

Conservation Education Programs

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ABCA Conservation Education Programs



The **Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA)** provides outdoor, classroom and Camp Sylvan conservation education experiences which are designed by professional educators to meet educational expectations of the Ontario Curriculum with a range of prices to suit most budgets. This booklet provides a description of each conservation education program offered by the ABCA. A chart found in the middle of this booklet provides an overview of programs and the subjects covered in each program as well as the season in which they are offered. Information on booking a conservation education experience can be found at the back of this booklet. Many of the programs listed can be adapted to suit your specific interests and needs of your classroom.

Teacher Testimonials

"Everything was fabulous! The guides were very well prepared with appropriate materials and info for this age group. Thank-you!"

Sacred Heart School, Bodacious Bugs & Awesome Arachnids, Grade 1, 2 & 3

"We had a great time at Camp Sylvan. I would definitely bring another class back!"

Central Perth Elementary School, Camp Sylvan, Grade 7

"The students, volunteers and teacher enjoyed the field trip. The content and activities were a wonderful reinforcement for what was learned in class. Great teaching strategies used by the instructor."

Exeter P.S., Puddles & Pollywogs, Grade 2

"Our guide was very knowledgeable and took advantage of 'teachable moments' to enhance our visit."

Adelaide W.G. MacDonald P.S., Fantastic Fossils & Species at risk, Grade 4, 5 & 6

"Please make sure the instructor gets a pat on the back – the kids loved her. She was great and I would recommend it to other people."

St. Boniface School, Winter Environmental Activities, Grade 4, 6 & 7

"Kids love it, leaders adapt programming on the fly. Thanks again for the excellent student experience. The instructor was great, very enthusiastic and knowledgeable with the kids. Looking forward to next year!"

Holmesville P.S., Camp Sylvan, Grade 7

"Program and Staff = Excellent."

Victoria P.S., Camp Sylvan, Grade 7

"Again, we all had a great time. I heard from some students that this was 'the most fun they'd had in gym!' I look forward to booking this again. Thanks so much!"

Parkhill West Williams P.S., Snowshoeing, Grade 5, 6 & 7

Benefits of Outdoor Experiential Education (OEE)

“There is overwhelming evidence that OEE benefits young people in terms of education for understanding, education for character, education for well-being and education for the environment. As a result of past and current research, there is compelling evidence for OEE to be an essential part of education for the future.

OEE for understanding: Among other things, students involved with OEE demonstrate an increased enthusiasm for learning, improved academic performance and increased critical thinking skills.

OEE for character: Many character traits and social skills are enhanced as a result of OEE. These include creativity, maturity, self-motivation, cooperation, communication and decision making.

OEE for wellbeing: OEE promotes lifelong physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. Time spent outdoors relates directly to increased fitness and ability to focus.

OEE for the environment: OEE exposes youth to the natural world and in turn developing strong first-hand connections and experiences which are important to a healthy and sustainable future.”

Excerpts from Foster, A. & Linney, G. (2007). Reconnecting children through outdoor education: A research summary. Toronto, Ontario: The Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario

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****In addition to programs listed, a regular outdoor program may be delivered in your school yard (depending on site). ABCA can also develop and deliver specialized programs to meet curriculum needs including: animals and plants of the ABCA watershed; life in spring or winter; Earth Day tree planting or other special event presentations. Activities can include multimedia presentations, games and hands-on nature activities. Please contact the ABCA for more information.**

Call 1-888-286-2610 or 519-235-2610 or email info@abca.on.ca



ABCA Conservation Education Programs



ABCA Programming Locations

Conservation Areas (C.A.)

Ausable River Cut C.A.	9984 Northville Crescent, Northville
Bannockburn C.A.	76249 Bannockburn Line, Brucefield
Clinton C.A.	77960 London Road, Clinton
Morrison Dam C.A. – Pavilion	71042 Morrison Line, Exeter
Morrison Dam C.A. – Workshop/Office	71108 Morrison Line, Exeter
Parkhill C.A.	32952 Centre Road, Parkhill
Rock Glen C.A.	8680 Rock Glen Road, Arkona

Camp Sylvan – Scouts Canada Property

Camp Sylvan	32098 Scout Road, Thedford
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Watershed Schools

Ailsa Craig:	McGillivray Central Public School
Brucefield:	Huron Centennial School
Clinton:	Central Huron Secondary School St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School Clinton Christian School Clinton Public School St. Joseph's School
Crediton:	Stephen Central Public School
Dashwood:	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Dublin:	St. Columban School St. Patrick's School
Exeter:	South Huron District High School Exeter Public School Precious Blood School Usborne Central School
Grand Bend:	Grand Bend Public School
Hensall:	Hensall Public School
Lucan:	Wilberforce Public School
Nairn:	East Williams Memorial Public School
Parkhill:	North Middlesex District High School Parkhill-West Williams Public School Sacred Heart School
Seaforth:	Seaforth Public School St. James School
Strathroy:	Adelaide-W.G. MacDonald Public School
Thedford:	Bosanquet Central Public School
Zurich:	Zurich Public School St. Boniface School



*ABCA education staff will come to your
schoolyard or classroom!*



ABCA Conservation Education Program Policies



Critters in the classroom!



Loading up the bus after camp!



Digging, looking, learning!

Program Cancellation Policy:

Notice of the cancellation must be given at least five business days prior to the scheduled trip. Without five business days of notification, an invoice for 50 per cent of the total cost of your cancelled trip will be mailed to the school.

Severe Weather Program Cancellation Policy:

In the event of severe weather conditions (e.g., wind chill, high winds, snow storms, freezing rain and thunderstorms) and school closures, your class trip will be cancelled and rescheduled to the earliest date possible.

If severe weather conditions or a school closure falls on your scheduled day, please contact the ABCA at 1-888-286-2610 or 519-235-2610, to cancel your trip.

Press "0" to record a message in the general mailbox anytime before 8:30 a.m. or after 4:30 p.m. ABCA education staff will contact you, as soon as possible, to confirm the cancellation and if possible reschedule the program.

Programs may be cancelled at the discretion of the ABCA education staff if severe weather suddenly arises just before or during an outdoor program.

Fees for programs which have been cancelled due to severe weather will be modified according to the situation.

Late Arrival Policy:

ABCA education staff reserve the right to cancel a program if groups are more than 15 minutes late.

ABCA Risk Management Policy:

The ABCA recognizes that there is some level of risk inherent to any activity. The ABCA staff have examined all conservation education programs with consideration given to the Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) guidelines.

Student Misconduct Policy:

Teachers and adults are reminded to remain with the class during the program to ensure and maintain respectful student behaviour. Student discipline is the responsibility of the teacher in accordance with school board policies.



Outdoor Program Descriptions (listed in alphabetical order)



Get your hands dirty!

ABC's of Ecosystems Hike ***— Intermediate, Senior***

Abiotic, Biotic and the Connections that make up ecosystems will be investigated. While hiking along the Ausable River ecosystem, overall watershed health and human impacts will be discussed and explored through hands-on activities.

Animal Critters Walk — Primary

Through first-hand discovery, students will find out about local animals' characteristics and adaptations throughout their life cycle. Other activities will focus on the importance of protecting animals and where they live.

Backyard Biodiversity Hike

— Junior, Intermediate, Senior

By visiting different habitats, students will discover and learn to classify diverse local flora and fauna. Students will consider different perspectives of human impacts on the environment and gain an appreciation for biodiversity found in their own backyard.

Biomimicry: Innovation Inspired by Nature ***— Intermediate***

The natural world is sustainable in every way! Come learn about how nature's functions, designs and processes of natural systems are imitated to create new technologies and materials which help to solve human problems.

Bodacious Bugs & Awesome Arachnids

— Junior, Intermediate, Senior

The diverse and exciting life of insects and arachnids await! Through collecting, identifying, classifying and observing adaptations, students will learn about the important role these six and eight-legged critters play within local ecosystems.



Time for a bug safari!

Down Under — Primary, Junior

Don't treat soil like dirt! What is soil? Students gain increased awareness through hands-on activities including: examining different soil types, erosion and erosion control and looking for critters that call soil home.

Outdoor Program Descriptions

Eco-Hike

– Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Grab your hiking shoes and refillable water bottle. This general ecology hike filled with hands-on props and activities can be easily adapted to any grade level, specific ecosystem, flora, or fauna to complement classroom studies.

Environmental Team Building

– Junior, Intermediate, Senior

The natural environment offers excellent opportunities for team-building initiatives. Students will learn the foundations of good leadership through discussion, reflection and numerous outdoor activities. This program is designed to help the group focus on developing skills such as communication, trust, self-esteem, decision-making and problem-solving while having fun!

Fantastic Fossils

– Junior, Intermediate, Senior

What did Southern Ontario look like 350 million years ago? Learn about the sedimentary rocks and formations found at Rock Glen. Students will explore the Arkona Lions Museum and Information Centre then hike down through the millions of years of history into the Ausable Gorge in search of Devonian fossils.

Get the FYI on GPS – Intermediate, Senior

Students are introduced to the basic theory and operation of Global Positioning Systems. Students will venture out with GPS units to complete an exciting conservation-focused ‘geocaching’ course.

Go Wild! Survival Game

– Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Playing this dynamic role-playing activity, students will “become” forest herbivores, omnivores, or carnivores. In order to survive, animals must find food and water, while avoiding predators, disease and human influence. This classic game is popular and a good choice for a thrilling first-hand learning experience.



Team-building...



Rock Glen Falls!

ABCA Conservation Education Programs



Outdoor Program Descriptions (listed in alphabetical order)



A beautiful fall hike at Morrison Dam C.A.!



Discover what lives in the water!

Habitat Hike – Junior

Students become “Habitat Explorers” and will discover how animals and plants find what they need for survival and how they are interdependent on each other.

Habitat Improvements: Bluebird or Bat Boxes – Junior

Students will safely build their very own bluebird or bat box after learning about the ecology of local bat or bluebird populations, as well as habitat requirements and threats of each species.

Note: There is an additional fee for materials.

Living World Walk – Primary

Discover the exciting things local critters and plants are doing during different seasons - fall, winter or spring. This fun-filled program includes games and role-playing activities about adapting to seasonal changes.

Mathematics in Nature – Primary, Junior

Math can be seen all around us! Learn about how most of our knowledge of mathematics is based on observations of our environment. The outdoors has plenty of opportunity to observe patterning, symmetry, geometry and complete exercises using measurement, collecting and recording information.

May the Forest Be With You – Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Learn how to identify common trees and how animals depend on these producers. Discover how people rely on trees, their environmental importance and how trees are used in different stewardship practices.

Puddles & Pollywogs – Primary, Junior

Get your rubber boots ready, the pond is overflowing with life! Students will gain first-hand experience through use of dip nets to collect aquatic critters. Classification, adaptations, life cycles, food chains and water quality are discussed.

Outdoor Program Descriptions

Runners of the Woods – Junior, Intermediate

Students are taken on a journey back in time to discuss the historical fur trade in Canada. Students will take part in an active simulation game in the forest, playing the role of a fur trader in Canada, searching for pelts to trade for goods.

Sand Dune Succession Hike – Junior, Intermediate, Senior

At the Ausable River Cut Conservation Area, see and learn how over the course of hundreds of years, a single grain of sand can eventually become a part of a mature Oak/Cedar Savanna forest. Throughout this hike, students will learn about the rare flora and fauna of this unique ecosystem.

Seeds, Weeds & Wildflowers – Primary

Through a hike and an exciting game of plant survival, students will further develop their investigation, observation and comparison skills. Concepts discussed include: plant identification and classification; growth cycles; interdependence between plants, trees and animals; as well as society's reliance on plants.

Snowshoeing – Junior, Intermediate, Senior

We offer many opportunities for your students to experience this popular traditional Canadian activity. ABCA staff can come to your school and lead a 1 or 2 hour outdoor snowshoe program OR schools can rent snowshoes for the day OR classes can go to Morrison Dam C.A. for a 2 hour ABCA-instructed snowshoe program. For instructed programs, students will be given an overview of the history and importance of snowshoeing in Canada. Students will also learn a variety of techniques and test out their newly acquired skills through participation in snowshoeing games and activities.



Seeing first-hand formations of rock and the fossils found in them!



Modern and traditional snowshoes for rent!

ABCA Conservation Education Programs



ABCA Conservation Education Program Chart

Division	Primary			X				X	X			
	Junior				X		X	X	X	X	X	
	Intermediate	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X
	Senior	X	X		X		X		X	X	X	X
Conservation Education Program Name		ABC's of Ecosystems Hike	Amazing Groundwater Adventures	Animal Critters Walk	Backyard Biodiversity Hike	Biomimicry: Innovation Inspired by Nature *	Bodacious Bugs & Awesome Arachnids	Down Under	Eco-Hike	Environmental Team Building	Fantastic Fossils	Get the FYI on GPS *
Program Type	Outdoor Program	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	At Your School		X							X		
Subject	Geography	X	X						X		X	X
	History										X	
	Language											
	Math					X						X
	Physical Education			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
	Science & Technology	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Social Studies									X		X
Season	Autumn	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Winter	X	X	X	X				X			X
	Spring	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Location	Ausable River Cut C.A.	X				X			X			
	Bannockburn C.A.	X		X	X	X	X		X			
	Clinton C.A.	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	Morrison Dam C.A.	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
	Parkhill C.A.	X				X			X			
	Rock Glen C.A.	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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* Note: These programs focus on technology OR programs have a technological component



Outdoor Program Descriptions (listed in alphabetical order)



Get outside and see, feel, smell nature!

Species-at-risk – Junior, Intermediate, Senior
Imagine facing toxic waste, poachers, habitat loss and invasive species. Students will learn about the struggles that local species-at-risk face, through a nature hike and hands-on activities. Ask how your class can receive this program free of charge.

Wacky Weather and Climate Change – Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Through discussion, hands-on props and active games students will learn about climate change and its effect on ecosystems, farming, and Ontario's natural heritage.

What's in the Water? – Intermediate, Senior
While visiting a river ecosystem, see first-hand how humans can impact aquatic environments. Through dip netting and testing the chemical parameters of water, students will use collected data to determine the overall health of the aquatic ecosystem.

Which Way do I Go? Orienteering – Junior, Intermediate, Senior

The important life skills of using a map and compass are taught in this hands-on program. Students will use their newly acquired skills to complete an exciting course through Morrison Dam Conservation Area.

Winter Wilderness Survival Skills – Junior, Intermediate, Senior

This program provides basic skills for survival in winter including how to build a fire and how to build a temporary shelter. A focus is put on team-building and character education.



Stopping to see and feel a turtle shell!

Wild Water Resources Hike – Intermediate, Senior

Everything water-related, including the kitchen sink will be discussed during this program! Concepts such as: water quality and quantity, aquifers and groundwater, drinking water source protection, water conservation and the effects of climate change on water resources.

Classroom Program Descriptions *(listed in alphabetical order)*

*Program duration is dependent on school schedule.
Please contact the ABCA for more information.*



Have ABCA education staff as a guest speaker in your classroom!

Amazing Groundwater Adventures – Intermediate, Senior

This program utilizes a unique groundwater model to demonstrate the process of the water cycle, soil porosity and the effects of human activity on precious groundwater.

Habitat Improvements: Bluebird or Bat Boxes – Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Students will safely build their very own bluebird or bat box after learning about the ecology of local bat or bluebird populations, as well as, habitat requirements and threats of each species.

Note: There is an additional fee for materials.

Life at the Beach – Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Through a multimedia presentation and a hands-on activity, “Story of a Lake,” students will learn concepts related to beach water quality and water quality postings, water pollutants and ways to prevent water contamination.

Wonderful World of Watersheds – Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Through a multimedia presentation and use of a hands-on Enviroscape model, students will investigate a local river system, developing an understanding of the role of wetlands, buffer zones and forests as well as the role of humans in overall watershed health.

ABCA Educational Special Events

Month	A Partial listing of Special Events
February	Spring Water Awareness Program Family Day WinterFest
April	Huron Perth Agriculture and Water Festival Huron Perth Envirothon Earth Day Tree Planting Programs
October	Bannockburn Fall Hike
November	Owl Prowl
For more information: Call 1-888-286-2610 or Check out www.abca.on.ca	

Spring Water Awareness Program

An essential safety program, free for all watershed schools during the months of February and early March. Presentations are designed to teach students about making safe decisions around water. Primary, junior and intermediate presentations are available for the whole school! Call in January to book your school's free program.

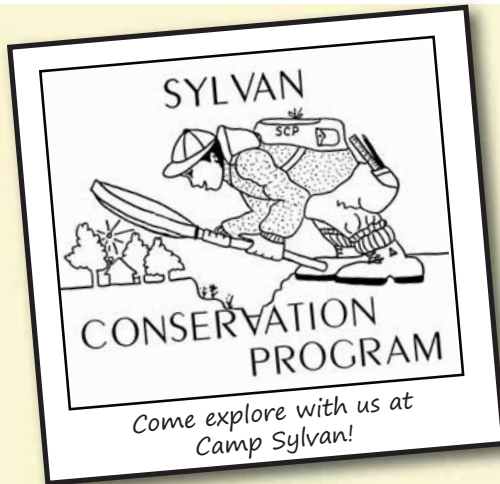
Huron Perth Agriculture and Water Festival

A free day-long festival held at the Seaforth Arena and AgriPlex in early April. Provides Grade 4 students with hands-on learning opportunities about agriculture and water; their importance in our local environment and role in our everyday lives. Registration deadline is mid-January.

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Camp Sylvan Conservation Program



Camp Sylvan Conservation Program (CSCP) History:

Since 1964, the CSCP has been run by the ABCA in partnership with Scouts Canada, making it one of the first and longest outdoor and experiential education programs in Ontario. The CSCP takes place at Camp Sylvan, a property owned and maintained by the Tri-Shores Council of Scouts Canada.

Camp Sylvan Conservation Program Highlights:

- Unique experience for students in Grades 6-8
- Creating awareness in students
- Encouraging students to take positive environmental action
- Students gain a greater appreciation of the natural environment
- Attend for *the day* or sleep in covered chuckwagons overnight for a *one and a half* or *two and a half* day experience
- Operates from Monday to Friday during the months of May, June, September and October

Camp Sylvan Features:

- 112 hectares in size
- Located within the Carolinian Life Zone
- Natural features include several streams, a human-made pond, marshes, scrubland, mature deciduous forests and several coniferous plantations (cedar, spruce and pine)
- Lots of hiking trails and footpaths

Frontierland Features:

- Built with a western pioneer town theme
- *Teaching Barn* - the main meeting and teaching location for all programs
- *Adventure Playground*
- *Chuckwagons* - 11 chuckwagons provide the sleeping accommodations for students staying overnight (4 in each)
- *Frontierhouse* - full kitchen and dining hall
- *Bunkhouse* - standard washrooms for everyone to use and showers available for adult use only. Also contains the adult sleeping accommodations, there are 8 rooms with 2 bunk beds (for up to 4 people) per room plus a closet, table and chair.



Program Descriptions (listed in alphabetical order) :

Adventure Orienteering: Map reading and compass skills are taught in this hands-on program where students traverse a course applying their newly acquired skills.

Campfire: Songs, skits, games and stories are all part of the high energy campfire program at Camp Sylvan.

Eco-Hike: This introductory hike takes students through several different ecosystems at Camp Sylvan. Discover the difference between the ecosystems, as well as abiotic and biotic factors through props and live specimens.

Environmental Ethics: Our planet is sick. Acid rain, deforestation, climate change are just some of the things affecting biodiversity on Earth. Through hiking, engaging environmental activities, video and art, students develop an appreciation of our natural resources and become aware of the stresses that humans impose on the natural environment.

Forestry: Camp Sylvan provides an ideal location for studying forest ecosystems. Through a series of hands-on activities students identify trees and examine issues affecting our forests and wildlife.

Go Wild-Survival Game: Playing this dynamic role-playing activity, students will “become” forest herbivores, omnivores, or carnivores. In order to survive, animals must find food and water, while avoiding predators, disease and human influence.

Habitat Improvements: Students will safely build their very own bluebird or bat box after learning about the ecology of local bat or bluebird populations, as well as habitat requirements and threats of each species. Note: There is an additional fee for building materials.

Night Activities: Night Hiking, Owl Prowling and Astronomy! Nightfall is an exciting time at camp! ABCA education staff will choose between one of these three programs based on weather conditions and interest of the group. Note: Night Activities are only available to overnight groups.

Resource Speaker Programs: Choose from a list of resource people to deliver a fascinating presentation on subjects ranging from astronomy and bats to fossils. Note: Resource speakers are only available to groups staying for two nights.

Runners of the Woods: Students are taken on a journey back in time to discuss the historical fur trade in Canada. Students will take part in an active simulation game in the forest, playing the role of a fur trader in Canada, searching for pelts to trade for goods.

Swamp Tromp-What's In the Water?: Be prepared to get wet and dirty, by exploring in the pond, looking for and identifying aquatic species. Students will also investigate the chemical parameters of water quality. Data collected will be used to determine the overall health of the aquatic ecosystem.

Wilderness Survival Skills: A hands-on program teaching students basic survival skills, including; what to pack for hiking in the outdoors, how to construct a temporary shelter, purify water and build a fire using only one match!



Look! A damselfly larvae!

ABCA Conservation Education Programs



Camp Sylvan Conservation Program

Schedules:

1 Day

CAMP SYLVAN SCHEDULE 1 Day Program (Standard)		
Time 9:00	Arrival! Welcome Walk, Eco Hike & Camp Sylvan Rules	ABCA staff
10:00	Adventure Orienteering	ABCA staff
12:00	LITTERLESS LUNCH (bring your own)	Teachers Jr. Leaders
12:30	Swamp Tromp - What's in the Water?	ABCA staff
2:30	SNACK & Free Time	Teachers and Jr. Leaders
3:00	Go Wild - Survival Game!	ABCA staff
5:00	Camp Clean-up and Group Picture	Everyone
5:30	Departure and Thanks! We hope you enjoyed the day!	Everyone

1.5 Day

CAMP SYLVAN SCHEDULE 1.5 Day Program		
Time	Day 1	Day 2
	Arrival! Welcome Walk, Eco Hike & Camp Sylvan Rules	Wake up! Table Setters BREAKFAST Pack-up
10:00	ABCA Staff	9:30 Camp Sylvan Program Preference ABCA Staff
11:30	Free Time Teachers & Jr. Leaders	11:30 Free Time Teachers & Jr. Leaders
11:45	Table Setters Jr. Leaders	11:45 Table Setters Jr. Leaders
12:00	LUNCH	12:00 LUNCH
1:15	Adventure Orienteering ABCA Staff	1:00 Final Clean-up and Group Picture! Everyone!
3:45	Log Book Teachers & Jr. Leaders	1:30 BON VOYAGE! Thanks for coming!
4:00	Skits or Nature Games ABCA Staff	
4:30	Free Time Teachers & Jr. Leaders	
5:00	Table Setters Jr. Leaders	
5:15	SUPPER	
6:15	Log Book Teachers & Jr. Leaders	
6:45	Camp Sylvan Program Preference ABCA Staff	
8:00	Snack Jr. Leaders	
8:30	Camp Sylvan Program Preference ABCA Staff	
10:00	Settle Down Teachers	

2.5 Day - Monday Start

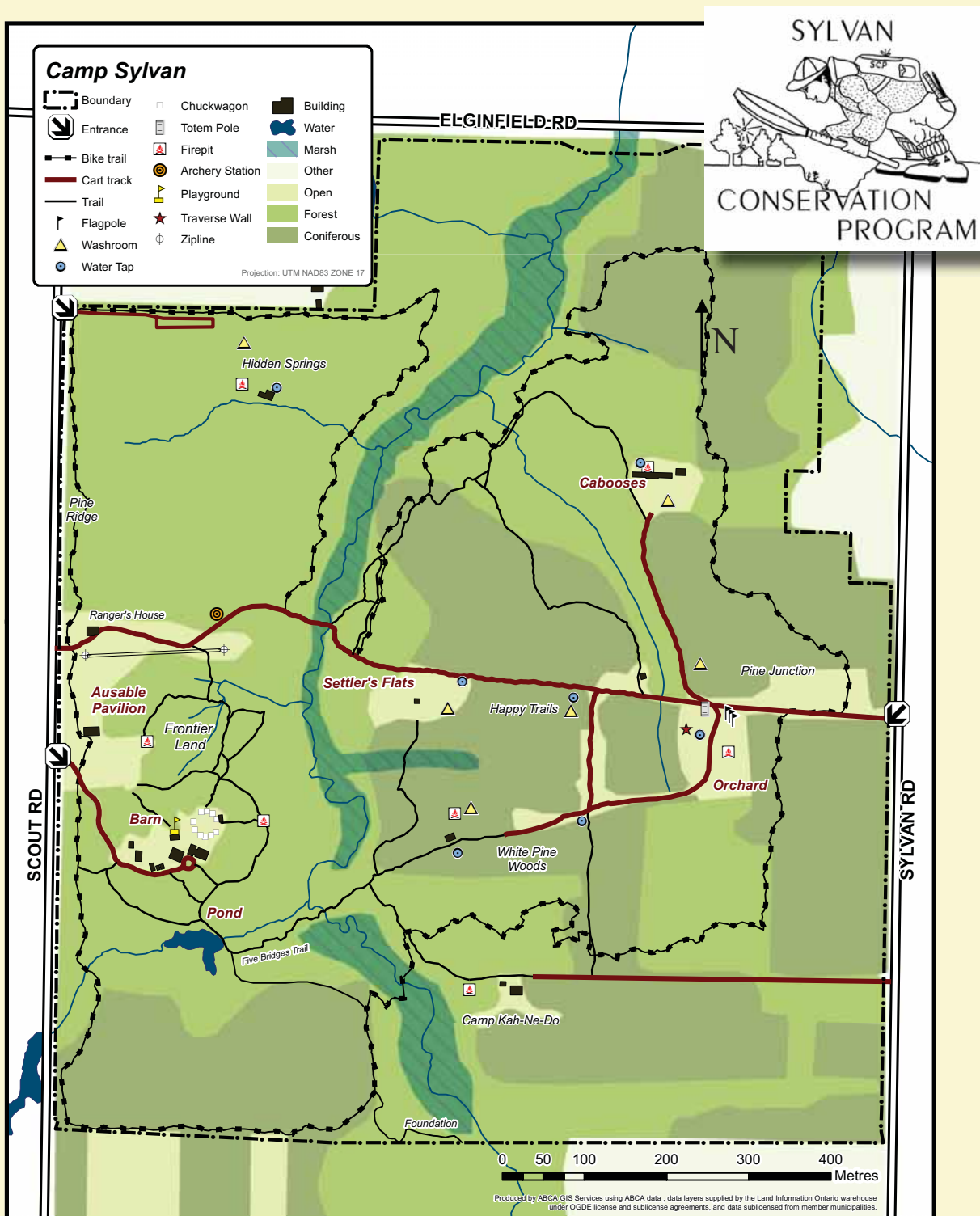
CAMP SYLVAN SCHEDULE - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday		
Time	Monday	Tuesday
	Arrival! Welcome Walk, Eco Hike & Camp Sylvan Rules	7:30 Wake up! 7:45 Table Setters 8:00 BREAKFAST 8:00 Pack-up
10:00	ABCA Staff	9:30 Swamp Tromp ABCA Staff
11:30	LITTERLESS LUNCH Bring your own Teachers & Jr. Leaders	11:30 Free Time Teachers & Jr. Leaders 11:45 Table Setters Jr. Leaders
12:00	Adventure Orienteering ABCA Staff	12:00 LUNCH
2:30	Log Book Teachers & Jr. Leaders	1:00 Log Book Teachers & Jr. Leaders 1:30 Camp Sylvan Program Preference ABCA Staff
3:00	Snack (bring your own) Teachers & Jr. Leaders	12:00 Final Clean up! Group Picture! Everyone!
3:30	Skits ABCA Staff	12:30 BON VOYAGE! Thanks for coming!
4:00	Free Time Teachers & Jr. Leaders	
5:00	Table Setters Jr. Leaders	
5:15	SUPPER	
6:15	Free Time Teachers	
6:30	Campfire ABCA Staff	
8:00	Snack Jr. Leaders	
8:30	Night Hike Activities ABCA Staff	
10:00	Settle Down Teachers	

2.5 Day - Wednesday Start

CAMP SYLVAN SCHEDULE - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday		
Time	Wednesday	Thursday
	Arrival! Welcome Walk, Eco Hike & Camp Sylvan Rules	7:30 Wake up! 7:45 Table Setters 8:00 BREAKFAST 8:00 Pack-up
10:00	ABCA Staff	9:30 Swamp Tromp ABCA Staff
11:30	LITTERLESS LUNCH Bring your own Teachers & Jr. Leaders	11:30 Free Time Teachers & Jr. Leaders 11:45 Table Setters Jr. Leaders
12:00	Adventure Orienteering ABCA Staff	12:00 LUNCH
2:30	Log Book Teachers & Jr. Leaders	12:45 Final Clean up! Group Picture! Everyone!
3:00	Snack (bring your own) Teachers & Jr. Leaders	1:15 BON VOYAGE! Thanks for coming!
3:30	Skits ABCA Staff	
4:00	Free Time Teachers & Jr. Leaders	
5:00	Table Setters Jr. Leaders	
5:15	SUPPER	
6:15	Log Book Teachers & Jr. Leaders	
6:30	Campfire ABCA Staff	
8:00	Snack Jr. Leaders	
8:30	Night Hike Activities ABCA Staff	
10:00	Settle down Teachers	



Map:





Preparing for your Conservation Education Experience



A fascinating fossil find!



The best way to travel in the winter is by snowshoe!

Classroom Program Set Up

ABCA staff require a minimum of 30 minutes to set up. The amount of set up time required may vary. Please ensure that the program location is available at that time. Part of the program will require the use of a large projection screen (or use of Smartboard), and a table.

Things to Remember:



Appropriate Clothing:

The outdoors is an enjoyable place to learn if you and your students are adequately prepared. Proper dress is extremely important when outside at any time of the year. In order to maintain enthusiasm and stimulate learning, students should be dressed to suit the weather. Please wear seasonably appropriate clothing, closed-toed shoes (no sandals!), long pants, long sleeves and layering clothes are recommended. Rubber boots and rain coats should be worn during wet periods. Rubber boots or older closed-toed shoes are highly recommended for pond and fossil programs (a limited number of rubber boots are available to borrow from the ABCA).



Supplies to Bring:

A well-equipped first aid kit, cellphone, hand sanitizer/wipes, medication for allergies or bee stings, sun screen and insect repellent. Only Rock Glen Conservation Area has potable drinking water available. At other conservation areas, please ensure that students bring plenty of drinking water.

If your group is staying for lunch, please ensure that lunches are litterless.



Adult Supervision:

Adult to student ratios should be in accordance with school board policies.



Nature Appreciation:

We ask that you appreciate nature and leave it for others to enjoy. Collecting of any living or non-living thing is prohibited on ABCA lands.



Special Needs:

If you have student (s) with special needs, please let us know in advance. We will do our best to accommodate their needs and make the trip enjoyable for everyone!

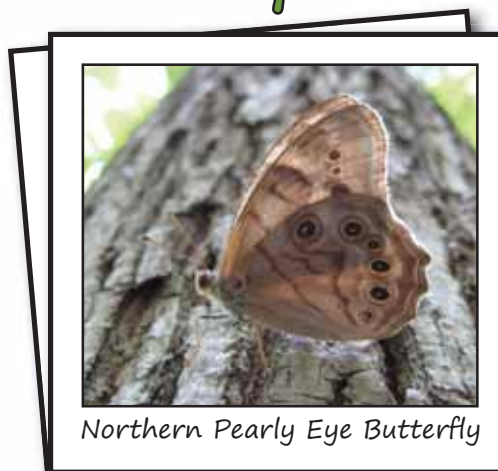
Booking your Conservation Education Experience

Five easy steps to book your Conservation Education Experience

1. Choose the desired Conservation Education Program(s). Programs are typically 2 hours in length. Some primary programs may only be 1.5 hours.
2. Choose a location for your Conservation Education Program (some programs are only available at specific locations).
3. Choose a date and also have an alternative date.
Morning programs begin between 9:00 -10:00 and afternoon programs begin between 11:30 -12:30.
4. Call the ABCA well in advance of the date you wish to book to make your booking.
519-235-2610 or 1-888-286-2610
You may have to leave a message but your call will be returned as soon as possible.
5. Ask for chaperones to attend field trip. Make sure you have the correct number in accordance with school board policies.

Please have the following information ready when you call to book your Conservation Education Experience:

- Location of program
- Date
- School name
- Teacher contact
- Program start time
- Grade(s) of classes
- Number of students
- Name of desired conservation education program(s)
- School address
- School phone and fax numbers
- Contact's electronic mailing address
- Secretary's electronic mailing address



Northern Pearly Eye Butterfly



Special thanks to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation which supports conservation education programs within the watershed through yearly donations.

All Conservation Education Programs are either partially or fully funded by the member municipalities of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority watershed.

Conservation Education Program Fees:

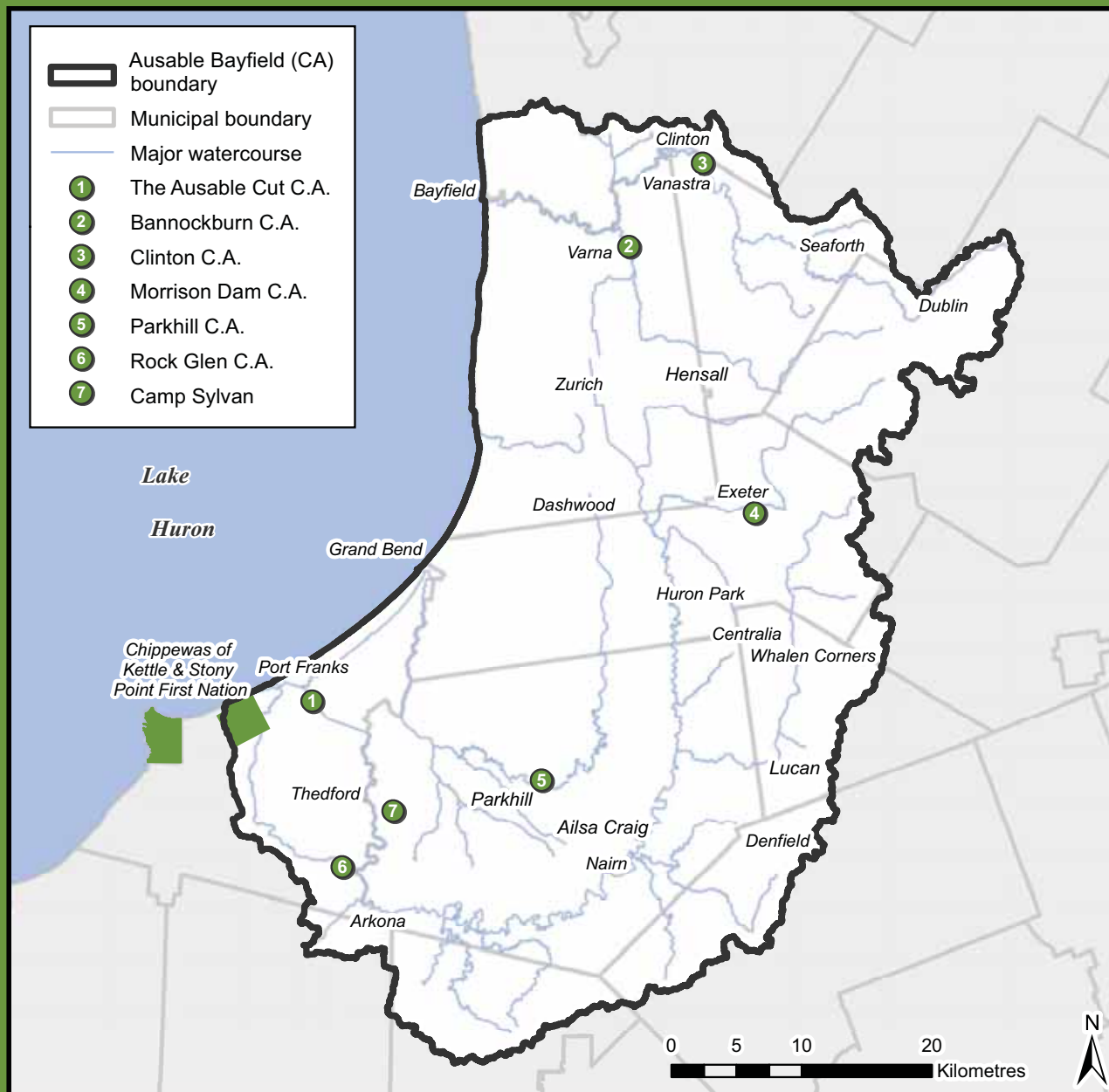
The fee schedule for Conservation Education Programs is not published in this booklet. ABCA offers a range of prices to suit any budget. Discounts apply when booking two two-hour programs for one class on one day. Please phone the ABCA Education Department for a quote or refer to abca.on.ca for a listing of current fees.

Use of ABCA Conservation Areas:

All of ABCA's conservation areas are available to classes wishing to conduct their own outdoor programs. Entrance fees and pavilion rental fees apply to buses using Rock Glen Conservation Area (note: these fees do not apply to schools which book an ABCA outdoor program; ABCA led field trips have facility priority.)

In order to ensure there is space and avoid interruption from ABCA led outdoor programs, teachers are requested to inform the ABCA Education Department at **519-235-2610 or 1-888-286-2610**.

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Watershed Map



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