



# Falls Reserve Conservation Area

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# Welcome to Falls Reserve Conservation Area

On behalf of our staff, I welcome you to Falls Reserve Conservation Area; a 230 acre natural outdoor playground. This guide contains information to assist you during your visit. If you have questions please ask any of the Conservation Area staff.

Falls Reserve is a very special place. Over thousands of years the Maitland River has carved its way through the rock creating a rugged valley with steep limestone cliffs. Wide and shallow, the river cascades over a series of low waterfalls as it flows around the park.

Great family camping in a tranquil natural setting with spacious campsites, well maintained washrooms, free showers and a picnic pavilion are just some of the amenities Falls Reserve offers. While you're visiting the park take some time to swim in the waterfalls, fish along the Maitland River or at the stocked pond, walk the trails or relax by a campfire with family and friends.

Our trails are connected to the Maitland Trail system that extends from Auburn to Goderich. The new Goderich to Auburn Rail trail (GART) is also close by and is ideal for bicycling. Goderich beaches and lakefront boardwalk as well as shopping on the "Square" are only minutes away.

During your visit, please be considerate of others and respect the Conservation Area regulations. Keeping noise to a minimum and your pet leashed and under control will ensure everyone has an enjoyable stay.

Please feel free to connect with Conservation Area staff to let us know if your visit met your expectations. Your feedback is always appreciated and helps us provide visitors with the best possible service. Thanks for spending time at Falls Reserve, we look forward to seeing you again!

*Jason Moir*  
Park Superintendent



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Falls Reserve Conservation Area (FRCA) is owned and managed by the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA). The Conservation Area operates entirely on a cost recovery basis. Every dollar received, including park admissions and camping fees, goes directly back into FRCA operations including updates and improvements to facilities. No financial assistance is received from the MVCA for operations or infrastructure improvements.



# UPDATE

The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors is continuing to investigate options for the operation of Falls Reserve Conservation Area. In 2012, a consultant reviewed the environmental impacts and operations of the park and recommended several possible options for the facility. Based on this review, the Board made the decision to investigate leasing out FRCA operations and a Request for Proposals (RFP) process was completed in 2015. No proposals were received in response to the RFP and as a result, the Board directed staff to undertake a review of two additional scenarios for the property:

1. Continue to offer camping and day-use services with reduced operational costs and services. Staff will be investigating what services and expenses could be reduced while building the necessary revenues for future infrastructure updates and operations. Any suggested changes coming out of this review must meet MVCA regulations and comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment completed in 2012.

2. Operate the park as a day-use only facility. The review of this option will include assessing the costs associated with decommissioning infrastructure and identifying the potential impacts of a change to a day-use only operation.

When the reviews of these two scenarios are completed, the MVCA Board of Directors will use the information to guide their decisions regarding future operations at the park. Please email the MVCA at [maitland@mvca.on.ca](mailto:maitland@mvca.on.ca) if you have questions about this process or would like more information.

## Reserve Your Campsite

Reserve by calling 1-877-FALLSCA (1-877-325-5722) or on-line at <https://www.maitlandvalley.goingtocamp.com>

▶▶▶ **CAMPING SEASON: April 15 to October 16, 2106** ◀◀◀

### PROTECTING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

We value the trust of our visitors and recognize that we have the responsibility to be transparent and accountable in how we treat information visitors share with us. Personal information collected by FRCA is kept in confidence and is only used for the purpose for which it was collected. Personal information is not collected except when individuals specifically provide such information on a voluntary basis. Information collected by the FRCA is not made available to any other organization. Questions regarding the collection of personal information should be directed to:

**General Manager/Secretary Treasurer**  
Maitland Valley Conservation Authority  
Box 127, Wroxeter, Ontario N0G 2X0  
519-335-3557 or [maitland@mvca.on.ca](mailto:maitland@mvca.on.ca)

### RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

- All campsite reservations must be paid in full at the time of booking. A non-refundable reservation fee of \$10.00 (on-line) or \$15.00 (telephone) will be charged to each site reservation.
- Campsite reservations are held until noon of the day after your scheduled arrival date.
- Reservations cancelled 6 or fewer calendar days prior to scheduled arrival date will forfeit all fees.
- A 3-night minimum stay is required on **Victoria Day** (May 20 - 23), **Canada Day** (June 30 - July 3), **Civic** (July 29 - Aug. 1), **Labour Day** (Sept. 2 - 5) and **Thanksgiving** (Oct. 7 - 10) and a 2-night minimum stay on all other weekends from June 30th to August 31st. Refunds will not be issued during this time for a shortened stay.
- One vehicle permit is included with the campsite. All additional vehicles must purchase an Additional Vehicle Permit at time of campsite registration. The fee is \$13.00 per day per vehicle.
- There are no refunds due to inclement weather or insect pests.
- Maximum of 6 people per site including babies and children.

### SEASONAL SITES, GROUP SITES AND FACILITY RENTALS

All reservation must be made directly by calling **1-877-FALLSCA (325-5722)** or **519-524-6429**.

### RENEWING OR VACATING YOUR CAMPSITE

Check out time is 2:00pm on the date of permit expiry. Renewal is 12:00pm, subject to availability. Check in time is after 3:00pm.

*Visitors are welcome at Falls Reserve year round. Join us on **Family Day 2017** for a winter celebration.*





# Falls Reserve Conservation Area

Falls Reserve Conservation Area is located just minutes away from the Town of Goderich with a variety of attractions, including the Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol, golf courses, and terrific dining and shopping. The Lake Huron beaches offer excellent swimming, playgrounds, boardwalks and stunning sunsets. Brochures outlining area services and activities are available at the Gatehouse and at the Goderich Visitor Information Centre, Hamilton St. and Hwy. 21 N in Goderich (1 800-280-7637).

Falls Reserve Conservation Area is a complex and unique ecosystem. Located in the midst of the lower Maitland River valley, it provides habitat for a number of Species at Risk including the Queen Snake and Butternut tree.

The steep slopes of the river valley, particularly from Auburn to Goderich, are well vegetated and provide important wildlife habitat. Some of the Eastern White Cedar trees that cling to the exposed limestone cliffs are over 300 years old. This is probably the only old growth forest remaining in the Maitland watershed.

The lower Maitland River valley is also home to various plant species typically found in the more southern Carolinian zone. Some of these species include Butternut Hickory, Sycamore and Summer Grape. The area is also an important migratory bird route and a terrific spot for bird watching in spring and fall. Watch for Bald Eagles soaring over the lower Maitland River.



# 2016 PARK FEES (INCLUDES HST)

## NIGHTLY CAMPING

	Unserviced	Unserviced Tent Only	Serviced Water/15amp	Serviced Water/30 amp
Daily Rate	\$36.00	\$38.00	\$46.00	\$52.00
7-Night Rate	\$237.00	N/A	\$307.00	\$349.00

Additional Vehicle: \$13.00/day | Additional Motorcycle: \$7.00/day | Tow-in Vehicle: N/C

**Reservations & Cancellations:** On-line \$10.00, by phone \$15.00. Cancellation/Modification fee \$10.00 and is non-refundable. Cancellations made 6 days or less prior to arrival will be charged 2 nights rental fees. Additional penalties may also apply.

## SEASONAL CAMPING

April 15 – Oct. 16, 2016 (Max. 6 people)	Serviced Water/15amp	Serviced Water/30 amp
Full Season (cash or cheque)	\$2,100.00	\$2,350.00

No refunds and subject to reduced payment and refund policy.

## GROUP CAMPING

Per Night	Unserviced (River frontage) GROUP SITE #1	Unserviced (Standard) GROUP SITE #2	Serviced(Pavilion area) GROUP SITE #3
Campsite Rental	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$175.00

**Overnight Adult:** \$7.00 (addition to rental fee) | **Overnight Child:** \$3.00 (6 - 12 years), under 5 free

**Overnight Vehicle:** Included in Group Camping Fee | **Youth Group:** \$20.00 discount

**Reservations & Cancellations:** Full payment of campsite rental fee by phone at 1-877-325-5722. Site availability can be viewed at [maitlandvalley.goingtocamp.com](http://maitlandvalley.goingtocamp.com). Minimum penalty equal to the value of first night's fee on all cancellations. Cancellations made 6 days or less prior to arrival will be charged 2 nights Group Rental Fees. Additional penalties may also apply.

## DAY USE

Full Season Pass .....	\$90.00
Adult .....	\$7.00
Child (6 to 12 years) .....	\$3.00
Vehicle .....	\$15.00
Pedestrian Group Pass .....	\$10.00/group
Bus/Van (7+) .....	\$5.00/person
Bus (20+) .....	\$100.00/bus
Student/Education Events .....	\$2.50/person

## OTHER FEES

Trailer Storage .....	10.00/day
Trailer Relocation Fee (within park) .....	\$100.00
Site Clean-up (if litter is left on site) .....	\$125.00
Pavillion Rental (non-refundable) .....	\$80.00
Charcoal BBQ (charcoal not included) .....	\$ 30.00
Cedar Trellis .....	\$100.00
Portable Toilet Rental (book 2 days in advance) .....	TBA

## FIREWOOD

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is easily spread when firewood is moved. The movement of ash firewood is a great threat to our Conservation Area. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) encourages all firewood handlers to be informed of firewood movement restrictions. This information is available at [www.inspection.gc.ca/pests](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/pests). FRCA restricts the entry of all ASH FIREWOOD with bark-on, or signs of EAB, into the park. Firewood safe from EAB is available for sale in the park.

### How You Can Help

DO NOT bring or transport firewood into FRCA that is infested or from areas of infestation.

When purchasing firewood ensure it is local to the area and not from an infested area. If you have questions, speak with park staff or visit the Canadian Food Agency (CFIA) at: [www.inspection.gc.ca](http://www.inspection.gc.ca) or call 1-800-442-2342

### PARK FIREWOOD

The park offers bagged firewood for sale at the Gatehouse. Firewood purchased at the park is not to be transported out of the park. Wood found in the bush or near campsites may not be used as firewood. This includes living and dead wood. Campers found in violation could face a fine of \$125 or a park fee of \$125 and/or eviction from the Conservation Area.



# EVENTS



## APRIL 23

### Trout Season Opens on the Maitland River at FRCA

Check the Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary to confirm open season dates, catch limits and licencing information.

## APRIL 23 TO JUNE 25

### FRCA Stocked Trout Pond

Open to everyone. Park admission and pond permit required. Catch a tagged trout and win a prize. Daily catch limit of 2 trout per person. Pond open during daylight hours only.

## JUNE 25

### Bass Season Open on the Maitland River at FRCA

Check the Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary to confirm open season dates, catch limits and licencing information.

## JUNE 25, 7:00 a.m. TO 11:00 a.m.

### Family Fishing Derby

Come and catch a big at our stocked pond. Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters will be on-site with information and prizes. Youth age category prizes will be awarded.

## SEPTEMBER 4, 1:00 p.m.

### Campers Handcrafted Model Boat Race

Build your own model boat and race it down the Maitland River. Meet at Group Camp #1. Check with park staff for more information.

## OCTOBER 7 - 10

### Thanksgiving Fun

We're celebrating fall with a variety of fun Thanksgiving activities. Join our campers and carve a pumpkin, decorate your campsite or trick or treat. Check with park staff for more information.

## INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

Falls Reserve relies solely on you, our customers, to sustain our operation. Your camping dollars are at work for you! Infrastructure projects are completed as park revenues allow. Below are listed some of the large projects undertaken in recent years.

### YEAR PROJECT

2005	Drinking water system upgrades to meet provincial standards, new well pump and water supply lines installed, water treatment equipment installed.
2009	Main switch installed on the hydro corridor entering the park. This enables staff to control the hydro for maintenance and for immediate response during emergencies. Maintenance of hydro line corridor completed.
2011	Campsite renumbering and new permit holders installed. Environmental Impact Assessment of property completed.
2012	On-line reservation system launched.
2013	Roofs replaced on all park buildings.
2014	Extensive upgrades to day-use washroom facility including installation of low flush toilets, new sinks and countertops, and painting of interior. Maintenance to all campsite hydro services.
2015	Extensive upgrades to Mennesetung and Sycamore washroom facilities including installation of low flush toilets, new sinks, faucets, countertops and painting of interiors. Exterior of Sycamore building painted and new low-energy lighting fixtures installed.



## POISON IVY

### Leaves of Three, Let It Be – Berries White, Take Flight

Poison Ivy is found in many areas of the park, especially at forest edges, trails, river banks and campsites. Each plant is composed of three leaflets. The central leaflet has a longer stalk with two side leaflets. Leaves are often shiny and somewhat reddish. Small clusters of whitish green flowers appear in June and early July. The oil from this plant can cause an itchy rash if it comes in contact with your skin and is transferable from your boots, clothing, camping gear and pet fur. If you come in contact with the plant, wash with cold water. Hot water opens pores letting the oil in.

Although Poison Ivy can be a nuisance to visitors, it is an important food source for many native birds and animals and shares habitat with other plant species. In the park it is not controlled beyond the edges of trails and campsites.

# SERVICES & FACILITIES



## REGISTRATION & GATEHOUSE

Campground entrance. Hours are posted at Gatehouse. Firewood, ice and bait available.

*When the office is closed please use honour pay system to register. Call 519-524-6429 to leave message or reach staff assistance.*



## SHOWERS

Open 24 hours. Located in the Mennesetung and Sycamore washrooms.

*Free use to campers and day-use visitors. Please ensure your shower stall is clean when you are finished.*



## CAMPGROUND

**Camping season:** April 15 to October 16.

**Quiet Hours:** 10:00 pm to 8:00 am.

190 sites, (122 serviced, 48 seasonal),  
3 Group sites.

*Maximum campsite occupancy of 6 persons, maximum parking of 2 vehicles ONLY. Please keep your pet on a leash. Please keep your campsite clean and ensure your campsite is free of garbage at time of check-out.*



## DRINKING WATER

Safe drinking water is available throughout the campground 24 hours. Trailer Water Filling located near Group Camping area.

*Please use washroom sinks for brushing teeth and washing hands ONLY. Wash dishes at your campsite in a bucket of water, NOT at the water tap post location.*



## DAY USE & PICNIC AREA

8:00 am to 10:00 pm daily. Adjacent to pavilion, falls, pond and washroom.

*Please keep your pet on a leash. Vehicle parking at designated day-use parking areas ONLY. Day-use vehicles are not to be parked at campsites.*



## GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Located at the Pond area, available to registered campers for park generated waste only.

*DO NOT leave campsite garbage in washroom trash cans or at your site. To discourage wildlife, please take your garbage to the Garbage & Recycling Centre each day before dark.*



## TRAILS

Maitland Trail (white) and Blue Loop Trail (blue). By entering trail systems you assume all risks and responsibility for your own safety.

*Trail use is limited to walking and bicycling ONLY. Please do not litter and respect the rights of other trail users.*



## TRAILER DUMPING STATION

Adjacent to maintenance building, available to registered campers.

*Dumping station system is limited in size; please help us minimize its use as well as the amount of harmful waste treatment additives entering this system.*



## STOCKED FISH POND

Daytime only. Located just past the Gatehouse.

**Trout:** April 23 to September 30

**Bass:** June 25 to October 16

*Permit must be in your possession while fishing. A 2 fish limit, per day, per permit. Catch and release of bass under 12". Injured fish are considered part of your catch limit. Failure to comply with rules will result in loss of pond privileges and/or catch limit.*



## EMERGENCY

Dial 911

### Park Address:

Falls Reserve Conservation Area  
80900 Falls Reserve Line, Benmiller



## WASHROOMS

Open 24 hours. Located in the Mennesetung and Sycamore campgrounds and the Chippewa Day Use area.

*NO SMOKING or pets in the washrooms. Children should be supervised when in or around washrooms. Please help to keep our washroom clean.*



## HORSESHOE RENTALS

Available at Gatehouse Office. Check for posted hours of operation.

*First come, first served. \$5.00 rental fee with \$20 deposit. Rentals are signed out and returned to the Gatehouse Office or park staff.*

# Fishing at Falls Reserve Conservation Area



The Maitland River offers excellent angling opportunities and is well known for spring and fall steelhead and rainbow trout fishing. The river also offers terrific smallmouth bass fishing during the summer months. Other fish species commonly found in the river at Falls Reserve include salmon, rock bass, pumpkinseed, white sucker and carp. Less common species include pike, walleye, brown bullhead, brown trout and lake trout.

The park pond is stocked each spring with rainbow trout and also contains a sustainable largemouth bass population. A permit is required to fish in the pond. Permits can be purchased at the Gatehouse Office. Beginning June 25th, children under 12-years of age practicing catch-and-release do not require a permit. A daily limit of two trout per permit is enforced. Catch-and-release is required for all bass caught that are less than 12 inches in length. The use of barbless hooks is also required. If a fish caught in the pond is badly injured, please do not return it to the pond. It should be claimed as your catch. Please respect the rules of the pond so we can continue this program for everyone to enjoy.

## Rules to Remember

- Respect other anglers and non-anglers alike. Use caution near swimmers.
- DO NOT LITTER.
- Be familiar with fishing regulations.
- Do not disturb smallmouth and largemouth bass on spawning beds during the closed season. If you catch a bass or other fish in a spawning area, please move to another location in the river. Removing bass from spawning beds leaves their young vulnerable to predation.
- Practice catch-and-release; fishing with barbless hooks and returning fish to the water quickly and without harm increases their chances of survival. All fish endure elevated stress levels when caught.



## Daily Pond Fishing Fees

Adult (13 to 54 years): \$8.00

Child (5 to 12 years): \$4.00  
(April 23 to June 24 trout only)

Child (5 to 12 years): N/C  
(June 25 to October 16 catch and release only)

## OF AH TACKLESHARE PROGRAM

### No fishing equipment? No problem!

Falls Reserve Conservation Area has angling equipment for visitors thanks to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters TackleShare program. It's easy, simply sign out a rod and reel and an assortment of tackle from the Gatehouse Office. When finished, return the equipment so that others can enjoy it.



# Conservation Area Regulations

(R.R.O. 1990, REGULATION 117, MADE PURSUANT TO THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT)

There is one basic rule in the Conservation Area - have respect and consideration for your fellow park patrons and the park environment. The following table lists some of the common rules enforced in the Conservation Area. Under the Conservation Authorities Act, the permit holder is responsible for the conduct of all occupants and could be charged with an offence or immediately evicted from the Conservation Area based on actions of an occupant on the registered campsite.

	PERMITTED ACTIVITIES	PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES
CONDUCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Camping at Falls Reserve should be a peaceful, enjoyable family camping experience.</li> <li>Quiet hours 10:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.</li> <li><b>No radios during these hours</b></li> <li><b>No excessive noise at anytime</b></li> <li><b>No excessive radios or audio devices at any time and at the discretion of the Superintendent/Designate</b></li> <li><b>Check out at 2:00 p.m. on date your permit expires.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Making excessive noise or disturbing other people</li> <li>Using abusive and/or insulting language towards an MVCA employee or a registered patron in the conservation area</li> </ul> <p><b>Minimum fine \$150.00 and/or eviction</b></p>
MAXIMUM PEOPLE/VEHICLES PER SITE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A maximum of <b>6</b> people can occupy a campsite.</li> <li>One vehicle permit is included with your campsite.</li> <li>Additional vehicles requires the purchase an additional vehicle permit.</li> <li>Maximum two vehicles per site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than 6 people occupying a site.</li> </ul> <p><b>Minimum fine \$75.00</b> <b>Minimum fine \$50.00 (Trespass to Property Act)</b></p>
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alcohol may <b>ONLY</b> be consumed on your campsite.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drinking alcohol or possessing open alcohol containers in any area other than your campsite</li> <li>No alcohol consumption in the day-use areas</li> </ul> <p><b>Minimum fine \$50.00 (Trespass to Property Act) and/or eviction</b></p>
PETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pets are welcome in the Conservation Area, but must be leashed (max. 2 metres) and under your control at all times. Please "Stoop and Scoop" after your pet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permitting animal to disturb other persons</li> <li>Permitting animal to be at large</li> <li>Permitting animal to make excessive noise</li> <li>Pets are prohibited in the pond or from entry into park buildings</li> </ul> <p><b>Minimum fine \$75.00 and/or pet removed (evicted) from the park</b></p>
DRIVING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please observe the speed limits posted throughout the Conservation Area. Maximum speed through the campground is 5 km/hr.</li> </ul> <p><b>No golf carts, ATV's, Segways, etc</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operating motor vehicle in excessive speed and/or in violation of the Highway Traffic Act or the Conservation Authorities Act.</li> </ul> <p><b>Minimum fine \$125.00</b></p>
PARK PROPERTY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All vegetation, wildlife and natural features are protected in the Conservation Area. Help protect the Conservation Area environment for future visitors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Damaging, destroying or removing property</li> <li>Cutting or removing growth</li> <li>Removing dead wood or tinder (twigs) from bush is prohibited</li> </ul> <p><b>Minimum fine \$125.00 and/or eviction</b></p>
LITTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garbage cans are located throughout the day use areas. There is a Garbage and Recycling area near the pond for campers to take their garbage to. Please use these facilities to discourage raccoons and other wildlife from becoming pests.</li> </ul> <p><b>Campsites must be clean and tidy at all times.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Littering</li> <li>Failing to keep camp area clean</li> <li>Failing to leave camp area in natural condition</li> </ul> <p><b>Minimum fine \$125.00 and/or eviction</b></p>
CAMPFIRES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fires permitted only in designated areas. Firewood is available for sale at the gatehouse. <b>DO NOT</b> remove growth of any kind or dead wood found in the bush area for fires. Transporting firewood can pose a great threat to our woodlots and forests.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unlawfully starting fire</li> <li>Leaving fire unattended</li> <li>Leaving fire site before fire is extinguished</li> </ul> <p><b>Minimum fine \$150.00</b></p>
FIREARMS/FIREWORKS/HUNTING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To protect both visitors and wildlife, <b>NO</b> firearms or fireworks are permitted within the Falls Reserve Conservation Area. Hunting or pursuing wildlife is prohibited.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unlawfully possessing, discharging or shooting firearms</li> <li>Unlawfully possessing or igniting fireworks</li> <li>Unlawfully killing, trapping or pursuing wildlife</li> </ul> <p><b>Minimum fine \$150.00 and/or eviction</b></p>
VISITORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Day use visitors are admitted from dawn to 10:00 p.m. Campground visitors are admitted from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily; no visitors will be admitted after 8:00 p.m. Visitors must vacate the property by 10:00 p.m. nightly. Hours may be restricted at other times at staff discretion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unlawfully remaining after closing hour</li> <li>Entering after closing hours</li> <li>Remaining in day-use permit area after check-out time</li> </ul> <p><b>Minimum fine \$125.00</b></p>

The Conservation Authorities Act and other legislation governing behaviour can be reviewed at the Gatehouse Office and on the e-laws website at [www.e-laws.gov.on.ca](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca). Park Officers and staff have the authority to charge or evict persons in the Conservation Area found to be in violation of an offence. Evicted visitors do not receive a refund and will be prohibited from visiting the property for a period of up to 3 years.

## A Barking Dog is Not a Happy Camper

Pets are welcome at Falls Reserve and camping can be a great way to spend time with your dog. Please remember, however, the Conservation Area is new territory for your dog. This may result in excessive barking or changes in behaviour. Please follow these rules to ensure other visitors are not disturbed by your pet's behaviour.

### Dog Rules

- All pets must always be under control and secured on a leash not exceeding two metres (6 ft.) in length
- Your pet must not be left unattended or left without adequate food, water and shelter
- Do not permit your pet to make excessive noise or disturb other people
- Always stoop and scoop to keep our Conservation Area clean
- In the interest of public health, pets are not allowed in showers or washroom facilities
- For the safety of your pet, exercise caution around wildlife and never let your pet chase wildlife

If your pet is found to be violating any of these rules, you may receive a verbal or written warning. To ensure public safety, the Superintendent or designate may request that the offending pet be removed from the property. Your pet's behaviour could result in termination of your day-use or camping permit. Pet owners that do not comply with park regulations may face fines and possible park eviction.



## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Goderich Hospital: 519-524-8323

Clinton Hospital: 519-482-3447

Poison Information Center: 1-800-268-9017

### 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)

After calling 911, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** 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!

### 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 as 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 potential hazards. 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.

### LOCAL RADIO STATIONS

FM 104.9 - The Beach, Goderich

FM 101.7 - The One, Wingham

FM 94.5 - Classic Rock, Wingham

FM 93.5 - CBC London

AM 920 - CKNX Wingham

## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Park Garbage and Recycling Centre is located on the main road leading out of the Conservation Area at the pond parking area. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to drop off your garbage and recycling as needed throughout your visit. Our staff DO NOT provide campsite pick-up.

### Rules to Remember

1. Please remove all loose and bagged garbage from your campsite regularly and on your day of departure.
2. DO NOT leave garbage outside during the evening or overnight. It will attract unwanted wildlife.
3. Washroom trash cans are for small items ONLY. These trash cans are not for campsite garbage.
4. 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.
5. If garbage or litter is left behind on your campsite when your permit expires, you may be charged a site clean-up fee of \$125 and have your camping privileges revoked until payment is received.

**THANK YOU**  
for helping to keep our  
Conservation Area clean!

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) Information on where to dispose of the above items is available at the Gatehouse Office.

**Recycling** - Dispose of recyclables in the container bins at the Garbage and Recycling Centre. Recyclable material includes paper, cans, glass and plastic containers and cardboard. Clear bags are available at the Gatehouse Office for recyclable materials disposal use.

**Propane Cylinders** - Used propane cylinders are hazardous material and should not be reaching landfill sites. Please don't dispose of them in the park garbage dumpsters. Used propane cylinders should be taken to the hazardous waste disposal site in your home community. Visit [www.makethedrop.ca](http://www.makethedrop.ca) for info. Please consider making the best choice for the environment, don't use disposable propane cylinders.