

Bronte Creek Provincial Park - Education Programs

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At Bronte Creek Provincial Park –

You're not just getting a program you're getting a DAY!

Also available with your booking...

Playbarn

In the hay loft and drive shed sections of the barn, children can jump, climb and slide while enjoying physical fitness in a refreshing atmosphere. The Playbarn is unsupervised so teachers and parent helpers are encouraged to keep an attentive eye on children. In most cases, a staff member will meet your group and explain the rules with the students. If no staff member is available, you may proceed inside the barn and refer to the posted rules. Open year round. Limited to children under 10 years of age. 1 class = 30 children, 1 time slot = 1 class. Please note that the public can enjoy the Playbarn concurrently with your class.

Self-Guided Farm Tours

See a variety of farm animals that could include pigs, chickens, rabbits, goats, sheep, horses and cows. Information panels at the Children's Farm depict animal lifecycles.

Outdoor Skating

Our recreation complex offers a variety of recreational activities including ice skating and tobogganing in the winter months. Services include: heated change rooms and washrooms.

Hiking Trails

Walking the trails of Bronte Creek Provincial Park is an excellent way to explore the park and see all of its unique natural landscapes and wildlife. In the day use area you will find 4 nature trails and many kilometres of connecting foot paths to explore. Each season brings with it a new reason to visit, view local flora and fauna, exercise etc.

Maiden's Blush Trail -1 km, trailhead is north of the Children's Playbarn. Bicycles and rollerblading permitted on this paved trail.

Half Moon Valley Trail – 2 km, trailhead located minutes from Spruce Lane Farm.

Trillium Trail – 1 km, trailhead located behind the barns of Spruce Lane Farm.

Ravine Trail -2.7 km, this linear path extends from Spruce Lane farm to the picnic area by parking lot A.

Playing Fields

Bronte Creek Provincial Park offers many, large open areas for wide games or sporting activities, including 2 baseball diamonds. The recreation complex has 3 outdoor basketball courts perfect for your physical education class. Or try out Disc Golf (Parking Lot F). First come, first serve.

Outdoor Play Structures

Swing, slide, climb, jump, hop, pull, push----discover different ways to move on the many outdoor play structures that include 2 antique tractors. First come, first serve.

Sheltered lunch areas

Choose from 11 picnic shelters located throughout the park where groups can enjoy a snack or lunch. Picnic shelters can be reserved 7 days a week, those not reserved are on a first come first serve basis.

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Fees

- A non-refundable program fee of \$12.00 is due upon receipt of your program schedule package.
- Vehicle permits are to be purchased on the day of your visit. See listing below.

Payment can be made at the park office (laneway just past parking lot C) when gate attendants are not on duty. Payment will be received by gate attendant when booths are staffed.

We accept VISA, MasterCard, American Express, School Cheque or Money Order.

(Sorry, NO personal cheques) If paying in person, debit and cash are also accepted.

	Daily Vehicle Permit	
Regular Vehicle	\$11.89/ vehicle	(as of July 1, 2006 fee may change without notice.)
School Bus	\$39.63/ bus	

WHAT WILL IT COST?

Reservation Fee \$12.00/ day/ organization

Bus Permit \$39.63/ bus/ day

\$51.63 (this includes your booked program time)

PLUS the cost of renting a school bus

Reservations

Reservation can be made anytime throughout the school year. Please refer to the chart of Programs seasons in the introduction section. All programs are available between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Friday (except holidays).

All programs are offered rain or shine. There are sheltered (but not heated) accommodations at picnic shelters throughout the park for lunch or snack time.

Programs are limited to 30 students per time slot. Therefore if your group has 35 students remember to book 2 time slots of each program requested.

**please note that the public can enjoy the Playbarn concurrently with your class. There is a limit of 1 class per ½ hour time slot and classes are limited to 1 Playbarn booking per day.

To reserve an educational program for your class, simply call the Park Natural Heritage Education Specialist at: 905-827-6911 extension 228 AND Fax a completed **Program Reservation Form** to 905-827-8706 attention Program Reservations.

Confirmation packages will be sent via e-mail.

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PROGRAM RESERVATION FORM

To: **Program Reservation** From: _____

Fax: 905-827-8706 Phone: _____

Phone: 905-827-6911 ext 228 Date: _____

Please PRINT clearly ---all fields must be completed.

Booking is not complete until confirmed by park. **Confirmation packages will be sent via e-mail.**

Name of School: _____

Address of School: _____

City _____, Ontario

Postal Code: _____ Daytime phone number:_(____)_____

Email: _____

Contact name: _____

Grade Level: _____

Program: Each grade has a specific program focus, please circle the importance of each for your trip.

1. Heritage:	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
2. Nature/ environment:	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
3. Playbarn:	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice

Total number of Students: _____ (max or 30 per time slot).

3 classes per school per day will allow all groups to enjoy the 3 program areas.

Date Preferred: _____ 2nd choice: _____

Earliest Arrival Time: _____ Latest Departure Time: _____

Comments:

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TEACHER Responsibilities

At School

- Attend a park orientation tour—make arrangements through ext. 228
- Pay Program Reservation fee upon receipt of program schedule package.
- Send home permission forms, what to wear sheet.
- Outdoor education rules (no pick, no pull, no pocket – respect nature, each other and other classes)
- The purpose of the trip to Bronte Creek Provincial Park with both students and adult helpers
- Skills and /or vocabulary for your chosen activities
- Put students in appropriate group sizes according to your selected activities. (max. 30 people per group)
- Be sure you are aware of any critical allergies (bees, wasps, food or any other extreme reaction) or medical conditions (diabetes, epilepsy, severe asthma).
- Provide school phone number and any emergency cell phone numbers to each parent helper.
- Copy directions to park for each driver or bus driver noting where first programs are located. The 3 education facilities have 2 different parking accesses, either Lot F or Lot C. It is at least 1/2 hour walk between Nature Centre/ playbarn and Spruce Lane Farm.
- Copy park map and program rotation schedule, share this with each adult helper for your group. You are responsible for leading your class between facilities/ programs. Instructors will meet your group at the door to the Playbarn, Spruce Lane Farmhouse, Nature Centre or Breckon Shelter.

At Bronte Creek Provincial Park

- Pay for vehicle permits at park gate (May and June) or park office (March and April).
- Have a class list to be carried with you at all times in case of emergency. Record on the list any special needs for you group and share this information with other adult helpers for your group.
- Program schedule rotation for each group leader.
- Day-use area map, you are responsible for leading your class between facilities.
- Drop off and pick up times and locations.
- Seasonal reminders
 - Fall – boots for wet days
 - Winter – Layered clothing
 - Spring – Sunscreen should be applied at the school
 - Insect repellent in the spring especially if participating in wetland activities.
- Bring a basic first aid kit on the trip and carry it with you (make up extras and give them to your helpers)

In case of emergency

During non-program time:

- Call 911. Then inform park staff by calling 905-827-6911 ext. 0. Give information as to nature of emergency and location.

During program time:

- Staff will put emergency plan procedure into place, calling EMS when required. Teachers and adult helpers should take charge of other students with one teacher or helper assisting with injured party.