



# Falls Reserve Conservation area



#### **WELCOME to FALLS RESERVE CONSERVATION AREA!**

Thank you for choosing to visit the Falls this season.

- The Gatehouse is currently open: Monday to Thursday - 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday - 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Saturday - 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday - 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- To reach us at other times please send an email to falls@frca.on.ca or call 519-524-6429 (Toll Free: 1-877-325-5722) and leave a message. For general park questions or to report an issue, feel free to approach staff in the park.
- If there are no staff at the gatehouse when you arrive, campers with a prior reservation can open the gate using the access code listed in your booking reminder email. Staff will assist you later. Please note that campsites may not be ready for campers until 3:00 p.m. If you arrive without a campsite reservation, use the self-serve kiosk to purchase a campsite and open the gate. Locate a vacant campsite and staff will assist your later.
- Day-use visitors are asked to use the self-serve pay kiosk at the entrance. Please display your pass on your vehicle dash. Day-use entry 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Day-use visitors must leave the park by 10:00 p.m.

#### 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

- Renovations to the washroom building in the day-use area are underway. Showers are being added to this facility.
- 6 day-use picnic sites are located near the Falls. Reserve on-line for \$30 per day + park admission at myca.on.ca.
- Day-use admission can be paid on-line. Permits currently being issued from 5 a.m. till 8 p.m. Membership passes can also be purchased on-line. The pass is valid for day-use access for 1-year from the date of purchase and costs \$130.
- The pond has been stocked and is open for fishing during daylight hours. Some fish have been tagged and if you catch one you'll win a 1-year membership pass to the park.
  An Ontario fishing licence is required to fish in the pond and river. In addition, you need to purchase a pond fishing permit at the gatehouse. Children 12 & under do not need a permit. Catch-and-release only using barbless hooks.



#### SAFETY RULES

- Anyone using verbal or physical abuse towards park staff will be asked to leave the park property immediately. NO REFUNDS will be issued to visitors asked to leave as a result of being disrespectful or verbally or physically abusive towards staff.
- Alcohol may only be consumed on your campsite in a responsible manner.
- Activities such as improper language, barking dogs, and burning garbage disturbs other campers and seriously diminishes their camping experience. Be considerate of other campers. If you violate these general guidelines you may lose your camping privileges without refund.
- 2 dog maximum per campsite.
- Only one RV/trailer per campsite with a maximum of 3 total shelters per site (eg 3 tents or 2 tents and a RV/trailer).
- A total of 2 vehicles may park on one campsite. The second vehicle requires and Additional Vehicle permit.
- Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- Children under the age of 18 years must wear a helmet while riding a bicycle on park roadways.
- The maximum vehicle speed on paved sections of roadways is 25 km per hour. The maximum speed in campgrounds (gravel sections) is 5 km per hour. Please be considerate of others by driving slowly.
- Campfires permitted in designated fire pits only. Don't leave campfires unattended and extinguish at night.

#### **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

Park Office: 519-524-6429 Park Security: 519-525-6315

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911 Goderich Hospital: 519-524-8323 Clinton Hospital: 519-482-3447

Poison Information Centre: 1-800-268-9017

**Immediate Assistance:** In the event of a life-threatening or serious injury dial 911. Have someone meet emergency responders at the park entrance and direct them to the situation. After calling 911, it is VERY IMPORT ANT that you contact the park Gatehouse at 519-524-6429. Park staff are required to follow up on any situation where police, emergency medical services or hospital services have been required in the park. Please keep us informed!

**Park Address:** Falls Reserve Conservation Area,80900 Falls Reserve Line, Benmiller, ON **Nearest Intersection:** Londesborough Rd. (County Rd #31) and Lucknow Line (County Rd. #1)

#### **Severe Storm Emergencies**

If a severe weather warning is issued, be prepared to bring together everyone in your party and seek shelter in a safe, secure area. Washroom buildings would be considered a safer place to seek shelter. DO NOT seek shelter from a tornado in your tent, mobile trailer or vehicle. If you're not able to get to a washroom building, seek shelter in a low lying area away from hazards such as overhead power lines and trees. After the storm, staff will assess any personal injuries, hazards and damages and take necessary actions. Contact staff or tune into local radio stations for weather forecasts or potential storm threats

#### **First Aid and Emergencies**

First aid kits for the treatment of minor cuts and scrapes are located at the park offices and in each park vehicle. Trained staff can provide basic first aid on request. For serious accidents, staff will provide assistance and put you in touch with professional care.

Radio Stations: FM 104.9 Goderich, FM 101.7 Wingham, FM 94.5 Wingham, FM 95.5 Kincardine, AM 920 Wingham

### **GARBAGE & RECYCLING**

The Garbage and Recycling Centre has been relocated to the area across from Maple Campground. Domestic non-hazardous waste and recycling disposal is available to registered campers. Park staff do not provide campsite garbage pick-up. Small trash cans throughout the park are intended for the disposal of small singular garbage items only.

- Please remove all loose and bagged garbage from your campsite regularly and on your day of departure.
- DO NOT leave garbage outside overnight. It will attract unwanted wildlife.
- Washroom trash cans are for small items ONLY. These trash cans are not for campsite garbage.
- A fine of \$125 is imposed for littering, failing to keep your camp area clean and failing to leave your camp area in a natural condition.

## We accept the following items for disposal:

**General Campsite Garbage** - food and food utensil waste, non-recyclable food packaging, non-recyclable camp supply packaging and other non-hazardous waste.

Recyclable Materials - paper, cans, glass, plastic containers and cardboard. Clear recycling bags are available at the Gatehouse

## We DO NOT accept the following items for disposal:

**Construction or Renovation Materials -** old decks, wood products, bricks, sheds, shingles etc.

**Appliances -** fridges, freezers, stoves, air conditioners, BBQs etc.

**Large Items -** couches, mattresses, tables, chairs, carpet, furniture, bikes, etc.

Hazardous Waste - motor oil, antifreeze, batteries, cleaners, solvents, general chemicals, propane tanks including small green propane cylinders. These items should be taken to a proper hazardous waste disposal site outside of the Conservation Area. The Mid-Huron Recycling Centre, east of Holmesville on Hwy 8, is the nearest hazardous waste site (centralhuron.com).

