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Visit Local Provincial Parks with Kingston Frontenac Public Library's Park Passes

One of the joys of summer is spending time in the great outdoors. Now, thanks to Kingston Frontenac Public Library (KFPL), it's easier than ever for families to get outside, get active and enjoy nature at the same time.

That's because the library has now partnered with the County of Frontenac, the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority and Ontario Parks, to create new visit kits that help any library cardholder to get access to the parks.

"We've created visit kits that any cardholder can borrow, complete with a park pass and field guides, so that people can get the most out of visits to local provincial parks and conservation areas," says Deanna MacDonald, who pitched the program to KFPL and to local parks. "Since national park passes are free this year, we thought it would be great to let library members borrow free provincial park and conservation area passes as well."

There are customized backpacks for Bon Echo, Frontenac and Sharbot Lake provincial parks, as well as kits for Gould Lake and Little Cataraqui Creek conservation areas. "Like our museum passes, these backpacks can be reserved and picked up at whatever branch is most convenient," MacDonald says. Kits can be borrowed for one week, but they can't be renewed, because the library and their partners want as many people as possible to have access to the parks.

The Explore #In Frontenac backpack program was made possible through the combined support of the Friends of the Kingston Frontenac Public Library and the project partners. More information about the Go Explore#InFrontenac backpack program is available at the library website at <u>www.kfpl.ca</u>.

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