



A Healthy Watershed for Everyone

Fall & Spring: 2019-2020

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

Trip Preparation Information

LOCATION: Dundas Valley Conservation Area

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