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STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCES ONTARIO PARK PASSES

Library Card Holders Can Visit Provincial Parks for Free

Stratford Public Library is pleased to announce that they have received three provincial parks passes, courtesy of Ontario Parks, for their card holders to borrow. The passes enable free day-use visits to any provincial park in Ontario until Dec 31, 2021.

"Ontario Parks provided park passes to <u>over 200 libraries in the province</u>. Stratford Public Library is lucky to have been included, along with the Perth East Public Library in Milverton, and the St. Marys Public Library," said Robyn Godfrey, Outreach and Collections Librarian.

Stratford Library card holders may borrow the day-use passes to visit any of the over 100 provincial parks in Ontario. The pass is good for one vehicle and all passengers. Each of the Stratford passes comes with a backpack kit that includes guidebooks, activity sheets, a compass and a set of binoculars.

"It has been a long winter, made longer by the pandemic," said Godfrey. "We are fortunate to have such a beautiful array of parks in Ontario, and we thank Ontario Parks for making their natural spaces easier to access for our customers."

Ontario Parks Pass kits will be available beginning Friday, March 5, 2021. Passes may be borrowed for up to 7 days, and are valid between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2021. The passes can be reserved through the library's online catalogue or by calling, however they cannot be renewed.

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If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Robyn Godfrey, Outreach and Collections Librarian at 519-271-0220 x132 / 519-949-3617 or rgodfrey@stratford.ca

For more information on Ontario Park Passes:

- https://splibrary.ca/wonderpass
- https://www.ontarioparks.com/seasonalpermits

