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CRD Regional Parks School 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.

Note: Please arrive even earlier for forest programs at Witty's Lagoon as your group will need to walk to the Teaching Shelter before the program start time. Please see driving directions below for more information.

Prepare your students

1. **Name Tags:** Prior to arrival, divide your students into two groups if they are doing a nature forest program, and have each student wear a large, waterproof nametag. Students participating in the E.A.G.L.E. program will stay in one group and do not need to be divided; however, nametags are still helpful.
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 remind students of behaviour expectations and be sure the students are aware that this is an educational field trip in an "outdoor classroom". Respectful classroom behaviour is expected.

Role of the 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 and behaviour management. Suggested ratio is one adult to eight students.

Accommodation Requests

Please let us know how we can support accommodation requests, such as wearing a Frequency Modulation (FM) system, ensuring mobility access, or other. Programs at Francis/King Regional Park take place on the accessible Elsie King Trail which is a mix of gravel and a wooden boardwalk. Programs at Witty's Lagoon Regional Park take place on a gravel and soil trail that can have roots and be muddy, with one steep section from the main parking lot.



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Educators Guide and Safety Procedures

See Educators Guide on the CRD website for a detailed program description, BC Curriculum links and other helpful resources related to your program.

First Aid

While interpretive staff 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.

Meeting Locations and Driving Directions to:

Francis/King Regional Park

Meet your guide outside the Nature Centre

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. Allow approximately 20 minutes driving time from Victoria.

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

Meet your guide at the Teaching Shelter

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. 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 at the Teaching shelter, off the Lagoon Trail. Proceed down the main trail, turning left onto the Lagoon trail. Allow 15 minutes to walk down the trail. Buses are to park in the main park entrance parking lot on Metchosin Road during the program.



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