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## Regional Parks Programs: Pre-trip Instructions & Meeting Locations

### Arrival time

Please arrive at the park 15 minutes before your program time in order to have a washroom break and snacks. This allows time for organizing the students without cutting into the program time.

**Note:** Please arrive 25 minutes early for beach or forest program at Witty's Lagoon as your group will need to walk to the Teaching Shelter (for forest programs) or the beach (for beach programs) before the program start time. Please see driving directions below for more information. At Risk in Land, Sky & Sea (grade 4-5) meets at the main parking lot.

### Prepare your students

1. **Name Tags:** Prior to arrival, divide your students into 2 groups, and have each student wear a large, waterproof nametag.
2. **Clothing:** Be prepared to participate outdoors, rain or shine. Wear clothing appropriate to the season, and be prepared for cold and wet conditions. Wear sturdy footwear and please do not bring umbrellas or strollers as we may be on uneven trails.
3. **Guidelines:** Be sure the students are aware that this is an educational field trip in an "outdoor classroom". Appropriate classroom behaviour is expected.

### Role of teacher and adult helpers

Teachers are responsible for group management. We welcome adult helpers to participate in all activities and help with individual student needs. Suggested ratio is one adult: eight students.

### Educators Guide and Communicable Disease Prevention

See Educators Guide and Communicable Disease Prevention for details of safety measures, program descriptions, BC Curriculum links and other helpful resources related to your program. These documents can all be found on the CRD website: [www.crd.bc.ca/education/school-programs](http://www.crd.bc.ca/education/school-programs)

### First Aid

While park naturalists make every effort to keep participants safe, and do carry a first aid kit, there will not be a certified first aid attendant leading the program. Please continue to follow the first aid procedures in keeping with your school district's policies for field trips.



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## Driving Directions & Meeting Locations

### Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park – Nature Centre (Beaver Beach)

Marvelous Mammals, Biodiversity Heroes programs start at Beaver Beach

Meet your guide outside the Beaver Lake Nature Centre (Beaver Beach).

Follow the Pat Bay Highway from Victoria and take the Royal Oak Drive exit. Turn left on Royal Oak Drive to cross the highway and right on Elk Lake Drive to reach the main Beaver Lake entrance. Park in the main paved parking lot at Beaver Beach. Allow approximately 20 minutes driving time from Victoria.

### Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park – Beaver Lake Picnic Shelter (Filter Beds)

E.A.G.L.E. Forest Storytelling and E.A.G.L.E. Forest programs start at the Beaver Lake Picnic Shelter at the south end of Beaver Lake

Meet your guide at the Beaver Lake Picnic Shelter at Filter Beds Parking Lot.

Follow the Pat Bay Highway from Victoria and take the Royal Oak Drive exit. Turn left on Royal Oak Drive to cross the highway and turn right on Elk Lake Drive. Enter the park by turning left onto Beaver Lake Road. Continue past the main paved parking lot at Beaver Beach. Follow the road to the next parking lot at the Filter Beds. OR From West Saanich Road turn east onto Beaver Lake Road and drive 1.2km to the Filter Beds parking lot. Allow approximately 20 minutes driving time from Victoria.

### Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park – Equestrian Centre

Beaver Engineever program starts at the Equestrian Centre at the southeast end of Beaver Lake

Meet your guide at the grassy area at the Equestrian Centre Parking Lot.

From West Saanich Road turn east onto Beaver Lake Road and drive 1km to the Equestrian Centre parking lot. OR Follow the Pat Bay Highway from Victoria and take the Royal Oak Drive exit. Turn left on Royal Oak Drive to cross the highway and turn right on Elk Lake Drive. Enter the park by turning left onto Beaver Lake Road. Continue past the main paved parking lot at Beaver Beach and the gravel parking lot at Filter Beds. Follow the road to the next driveway with a sign saying "Equestrian Centre". Allow approximately 20 minutes driving time from Victoria.



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For a detailed directional map for all Elk/Beaver Lake meeting locations, visit:

<https://www.crd.bc.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-trails/find-park-trail/elk-beaver-lake>

### **Francis/King Regional Park- All Programs**

**Meet your guide outside the Nature Centre.**

Allow approximately 20 minutes driving time from Victoria. On the Trans-Canada Highway from Victoria, take the Helmcken Road exit. Turn left on Burnside Road West, right on Prospect Lake Road and left on Munn Road. After this intersection, turn right into the driveway that leads to the parking lot. Use caution and drive carefully.

For a detailed directional map, visit: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-trails/find-park-trail/francis-king>

### **Witty's Lagoon Regional Park**

**At Risk in Land, Sky & Sea program – Meet your guide at the main parking lot off Metchosin Road.**

This program will start at the main parking lot and end at the beach. Please allow 25 minutes after the program to hike back up to the parking lot.

Follow the Trans-Canada Highway from Victoria, and take the Colwood exit. Follow the Old Island Highway, which turns into Sooke Road. From Sooke Road, turn left on Metchosin Road. From Metchosin Road, turn left and park at the main park entrance.

### **Witty's Lagoon Regional Park**

**FOREST PROGRAMS – Meet your guide at the Teaching Shelter off the Lagoon Trail down from the main parking lot.**

Follow the Trans-Canada Highway from Victoria, and take the Colwood exit. Follow the Old Island Highway, which turns into Sooke Road. From Sooke Road, turn left on Metchosin Road. From Metchosin Road, turn left and park at the main park entrance. Proceed down the main trail, turning left onto the Lagoon trail. Allow approximately 35 minutes driving time from Victoria, and a 15 minute walk to the



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Teaching Shelter. Buses are to park in the main park entrance parking lot on Metchosin Road during the program.

### Witty's Lagoon Regional Park

**BEACH PROGRAMS – Meet your guide near the washroom and picnic facilities at the beach.**

Follow the Trans-Canada Highway from Victoria, and take the Colwood exit. Turn left on Metchosin Road and turn left into main park entrance. Buses park in the main parking lot on Metchosin Road. Walk with your group downhill, along the Beach Trail (1.2km). Your program will begin and end at the beach. Allow approximately 35 minutes driving time from Victoria, **and 25 minutes to walk to the beach.**

For a detailed directional map of Witty's Lagoon, visit: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-trails/find-park-trail/wittys-lagoon>

### Island View Beach

**At Risk in Land, Sky & Sea program - Meet your guide at the north end of the parking lot, past the campground at the end of Homathko Road.**

Follow the Pat Bay Highway from Victoria. Turn right on Island View Road, then left on Homathko Road, which leads to the park entrance. Continue north past the camp ground until you reach the end of the parking lot. Allow approximately 30 minutes driving time from Victoria.

### Island View Beach

**BEACH PROGRAMS - Meet your guide at the main parking lot near the covered picnic shelter.**

Follow the Pat Bay Highway from Victoria. Turn right on Island View Road, then left on Homathko Road, which leads to the park entrance. Allow approximately 30 minutes driving time from Victoria.

For a detailed directional map of Island View Beach, visit: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-trails/find-park-trail/island-view-beach>