

BOOKING YOUR CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM

Reservations are taken on a first come first served basis. Please ensure program requests are made three weeks in advance of interested date.

To Book:

Call us at 1-888-286-2610
Email us at info@abca.on.ca

Information Required when Booking:

- Date
- Location of Program
- Program Start Time
(Most programs are 1.5 to 2 hours)
- Name of Group and contact person
- Grade(s) or age(s) of group
- Number of participants
- Desired Program
- Mailing Address
- Phone Number
- Email Address

Program Fees:

Fees are subsidised by local member municipalities and are present in an effort to recover certain costs. Please call us or refer to the website for current fees.

OUR VISION

To build relationships between youth and their natural world, empowering them toward environmental responsibility.



For more information,
please visit or contact:

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POCKET GUIDE TO EDUCATION through EXPLORATION


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DEAR TEACHERS AND COMMUNITY LEADER

Please take me outside!

I want to visit a wetland, river, forest or field. I want to run, hike and explore. I want to learn about local plants and animals. I want to smell the fresh air, feel tree bark and see nature's colours.

I heard that instructors at the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority teach all kinds of kids about the environment. They also use lots of hands-on stuff to help me understand things better.

If I know more about the animals, plants, and water in my community, I will take better care of them. I'll pick up garbage, use less water, and tell all my friends about the fun we can have outside (and how cool you are for taking me).

Inspire me to spend more time outside instead of in front of my television. Teach me how to play in the great outdoors. And make it soon, 'cause in no time I'll be all grown up like you.

Sincerely,

Kid Stuck Inside

EDUCATION *through* EXPLORATION

Whatever the season or age group, ABCA has a program for you!

Our Programs:

- Promote understanding of our local environment
- Develop character traits and social skills (leadership, imagination, creativity, respect)
- Increase enthusiasm for learning
- Encourage physical and emotional well-being
- Foster environmental stewards
- Have strong curriculum links
- Are active and hands-on
- Are delivered by professional educators

Individual programs are 1.5 to 2 hours in length and can be modified to meet the needs of your group. Choose additional programs to make a full day experience.

At Your School

Activities may include a multimedia presentation, games, nature exploration, or investigation of natural specimens.

At a Conservation Area or Natural Space Near You

Activities may include guided hike, games, nature exploration, scientific data collection, and more. See map on inside of brochure for suggested locations and site information.



Community Groups

Let us help you bring people together to learn about local ecology!

We can arrange for a special presentation at your community group meeting.

We specialize in assisting Scout and Guide groups with badge requirements.

Themes may include:

- Birds
- Aquatic Studies
- Turtles
- Habitat Improvements
- Fossils
- Team Building
- Orienteering

Ask us about our current community action projects:

Tree Planting Programs *(Spring and Fall)*

Increase the biodiversity in your neighbourhood. We can provide you with a number of forestry services.

Yellow Fish Road *(April to October)*

Learn how storm drains are the doorways to our rivers, lakes and streams. Take action to prevent pollutants from entering our storm drains to protect and improve our local water quality.



EDUCATION *through* EXPLORATION

FALL

Popular Fall Program Topics

- Fossils
- Biodiversity
- Aquatic Study
- Animal Critters
- Team Building

Species at Risk Program

***FREE to schools in the Ausable River Watershed**

Learn about which aquatic animals are disappearing from our local area and why.

Special Events:

Bannockburn Fall Hike

***Admission by donation**

An afternoon event for families to get active and explore the trails of Bannockburn Conservation Area. *(first Sunday in October)*

Morrison Dam Owl Prowl

***Admission by donation**

An evening event for families to learn about owls through an interactive presentation with live animals and a hike in search of the Eastern Screech Owl. *(first Saturday in November)*



WINTER

Popular Winter Program Topics

- Winter Survival Skills
- Snowshoeing
- Classroom Programs

Snowshoes

Rent snowshoes by the pair or set of 30.

Spring Water Awareness Program

***FREE**

Don't miss this essential safety program, offered during the month of February. Presentations are designed to teach students about making safe decisions around water.



SPRING

Popular Spring Program Topics

- Wildflowers
- Fossils
- Bugs
- Soil



Special Events:

Huron Perth Agriculture and Water Festival

***FREE**

Grade 4 students participate in hands-on learning opportunities about the importance of agriculture and water in our local community and our everyday lives.

Huron Perth Envirothon

Local secondary students compete to demonstrate understanding of basic concepts and application of this knowledge in the subject areas of forests, soils, wildlife and aquatic ecosystems.

Earth Day Programs

ABCA is a leader in the field of conservation and can deliver a presentation to your group based on current, relevant and local environmental issues.

SUMMER

Popular Summer Program Topics

- Birds
- Turtles
- Team Building
- Survival Game
- Fossils
- Aquatic Study

Are you a parent, grandparent, librarian, youth leader, day camp supervisor? Question, Discover, Learn all about the natural world during the summer months through ABCA summer education programs.

Summer Nature Camps

ABCA Summer Nature Camps are great for children ages 6-12. For youth who enjoy hiking, being outdoors, having fun, catching bugs, exploring the forest, and meeting new friends.

Explore a Conservation Area near you!

Hike, paddle, fish or picnic! Did you know that Conservation Areas are open to the public year round for your enjoyment!





Since 1964, this overnight program has been delivering memorable experiences while building connections between youth and the natural environment.

An Experience of a Lifetime!

- For grades 5 to 8
- Accommodations for up to 36 students
- 1 day, 1.5 Day, or 2.5 Day sessions
- Fall sessions: September and October
- Spring Sessions: May and June

Camp Sylvan Property and Facilities

- Owned and operated by Scouts Canada
- 112 hectares of mixed deciduous forest, plantations, pond, streams, and fields
- Facilities include:
 - Kitchen and Dining Hall
 - Washrooms
 - Picnic Shelter
 - Fire Pit
 - Chuckwagons
 - Bunkhouse
 - Teaching Barn

Program Fees include

- Accommodations
- Catered Meals
- Property Rental
- Program Supplies
- Staff Time



AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Created in 1946, the former Ausable River Conservation Authority was Ontario's first conservation authority established under the Province's Conservation Authorities Act to manage renewable resources in partnership with their watershed member municipalities and the Ontario Government. The Bayfield River watershed and smaller streams along the shores of Lake Huron were added in 1971.

ABCA Watershed-based Programs and Services

- Water Resources Management
- Erosion Control
- Stream Health Improvement
- Land Use Planning
- Community Relations
- Conservation Education

Thanks to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation which financially supports conservation education programs.

GOAL

To create awareness and take action to improve watersheds for healthier communities and healthier people.

MISSION

Protect, improve, conserve, and restore the watershed in partnership with the community.

VISION

Healthy watersheds where our needs and the needs of the natural environment are in balance.

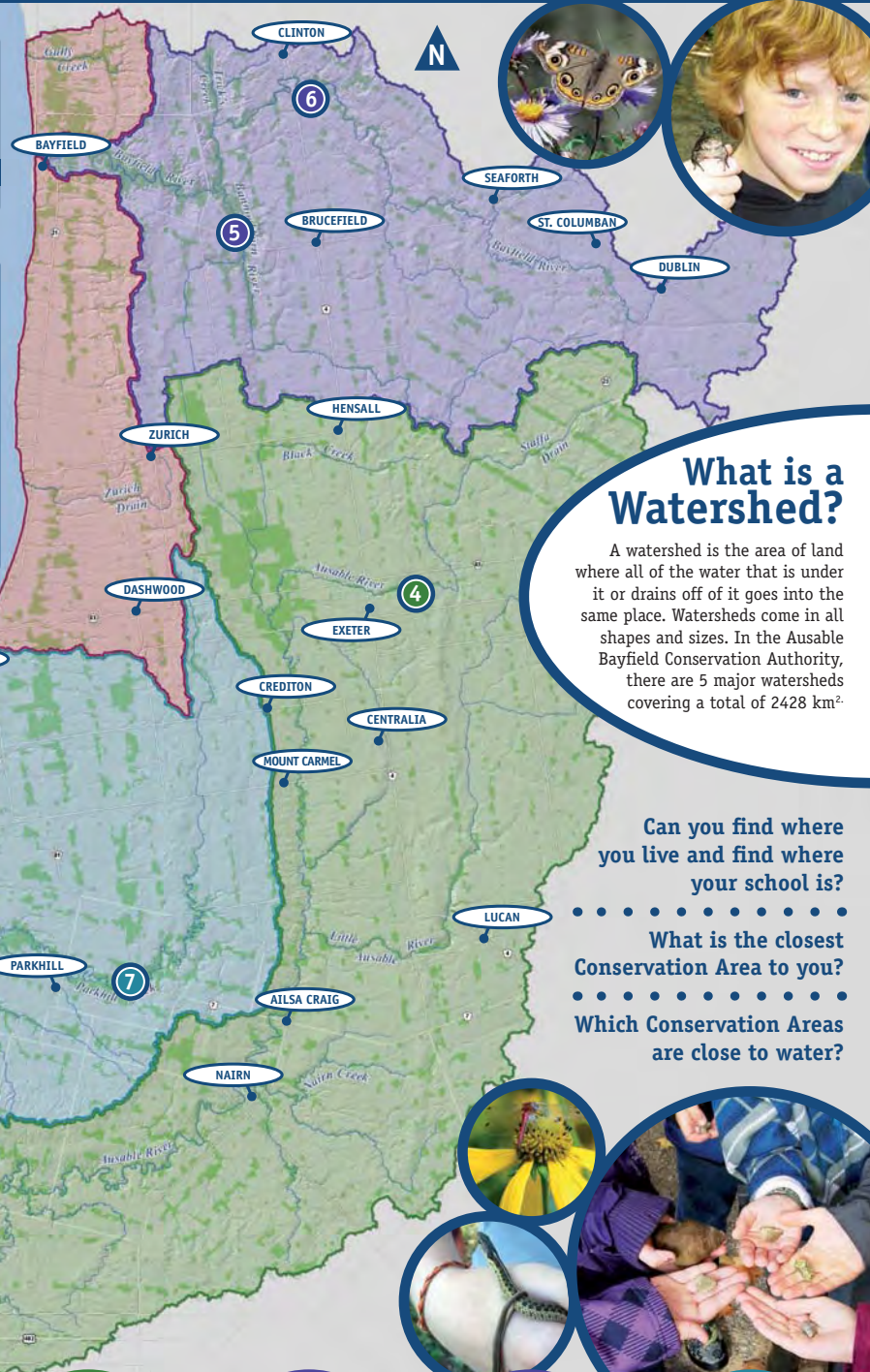


Legend:

- AUSABLE RIVER
- MUD CREEK
- BAYFIELD RIVER
- PARKHILL CREEK
- LAKESHORE WATERSHEDS

Major road: Major watercourse:

0 2 4 8 Kilometres



What is a Watershed?

A watershed is the area of land where all of the water that is under it or drains off of it goes into the same place. Watersheds come in all shapes and sizes. In the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, there are 5 major watersheds covering a total of 2428 km².

Can you find where you live and find where your school is?

Which Conservation Area is closest to you?

Which Conservation Areas are close to water?

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|--|
| AUSABLE RIVER | 1189 km ² | 14% forest cover |
| BAYFIELD RIVER | 499 km ² | 11% forest cover |
| LAKESHORE WATERSHEDS | 239 km ² | 30% NORTH forest cover 12% SOUTH forest cover |
| MUD CREEK | 69 km ² | 24% forest cover |
| PARKHILL CREEK | 461 km ² | 14% forest cover |

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1 AUSABLE RIVER CUT
9984 Northville Crescent Northville

Unique Program Themes: Sand Dune Succession, Biodiversity

Features: Oak Savanna, Sand Dunes and Carolinian Canada Life Zone

Amenities: Privies

"The instructor was informed and provided information for our grade level. I was very pleased with the entire day. The price is great. I will return again next year."

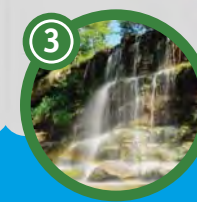


2 SCOUTS CANADA CAMP SYLVAN
32098 Scout Road Theford

Unique Program Themes: Camp Sylvania Conservation Program

Features: Boothill Creek Pond; Carolinian Canada Life Zone; Pine Plantations

Amenities: Frontierland; Chuckwagons, fire pit, teaching barn, bunkhouse, frontierhouse, picnic shelter, playground area, drinking water, flush toilets



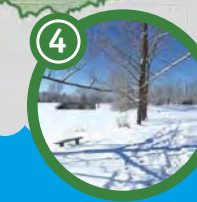
3 ROCK GLEN CONSERVATION AREA
8680 Rock Glen Road Arkona

Unique Program Themes: Fossils

Events: Arkona Lions Classic Car Show

Features: Ausable River and Hobbs-Mackenzie Drain; Ausable Gorge and waterfall; Carolinian Canada Life Zone; Arkona Lions Museum and Information Centre

Amenities: Flush Toilets, privies, two picnic pavilions, two playground areas, drinking water



4 MORRISON DAM CONSERVATION AREA
71042 Morrison Line Exeter

Unique Program Themes: GPS, Orienteering, Snowshoeing, Food Chains

Events: Summer Nature Day Camps; Morrison Dam Owl Prowl; Exeter Lions Club Fishing Derby; Exeter Lioness Easter Egg Hunt

Features: Morrison Dam and reservoir on the Ausable River

Amenities: Privies, picnic pavilion



5 BANNOCKBURN CONSERVATION AREA
76249 Bannockburn Line Brucefield

Unique Program Themes: Insects, Animals, Forestry

Events: Bannockburn Fall Hike

Features: Bannockburn River and Walden Creek; a variety of ecosystem types including: wet meadows, white cedar forest, deciduous forest, old field, mixed scrub and marsh

Amenities: Privies



6 CLINTON CONSERVATION AREA
77960 London Road Clinton

Unique Program Themes: Water, Plants

Features: Bayfield River

Amenities: Privy, picnic pavilion, playground area, drinking water

"Information alone can never become knowledge and knowledge can never become wisdom without some kind of rooting in the good soil of experience."
— JAMES RAFFAN



7 PARKHILL CONSERVATION AREA
32952 Centre Road Parkhill

Unique Program Themes: Climate Change, Forestry

Features: Parkhill Dam and reservoir on Parkhill Creek

Amenities: Privies