



MEDIA ALERT
October 14, 2011

DISCOVER A NEAR-URBAN WILDERNESS CLOSE TO HOME
Rouge Park celebrates 2011 Fall Biodiversity Walks
with unveiling of new scenic viewing platform

Toronto: On Saturday, October 29, Rouge Park and Ontario Power Generation will celebrate the annual Fall Biodiversity Walk Series with the opening of a new scenic viewing platform, which overlooks the Little Rouge Creek Valley.

Special guests, community leaders and Park visitors will join Rouge Park Alliance members and OPG staff for a guided walk exploring the Park's fall colours. The walk includes the first opportunity to enjoy the incredible view high above the valley from the new platform.

In addition, OPG and Rouge Park will celebrate their second year of partnership by offering seven different themed walks each week until the end of November. These walks, which feature a unique wilderness experience all within access to the TTC, offer virtually endless views of vibrant fall colours and the enjoyment of watching both the arrival and departure of migrating birds. Each hike is led by a trained Rouge Park volunteer guide and is open to the public – free of charge.

WHO:

Rouge Park Alliance, staff and leaders, OPG staff, community leaders, park visitors

WHAT:

Rouge Park and OPG Biodiversity Fall Walk Series and Viewing Platform Opening

Family Friendly? Of course! Child carriers recommended instead of strollers due to uneven terrain.

Dog Friendly? Leashed dogs are welcome.

WHEN:

Saturday, October 29, 2011

9:00-9:30 a.m. Guest and visitor arrival

9:30 a.m. Welcome; walkers head to viewing platform

9:45 a.m. Official welcome and remarks, opening of viewing platform

10:00 a.m. Guided walk resumes

WHERE:

Roadway outside of 1749 Meadowvale Road, Toronto (opposite the Toronto Zoo).

[CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE MAP](#)

Driving Directions: From Highway 401: Exit Meadowvale Road northbound. Continue north past Sheppard Ave. E. Take the ramp leading to the Toronto Zoo, merging right to an open parking area

Public Transit: Bus 85 or 86 via Toronto Zoo. Get off at the stop before the Zoo (before stoplights on the ramp) and walk east to the open roadway and parking area

For detailed information about the Fall Biodiversity Walks Series, visit rougepark.com/hike or opgbiodiversity.ca



OPG Biodiversity is a series of province-wide conservation-focused, family-friendly action and education initiatives sponsored by OPG and its partners. Its goal is to get Ontarians involved in protecting and conserving biodiversity in our urban parklands and forest ecosystems. OPG Biodiversity builds on OPG's commitment to conserving, sustaining and protecting nature and fighting climate change. For further information, visit opgbiodiversity.ca.

Rouge Park is over 40 km², located in East Toronto (Scarborough) and Markham, encompassing a unique mosaic of river valley, creeks, forests, meadow and rural landscapes, within the Rouge River, Petticoat Creek and Duffins Creek watersheds in the Greenbelt, and represents Canada's largest natural environment park in an urban-rural setting. The Park offers a range of enhanced visitor experiences, from exploring 16 kilometres of rustic hiking trails to participating in exciting wildlife monitoring programmes. Learn more at www.rougepark.com.

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