

# Feel the Lure of a "Reel" Adventure

Don't have your own fishing equipment? Eager to introduce your children to the thrill of landing a "big one"? (Or, maybe even a "little" one?) Then consider borrowing a fully rigged rod and reel through the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, (OFAH) Tackle Share® Program being offered at nearly 50 Ontario provincial parks this summer.



At participating parks, children and adults new to angling can sign out a rod and reel and an assortment of fishing tackle the same way they would borrow a library book.

Don't forget you need a valid fishing licence and must know the fishing regulations for the area you are visiting before you wet your line. For information on licence requirements, seasons and limits call the Ministry of Natural Resources, information line at 1-800-667-1940 (English) or 1-800-667-1840 (French). While you're on the line, ask about the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend - three days of licence-free fishing from 2005 is July 8-10 for Canadian residents or check out the OFFW website [www.familyfishingweekend.com](http://www.familyfishingweekend.com)



*Sharing the adventure along Bronte Creek*

## How to release a Fish:

Time is essential do not play a fish too long - it will be too exhausted to recover.

In deep water, bring fish up slowly to prevent stress from changes in temperature and pressure.

Keep the fish in the water as much as possible, don't let it flop on the sand or rocks - a net is helpful.

Handle fish gently: never tear out hook. If a hook is deep, cut the line and leave the hook in. It will do less harm to the fish.

Never put a fish that you may release later on a stringer, use a live well or release as above.

## ParkSmart PFD Loan Service

Visitors to Bronte Creek Provincial Park can take part in a program that enables them to borrow a properly fitted personal flotation device (PFD) during their stay.

The ParkSmart PFD Loan Service is offered through a partnership with the Canadian Red Cross, the Mustang Survival Corporation, the Canadian Tire Corporation and Ontario Parks. For a \$25 refundable deposit, visitors can borrow a properly fitted PFD for themselves and their children. Staff can provide additional information and can outfit visitors with a PFD at the Pool Office.

The aim of the program is to raise awareness of water safety and the importance of using PFDs.



## Non-refillable propane canisters = Expensive Garbage!

Most people like to spend their money wisely - and at Ontario Parks, we're no different. We don't want to use your parks fees on unnecessary services. But that's what we have to do to get rid of empty non-refillable propane cylinders.

Campers have been leaving behind about 50,000 of these non-refillable canisters in our provincial parks every year! Because the containers are considered "hazardous waste" we can't just take them to the local landfill. We have to hire firms that specialize in disposing of this kind of material - and it's not cheap. At \$2.50 per cylinder, it costs us almost as much to get rid of the cylinders as it does for consumers to buy them. What we spend to dispose of these containers every year could be used to buy 800 picnic tables... or 890 fireplace grills... or outfit five children's playgrounds... so we're asking for your help.

Please don't use disposable propane canisters. Convert to regular refillable propane tanks, or choose equipment that uses camp fuel.

If you must use disposable canisters, please take them home with you and dispose of them at your local hazardous waste depot. Ontario Parks will not restock disposable propane containers in our stores when the current supply runs out. If the problem persists, we may have to consider an outright ban on the use of disposable propane canisters in provincial parks.

Please, do your part to help us use your parks fees wisely. Don't leave your propane canisters behind in Ontario provincial parks.



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