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2020 Events Guide

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Price Guide

Homestead Events

\$6/adult
\$4/child
\$20 family maximum

Holiday Beach

\$10/vehicle
Special Events:
\$15/vehicle

Hillman Marsh

\$6/vehicle
Special Events:
\$10/vehicle

special fees for pre-registration events.

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John R. Park After Dark

John R. Park Homestead \$15

Thursday, October 22 7pm

More info: essexregionconservation.ca/afterdark

Follow costumed guides and step back in time. Their dark stories will lead you to appreciate the hazards of daily pioneer life.

Deck the Holidays Workshop

John R. Park Homestead \$30

Saturday, November 28 2pm-4pm

More info: essexregionconservation.ca/holidayworkshop

Make your very own wreath using natural materials from the forest and farm. Fee includes materials and instruction, hot beverage, and a holiday snack from the hearth.

Christmas in the Country

John R. Park Homestead See price guide

Sunday, December 13 12pm-4pm

More info: essexregionconservation.ca/countrychristmas

Warm up with mulled cider and roasted chestnuts. Meet St. Nicholas' historic counterparts. Check the 'naughty or nice list'. Make a gingerbread cookie and traditional ornament.

Candlelight Christmas

John R. Park Homestead \$15

Tuesday, December 18 7pm

More info: essexregionconservation.ca/candlelight

See the 1842 house decorated with local, natural materials. Craft a traditional ornament, bake on the hearth, and ring the sleigh bells. Guided tour of the house and farm after sundown.



Super Santa Run

Downtown Amherstburg Various

Saturday, November 14 5pm-7pm

More info: essexregionconservation.ca/santarun

Walk or run 5km dressed as Santa! Limited early bird rates for adults and children. Free Santa suit with registration! Stay for the Amherstburg River Lights Festival. Proceeds go to local conservation projects happening throughout the region.



Maple Syrup Festival

- 📍 John R. Park Homestead 💰 See Price Guide
- 📅 Saturday & Sunday, March 7 & 8 ⌚ 11am-4pm
- 📄 More info: essexregionconservation.ca/maple

Enjoy the sweet taste of spring at the region's premier Maple Syrup Festival featuring demonstrations, hands-on activities and taffy making on snow.

Maple March Break

- 📍 John R. Park Homestead 💰 See Price Guide
- 📅 Tuesday, March 17 & Friday, March 20 ⌚ 1:30pm-3pm
- 📄 More info: essexregionconservation.ca/maple

A family-friendly maple event perfect for celebrating March Break. Tour the site with interpreters guiding you along the way. Learn the history of this sweet springtime treat as you help to make and taste maple sugar. Arrive early, dress warmly, wear boots.

Maple Moon

- 📍 John R. Park Homestead 💰 \$15
- 📅 Tuesday, March 17 ⌚ 7pm-8:30pm
- 📄 More info: essexregionconservation.ca/maple

Continue the maple season with an old-fashioned sugaring-off party! Help collect sap and boil it down by moonlight. Pre-registration required.

Oxley Maple Dinner

- 📍 Oxley Estate Winery 💰 \$65
- 📅 Saturday, March 28 ⌚ 6pm
- 📄 For info: www.oxleyestatewinery.com

Join us for a delicious dinner inspired by the maple season. This annual neighborhood get together is held every year in support of the John R. Park Homestead. Reservations required.



Great Global Cleanup Detroit River

- 📍 Multiple Locations 💰 FREE
- 📅 Saturday, April 25 ⌚ 10am-12pm
- 📄 More info: greatglobalcleanupdetroitriver.org

On April 25, thousands will come together to be a part of the largest volunteer event in history! Visit our website to find out how you can join the Great Global Cleanup movement and be part of this groundbreaking, international community-based partnership.



Earth Day Community Tree Planting

- 📍 East Windsor 💰 FREE
- 📅 Sunday, April 26 ⌚ 10am-12pm
- 📄 More info: essexregionconservation.ca/earthdaytrees

Join us in planting over 2,000 trees and help green our community. Enjoy a kid-friendly Earth Day craft before digging in! Sign your company, community group, or family up as a Green Team.

Shorebird Celebration

- 📍 Hillman Marsh 💰 \$6/vehicle
- 📅 May 1 - May 21 ⌚ 3pm-5pm, except Mondays
- 📄 More info: essexregionconservation.ca/shorebird

Join experts from the Ontario Field Ornithologists to view shorebirds migrate to their Arctic breeding grounds. A great chance to learn from the province's most knowledgeable birders.

Friends of the Homestead Yard Sale

- 📍 John R. Park Homestead 💰 FREE
- 📅 Sunday, May 3 ⌚ 10am-4pm
- 📄 More info: essexregionconservation.ca/yardsale

Help the Homestead by donating quality items in advance or by coming out to bargain hunt. Discover treasures old and new. There is something for everyone at this giant sale.



Essex Region Conservation Golf Tournament

- 📍 Kingsville Golf & Country Club 💰 \$175/golfer
- 📅 Thursday, July 16 ⌚ 12:30pm shotgun start
- 📄 More info: essexregionconservation.ca/golf

All proceeds benefit the John R. Park Heritage Centre project, creating a brand new educational and cultural space. Join a team or bring your own foursome for this great day on the course. Registration includes dinner and a round of 18 holes. Prizes, silent and live auction to follow.



Lost Arts Festival

- 📍 John R Park Homestead 💰 See Price Guide
- 📅 Sunday, August 9 ⌚ 12pm-4pm
- 📄 More info: essexregionconservation.ca/lostarts

Celebrate summer on the shore of Lake Erie. See demonstrations of lost arts and visit the voyageur encampment. Stay to enjoy hands-on activities, live music, livestock displays and fun games.

Festival of Hawks

- 📍 Holiday Beach 💰 \$15
- 📅 September weekends 12 & 13, 19 & 20 ⌚ 9am-3pm
- 📄 More info: essexregionconservation.ca/hawkfest

Join experts from the Holiday Beach Migration Observatory for this natural spectacle. Watch thousands of birds of prey flying overhead. Take in free programs hosted by local experts and see live hawks and owls up close. A great family event for experts and amateurs alike.



Essex Region Conservation Bike Tour

- 📍 Essex 💰 Various
- 📅 Saturday, September 26 ⌚ 8am-2pm
- 📄 More info: essexregionconservation.ca/biketour

Tour along scenic County Road 50, or meander the off-road trails on the Chrysler Canada and Cypher Systems Group Greenways on this family friend ride to support trails and trees. Enjoy a post race lunch, included with registration, as well as great prizes for top fundraisers and pledgers.