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CATCH THE FUN AT SNC FAMILY FISHING DAY

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July 11 is the date to remember for first-time fisher-people and even for old pros who want to get back in the game.

From 10 am to 2 pm as part of Ontario Family Fishing Weekend July 10-12, South Nation Conservation fisheries experts will be on hand at Jessup's Falls Conservation Area near Plantagenet to get you started - or re-started – in this iconic Canadian sport. Fisheries staff will provide information and advice, as well as demonstrate catch-and-release techniques, casting and lure selection for new and experienced anglers, said Naomi Langlois-Anderson, SNC Senior Fish and Wildlife Technician.

During the special weekend sponsored by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Canadians can enjoy the fun of fishing without possessing a licence. There's no limit to the number of fish which can be caught and released.

“The weekend allows residents to experience fishing while realizing the importance of sustaining and enhancing Ontario's recreational fishery,” Langlois-Anderson said. “The more people who get involved in the sport, the more they care about maintaining clean water and a healthy environment.”

To help get you hooked, on a first-come, first-served basis, fishing rods and tackle will be loaned to participants under the federation's Tackle Share program. To help kids aged 10-15 get the knack of it, fishing camps will be held July 4 at Burton Conservation Area in Russell, 10 am-2 pm with lunch included, and at Jessup's Falls on Family Fishing Day. Participation is limited to 12 kids per camp. Parents can register their young fishers by contacting Naomi, 1-877-984-2948, ext. 250, or nlanglois-anderson@nation.on.ca. Further information on Family Fishing Day is available at www.nation.on.ca.

On Fishing Day, hamburgers, hotdogs and soft drinks can be purchased for \$1 each and SNC children's environmental stations will be set up under a tent.

Surprisingly to many, the shallow South Nation River contains a wide variety of fish species – some 60 in all – including many of the favoured game fish such as walleye, northern pike, large and smallmouth bass, and channel catfish.

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