

## **News Release**

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### **Celebrate Simcoe Day at City of Toronto attractions**

The City of Toronto encourages residents and visitors to take advantage of the City's attractions and recreational sites open to enjoy during Simcoe Day on Monday, August 6.

#### **Outdoor pools, beaches, wading pools and splash pads**

Drop by your local outdoor pool, swimming beach, splash pad or wading pool on Simcoe Day. Open swimming beaches are supervised between 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Indoor pools and community centres will be closed. More information about locations and hours of operation is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/swim> and <http://www.toronto.ca/beaches>.

#### **Golf**

All five City-run golf courses will be open and will offer holiday rates on Monday, August 6. Fling golf is now available at Dentonia and Tam O'Shanter. Fling golf can be played on a golf course, with a golf ball, alongside golfers, and is scored the same way as golf. Instead of hitting the ball with a golf club, players fling the ball with a fling stick. More information about hours and locations is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/golf>.

#### **Tennis courts**

All public tennis court sites will have nets up and will be available for use throughout the weekend. Public sites are free and available to the general public. Tennis players are asked to share the courts by limiting their play time to half-hour intervals if others are waiting to use the courts. More information on tennis is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/tennis>.

#### **Riverdale Farm**

Riverdale Farm is home to a variety of domestic farm animals, including Tamworth pigs, baby goats and Cotswold lambs. The breeds represent animals commonly found on a turn-of-the-century Ontario farm. Riverdale Farm is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is free. More information is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/zoo>, by calling 311 or at <http://www.riverdalefarmtoronto.ca>.

#### **High Park Zoo**

Toronto's oldest zoo has entertained people for over 120 years. The zoo houses domestic and exotic animals such as bison, llamas, highland cattle and reindeer. The zoo is open daily from 7 a.m. to dusk. Admission is free. More information is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/zoo/>.

#### **Toronto Island Park**

This popular summer destination features swimming beaches, restaurants, cafés, picnic spots, the Franklin Children's Garden, the William Meany Maze, a wading pool and bicycle rentals as well as canoe, kayak and pedal boat rentals from The Boat House.

Ferry tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.toronto.ca/ferry> to save time at the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal (located at the foot of Bay Street).

Visitors are encouraged to plan ahead to get the most out of their visit. Information about Toronto Island Park amenities is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/islands>.

### **Conservatories**

A variety of flowers are in full bloom at Allan Gardens Conservatory and Centennial Park Conservatory. Both conservatories are open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. including Monday, August 6. Admission is free. More information is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/conservatories> or call Allan Gardens Conservatory at 416-392-7288 or Centennial Park Conservatory at 416-394-8543.

### **Simcoe Day at Toronto's History Museums**

Two of the City's 10 Toronto History Museums will offer events, activities and tours on Simcoe Day. Programming highlights for the open sites are listed below. All of the Toronto History Museums will be open with many activities on the Saturday and Sunday of the long weekend. Times and activity details will vary by location. More information is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/museum-events>.

#### **Fort York National Historic Site (250 Fort York Blvd.)**

Fort York celebrates Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe, who founded the town of York (Toronto) in 1793 and was the first Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada (Ontario). The day's activities include musketry, artillery and music demonstrations by the Fort York Guard and Guards from Fort George National Historic Park from Niagara-on-the-Lake and Old Fort Erie. Visitors can also experience the working kitchen in the 1815 Officers' Brick Barracks, tour the Site's historic buildings and join the Métis Nation of Ontario Summer Youth Program for a Red River Jig workshop where participants will learn more about the unique fusion of traditional European step dancing and First Nations Pow Wow dancing. Admission is free. Fort York is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **Spadina Museum (285 Spadina Rd.)**

The museum will be open and will host afternoon tours focused on the Austin family, who originally made Spadina Museum their home. Regular admission applies. Visitors can also explore the fascinating lives of women in 1920's Toronto and how their challenges and triumphs are reflected in the lives of the characters of the CBC drama Frankie Drake Mysteries. Check out props and costumes from the show, along with authentic 1920's artifacts. Admission to this exhibit is free. The museum is open from noon to 5 p.m.

### **Public transit**

TTC service will operate on a Sunday service schedule on Monday, August 6. More information is available at <http://www.ttc.ca>.

### **Other municipal facilities and services**

City of Toronto emergency and 24-hour services will operate throughout the long weekend. City administrative offices and service counters, City-operated child care centres and Children's Services district offices will be closed on Monday, August 6. The City of Toronto Archives, located at 255 Spadina Rd., will also be closed on August 6.

Note: City bylaws prohibit members of the public from setting off or selling fireworks in City parks.

Toronto is Canada's largest city, the fourth largest in North America, and home to a diverse population of about 2.8 million people. It is a global centre for business, finance, arts and culture and is consistently ranked one of the world's most livable cities. For information on non-emergency City services and programs, Toronto residents, businesses and visitors can visit <http://www.toronto.ca>, call 311, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or follow us on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/TorontoComms>, on Instagram at <http://www.instagram.com/cityofto> or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/cityofto>.

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