



What's Happening in High Park this Month?

Canadian Stage Shakespeare in High Park

This summer, see Shakespeare's powerful tragedy *Macbeth* and early comedy *The Taming of the Shrew* under the stars. Both works will be playing outdoors throughout the summer on alternate nights, a rare repertoire summer at Shakespeare in High Park. This general-admission event is free for children 14 and under and pay-what-you-can for adults (\$20 suggested minimum donation). Food, beverages and blankets are available for purchase. **Box Office: 416-368-3110**

Macbeth:

Wed., Fri. & Sun.
June 28 - Sept. 1, 8pm

The Taming of the Shrew:

Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
July 9 - Aug. 31, 8pm

Open-Air Theatre in High Park

Run time: 90 minutes
Directed by: Ker Wells (*Macbeth*)
and Ted Witzel (*Shrew*)

Colborne Lodge

"Standing on the poop when the boom jibed, and nearly swept us into the sea" - from John George Howard's journey to Canada on June 29th, 1832 off the coast of Dover.

In June of 1832, the Howards made one of their most important journeys by emigrating to Canada. This voyage, which started on June 26th in London, England, ended eleven weeks and three days later on September 14th when they arrived in York, Upper Canada. Visit Colborne Lodge this June and hear about the misfortunes, misadventures and thwarted mutiny aboard the ship that carried them to Canada.

Museum hours: Tuesday to Sunday, noon to 5pm
Admission: Adults \$6.19 + tax
Seniors/youths \$3.54 + tax
Children \$2.65 + tax
www.toronto.ca/museums

High Park Walking Tours

Spring Babies at the Zoo

When: Sunday, June 1st, 10:30am
Host: Sonya Dittkrist (Zookeeper)
Cost: Free Sunday Walking Tour
Meet at: Meet at the benches across the road from the south side of Grenadier Restaurant in the middle of High Park

Hidden Treasures Scavenger Hunt

When: Sunday, June 15th at 10:30am
Host: Walking Tours Committee
Cost: Free Sunday Walking Tour
Meet at: Meet at the benches across the road from the south side of Grenadier Restaurant in the middle of High Park

Visit The High Park Zoo

The Llama Pen is open every Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feed the llamas for a \$2 donation. Free activities including petting the rabbits and chickens, feeding the capybaras, colouring and chalking. The High Park Zoo is open daily from 7 a.m. to dusk.

High Park Nature Centre

Botanical Sketchbook

Dates: Tuesday, June 10th, 17th & 24th
Times: 6-9pm
Fee: \$150 / 3 sessions

Look closely at botanical subjects and discover a world of beauty. Using simple materials, you will be helped to make successful renderings of flowers, buds, leaves and other treasures found in High Park at this time of year. Learn how to make a sketchbook page for a plant, what details to look for and which ones to include. Learn key techniques for drawing and keeping a botanical sketchbook. This course is suitable for all levels and will include time indoors and outdoors. Students supply their own materials. Cost of materials will be approximately \$50. Please contact us at 416-392-1748 ext. 2 or naturecentre@highpark.org if you have any questions about this event.
Venue: High Park Nature Centre, 440 Parkside Drive

FAMILY NATURE WALKS

Know Your Nature

Saturday, June 7th, 1:30-3pm
Cost \$2 to \$5 per person or donate-what-you-can. No pre-registration required. The High Park Rangers youth have been busy planning a hike to show you some of their fascinating finds this spring. Learn about trees, birds, wildflowers, invasive species and more.
Meet at: High Park Nature Centre, 440 Parkside Drive

Save Our Savannah

Saturday, June 21st, 1:30-3pm
Cost \$2 to \$5 per person or donate-what-you-can. No pre-registration required. Chipmunks! Bats! Raccoons! Squirrels! A fun hike to learn a bit more about our furry neighbours. How many nuts can a chipmunk stuff in its cheeks? What do bats do all day? Why do squirrels have such bushy tails? Come find out!
Meet at: High Park Nature Centre, 440 Parkside Drive

High Park Stewards

Volunteer Stewards work with the City of Toronto to protect and restore the natural areas of High Park including large areas of regionally rare Black Oak Savannah. During the spring, summer and fall we plant, collect seeds, and remove invasive species from restoration sites. We meet at 10:30am on the 2nd and 4th Sunday mornings of each month in front of the Grenadier Restaurant.
See www.highparknature.org for details.

Restoration site planting: Sunday, June 8th, 10:30am-12:30pm
Invasive Species Management: Sunday, June 22nd, 10:30am-12:30pm

High Park Roadway and Pathway Closure Notification

In preparation for the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games, the City of Toronto will be renovating a number of roadways, parking lots and adjacent paths in High Park and throughout the City. This work will see the resurfacing of:

- High Park Boulevard
- Centre Road
- Colborne Lodge Drive
- West Road
- Grenadier Restaurant parking lot

Construction will start in June with work expected to be complete by the end of October. Sections of roads and pathways will be closed Monday to Friday between 7am and 5pm.

www.highpark.org

Double your Donation

High Park Zoo's eleven paddocks are home to a variety of animal species from around the world including bison, llamas, peacocks, reindeer, highland cattle, emus and sheep. The Zoo is free to the public and is open every day from 7:00 am to dusk.

Llama Pen Weekend Activities

High Park Zoo's llama pen is open every weekend and statutory holiday from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm until the end of October, weather dependent. Visitors may pet and feed the llamas and interact with other animals such as chickens, rabbits and capybaras. Visit www.HighParkZoo.ca for details on special activities.

Help Build Honey's New Home

Friends of High Park Zoo collects donations to help support and enhance the Zoo. Through the Honey Family Foundation Matching initiative for 2014, donations made to the Zoo by June 30th will be doubled. If our goal of raising \$60,000 is achieved by the end of June, the Honey Family Foundation will match our funds for a total of \$120,000. These funds will be used towards capital projects, specifically to improve High Park Zoo's llama pen (Honey's home). Donations will be used to refurbish and landscape the llama pen and to build new additions.

In order to be eligible for the Honey Family Foundation Matching initiative, a donation must be made through Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation (TPTF) online (torontoparksandtrees.org/high-park-zoo) or onsite at the Donation Stations. All donations of \$10 or more through the TPTF directed toward High Park Zoo will receive a tax receipt.



Please visit www.HighParkZoo.ca for more information about the Zoo



Profiling High Park Bats of High Park

On warm summer nights our thoughts turn to ... bats! These fascinating creatures are found throughout Ontario and even in High Park. While bats can have a bad reputation, the bats that live around Toronto are nothing to be scared of. They are insectivorous, meaning that their diet consists primarily of insects. Each night they will eat more than half their body weight in midges, beetles, moths and even mosquitoes.

The most common bat that lives around Toronto is the big brown bat. Despite its name it is still pretty tiny, with an average weight of 20 grams - that's about as much as your toothbrush! During the summer these bats can often be found after dark, dipping and swooping for insects along the shorelines and in woodlands adjacent to ponds and wetlands such as the eastern shore of Grenadier Pond.

Contrary to popular belief bats are not blind. They can see almost as well as humans but they do use echolocation to hunt for insects in the dark. Bats make calls as they fly and listen to the returning echoes. They can tell how far away something is by how long it takes for the sounds to return to them. Each bat species echolocates within specific frequency ranges that suit their environment and prey. This means that we can identify many bats simply by listening to their calls with bat detectors.



Illustrated by: Ann Sanderson

If you are interested in learning more about bats in High Park, join the High Park Nature Centre for our annual bat walks this summer. Visit www.highparknaturecentre.com for more information.



Natalie Harder (executive director, High Park Nature Centre) watches as Dr. Paul Faure (Faculty of Science, McMaster University) demonstrates bat-detecting technology during an announcement at the High Park Nature Centre in early March



Kids get a close look at the little brown bat's wing during an announcement at the High Park Nature Centre in early March

Submitted by High Park Nature Centre

FAMILY FUN AT HIGH PARK ZOO



Some of the Friends of High Park Zoo Volunteers

Thousands make the journey to High Park every weekend during the summer to enjoy all that the park has to offer, including the High Park Zoo. The Zoo is open daily from 7am until dusk and the Zoo's Llama Pen is open every Saturday, Sunday and statutory holiday from 11am-2pm until the end of October to allow visitors to interact with llamas, chickens, rabbits and capybaras. This year, families have been lining up to meet the Zoo's newest resident: a reindeer calf. To help sustain and enhance the Zoo the registered non-for-profit, Friends of High Park Zoo, continuously collects donations. And through the Honey Family Foundation Matching Initiative, donations made by June 30 will be doubled. If the goal of \$60,000 is raised by the end of June, the funds will be matched for a total of \$120,000. In order to be eligible for the matching initiative, a donation must be made online, at: torontoparksandtrees.org or onsite at the Donation Stations. For more information, visit: highpark.org



Alyssa & Carine came down to the High Park petting zoo to visit the animals and a family member

Event by David Tom & Justin Harrington
Website code: pempw4



Tanna & Kavish get acquainted with one of the zoo's baby chickens



Michael & Ilona are enjoying the afternoon interacting with the animals



David, Joe & Christina are snap with one-month-old baby chickens



The Botran-Ramirez family, Gisela, Lorena, Miriam & Miguel feed the reindeer calf



The llamas are always a popular attraction



Marisa, Karina, Alyssa & Carine pose with a friendly llama



This is Angelo, Joshua & Leslie's first time holding chickens



Hayden is lucky to meet a two week old reindeer calf on his first visit to High Park Zoo

CHERRY BLOSSOM BLOOM



Marcos & Juliana enjoying their day

In 1959, Japan presented 2,000 Japanese Somei-Yoshino Sakura trees to the citizens of Toronto on behalf of the citizens of Tokyo. Many of these trees were planted on the hillside overlooking Grenadier Pond. In 1984, a grove of Japanese cherry trees were planted along a pathway west of the Children's Adventure Playground in High Park as "a joyful symbol of life." Therefore every year in May, thousands come from all over the GTA and beyond to see and enjoy the cherry blossoms bloom in High Park.

Event by Zolen Georgievska
Website code: pemmk



Enjoying the High Park Cherry Bloom



A group of friends relaxing under the trees



Victor & Abigail checking out the baby cherry blossom tree



Dileuba & Enika



Jessica, Melanie & Rosalba



More young faces at the High Park Cherry Bloom



Mother & daughter



A tree in full bloom



Many came out to enjoy the beautiful site of the cherry blossom trees



A circle of friends

Profiling High Park

High Park's First Nations Connections

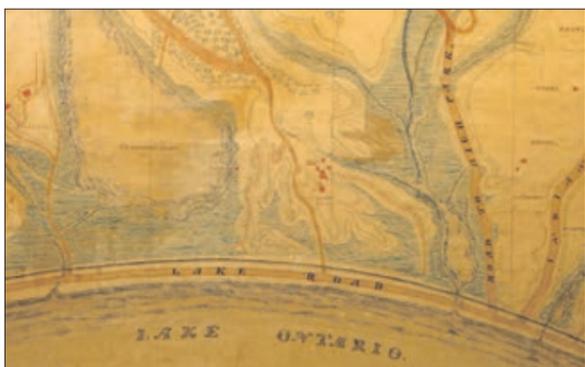
Recently, Colborne Lodge launched a new education program for Grade 3 students entitled "High Park through the Ages: from Carrying Place and Beyond." The new program compares the lifestyles of First Nations Peoples and settlers and was developed with the support of the Toronto District School Board's Aboriginal Education Centre to meet the new social studies curriculum objectives.

High Park, the verdant enclave in the city's west end bordered by Lake Ontario to the south and residential developments to the west, north and east, was long ago linked to a network of transportation routes that connected to Toronto's famed "Carrying Place" trail. This was the southern terminus of a major portage route used by First Nations Peoples to travel between the upper and lower Great Lakes.

There were reminders of an aboriginal presence in High Park before the Howards moved here. John Howard had indicated on a map of the High Park area that he painted in the 1870s two passages to the east and west of Colborne Lodge which he referred to as Indian Trails (still mostly intact) and an Indian Road to the east of the property. In his 1887 will, he specifically requested "that the old Indian Trail on the east side of Grenadiers Pond be left in the same natural state as it has been kept for the last fifty years."

These ravine ridge paths served the function of navigating around low, wet lying marshlands that were common along the lake. High Park's southern edge was once dotted with wetlands but in the last century were drained and made into duck ponds. Howard painted a self portrait in these wetlands which captured a feel of what the original landscape was like. It is not known when these trails were made, but they were already here in 1837 as indicated in his will.

The earliest aboriginal presence in the surrounding area is documented in the archaeological records. In 1921, at the northwest corner of High Park on a high sandy ridge north of Grenadier Pond, graves dating from the late Archaic to Early or Middle Woodland period (2,500 BC to 800 AD) were discovered during a road construction. Much later with European contact, there are records of settlements by the Seneca First Nations in the 17th century and, in the 18th century, the Mississaugas of the New Credit. After the Toronto Purchase in 1787, aboriginal presence in the area declined with the creation of the Park Lots, of which High Park is Lot 37.



Submitted by Philip Cheong

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