

*What's on, what's off*

## Toronto's Canada Day

With a strike on, where to go for events and fireworks

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*All city-run events at city parks and civic squares, including Nathan Phillips Square and Metro Square, have been cancelled. These include:*

- Amesbury Canada Day, Amesbury Park
- Ashbridges Bay Fireworks
- Canada Day Event, Earlscourt Park
- Somali-Canada Day, Earl Bales Park
- Canada Day, Mel Lastman Square
- Canada Day Celebrations, Thompson Memorial Park/ Miliken District Park
- Canada Day Festival, Kew Gardens
- East York Toronto Canada Day, Stan Wadlow Park
- Shomoy Mela, Detonia Park
- Canada Day Celebration, St. James Park
- 16th Annual Neighbours Together, Riverdale Park East



So where can you go to celebrate Canada's 142nd? Here is a selection of events that organizers say are going ahead as scheduled:

*The 43rd Annual CHIN International Picnic at Exhibition Place, Noon-11 p.m.*

The world's largest free picnic celebrating Canada's cultural diversity, with a performance by the cast of Jersey Boys, music, a children's midway, and a 100,000 square-foot shopping bazaar. Picnickers can also catch the Ontario Place "Festival of Fire" fireworks from the CNE grounds. Free.

*Downsview Park's Annual Canada Day Celebration, Downsview Park, 11 a.m. -11 p.m.*

Children's activities and entertainment, including rides and a petting zoo, as well as military reenactments, and a citizenship and immigration ceremony. Free. Fireworks display at 10 p.m.

*New Country Canada Day Jam, Woodbine Park, starting at noon.*

Family-friendly event featuring 6 bands, including headliner Emerson Drive, and a beer garden. Free.

*Canada Dry Festival of Fire, Ontario Place*

Free with general admission (\$17.75 before 6 p.m., \$12.75 after 6 p.m. Additional \$5 for reserved seating)  
Fireworks begin at 10:30 p.m.

*Canada Day Celebrations at Queen's Park, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

Citizenship ceremony, live entertainment, including the Infrared House Band, carnival games, and other kid-friendly activities. Free.

*Canada Day at Harbourfront Centre, starting at noon*

Citizenship ceremony, Amnesty International's Global Refugee Village, and other live music, including headliner the Constantines. Free, GO Transit is offering a 2-for-1 Canada Day special to Niagara Falls. All one-way tickets

will be valid for return travel.

*Free Falls Fireworks begin at 10 p.m.*

MPP Canada Day Event - Don Valley West MPP, Valley Park Middle School (note new location), 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. A kid-friendly event with music, face painting, and an inflatable jumping castle. Free.

*Mosaic Does Jazz (Jazz in the Park), Toronto Honda, 2300 Danforth Avenue, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and listen to the sounds of Canadian Independent Music Award-winning musicians Autorickshaw. Free.

*Community Folk Art Council of Toronto's 3rd Annual Canada Day Celebration Yonge-Dundas Square, Noon - 8 p.m.*

Eight hours of multicultural folk-dancing, crafts, and international food. Free

*Manifesto Festival's Tribute to Michael Jackson, Yonge-Dundas Square, 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.*

A tribute to the King of Pop. Free.

*Vaughan Celebrates Canada Day, Mackenzie Glen District Park, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.*

Family event with barbecue, Kids' zone, and outdoor concert, headlined by Suzie McNeil. Free.

### **Where to go to see fireworks:**

- Downsview Park, 10 p.m.
- Ontario Place, Canada Dry Festival of Fire, 10:30 p.m.
- Canada's Wonderland, 10 p.m., with admission

#### *Richmond Hill*

- Canada Day Celebrations, Richmond Green Park, 1300 Elgin Mills Road East, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Billed as the largest municipal fireworks display in Canada. Come early for a children's midway, food pavilion, and live music. Admission free with non-perishable food item. Fireworks begin at 10 p.m.

#### *Mississauga*

- Celebrate at City Centre, 1 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Live entertainment hosted by Mike Bullard and kids' activities.
- Mississauga Rocks fireworks begin at 10 p.m.

#### *Port Credit*

- Paint the Town Red Celebration, Wenonah Drive at Lakeshore Road & Port Credit Memorial Park, 1 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Live music and family fun. Fireworks begin at dusk.
- Streetsville Canada Day Celebrations, Vic Johnston arena and Memorial Park, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Free outdoor concert and barbecue. Fireworks begin at 10 p.m.

#### *Brampton*

- Celebrate Canada Day at Brampton's Donald M. Gordon Chinguacousy Park (Bramalea Road and Queen St. East), 10 am - 10pm. Jazz festival, children's activities, and concert with headliner Amanda Marshall. Fireworks begin at 10 p.m.

#### *Markham*

- Milne Park Party and Fireworks, Milne Park (McCowan Road just south of Highway 7), starting at 3 p.m. Children's tent, flag raising ceremony, live music. Fireworks begin at 10 p.m.

#### *Pickering*

- Kinsmen Park, starting at noon. Free family activities and entertainment, including an annual country jamboree. Fireworks begin at dusk.

#### *Milton*

- Milton Canada Day, Milton Fairgrounds, starting at noon. Live music, citizenship ceremony, and family-

friendly entertainment. Fireworks begin at 10 p.m.

Many of the events above offer free shuttle bus service.