

# Kids 'n Nature

## Trip Preparation

### WHAT TO BRING

Please advise students and volunteers to come prepared with clothing and footwear suitable for outdoor activity. Inevitably, there is at least one student per trip who will wear their indoor shoes and walk right into water or mud! Below are some suggestions:

- Rubber boots – to protect feet from water and mud on trails
- Extra socks – in case water and/or mud is encountered
- Long pants and long-sleeved shirt – to protect against insects and sharp vegetation
- Windproof outer jacket or rainwear
- Hat – to protect against the sun, rain and insects
- Sunscreen (apply at home)

### SUPERVISION

Teachers and volunteers are expected to supervise all members of their group and enforce rules during the park visit.

### RULES

While at the park, students, teachers and parents are requested to:

- Stay on the trails – avoid walking through long grass
- Not remove any natural objects from the park – e.g. rocks, fossils, plant parts, wildlife
- Not pick any plants
- Not disturb the wildlife
- Not litter – put recycling and garbage in appropriate containers
- Respect other park users
- Refrain from smoking during program

### RESPECTING NATURE

At Presqu'ile, we show respect for the natural world by not picking plants, not stepping on animals, handling live specimens gently and returning them to where they were found and being quiet around animals. Visitors that cannot show respect for nature will be asked to sit out of activities.

### WASHROOMS

**There are NO permanent washrooms or hand washing facilities located at the Marsh Boardwalk or Jobes' Woods Trail.** You may want to schedule a stop at a comfort station before or after you arrive at the trail. Check when booking your trip which comfort stations are open or whether there is a portable washroom currently on site.

Between fall and spring, running water is shut off to the comfort stations, so they may not be available for your use. Please remember to respect the campers in the park by using the comfort stations in an orderly manner.

## LUNCH FACILITIES

The Marsh Boardwalk has space at the first lookout tower for snack time before you start your hike.

If you wish to spend lunch time in the park, there are a few locations you might consider using:

- In the campgrounds, there is the Amphitheatre, which has a covered area with benches and is located very close to the Maples comfort station.
- In the two Day Use areas along the south shore of the park there are scattered picnic tables and vault toilets. There is lots of space for students to run around in.
- In Day Use 2, there is a picnic shelter. There is a \$75 fee to book it ahead of time, but if it is not reserved when you arrive, you are welcome to use it. Vault toilets are located nearby.
- There are limited picnic tables outside the Park Store. The store is typically not open during spring and fall.

## TRANSPORTATION

**\*Please plan for your bus/vehicles to remain in the park during your entire visit. Distances between program/washroom/lunch facilities are too far for walking.**

Directions and maps to the park as well as within the park are available – **please make a copy of these for yourself and your bus driver.**

## RAIN DATES/CANCELLATION POLICY

When booking your trip to Presqu'île, ask whether we have availability for rain dates. Typically there is no room for rain dates in June, when we have a lot of bookings. We are prepared for your group's visit rain or shine, unless there is lightning. If you wish to cancel due to rain, please advise us immediately.

## Self-Use Facilities

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While on their own time, groups are welcome to utilize the self-use facilities in the park, including:

Walking Trails – ask for a digital copy of the map

- Marsh Boardwalk – interpretive signs are posted along the trail
- Jobses' Woods Trail – ask for a digital copy of the trail guide
- Owen Point Trail – ask for a digital copy of the trail guide
- Pioneer and Newcastle Trails

Beach – please be advised there are no lifeguards on duty

Day Use – open areas, perfect for group games, with picnic tables and vault toilets

## More Information

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For more information on Presqu'île Provincial Park and the Friends of Presqu'île Park, check out the following resources:

[www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca](http://www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca)

[www.ontarioparks.com/english/pres.html](http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/pres.html)