

RIDEAU VALLEY TRAIL & HABITAT GUIDE

The exciting new *Rideau Valley Trail & Habitat Guide* is an environmentally-friendly compendium of outdoor lore and descriptions of interesting features such as nature trails, marsh boardwalks and lookouts, shoreline demonstration projects, wildflower meadows, nut groves, and reforestation areas found in the nine developed conservation areas in the Rideau Valley watershed. And thanks to a very generous gift of \$6,000 from TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, the new guide will be in the hands of residents and visitors to the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) network of natural and wilderness areas by the summer of 2010.

The new guide will contain detailed information and maps showing trails, picnic and camping facilities, beaches, privies, canoe and boat launches; educational facilities and several special visitor services. Dell Hallett, RVCA General Manager said, "We hope to inform visitors of all there is to enjoy at our local conservation areas and, at the same time, encourage respect to maintain these special places for future generations."

RVCA provides year-round free access to Chapman Mills, Portland Bay, Meisel Woods, and Millpond Conservation Areas and low-cost access to Baxter, Foley Mountain, Rideau Ferry, W.A. Taylor and Perth Wildlife Conservation Areas (\$5 per day or unlimited access with a \$40 annual pass).

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, started in 1990, proudly and generously supports many environmental projects in Eastern Ontario and across Canada. The TD Bank itself has an active and award-winning environmental agenda. The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is proud to be a partner in several TD-sponsored projects in the watershed.

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