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## Scouts, conservation group host day of hiking at Scanlon

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The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the 1st Bradford Scouts are celebrating Ontario Hiking Week and Bradford's 150th birthday by hosting a hike at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area this Sunday.

Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. local scouts will lead hikers through Scanlon's 282 hectares of forest, marshland and glacial boulders with an informative narrative about the conservation area.

"It's a great opportunity to take advantage of something so beautiful and close," Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority community relations specialist Lori McLean said.

It will also "give the (scouting) youth a chance to show their stuff a little bit," Joanne Guay of 1st Bradford Scouts said.

Along with the guided hikes, there will be outdoor games and crafts suitable for all ages.

People can also choose to hike without a guide.

Ontario Hiking Week runs from Sept. 24 to 30 this year. It was created to promote environmental sustainability and ecological awareness, while participating in a low-impact and affordable outdoor activity.

The hikes and activities are all free of charge and begin at 11 a.m., rain or shine.

Hikers are asked to dress appropriately for the weather and bring a litterless lunch.



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You can take part in Ontario Hiking Week during a special event at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area Saturday.

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