or for general information visit <http://www.invadingspecies.com/>.

New pavilion open at Fort Willow



Visitors to the Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area now have a stunning spot to relax in the shade after a hike or to bring family and friends for a picnic, thanks to support from

the local community.

The official opening of the Bernie Longson Memorial Pavilion took place on June 22, with more than 100 people in attendance, including local dignitaries, the Longson family, Fort Willow stewardship groups, War of 1812 re-enactors, NVCA staff and members of the public.

The Fort is located in Springwater Township and is known for being the end of the historic Nine-Mile Portage trail from Kempenfelt Bay. The site features the remnants of the original fort, in which archaeologists have outlined the former buildings and historians have provided a narrative of the events that took place. The conservation area is open to the public year-round for recreation including hiking and snowshoeing, and will host the annual **Festival at the Fort this year on September 14 and 15**, with tons of re-enactors, historic-themed displays and activities for the whole family.

[Click here for a detailed press release.](#)

New NVCA publications available

The **2011 Annual Report** and updated Conservation Areas guide are now available in print or electronic version. If you wish to download a low-res PDF, [click here for the Annual Report](#) or [click here for the Conservation Area guide](#).

Print copies can be picked up at our Administration office at the Tiffin Centre, or call us at 705-424-1479 and we will send you one by mail.

