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*Caring for and Preserving Presqu'ile Provincial Park Together*

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **34th Annual Presqu'ile Waterfowl Weekend**

The Friends of Presqu'ile Park are pleased to announce that Spring is returning! And with Spring comes the return of tens of thousands of ducks, geese and swans to Presqu'ile Bay. Waterfowl of up to 25 different species arrive each spring to rest and feed here before moving on to nesting areas further north and west. Each year, for the past 33 years, the Friends of Presqu'ile have been happy to sponsor the Presqu'ile Waterfowl Weekend to celebrate this natural phenomenon. The tradition continues in 2010 with the 34th annual festival on the weekend of March 20-21, from 10am to 4pm daily.

"This is truly a world-class natural spectacle" says Park Naturalist David Bree. "While these birds are present in March in numbers at various places along the Lake Ontario shoreline, Presqu'ile has some of the greatest concentrations, and has easy access to good viewing locations". Bree goes on to say. "The big advantage to coming to the park during the festival is you have access to spotting scopes to look through and knowledgeable volunteers to help you find and identify the many species present, and of course we have some added attractions people can take advantage of at the Lighthouse Centre".

The centre of activity will be the Lighthouse Centre, which will feature children's activities and crafts, duck displays and the Friend's store. New this year at the centre will be a Friend's hosted BBQ where lunch, hot drinks and snacks can be purchased starting at 11am. The Lighthouse Centre is also the location of the indoor washroom facilities, an attraction in their own right on a cold March day.

"Bushnell has been very generous again this year and provided the Friends with optical equipment for our spring raffle." says Friends' Chairman Craig Kerr. "We are also very happy to have Dave Richards back again as the Bushnell sales representative. He will be available both days to show people some great equipment at great prices".

The Friends invite everyone out to share in this event. It makes a great outing for those that appreciate nature, families and individuals alike. The only cost involved is a \$10.00/vehicle park entrance fee. We hope to see you there.

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