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Reindeer Calf born mid-April

Staff Photo

After such a long winter, spring has been a bit delayed but that didn't stop us from opening our Park right on schedule. As usual we kicked off the start of our Summer Season on May 15th and nearly 600 visitors came out to see us! This was only the beginning as another 5000 people came over the long weekend to enjoy the sun and see all the animals. We would like to thank everyone for their support and patience. It was a very busy but enjoyable weekend for all of us.

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Here to greet our guests were a few new faces too. For fuzzy spring babies we have a Reindeer calf. For feathered friends we now have a Black Vulture on display, plus the Mallard Ducks are slowly making their return trip from the south, and our Swans and Geese are busy nesting too. Remember to provide these protective parents with plenty of space!

We are also in the process of installing new signage around the park, full of interesting facts and diagrams. The new signs feature the animal's English, French, Mi'kmaq and Scientific Latin name, a colour photo, a map displaying their range and a scaled image of their track. Be sure to check them out to learn something new!



One of the New Signs

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Featured Park Friend: Black Vulture



Black Vulture

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Name: Black Vulture

Scientific Name:

Coragyps atratus

Size: Height - 60-68cm (23.5-26.5in)

Weight – 1.6-2.2kg (56-77oz)

Wingspan – 1.3-1.5m (54-59in)

Colour: Glossy black feathers all over, with white tips on the underside of their primary flight feathers. Their legs and beaks are pale and their featherless heads are dark grey.

Lifespan: 5-10 years

Habitat: Forages over open fields and coastal plains and roosts in nearby forests.

Range: Southeastern US and down through Mexico into South America.

Feeding: Scavenger, eating mostly carrion (dead animals) but will kill small prey if necessary. Will also forage in human garbage. Families often forage together in flocks.

Breeding: Mating for life, the pair nests on the ground in a thicket, a cave or even abandoned building, returning to their nesting place each year. A clutch of 1-3 pale greenish eggs are incubated by the pair for up to 40 days. Young remain in the nest for 60 days then remain dependent on their parents for up to eight months before joining the family hunting party.

Fun Facts: They hunt using sight instead of smell the way the Turkey Vulture does. They will follow Turkey Vultures to food sources then drive them off by outnumbering them.

They avoid flying over open water so are rarely found on islands but they will wade into water to reach floating carcasses.



Turkey Vulture

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Upcoming Events

Weirdest Wetland Beast!

**Sat June 27
11am-3pm**

It has huge paddle-like front paws, specialized fur, poor eyesight, and an incredible nose! The star-nosed mole has tentacles for a nose that it uses to find food. Test out your sense of touch using our mystery boxes. Are you as receptive as this weird mole?



Be Free, Butterfly! **Wed July 1 2 & 3pm**

Celebrate Canada Day with us. We have been raising Painted Lady butterflies and they are ready to fly! Imagine how it would feel to go from a caterpillar, to a sleeping cocoon, to a flying creature. Release times at 2pm and 3pm.



Owls, who me? **Sat July 4 11am-3pm**

Discover some of the different calls of owls. Compare the characteristics of the barred, saw-whet, great horned and snowy owls. Learn the incredible adaptations these birds have that make them unique hunters.



Regular Park Admission Applies
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Event Updates

Duck Day!

Ducks Unlimited Canada has once again partnered with the Park to present Duck Day!



Last year over 500 people came out to join the fun. Returning with another free BBQ, more live entertainment, and all kinds of family friendly activities and displays this year's event will be held on **July 11th from 10am-2pm.**

Day Camp!

This year we will be presenting our most popular camp day themes as single events as well as having our usual week long day camp in August.



Pre-registration is a requirement.

Day Camp is available for children aged 7-12, costing \$30 per day.

1-day Survivor Camp - Wed July 29

1-day How the Park Works - Tues Aug 11

Week long Day Camp - Aug 17-21

Day Camp runs from 9:30am-4pm.

Night Tours!

We have scheduled two public Night Tours this summer:

Fri July 31 - 9-10:30pm

Sat Aug 29 - 8:30-10pm

Pre-registration is Required!

This event is \$6 per person, cash only.



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Peacock Party!

Sat July 18
11am-3pm

It is time to visit the park and put on your most colourful clothing. Try to outshine our proud peacocks. Play Pin the tail on the peacock, not a real one! Discover the ways our peacocks survive their freedom in the park and use their adaptations to keep safe. Make a peacock craft and imitate their call.



Toad & Frog Day!

Sat July 25
11am-3pm

How can you tell the difference between toads and frogs? You can ask us and hunt for some in their natural habitat. Learn about their life cycles up close. View the toads and frogs on display at the wetland centre. Come explore our pseudo pond and make a craft.



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Did you know?

♦ The average **Honeybee** only produces about 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in her 6-week long life.



- ♦ A **Lobster** can exert 100psi (pounds per square inch) of pressure with their claw.
- ♦ Known to be highly intelligent, the brain size to body size ratio of a **Crow** is similar to that of a Chimpanzee.
- ♦ From 1634-1637 **Tulips** were the most expensive flower in the world. Having just arrived to Europe from Central Asia, they quickly became a craze and at their peak a single bulb was worth 10 times the entire annual income of a tradesmen causing the economy to crash.



Just 4 Fun!!

Can you help the Beaver get to the Canada Day Fireworks?

