



### Wolf Howl Ice Fishing Derby on Wolfe Lake cancelled 3 years in a row UPCOMING FAMILY DAY WEEKEND | FREE ICE FISHING

For the past two years, those hoping to take part in the annual Wolf Howl ice fishing derby have been disappointed: also this year's event has been cancelled, as published on our website [wolfelake.org](http://wolfelake.org) last month. Organizers within the Westport Area Outdoor Association made the difficult decision to cancel the 2022 Howl event due to the potential risk of spreading COVID and questionable ice conditions. The good news is that - at least - we can still go out and fish on the lake during the upcoming Family Day weekend from February 19-21 (2022); no fishing licence is needed.



**OFFE** (Ontario Family Fishing Events) is a province-wide opportunity for Canadian residents to fish Ontario licence-free. There are four periods throughout the year, the 3-day Family Day weekend in February, Mother's day and Father's day weekends and a full 9-days in July, which coincides with National Fishing Week. Free fishing periods remind us of the value of Ontario's recreational fishery, and the importance of keeping it healthy for future generations.



Please, be cautious and stay safe!

Last week we noticed this sign, posted at the boat launch on Concession 10.

#### Free Family Fishing

A friendly reminder for those who are not aware. Four times a year, Canadian residents can fish in Ontario for free. This means you do not need to buy a fishing licence if you want to fish during:

- Family Fishing Weekend in February (February 19-21, 2022)
- Mother's Day Weekend in May (May 7-8, 2022)
- Father's Day Weekend in June (June 18-19, 2022)
- Family Fishing Week in July (July 2-10, 2022)
- Follow fishing rules

#### While fishing you must

- Follow conservation licence catch limits
- Obey size limits obey size limits, including slot size regulations
- Know sanctuary areas where fishing is forbidden
- Follow the fishing regulations
- Carry a permit or identification card issued by the provincial or federal government, showing your name and date of birth

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