Environmental Education

Let NVCA Come to You!

2026– 2027 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

Habitat Exploration: Nature Discovery
Kindergarten and Grade 1

All living things have needs—both living and non-living, and children will be invited to discover them on a schoolyard scavenger hunt. After learning about the needs of living things, the five senses can be explored 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.

Art
Kindergarten to Grade 8

Living Landscape: Looking at the works of known watercolour landscapes artists as a starting point, students will produce their own watercolour landscape painting inspired by the natural beauty of their surroundings. Educators will lean on the grade specific curriculum for 'Elements of Design.' Local green space required and a **$20 per class** fee applies for materials.

Land Art – Nature as Art Room: Students will be nature explorers and 'Land Artists' as they go on a guided hike to find a site for their work. Looking at the works of known Land Artists to start, students will produce largescale three-dimensional temporal works in nature with found natural materials and inspired by the natural world.

Endangered Species
Grades 4 to 7

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. Inquire about our free outreach programming about microplastics, funded by Georgian Bay Forever.

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

Program timing is 100 minutes each lesson.

$15.30/student 1 class

$10.20/student 2 classes

$8.50/student 3 classes

Mileage is included in the cost per child, within a distance of 75km radius of the Tiffin Centre. No added fee.

If your school is outside of the NVCA watershed, (further than 75km radius) then mileage is priced at current rate + HST after 30km (one-way)

Minimum: Each class will be invoiced for a minimum of 20 students. 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.**

This document is available in alternative formats.

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