



Telling the Story of the Niagara Escarpment
World Biosphere Reserve

MEDIA RELEASE

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GREEN partners with the ROM and the Hamilton Conservation Authority to Showcase a Spectacular Fossil Exhibit

The Giant's Rib Escarpment Education Network (GREEN) has partnered with the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) to showcase some excellent fossil specimens from the Niagara Escarpment. GREEN will be hosting a visiting fossil exhibit, featuring corals and sea creatures which lived in this area more than 420 million years ago, from the ROM beginning in June. The visiting fossil exhibit will be premiered Saturday, June 6th at the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre in the Dundas Valley Conservation Area.

"The Royal Ontario Museum's Centre for Fossils and Evolution is delighted to have an opportunity to participate in celebrating the Niagara Escarpment's 25th Anniversary as a biosphere reserve. The ROM's collections contain a wealth of fossil remains from the ancient seabed deposits that form the rocky foundations of the Escarpment, and by sharing a representative selection of these we hope to help foster an interest in, and appreciation for, life's deep history on this amazing planet," says David Rudkin, Assistant Curator of Invertebrate Paleontology at the ROM.

Through a partnership with the Hamilton Conservation Authority, GREEN is also pleased to announce the addition of genuine Niagara Escarpment fossils, provided by the ROM, to our Grade 4 Rocks and Minerals Teacher's Kits. This is a curriculum-based unit available free of charge to Ontario grade 4 teachers. Kits are available by contacting us through the website or through Hamilton Conservation Authority's Outdoor Environmental Education program.

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Canada's First Nations and its early settlers once called the Niagara Escarpment a "Giant's Rib." The Giant's Rib Escarpment Education Network is a not-for-profit volunteer organization promoting uses of the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve that will ensure retention of its natural state for future generations. We operate a Discovery Centre on weekends and run public programs to raise awareness of the NEBR.

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