

# The Glengarry News

## Family Fishing Week: Getting Hooked on Fishing

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### Getting Hooked on Fishing

The Raisin River Conservation Authority (RRCA) held their annual Family Fishing event last Friday at Gray's Creek Conservation Area and Marina Complex.

"The event gives people who haven't had a chance to fish before the opportunity to come by and try it out without having to buy a license," said fish and wildlife biologist Brendan Jacobs.

### Fun for the Whole Family

"I like that fishing is very patient and takes time," said nine year old Arwen Mondoux from Cornwall. "You can relax when you're fishing."

Arwen's mother Ana Menjivar was also pleased with the event. "We've been debating on whether or not to buy fishing equipment," she said. "This was a great way to test it out and see how the kids like it. I didn't think Arwen would enjoy fishing because she's usually so active and go-go-go, but all the kids have really enjoyed the day. It's great for too for me because you have to stay in one spot and to be quiet when you're fishing so I get to relax and have some down-time too."

The event featured a raffle, fishing tips and instruction by the Cornwall Lunger Club, and a kids' competition for the longest fish. Fishers were also treated with a free barbeque lunch.

### TackleShare

For those who didn't have fishing equipment, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hungers (OFAH) and Ontario Power Generation provided rods and reels, tackle boxes, as well as an assortment of tackle that visitors can sign out for free.

The program -- called TackleShare -- is run through the RRCA much like borrowing books from a library.

This is the first year RRCA is offering TackleShare. The program started in July and runs until the end of the summer.

To borrow equipment, visit Gray's Creek Marina or the canteen at Charlottenburgh Park.

### Ontario Family Fishing Events



Owen Farley from Cornwall teaching his sister Emma how to fish. "It's a little rough so the fishing was so-so," said Owen who caught a rock bass and three perch. TARA MACDONALD



Arwen, Entreri and Adastrea Mondoux from Cornwall borrowed some rods and spent the day learning how to fish. TARA MACDONALD

Ontario Family Fishing Events provide the opportunity for Canadian residents to fish Ontario waters without the otherwise mandatory fishing version outdoors card.

Every year, the Government of Ontario designates a winter event and a summer event. This year's summer event started on June 30th and ended on July 8th.

During all other times of the year, Canadian residents between the ages of 18 and 64 must purchase a valid fishing licence to legally fish in Ontario.