

General Information

Program Length:

Staff-led programs are half a day in duration (i.e., AM or PM). Teachers are welcome to spend the remainder of the day in the park with their class. Park Staff would be glad to recommend appropriate activities.

Group Size:

Maximum group size will depend on staffing levels at the park, but we would prefer one interpreter for every 20 students.

Chaperones:

Due to the hands on nature of the program, we recommend one chaperone for every 10 students (or if possible every 5).

Teachers and chaperones will be expected to maintain discipline.

Dress:

Students must be prepared for the weather; wind and rainproof jackets are essential. Sturdy footwear is recommended.

Lunches:

Everyone should bring their own lunch and snacks. No food is available in the park.

Directions:

MacGregor Point is located 5 minutes south of Port Elgin, 1 Concession West of Highway #21.

How to Book a Program

Bookings can be made by calling 519 - 389 - 6231 or 519 - 389 - 6232.

When you call to make a booking, you will need the following information:

- School address, with postal code
- Grade and number of students and adults attending
- Name and phone number of contact person
- Preferred dates and times (i.e. AM/PM) for the visit

You will receive a confirmation email/phone call within 10 days of your booking. If you must cancel, please notify us as soon as possible.

Camping

Bring your class to MacGregor Point to experience the adventures of camping. Our group campsites and individual campsites are available for school use throughout the fall, winter and spring.

Contact us for more information

519 - 389 - 6231 or 519 - 389 - 6232
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MacGregor Point Provincial Park



2012/2013 School Programs



Through hands-on activities and hikes, students can experience the natural environment of the Park while developing an understanding and appreciation for our natural world.

Classified as a Natural Environment Park, MacGregor Point protects and conserves important natural features of the Lake Huron shoreline while providing outstanding recreational and educational experiences.

One of the natural features MacGregor Point is known for is the "Huron Fringe". This post-glacial feature was created by the receding of glacial Lake Algonquin. As the lake settled, becoming what is now Lake Huron, it left in its path a series of bluffs and beach ridges. These features, combined with impermeable clay soils have acted to obstruct drainage on the lake plain. A series of wetlands have thus been formed inland from the shore, running roughly parallel to the lake. These wetlands form the most biologically sensitive areas on the property, providing habitat for many unique plants and animals.



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Interpretive Programs

Moving in Nature

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Nature Appreciation and Awareness

Fascinating features of wildlife and the park itself are the main focus of this program. Through interactive activities students will learn about how and why animals move the way they do in their specific environment, and the signs they leave behind. Students will participate in a short hike along with hands on activities.

Making Sense of Nature

Grade 1

Needs & Characteristics of Living Things

The exploration of the natural world around us is the focus of this program, with emphasis on the use of varied senses for observation and investigation. The needs of all living things will be identified and discussed. A mix of indoor and outdoor activities will provide students with the opportunity to use all of their senses while exploring the park

Raised in the Wild

Grade 2

Growth and Changes in Animals

The life cycle and growth of animals is the focus of this program. Investigation of a variety of animal groups will provide comparison of how they live and grow over the course of the program. Students will participate in a variety of interactive activities, both inside and outside.

Green Growing Machines

Grade 3

Growth and Changes in Plants

The effects of season, changes throughout a complete lifecycle, relationships between plants and animals and major parts of a plant and their functions will be covered during this interactive program. Students will participate in demonstrations and guided hikes.

Home Sweet Home

Grade 4

Habitats and Communities

All living things have a habitat, including humans. But what is a habitat? This question and many more will be answered as we explore the habitats of MacGregor Point. Ecosystems, communities and the inter-relationships of plants and animals found in these habitats will also be focused on.

The Glacier's Garbage

Grade 4/5

Rocks, Minerals and Erosion

13,000 years ago, this land was covered with an ice cube over 2km thick (a.k.a. a glacier)! As this melted, it left in its path distinct landforms full of unique features. During this program, we'll explore the leftovers of geological processes from times past, including rocks and minerals, fossils, erosion by water and much more.

Weather on the Fringe

Grade 5

Properties of and Changes in Matter

Weather has had a large impact on the formation of the Huron Fringe, located within MacGregor Point. Through investigation of the water and carbon cycles, students will gain an understanding of changes in states of matter. Students will also identify major weather systems and how they impact the natural environment.

Classify. But Why?

Grade 6

Biodiversity

Classification is a major theme for this program, looking at how and why we classify natural resources like plants and animals. A hands-on approach to the topic will be taken as we investigate both aquatic (pond study) and terrestrial (tree ID) ecosystems. Students may explore and look at either aquatic or terrestrial ecosystems.

Ecosystems in Action

Grade 7/8

Interactions in the Environment

Ecosystems are in a constant state of change. Students will investigate how these changes are caused by both nature and human activities. Through discussion and presentations students will identify how human intervention has the potential to alter the environment and our need to be aware of such impacts.

The Day Use Fee is **\$53.75 per school bus** or **\$10.75 per car** until **June 22, 2012**. Fees are subject to change. Please confirm prior to arrival.

Cheques should be made payable to **MINISTER OF FINANCE** and payment made to the gate staff upon entering the park.