

Water Programs Offered by Other Organizations



Yellow Fish Road Program

All year round

Yellow Fish Road is a country-wide environmental program run by Trout Unlimited Canada. In most Canadian communities, storm drains lead directly into the local water body. By painting yellow fish on storm drains and by distributing flyers to locals, volunteers work to educate the community about the dangers of letting chemicals and oils flow into our lakes and streams. <http://www.yellowfishroad.org/>

World Water Monitoring Day

September 18 with a data entry deadline of December 18

World Water Monitoring Day is a nationwide initiative that distributes water test kits to the public in order to build awareness about preserving local water bodies. Anytime between September 18th and December 18th, groups can share the results of their test with other participating communities on the WWMD website. <http://www.worldwatermonitoringday.org/>

TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

September 20-28

The cleanup is a national conservation initiative that is organized not only to pick up trash, but also to collect data to help determine the causes of shoreline litter. This is a great opportunity to get involved in a hands-on conservation program that has a real, measurable impact on the environment, both locally and globally. <http://www.vanaqua.org/cleanup/home.php>

International Coastal Cleanup

Third Saturday in September

With over six million participants in 127 countries, the International Coastal Cleanup is a worldwide event that provides a way for individuals to help clean their local water bodies. Participants record the trash they pick up to provide data to the Ocean Conservancy to help raise awareness about ocean pollution. http://www.oceanconservancy.org/site/PageServer?pagename=press_icc

Adopt a River (and more!)

All year round in Quebec

Run by the Comité de Valorisation de la Rivière Beauport (CVRB), Adopt a River is a project aimed at 10 to 15 year olds who are interested in monitoring their local rivers. CVRB also offers a number of hands-on educational projects in English and French throughout Quebec, focusing on topics such as groundwater, fish habitats, sedimentation in rivers, river ecosystems and conservation.

<http://www.cvrbc.qc.ca/>

Walk for Water

Early March

Every March leading up to World Water Day, groups across Canada organize and participate in the Walk for Water, run by WaterCan. The purpose of the walk is to raise community awareness about the water and sanitation crisis in the developing world. Before participating in the walk, participants collect pledges from friends and family. <http://watercan.com/whatyoucando/walkforwater.htm>

FrogWatch

March to July

Sponsored by the Government of Canada, FrogWatch is a wetland and frog monitoring program that helps increase knowledge of frogs and toads across Canada. Participants identify the type of frog by listening to each species' distinct call. This information is then entered into the FrogWatch online database. Monitoring amphibian populations gives Frogwatch a sense of the health of the area wetlands. (Make sure to check out IceWatch too, on the same website!)

http://www.naturewatch.ca/english/select_province.html

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