



Parc Downsview Park  
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### Federal park in the heart of the GTA *not* disrupted

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#### ***Downsview Park's annual Canada Day celebration and summer camps scheduled as planned.***

All are invited to celebrate our nation's birthday on **July 1, 2009** with tons of FREE family fun and a spectacular fireworks display set to music, at Canada's national urban park in the heart of the Greater Toronto Area.

***Celebrate our youth*** during Downsview Park's Canada Day fun, from **11 a.m. to 11p.m.**, featuring children's activities and entertainment including FREE amusement rides, FREE petting zoo, FREE climbing wall, FREE face painting and airbrush tattoos, balloon artists and firebuskers.

***Celebrate our past.*** Travel back in time as the Military Reenactment Society of Canada, Incorporated Militia of Upper Canada sets up camp and brings to life Canada's military history from a time when our freedom was in jeopardy.

***Celebrate our future.*** A Citizenship and Immigration Ceremony will welcome 142 new Canadians on this our country's 142<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

***Celebrate sport.*** Join Toronto Roller Derby as they move into their new home at the Downsview Park Sports Centre and kicks off the holiday with a FREE double-header.

***Celebrate our country.*** Top off your day of fun with Downsview Park's fireworks extravaganza, lighting up the night sky with a kaleidoscope of colour choreographed to music, starting at 10 p.m.

"As Canada's national urban park in the heart of the Greater Toronto Area, there is no better place to celebrate our nation's birthday than right here at Downsview Park. Over 75,000 people joined us last year at our annual Canada Day celebration, which features free family fun for all who wish to celebrate our great country," said Tony Genco, President and CEO of Parc Downsview Park Inc. "This event serves as an opportunity to celebrate our nation, reflect on our heritage, and participate in numerous free family-friendly activities all day long. As federal land for the benefit of all Canadians, giving back to the community is key to Downsview Park's success."

Downsview Park also offers daycamps and summer programs. Residents can consider Downsview Park's Summer Dayz camp – fun, education and interactive activities with a focus on sustainability. Downsview Park's Summer Dayz Camp offers action-packed days throughout the summer for children 6 to 12 years old. Though space is limited, Downsview Park will do their utmost to accommodate the needs of those families who require alternative summertime care for their children.

Downsview Park is easy to get to. Take the 101 Parc Downsview Park bus from Downsview subway station, a five-minute bus ride. Downsview Park's central location is also serviced by the 400-series highways (401, 404 and 407).

For more information on Downsview Park's Canada Day celebrations, indoor and outdoor sports facilities, summer camps/programs and other events, visit [www.downsviewpark.ca](http://www.downsviewpark.ca), call 416-952-2222 or email [info@downsviewpark.ca](mailto:info@downsviewpark.ca)

### **About Downsview Park**

Formerly a military base (CFB Toronto), Downsview Park was established by the Government of Canada, stipulating that the land be developed as "a unique urban recreational greenspace for the enjoyment of future generations." Parc Downsview Park Inc. (PDP) is self-financing, independent of government funding and is being designed to support environmental, social and economic sustainability. Of its 572 acres, 365 acres are committed to public open space and recreational use. Downsview Park engages the public through its year-round seasonal, cultural and special events, and educational and recreational programs. It is also home to the Downsview Park Sports Centre. These features promote and broaden awareness of the significant historical, environmental and cultural characteristics that make Downsview Park unique. Over a 1.2 million visits annually continues to establish Downsview Park as *a unique park for all people and a modern park for all seasons*.

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