

In The News



Get involved in shaping Canada's first National Urban Park -- the Rouge!

Parks Canada has just announced dates for two public information sessions on the Rouge National Urban Park proposal - one tomorrow (July 17) in Scarborough and the other on July 24th in Markham. These sessions offer the chance to learn more about the park and to share your thoughts, questions and concerns with Parks Canada staff.

The Rouge is home to over 1,000 species of plants and animals, including 23 species at risk, and provides an important ecological connection for wildlife between the Oak Ridges Moraine and Lake Ontario. The area also has a rich cultural heritage, important to Aboriginal peoples and to European settlers whose legacy of farming continues in parts of the Rouge today.

Creating the Rouge National Urban Park is possible thanks to dedicated citizens who, for decades, fought to save this important landscape from urban sprawl. As the current Rouge Park transitions to a National Urban Park, we need to ensure that nature conservation and restoration remain key management priorities, along with connecting people with nature.

You can help by attending one of the following public information sessions:

July 17th, 2012

University of Toronto Scarborough
IC220 Instructional Centre
1095 Military Trail
Toronto, Ontario
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Parking: Lot 4

July 24th, 2012

Markham Museum
9350 Markham Rd.
Markham, Ontario
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

[Visit the Parks Canada website](#) to find out more.

[Read CPAWS' response](#) to recently announced funding for the Rouge



More photos from the Rouge:



Did You Know?



- You can participate in guided hiking tours of the Rouge Park. Whether you want to stay for an hour, a half or full day, there is something for everyone. Find out more [here](#).