



Environmental Education

Let NVCA Come to You!

2023– 2024 Elementary School Visits

INVITE US!

Invite the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority to your school yard, community park or any natural area.

We have a wide variety of environmental education programs we can bring to you.

Each program is approximately 100 minutes.



Discovering Nature



All activities have been modified to reduce multiple contacts points for students and staff. As our educators travel from multiple schools, physical distancing of students from NVCA educators must be maintained. Equipment is sanitized between classes.

Habitat Exploration: Nature Discovery **Kindergarten and Grade 1**

After learning about the five senses, children will explore the natural world through experiential activities aimed to heighten awareness of the outdoor environment.

Predator-Prey **Kindergarten to Grade 8**

Students investigate the characteristics and needs of animals through discussion followed by the age appropriate 'Survival Game' outside. These role playing exercises help students learn about predator/prey relationships as they seek out their survival needs and manage human influences.

Splash! Water in the Environment **Grade 2**

Follow the travels of Splash the water droplet! Students embark on their own journey through the water cycle. Through this active, role-playing exercise, students will better understand the importance of water and will be introduced to the efforts of conservation authorities in watershed management and conservation.

Endangered Species **Grades 4 to 6**

This dynamic role-playing exercise introduces students to some of Ontario's 'Species at Risk' and the reasons for their decline. Students will learn first hand the devastating impact of habitat loss, climate change, pollution, etc. on these animals. Students discuss how they can minimize their impact on wildlife and will be introduced to a variety of monitoring programs in Ontario.

Habitat Hike **Grade 4**

Travelling off school grounds to a forest, field or wetland space to talk about how plants and animals are adapted to the habitat they exist in. Focus can be either tree, plant or invertebrate identification and dependent on the habitats found in your communities within walking distance.

Water Systems **Grade 8**

An introduction to the importance of water for all life on earth through investigations of water quality in our communities. Students gain an understanding of how our actions can affect the local watershed, for the good and the bad and leave students empowered to make positive change. Activities are available for teachers to deliver pre/post NVCA programming to enhance learning.

Got naturalized areas or green space?

We can bring Tiffin Centre's curriculum-based outdoor education programs to you! It's convenient, and you can save on bus transportation costs.

Programs Available

Visit nvca.on.ca for program details

- Nature's Art Room: JK/SK to Grade 2
- Nature Photography: Grades 4 to 8
- Living Landscape: JK/SK to Grade 8
- Lost in the Woods: Grades 1 to 3
- Habitat Exploration: JK/SK to Grade 7.

This program is offered with different topics for each grade:

JK to Gr 1—Nature Discover

Gr 2—Birds, Beavers & Bugs

Gr 3—Seeds, Weeds & Wildflowers

Gr 4—Habitats & Communities

Gr 6—Biodiversity

Gr 7—Interactions in the Environment

Yellow Fish Road

Trout Unlimited Canada's Yellow Fish Road™ Program is a national conservation education initiative.

This hands-on environmental program teaches students how to protect their local watershed and make a difference in their community's water quality.

Through the use of interactive models and displays, students will learn about the sources and pathways of contamination and the importance of clean water to all living things.

Students will then paint yellow fish next to storm drains in their neighbourhood to signify that only rainwater should flow down them.



Contact us to book a program, or receive a free self-directed teacher's kit for your classroom!

Four-Day "Habitats in Your Community" Workshops

NVCA educators will work with your class to develop a customized workshop focused on learning about and then enhancing the habitats in your school neighbourhood. Hands-on learning at its best! For students in Grades 3 to 8. Contact us to learn more.

Reservation Procedure

Step 1: Email us at outdoored@nvca.on.ca or call 705-424-1479 ext. 280 to speak with our environmental education staff and select a date and discuss program availability.

Step 2: Once your date has been selected and confirmed, you will receive a booking form.

Step 3: Complete, save and return the booking form to outdoored@nvca.on.ca.

Step 4: You will be sent an email confirming your booking!

Program Fees

One 100 minute program
10.60 per student + mileage.

One 120 minute program
\$13.00 per student + mileage.

Two 100 minute programs*
14.60 per student + mileage.

Two 120 programs*
\$17.80 per student + mileage.

*Both programs must be booked for the same day

Mileage: Round trip at current rate + HST

Minimum: 20 students or a fee of \$260 for one program or \$356 for two programs. Whole school rates available.

Cancellation Policy

There is no charge for cancelling with at least 2 weeks notice. If a cancellation is received **with less than 2 weeks' notice, your group will be charged for 50% of the scheduled number of students or the minimum fee.**

In the event buses are cancelled due to inclement weather or teacher union job action, the cancellation fee is not required if the program is rebooked.

This document is available in alternative formats.

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