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BIKE THE CREEK, JUNE 21, 2014 — BRAMPTON'S SIGNATURE EVENT

Invite your family and friends for our first annual Bike the Creek! This event has something to offer for all ages and abilities, and we welcome local residents and visitors to our wonderful gem, the Etobicoke Creek Trail. This event is **free!**

[Registration link & details](#)

Bike the Etobicoke Creek Trail through the heart of Brampton. Select one of three rides to fit your skill & interests (10km, 30km or 40km).

Learn about local plants, wildlife and other elements of our natural heritage. Learn about our cultural

heritage with our stunning historic homes in downtown Brampton. Get your passport stamped at each trail station for chances to win great prizes! Complimentary lunch included.

[Register for free online!](#)

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JUNE IS BIKE MONTH

[Bike Month Events link](#)

Hooray for spring! June is bike month. Join thousands of Peel residents, grab your bike, and come out for a ride!

[Bike to Work Day](#) - Monday, **May 26th** - free breakfast! 7:30-9am

[Brampton BikeFest](#) - Saturday, **June 14th**- activities for the family free BBQ & activities as a part of [CeleBrampton & Flower City Parade](#) down Main Street! | 1am-4pm



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BIRDS OF A FEATHER...

flock together in and along the Etobicoke Creek watershed. If you are lucky, you may see some of these birds when you cycle along the Etobicoke Creek Trail. Visit the trail anytime. Birds are especially active at dawn.

[sign up for our free event](#) to visit the trail on June 21st so you can spot some birds too!



Trumpeter Swans on Loafers Lake



Downy Woodpecker in Stafford Woods, beside Etobicoke Creek



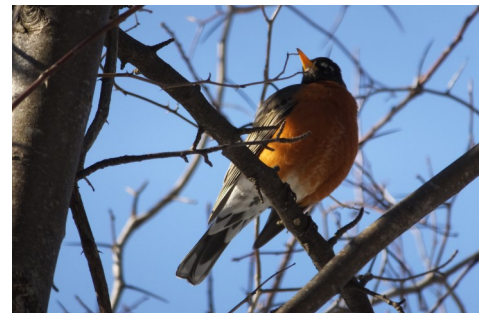
Coopers Hawk surveying Etobicoke Creek valley



Song Sparrow delighting the morning with music along Etobicoke Creek



Great Blue Heron fishing in Etobicoke Creek



Proud Robin in Conservation Drive Park, along edge of Etobicoke Creek



Male Redwing Blackbird in Conservation Drive Park wetland beside Etobicoke Creek



Female Mallard with her 12 ducklings navigating the current in the Etobicoke Creek



PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO LIVE IN A SPICELESS CITY

Fortunately, our Brampton is becoming spicier with exciting events!

“We have learned how to survive but not how to live.”
- Gil Penalosa

Renowned urban expert, **Gil Penalosa**, Executive Director of 8-80 Cities spoke at the Rose Theatre on April 23rd, where he outlined a prescription for making Brampton a liveable, vibrant city of happy people.

He challenged our municipal leaders to “think outside the box”. [Read more.](#)

“Walking and cycling are symbols of respect for people.”
- Gil Penalosa

WHAT IS A STORMWATER POND?

Why are we seeing these ponds constructed near the Etobicoke Creek watershed in Brampton?

Come out to our free [Bike the Creek event](#) on June 21st to hear the answer to these questions from Toronto and Region Conservation Authority experts. They will stamp your passport at one of the stations for a chance to win prizes. [Register for free.](#)

Stormwater Pond, Etobicoke Creek at Mayfield Road



WILDFLOWERS OF STAFFORD WOODS

Obadiah Stafford was the first settler of the west side of Lot 15, Concession 1E, in what is now called Stafford Woods.

He settled the land in 1819 along with his brother, Joseph who settled the east side of Lot 15. Obadiah sold the lot to John Watson in 1842.

Part of the City of Brampton parkland, Stafford Woods is treasured habitat for birds, deer and a myriad of spring wildflowers.

The trail through the woods will be part of our [Bike the Creek](#) route on June 21st.



Detail of Bristol Survey of 1835, illustrated from Peel Museum, Art Gallery + Archives (PAMA)



White Trillium, Stafford Woods



Trout Lily, Stafford Woods

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A FEW MORE WILDFLOWERS...



Red Trillium, Stafford Woods



Jack in the Pulpits, Stafford Woods



Narrow-Leaved Spring Beauty, Stafford Woods



Downy Yellow Violets, Stafford Woods

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If you have not already done so, you are invited to [subscribe](#) to our newsletter. It's free!

Get involved, leave us comments, come out to our events, even volunteer on our committee!

The Brampton Bicycle Advisory Committee meets once per month to discuss raising awareness of the benefits of cycling for active transportation in the City of Brampton, Ontario.

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