

TOMMY THOMPSON PARK

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Programs and Events

- * Summer Bus Service - June 3 to September 4, 1989
- * Interpretive Program - June 10 to September 4, 1989
- * S.P.W.C. Landscape Readings - June 11, 1989 (details below)

Summer Bus Service

Once again the M.T.R.C.A. is providing a special summer bus service to the visitors at Tommy Thompson Park on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays from June 3 to September 4, 1989. Buses will operate from 8:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The buses may be boarded at designated stops within the park, or at regular bus stops from Queen and Jones.

Buses will run every hour and leave Queen and Jones at quarter to the hour starting at 8:45. The bus will stop at the main gate for 10 minutes and enter the park at 5 past the hour. It will then return from the turnaround near the bridge at half past the hour. The last bus will exit the park at 6:00.

Bus service within the park is free, however, passengers boarding outside the park or leaving the park on the bus must pay the regular T.T.C. fares.

For more information contact the M.T.R.C.A. at 661-6600.

Interpretive Program

As in previous years a summer interpretive program will be offered at the park from June 10 to September 4, 1989.

The interpreter will be on site throughout the weekend to conduct nature walks and presentations as well as provide assistance to the visitors.

Topics will include many aspects of the local flora and fauna as well as the history and planning of the site.

Information on the weekly topic and scheduling of the activities is available on the park bulletin board located at the main parking area or by calling 661-6600.

Fishing 89

Just a reminder that a variety of fishing opportunities exist at the park throughout the year.

Pike, bass, perch and "monster" carp are common in the embayments and in the open water along the main spine. Tagged fish should be reported to the M.T.R.C.A. at 661-6600.

Provincial fishing regulations do apply and a fishing license is required.

Please ask the park staff for information on the best locations and any prohibited areas within the park.

Good Luck!

Landscape Readings

The S.P.W.C. (The Society for the Preservation of Wild Culture) will be presenting the 3rd in its series of Landscape readings on June 11, 1989 at Tommy Thompson Park. Guided by Journalist, June Callwood the event will examine an "Artificial Ecosystem".

These Sunday afternoon walks and bicycle rides with artists and writers are produced by the S.P.W.C., an artist-generated, non-profit organization devoted to ecology and the imagination, undertaking cultural and environmental projects that promote awareness of ecological values. The tours are being sponsored by Pages Bookstore and This Ain't the Rosedale Library.

Price: \$7

Meeting place: in front of The Royal Conservatory of Music, Bloor & Bedford (rain or shine)

To make reservations call 588-8266

For more information contact:

S.P.W.C.
158 Crawford Street
Toronto, Ontario
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Birds and ESA's

With the breeding season of the colonial waterbirds well under way at the spit, staff would like to remind all visitors that these colonies are protected by law and access is prohibited at this time. Please stay well away from the colonies until after the breeding season (approx. August 15).

Your cooperation in keeping other visitors away from the colonies is greatly appreciated.

Nature Corner

Where in the world do the geese come from?

In order to answer this question and many others regarding migration patterns, survival rates and other aspects of goose ecology, wildlife biologists have been marking the birds with bands, tags and neck collars for many years.

Occasionally these collared geese arrive at Tommy Thompson Park and are sited by a bird watcher or a member of our staff. Information obtained during this observation is useful in establishing a life history of the particular bird. For example, 2 geese sited at the park in 1987 had been collared in Johnson county, Arkansas in 1985.

If you observe a goose with a neck collar, record the collar number and the colour and report this information along with your name, address and location of the bird to the Canadian Wildlife Service or the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. You will receive information on where the bird was banded and you will be providing valuable information to the wildlife agencies.

