



CELEBRATE THE DON WATERSHED!

Annual Paddle The Don Event Brings Exciting News About River's Future

Be sure to visit www.paddlethedon.ca and click on the "Post Paddle Party" for full event details.

Celebrate the Don River watershed and a successful paddle by joining the Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) at the Paddle the Don take-out site (located at the northwest corner of Villiers Street and Don Roadway in the Port Lands*) on Sunday May 6, 2007 for a post-paddle party and Harbour tour hosted by Banrock Station Winery and the TRCA. Not a paddler? That's ok too! Don watershed supporters who prefer to stick to solid ground are invited to the party too!

A ceremony with announcements about the revitalization of the Lower Don, as well as the release of the 2006 Don Watershed Progress Report, will begin at 12:30 pm.

New this year will be a free cruise around the eastern Inner Harbour aboard the Island Princess. Of special relevance to those interested in the Lower Don, the tour will also provide a duck's-eye view of river conditions within the Project Area identified in TWRC's International Design Competition, and will offer a vision of the potential for this area over the coming years. Three cruises are planned with boarding times at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. Space on the boat is limited and registration is required. Register by calling 416-661-6600, extension 5397.

Paddle the Don is a unique opportunity to not only take part in an exciting adventure, but also to help raise awareness of the natural environment and the importance of healthy river systems in the heart of Canada's biggest city. There is still space available for corporations to join in and paddle from E.T. Seton Park to the take-out. Visit www.paddlethedon.ca for more information or to register your corporate team.

Paddle the Don is a collaborative effort of TRCA, The Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto, City of Toronto, the Wilderness Canoe Association and the Don Watershed Regeneration Council. The Corporate Canoe Challenge is sponsored by Banrock Station Winery, an Australian company dedicated to the restoration of natural habitats around the world. Proceeds from this event will support environmental projects in the upstream portion of the Don watershed. Sponsors of the Paddle the Don event include: Harbourfront Canoe & Kayak Centre, Ivy Lea Shirt Co., MKD International Inc, Mountain Equipment Co-Op, Loblaws, Starbucks Coffee Company, Thermos L.L.C., Watson Canoes and Scouts Canada.

*Getting there: Public Transit to the parkette at Villiers Street and Don Roadway is available, however only the 172A Cherry Street East bus runs on Sundays (the 72A Pape DOES NOT run on weekends). You can board this bus at Bay and Front Streets. Service begins at 9 a.m. Buses leave every 30 minutes for an approximately 20 minute trip. Exit the bus at the Villiers and Munition Street stop. A five-minute walk to Don Roadway is necessary. On-street parking is also available.