

# NEWS RELEASE

## GIVE THE GIFT OF NATURE!

RIDEAU WATERSHED, December 7, 2011 — With the holiday season fast approaching, thoughts turn to gift lists and the growing challenge of buying for those who have everything. If you are feeling stumped, why not give the gift of nature with a Rideau Valley Conservation Authority's (RVCA) 2012 Conservation Area Pass?

The \$45 Conservation Area Annual Pass opens the great outdoors to all of the conservation areas in the Rideau watershed — Foley Mountain, Baxter, Mill Pond, Meisel Woods and more. That means nature can be enjoyed 365 days a year! Trails, picnic areas, beaches, boat launches and loads of outdoor fun await. Plus, by supporting conservation locally you help to ensure that the Rideau's natural areas stay wild and contribute to the health of the watershed you live in.

Here's a sample of what Annual Pass holders can enjoy:

- **Baxter Conservation Area**, Kars — trails are open, boardwalks beckon, it is time to see Baxter marsh in its frosty splendour. There are 68 hectares waiting to be explored with over five kilometres of trails.
- **Foley Mountain**, Westport — winter on the mountain couldn't be more beautiful. Be sure to stop at Spy Rock and take in the panoramic view high above Westport.
- **Perth Wildlife Reserve**, Perth — visit the resident winter wildlife as you hike or snowshoe on over three kilometres of peaceful and scenic trails.
- **Mill Pond**, Portland/Lombardy — What does a maple forest do when it's all tucked away for winter? Come and see for yourself as you explore the Sugar Bush Trail.
- **Meisel Woods**, Crowe Lake — enjoy the fresh air as you hike along the Sandi Slater Memorial Trail and enjoy the view from the new platform at the north end of Beaver Lake.

Get your friends hooked on the great outdoors! To get your annual pass application or learn more about local conservation areas, visit [www.rvca.ca/careas](http://www.rvca.ca/careas) or give us a call at 1-800-267-3504 ext. 1100.

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