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Regional Parks School Program Field Trip - Pre-trip Instructions

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.

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.
3. **Guidelines:** Please review expectation for physical distancing with your students. Be sure the students are aware that this is an educational field trip in an “outdoor classroom”. Classroom manners are expected.

Role of teacher and adult helpers

Teachers are responsible for group management. We invite adult helpers to participate in all activities and help with individual student needs. Suggested ratio is one adult: eight students and a minimum of two adults/teachers per class is required.

Educators Guide and COVID-19 Safety Procedures

See Educators Guide and COVID-19 Safety Procedures for details of physical distancing expectations and other safety measures, a detailed program description, BC Curriculum links and other helpful resources related to your program.

First Aid

While park naturalists make every effort to keep participants safe, and 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.

Directions to Regional Parks

Francis/King Regional Park

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 the intersection, turn right into the driveway that leads to the parking lot. Use caution and drive carefully. **Meet your park interpreter outside the nature centre.**

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

Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park

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. Turn Left on Beaver Lake road and follow it past Beaver Beach to the next parking lot, Filter Beds parking lot (the second large parking lot). Allow approximately 20 minutes driving time from Victoria. **Meet your park interpreter at the picnic shelter at Filter Beds parking lot.**

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

Mill Hill Regional Park

Follow Trans-Canada Highway from Victoria and take exit 10 towards View Royal/Colwood. Turn right onto Six Mile Rd. Turn left onto Atkins Road and follow it for 2 km. Turn right into the park entrance. Allow approximately 20 minutes driving time from Victoria. **Meet your park interpreter near the washrooms at the parking lot.**

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

Witty's Lagoon Regional Park

Follow the Trans-Canada Highway from Victoria, and take the Colwood exit. Follow the 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. Allow approximately 35 minutes driving time from Victoria. Buses are to park in the main park entrance parking lot on Metchosin Road during the program. **Meet your park interpreter outside the nature centre at the parking lot.**

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