



Trip Preparation Information

LOCATION: Dundas Valley Conservation Area
650 Governors, Dundas Ontario

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How to Prepare for the Trip:

- Our staff will meet the bus at the main park entrance
- 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

Supervision: Please ensure that you have the compulsory Adult/Student ratios

- 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*)

General Outline for the Day:

- Our staff will meet the bus at the main park entrance
- HCA staff will lead the classes to the Trail Centre
- **Dress for the weather:** 60 – 75% of the time will be spent out of doors
- Each class will participate in the selected outdoor environmental education program led by HCA Education Staff, assisted by the classroom teacher

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 the \$10 entry fee

Clothing:

- Long sleeved shirts and long pants are recommended
- Sandals, flats, moccasins are not recommended.
- All program participants **are expected** to dress appropriately for the weather & outdoor conditions.

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 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*