



Rouge National Urban Park Concept Overview

Rouge Park is set to become Canada's first National Urban Park under the stewardship of Parks Canada. This is an exciting new concept that will celebrate and protect, for current and future generations, a diverse landscape in Canada's largest metropolitan area. Linking Lake Ontario with the Oak Ridges Moraine, the park will offer engaging and varied experiences, inspire personal connections to its natural beauty and rich history, promote a vibrant farming community, and encourage us to discover Canada's national treasured places.

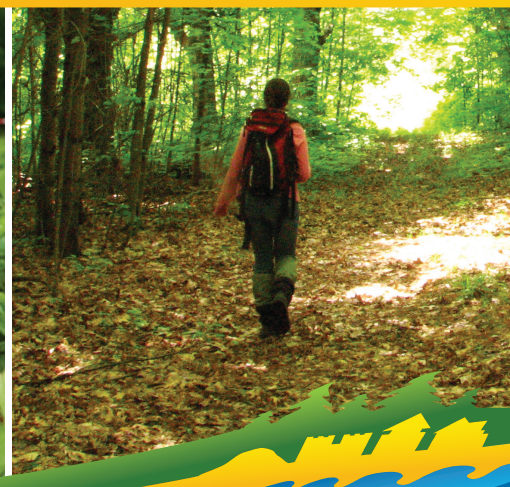
KEY FACTS ABOUT PARKS CANADA:

- Parks Canada's Vision: *"Canada's treasured natural and historic places will be a living legacy, connecting hearts and minds to a stronger, deeper understanding of the very essence of Canada"*
- First national park organization in the world, with over 100 years of experience
- Largest conservation organization and provider of heritage tourism products in Canada with 43 national parks, 4 national marine conservation areas and 167 national historic sites

KEY FACTS ABOUT ROUGE PARK:

- One of the largest urban parks in North America, this diverse mix of natural, cultural, agricultural and recreational lands is in the backyard of 20% of the Canadian population and provides an unparalleled opportunity for urban Canadians to discover and learn about their natural and cultural heritage
- Contains numerous species at risk, rare Carolinian forest, evidence of human history dating back over 10,000 years, and internationally significant geological outcrops from the interglacial age
- Exists today thanks to over thirty years of local stewardship and community engagement

Working together with partners, stakeholders and the public, we will create and manage a "people's park" where people can **gather, connect, be engaged, be stewards...**



Connect people to nature and history

Youth stewardship and volunteering

Innovative programming, unique experiences and activities

Accessibility—no entry fee

Multiple discovery hubs

Trail improvements

Support a vibrant farming community

Sustain farming in the park

Opportunities for longer-term leases

Requirement for environmental farm plans

Discovery and learning possibilities related to farming

Rouge National Urban Park will:

Conserve natural heritage

Foster the interaction of people with nature

Present and conserve the diversity of native terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems

Community stewardship

Conserve species at risk

Draw on international standards and best practices

Celebrate cultural heritage character

Conserve cultural heritage landscapes

Conservation of buildings through long-term use

Protect and present Bead Hill National Historic Site, in collaboration with First Nations

Conserve archaeological resources

Opportunities to learn about 10,000 years of human history

ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN PARK STUDY AREA:

- Will link Lake Ontario in the south to the Oak Ridges Moraine in the north, spanning the municipal jurisdictions of the Cities of Toronto, Markham and Pickering
- Flexibility essential to meet current and future infrastructure and population requirements
- All private landholdings, transportation and some utility corridors will be excluded

For the complete Rouge National Urban Park Concept and more information on **Rouge National Urban Park**, please visit www.parkscanada.gc.ca/rouge