



# Falls Reserve CONSERVATION AREA



*Celebrating 50 Years of Family Camping*  
 ————— 1970 - 2020 —————

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

We're excited to finally be open for the 2020 camping season. This year is the 50th anniversary of Falls Reserve, and it's certainly a year we'll remember!

As a result of the COVID-19 virus we have adjusted park operations to help protect the health of visitors and staff. We are following provincial directives on COVID-19 and monitoring advice from Huron Perth Public Health.

We need the cooperation of all visitors to ensure the park remains open for camping this season. Please follow the camping rules and respect other visitors.

- Anyone feeling sick or showing symptoms of COVID-19 must not enter the Conservation Area.
- 6 people maximum per campsite, including children and infants.
- Single household or social circle per campsite (maximum of 6 people). Visitor gatherings on a campsite may not exceed 10 people to maintain physical distancing.
- Maintain a physical distance of 2 metres on trails, in the day use area, in the swimming area, while waiting for the washroom etc.
- Only one household, social circle or individual at a

time may use the washroom facilities. Please be considerate and wait your turn.

- Washrooms will be closed during posted times for cleaning and maintenance. A yellow barricade is placed around the washrooms when they are being cleaned. Please don't cross the barricade.
- It takes approximately 1 hour to clean and disinfect each washroom. Each washroom is cleaned several times a day. We realize this will be inconvenient but it is absolutely necessary if the park is to remain open.
- Day use permits issued from 9 am to 6 pm. Day use visitors may stay in the park until 8 pm.
- Showers and playground equipment will remain closed for the season.
- Group campsites have reopened with some restrictions. Reservations must be made by emailing falls@frca.on.ca . Reservations are required for group campsites.
- The fishing pond has reopened for children and youth fishing only. The pond is open during daylight hours. Youth 13 - 17 require a \$4 daily fishing permit available at the gatehouse. Children 12 and under do not need a permit. Catch and release only using barbless hooks.

## SAFETY RULES

- Falls Reserve has a zero tolerance policy regarding:
  - not following physical distancing and social bubble provincial directives
  - abuse towards staff or other park users
- 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 can disturb other campers and seriously diminish 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 an 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 firepits only. Don't leave campfires unattended and extinguish at night.

### 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)

**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 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 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.

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING

The Garbage and Recycling Centre is located at the pond parking area. Domestic non-hazardous waste and recycling disposal is available to registered campers. Park staff do not provide campsite garbage pick-up. Small brown 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](http://centralhuron.com)).

