

Celebrate the Earth

Plenty of activities Saturday

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Hamiltonians will take to the Bayfront Trail in support of the environment, kicking off the 2009 Earth Week on April 18.

The third annual Tim Hortons Earth Day Hamilton Walk and Fun Run will start at 10 a.m. Walkers and runners will follow the Bayfront Trail past Princess Point, heading up Longwood Road into Westdale, ending at Churchill Park, site of the 2009 Sunoco Earth Day Community Tree Planting.

At Churchill Park, this family friendly event includes:

- workshops – bike repair, eco driving, birdhouse building workshops, and light-rail transit info sessions;
- entertainment – singer Kori Pop, guitarist Daniel Allen, a drum circle, and tai chi demonstrations;
- child-friendly activities – face painting, eco scavenger hunts, birds of prey show, horse and wagon rides into Westdale Village, and exotic birds on display at the Aviary;
- 1,300 trees to be planted, plus invasive species pulling to help remediate the Churchill forest which is under stress from outside influences – a multi-year project.

Hamilton Mayor Fred Eisenberger and other local dignitaries will kick off the Tree Planting at 11:30 am.

Earth Day Hamilton-Burlington is partnered with Royal Botanical Gardens, Bay Area Restoration Council, and Rotary Club of Burlington – Lakeshore, Tim Hortons and Sunoco to deliver these community events.