



Central
Lake Ontario
Conservation

Celebrating
60
Years

News Release

100 Whiting Avenue, Oshawa, ON, L1H 3T3
(905) 579-0411, fax (905) 579-0994

Release Date: Immediate

Celebrate **60** Sugar Bush Lantern Walk Purple Woods Conservation Area

Friday April 6, 2018
7:00pm to 9:00pm



Join Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA) for our first ever Sugar Bush Lantern Walk from 7pm to 9pm on Friday April 6th, at the Purple Woods Conservation Area. Family and friends will enjoy this opportunity to learn about the history of maple syrup, listen to stories from interpretive staff, try their hand at Sugarbush tasks and taste some of that amazing Purple Woods maple syrup. Lanterns will be provided and a candlelight dessert and cider will be served in Heritage Hall at the end of the walk. **Tickets must be purchased in advance online at www.cloca.com or in person at the Conservation Office, 100 Whiting Avenue, Oshawa during business hours. Cost is \$5/person plus HST and children 2 and under are free. Hurry space is limited.**

“As CLOCA celebrates our 60th anniversary, we wanted to provide watershed residents with some unique opportunities to explore our Conservation Areas in 2018”, says Kathy Luttrell, Terrestrial Resource Analyst with CLOCA. “Aside from our core business of managing watersheds, monitoring plants, animals and water quality, communicating flood warnings and educating children about the environment, we own and operate a number of properties with a variety of different features. We offer the public access to forests, wetlands, creeks and valleylands, but we only have one with a fully operational Sugarbush,” she adds. Most visitors to Purple Woods come during by day, during the annual Purple Woods Maple Syrup Festival. Now guests will have an opportunity to see how the sugar bush looks at night, with stars, wildlife and lanterns to show them the way,” says Ms. Luttrell.

Guests should dress for the weather with lots of layers and good sturdy footwear. Flashlights are distracting to wildlife and other guests, so please leave them behind and enjoy the sights and sounds of Purple Woods in the dark. **Sorry, no pets allowed at this event.**

For more information please contact Patricia Lowe, at the Conservation office at (905) 579-0411, ext. 126 or email: plowe@cloca.com.

Directions:

Purple Woods Conservation Area is located at 38 Coates Road, Oshawa. A **Google Map** is available at www.cloca.com.

Healthy watersheds for today and tomorrow.