



A Healthy Watershed for Everyone

Outdoor Environmental Education Programs

Youth Program Guide & Booking Information

Dundas Valley Conservation Area

Contact us at:

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BOOKING INFORMATION

Connect with nature through environmental education programs offered by the Hamilton Conservation Authority.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Programs are 2 hours in length, but we encourage groups to come for a 3 hour visit whenever possible to allow time for bathroom and nutrition breaks.
- Program arrival and departure times can be adapted to suit your group's scheduling requirements.
- We are able to accommodate up to two groups per day with a maximum of 30 participants per group.
- The majority of the program time is spent outdoors, weather depending.
- While we make every effort to accommodate participants with special needs it is not always possible given our rugged and hilly terrain. Please let us know about any participants needs at the time of your booking request so that we can discuss potential program options.
- Please ensure that all participants are dressed properly for an outdoor program—proper outdoor footwear like running shoes, hiking boots or other closed toed shoes is essential. Participants that arrive without proper outdoor gear may not be permitted to participate in outdoor activities.
- Our staff are enthusiastic Naturalists who are excited to share their knowledge and appreciation for the natural world with your group.

PROGRAM COST

Program cost is \$410.00 per group per program

PROGRAM LOCATION

Dundas Valley Conservation Area - 650 Governors Road, Dundas, Ontario

TRANSPORTATION

Organizations are required to make their own transportation arrangements.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- All programs continue rain or shine. Program participants are expected to dress appropriately for the weather and outside conditions.
- During inclement weather programs will be modified to have more of the program conducted indoors.
- In extreme weather programs may need to be cancelled. Organizations will be notified in advance to make alternative arrangements and possibly re-schedule the date.

BOOKING PROCEDURE

Please complete the **Booking Request Form** and return it by email to hcaenvd@conservationhamilton.ca

Contacts will be emailed a **Booking Confirmation Letter and Pre-Trip Preparation Information** with all the details pertaining to the field trip once a trip date has been finalized.

PROGRAM GUIDE

Ages 4-7:

Each program contains hands-on exploration, nature walks, and games connected to the local ecology.

Forest Friends

Sherlock the Squirrel is planning a party for his forest friends and he needs your help! Participants will be guided through a variety of activities that combine imaginative play and hands-on exploration, discovering what can be found in the Dundas Valley as they prepare for Sherlock's guests to arrive.

Animal Investigators

Become animal detectives as you explore the Dundas Valley in search of insects, birds, mammals, and other wildlife. Participants will learn about different types of animal evidence and search for clues to solve the mystery of which animals call this area their home. Through games and discovery participants will also learn more about various animal characteristics, life cycles, and adaptations.

Ages 8-12:

Each program contains hands-on exploration, nature walks, and games connected to the local ecology.

Exploring Habitats and Communities

What habitats can be found within Dundas Valley and who lives there? Participants will investigate a nearby habitat, exploring what resources are available within the habitat and what living things are part of its community. Through games and exploration participants will also learn more about food chains and predator-prey relationships.

Biodiversity in the Valley

Did you know that Hamilton is a biodiversity hotspot? Dundas Valley is one of the unique natural areas within the city and is home to many different living things! Participants will spend time exploring and playing games to learn more about the incredible biodiversity of the area.

Ages 13+:

Each program includes a warm-up game to introduce participants to the topic. More games can be incorporated into the program if desired, but please let us know when you book your program.

Seasonal Exploration

Participants will spend some time exploring a nearby forest or meadow area. This program involves lots of hands-on opportunities for discovering what lives in the Dundas Valley, such as sweep netting or searching for signs of wildlife in the forest.

Trail Hike

Participants will go on a hike through the Dundas Valley, walking through shady forests and open meadows, showcasing lots of the diverse nature found in this area. The length and difficulty level of the hike route can be adjusted based on your group's abilities.

Had something else in mind? Reach out and we will see what we can do!

BOOKING REQUEST FORM

HAMILTON CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FIELD TRIPS

Submit completed form to:
hcaenvd@conservationhamilton.ca

Note: Please fill out a separate booking request form for each trip day you would like to book. We are able to accommodate up to two groups per day with a maximum of 30 participants per group.

ORGANIZATION NAME			
ORGANIZATION ADDRESS			
ORGANIZATION PHONE & EXTENSION			
CONTACT NAME			
CONTACT EMAIL			
CONTACT PHONE			
	Group A	Group B	
AGE(S)			
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS			
PROGRAM CHOICE			
DATE OPTIONS	Option #1	Option #2	Option #3
MOBILITY CONSIDERATIONS Our terrain is quite hilly and rugged. Please let us know of any children that use a wheelchair, walker or have any other mobility challenges so that we may do our best to accommodate when planning your program.			
OTHER ACCESIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS Please let us know of any other information that we should consider when planning for your program.			

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