

## **Recreation and Parks Month returns to Orillia this June**

**For immediate release (May 31, 2019)** – June is Recreation and Parks Month in Orillia! Join us as we celebrate a month full of events and activities geared towards celebrating the outdoors.

“Recreation and Parks Month is a great initiative and I am very excited to see it returning this year. Orillia will have different events happening almost every day throughout the month that will appeal to a variety of age groups and interests. It’s a great way to reinforce the importance of getting outside and enjoying all the recreation opportunities Orillia has to offer,” said Mayor Steve Clarke.

The Charter for Recreation and Parks in Ontario created the yearly movement with two goals in mind:

- Increase awareness about the benefits and importance of recreation and parks
- Encourage citizens to become more active and engaged in their communities

Some of the events being featured this year:

- **Annual Scavenger Hunt** – Venture around Orillia looking for hidden treasures, using secret clues from the Orillia, Parks, Recreation, and Culture Facebook and Twitter pages. This event begins June 3.
- **Geocache Hunt** – Geocaching is a real-world treasure hunting game that is played using your smartphone. There are millions of geocaches hidden around the world including more than 30 in Orillia. This event begins June 1.
- **Water Smart Day** – Residents will enjoy water safety presentations, educational videos, handouts and lifeguard demonstrations on June 22. There will also be face painting, games, and prizes. Parent/guardian is required.

For a full list of events and activities please visit [orillia.ca/recreationevents](http://orillia.ca/recreationevents).

Orillia will offer a variety of free events as part of June is Recreation and Parks Month. Some events have age restrictions or will require pre-registration. For these events please register through our [S.U.N. Registration System](#).

The City of Orillia is a city of 31,000 people in the heart of Ontario’s Lake Country on the shores of Lake Couchiching and Lake Simcoe. Visit our website at [orillia.ca](http://orillia.ca).

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**Attached:** City of Orillia Recreation and Parks Months calendar.