



# Hamilton Conservation Authority

*Healthy Streams...Healthy Communities!*

## Trip Preparation Information

**LOCATION:** Dundas Valley Conservation Area

650 Governors, Dundas Ontario

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## Fall & Spring: 2018-2019

### How to Prepare for the Trip:

- Transportation is the responsibility of the school
- Book your bus to arrive on site for: **Arrival 9:30am: Departure 2:00pm**
- Program times can be changed to accommodate your schedule, please contact us if times differ from above.
- Please notify staff in advance of any students with special needs
- Limited amount of raincoats & rain boots are available to some students if needed

### Supervision:

 Please ensure that you have the compulsory Adult/Student ratio as follows:

- Elementary Adult/Student ratio is 1:10 (*This does not include our teaching staff*)
- Secondary Adult/Student ratio is 1:15 (*This does not include our teaching staff*)

### Park Entry:

- There is an automated gate at the Main Entrance to the conservation area. Our staff will meet the bus at the gate and give the bus driver a temporary day pass to allow entry back into the conservation area
- Please notify us in advance if there will be anyone arriving by car, (e.g. teachers or volunteers) otherwise, they will pay a \$10 entry fee

### General Outline for the Day:

- HCA staff will lead the morning & afternoon sessions assisted by the classroom teacher
- Lunch Break will be approximately 20 minutes and is supervised by the teachers

### Weather Conditions:

- Trails and playing areas may be wet & muddy. Please advise participants to bring proper footwear (we recommend bringing both boots & shoes) Dress accordingly.

### Clothing:

- Long sleeved shirts and long pants are recommended
- All program participants ***are expected*** to dress appropriately for the weather & outdoor conditions
- ***Due to the rugged nature of our programs and the possibility of ticks, sandals and shorts are not recommended.***
- Students without proper footwear will be asked to wear the Centre's rubber boots, otherwise - they will not be allowed to participate in the activities.

**Footwear:** ***Running shoes not sandals.*** Due to the rugged nature of the programs, sandals, flats and moccasins are not permitted. For safety reasons we request that all students wear closed-toed shoes like running shoes or hiking boots. Depending on the activity, students without proper footwear will be required to wear the Centre's rubber boots.

### Mosquitoes, Ticks and Black flies

Wear suitable clothing. Dark colours tend to attract the insects so choose light-coloured, loose-fitting garments tucked into your clothing and boots to prevent the smaller insects from crawling underneath.

### Reminder:

Programs continue rain or shine. Program participants are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather. During weather extremes a greater portion of our programs will either be modified & conducted indoors or in some cases the booking date will be re-scheduled.

**Extreme Weather:** During weather extremes a greater portion of our programs will be modified with more time conducted indoors.

**Cancellation Policy:** *A cancellation fee of \$150 per school per day will apply if the school cancels the trip less than 15 office days prior to the scheduled field trip, and does not re-schedule the date within the next 4 weeks*