

Media Release
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"Plan a 'Camping Get-Away' in Lower Thames Valley Country!"

Conservation Areas Open Mid-May for Camping Season



Nearby and natural, LTVCA conservation areas offer family and group camping in a variety of settings. Experience Carolinian forests and wooded ravines, the Lake Erie shoreline, a heritage river or cultural sites!

Four conservation areas located throughout the lower Thames watershed and region are open with family, group or seasonal camping depending on the site, May 17 until Thanksgiving Monday. Our campgrounds offer great value and an opportunity to experience Southwestern Ontario's unique natural and cultural settings.

Our online campsite booking program has been extended to the Big Bend Conservation Area as well as the C.M. Wilson Conservation Area. Check our website at www.ltvca.ca for the links. For our 2019 Conservation Area Fee Schedule please visit www.ltvca.ca and view our conservation area pages for the link. **Note there will be an alcohol ban May 17-20.**

FAMILY CAMPING:



*Chatham-Kent - **C.M. Wilson Conservation Area campground*** is open for family, group or seasonal camping May 17 until Thanksgiving Monday. Camp with nature at your door at one of over 100 treed sites at C.M. Wilson Conservation Area. Just minutes south of Chatham, Wilson is ideal for tent and trailer camps with most sites serviced with hydro (15 and 30 amp) and water. Washrooms are fully serviced with showers and a trailer dumping station is on site. New this year are laundry facilities. Soft drinks and snack foods are available at the gatehouse over the summer. Discover the adventure playgrounds, fishing, nature trails, memorial forest and much more! There are free bike and canoe loans to day users and campers too!



*Southwest Middlesex – **Big Bend Conservation Area campground*** is also open for family, group, or seasonal camping until Thanksgiving Monday. Situated just outside of Wardsville on the Thames River – a Canadian Heritage River, this conservation area is “back-country” style camping, with 26 unserviced wooded sites as well as limited water and hydro hook-ups. New river access campsites are also available. Washrooms are fully serviced with showers.

Other features include a boat launch to the Thames River, a picnic shelter with tables, open space for sports and games, hiking and fishing. Information: 519-264-1500.

GROUP CAMPING:

In addition to C.M. Wilson and Big Bend Conservation Areas, we have 2 other conservation areas in the Lower Thames watershed designed strictly for **group** camping:



*West Elgin - **E.M. Warwick Conservation Area** is near Eagle on Lake Erie. Information and Reservations: LTVCA Administration Building 519-354-7310
This Conservation Area has a main hall with full kitchen, wood stove, picnic tables, washroom and shower, eight bunk beds, and 4 small cabins - each sleeping eight.
Nature trail access to lakeshore.*



*Strathroy-Caradoc - **Longwoods Road Conservation Area / Ska-Nah-Doht Village and Museum** is near Mount Brydges. (organized Conservation Groups only such as Scouts, Girl Guides) Information: 519-264-2420.
Recreated outdoor longhouse village, Resource Centre, nature trails, picnic pavilion, wetland boardwalk, ravine bridges, public events and school programming.*

For conservation area directions, all fees and facilities please visit our website www.ltvca.ca .

For Further Information Contact:

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To download a Guide to Conservation Areas in Ontario please visit <http://www.ontarioconservationareas.ca/>.