

# ALBERTA - Free Fishing Weekend July 12 and 13 Area Events

This is a partial list of the events taking place. Visit often for updates.

## OTHER WAYS OF FINDING EVENTS NEAR YOU . . .

- contact your local tackle retailer
- contact your local fishing club
- contact your local conservation authority
- contact your local Alberta Sustainable Resource Development office

[www.srd.alberta.ca/fishwildlife/fishingalberta](http://www.srd.alberta.ca/fishwildlife/fishingalberta)

## **CALGARY-BOW RIVER**

**Event:** National Fishing Week

**Location:** Parks Outdoor Resource Centre - Banks of the mountain-fed Bow River

**Time:** Saturday, July 5 to July 13, 2008 ( call for times)

**Contact:** Call 311 or visit online at [www.calgary.ca/parks/orc](http://www.calgary.ca/parks/orc)

### EVENT DESCRIPTION:

- Join one of the most rapidly growing outdoor activities for people of all ages, while enjoying a new relaxing lifestyle. The Parks Outdoor Resource Centre is located on the banks of the mountain-fed Bow River, which is considered to be a blue ribbon waterway in fly fishing circles. Stop by the Centre to pick up a free booklet on the basics of Catch Fishing in Canada, while quantities last. Also enjoy a 10% discount on all fishing merchandise including books, CD's and river maps.

## **PEACE RIVER**

**Event:** Free Kids Fishing Clinic, held in tandem with local fishing photography contest.

**Location:** Peace Ponds, within the Wilderness Park off Highway 2 (between Grimshaw and Peace River)

**Time:** Saturday, July 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Julie Desrochers, 780-624 -6196

### EVENT DESCRIPTION:

#### ***Kids Fishing Clinic***

- Kids will review water safety and fishing regulations.
- Kids will receive instruction in making knots, using barbless hooks and casting and fish handling.
- Volunteers will be available to coach participants on proper technique and aquatic stewardship.

#### ***Photo Contest***

- Participants can send in their favourite family fishing photos. First prize winners will receive two fishing poles and have their photo featured in future promotional materials.

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## **CLEARWATER**

**Event:** Free Fishing Family Fun Day

**Location:** Rocky Children's Pond

**Time:** Saturday, July 12 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Rita Stagman, 780-542-6616

### **EVENT DESCRIPTION:**

- Families will learn about fishing techniques, safe fish handling and how to identify fishing equipment.
- Participants will also learn about fish identification, fish population management and fish ecology.
- There will be games, demonstrations and a chance to catch a fish.

## **SMOKY**

**Event:** Young's Point Provincial Park event

**Location:** Young's Point Provincial Park

**Time:** Saturday, July 12 Time: TBD

**Contact:** Blaine Burke 780-538-6219

### **EVENT DESCRIPTION:**

- Alberta Sustainable Resource Development and Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation are teaming up to provide a program about fish species and fishing regulations.

## **SMOKY**

**Event:** Peace Country Fly Fishermen's Association Fly-fishing 101

**Location:** Muskoseepi Park, meet at the park pavilion.

**Time:** Saturday July 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Blaine Burke 780-538-6219

### **EVENT DESCRIPTION:**

- Participants will receive an introduction to fly-fishing, bug netting, practice casting and more.
- Free fishing packages, including a copy of *A Flyfisher's Guide to the Waters of the South Peace* (valued at \$20) will be given to all who attend.
- This course is limited to 20 participants and runs rain or shine.