

## MOIRA RIVER CLEANUP

This year's Moira River Cleanup will take place Saturday, September 26. Quinte Conservation works with community groups, businesses, municipalities, and individuals to cleanup the entire Moira River from its source north of the Township of Madoc to the Bay of Quinte. To find out how you or your group can get involved, call Maya Navrot at 613-968-3434 ext. 131, or email her at [mnavrot@quinteconservation.ca](mailto:mnavrot@quinteconservation.ca).



## VISIT US AT THE PICTON FAIR

Find out about all the great things going on at Quinte Conservation! We will have a booth at the Picton Fair, September 11, 12 and 13. You can find the Picton Fair Grounds at 375 Main St. East, Highway 49, Picton.

## Watershed Report Cards

find out about the health of *your* watershed



Summer students sampling water at Hospital Creek

- Watershed Report Cards can be read online at the QC website - [www.quinteconservation.ca](http://www.quinteconservation.ca)
- Report Cards are available for Clare River, Upper Moira River, Salmon River, and the West Lake Area
- You will find out about your watershed's general forest, groundwater, and surface water health
- Monitoring and grading our watersheds help us better understand problem areas and track progress over time

### WHAT IS A WATERSHED REPORT CARD?

Watershed Report Cards are designed to present understandable environment information to the general public. A Watershed Report Card outlines the general state of the forest, surface water and groundwater resources. The Quinte Conservation Watershed Report Cards provide an overview of water issues and impacts within our watersheds. The indicators we are reporting on were developed for Conservation Authorities across the province. The grades in the report card are meant to indicate the current state of our watershed, but will also be used over time to track changes and provide information for the future.

### WHAT IS A WATERSHED?

A watershed is an area of land over which rain and snowfall drain into a common water body such as a

river, creek or lake. Homes, farms, businesses, forests, small towns and cities are all part of a watershed. Watersheds support our lives, and our lives affect our watersheds. The boundaries of a watershed are based on the natural shape of the land. This means that a watershed may contain more than one municipality, and a municipality may contain more than one watershed.



## BECOME A WATERSHED WATCHER

The Watershed Watch Program is an initiative of Quinte Conservation that encourages volunteers to help collect valuable weather information. Volunteers throughout our watershed collect rain data and submit their findings on our website. The information is very useful because it helps Quinte Conservation staff understand how much water is in our system and what is happening to the water. If you are interested in becoming a Watershed Watcher, please call Lynette Lambert at Quinte Conservation, 613-968-3434 or email her at [llambert@quinteconservation.ca](mailto:llambert@quinteconservation.ca).

## CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE

Quinte Conservation's website has a new design and new information. There are fabulous photo galleries, a Groundwater video, and conservation information. All of Quinte Conservation's publications are available online, as well as current and historical information on local water levels, and flood warnings.

## Portland CA: A Great Place for a Fall Hike!



Portland Conservation Area's many Maple trees offer a spectacular display of colour each fall. It's the perfect place to take a hike this autumn.

Conveniently located just off Hwy. 38 south of Verona, Portland Conservation Area offers almost 23 hectares (56 acres) for picnics and relaxation. An open stand of mature Maple trees provides a backdrop to the picnic area, which includes tables and a large shelter. A "porta potty" is available until Thanksgiving weekend.

For canoeing enthusiasts, a short portage guides you to the shore of Hambly Lake, known to locals as "Silver Lake".

Ontario Conservation Areas

# Photo Contest

Show Off Your Conservation Areas!

For full contest details visit our website: [www.quinteconservation.ca](http://www.quinteconservation.ca)

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