



## **SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (SVCA) COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR OUR PROPERTIES**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued patience and understanding. With your help and cooperation, we are hoping that our park services can continue to expand in conjunction with provincial standards.

As part of our ongoing commitment to keep our community aware of our services, campgrounds, events, and programs, please be aware of the following:

We are encouraging due diligence for all our outdoor areas, including social distancing, and remaining at home if you are feeling ill in any way. Please make sure to always wear your mask.

### **SAUGEEN CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- The Administrative office (1078 Bruce Road #12, Formosa) will remain closed to the public until further notice.
- Please be advised that our essential services are operating as normal. Staff are still working their normal work hours, either from home, the office, or our various parks.
- The public and/or our regular stakeholders are welcome to call us (519) 367-3040 or email us at [publicinfo@svca.on.ca](mailto:publicinfo@svca.on.ca) for normal work issues. Staff cell phone numbers can be found on our [contact page](#).
- All non-essential meetings have been cancelled, as well as events, workshops, etc.
- All education programs have been postponed and/or rescheduled.
- Staff working out of the administration office will continue to practice social distancing and maintain enhanced cleaning and sanitizing procedures. In addition, we are taking extra precautions to keep our offices and work surfaces clean.
- Staff will continue to respond to inquiries, however, some delays in response time may be experienced.

### **SAUGEEN CONSERVATION PARKS AND LANDS**

#### **Please note:**

- **Please follow policies: Wear a mask, maintain physical distancing, and comply with gathering limits.**
- Washroom use is limited to ensure visitors always stay six feet apart. Please follow in-park instructions. We have increased our cleaning schedule and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with public health guidelines. Please make sure to always wear your mask.

## **DAY-USE AREAS (alphabetical order)**

### **Allan Park Conservation Area (CA)**

- Trails remain open for passive recreational use.
- No picnic tables are available for use.
- SVCA encourages 2 metre social distancing from outside of a family unit. Please make sure to always wear your mask.

### **Bell's Lake, Kinghurst Managed Forest, Schmidt Lake, and Stoney Island Conservation Area**

- Trails remain open for passive recreational use such as hiking, canoeing, and nature appreciation.
- The ramp at Bell's Lake is open.
- SVCA encourages 2 metre social distancing from anyone outside of a family unit. Please make sure to always wear your mask.

### **Mildmay/Carrick Managed Forest**

- Closed

### **Sulphur Spring CA**

- Trails remain open for passive recreational use.
- SVCA encourages 2 metre social distancing from outside of a family unit. Please make sure to always wear your mask.
- The washroom is available for use. We have increased our cleaning schedule and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with public health guidelines.
- The picnic shelter is closed.
- Playground equipment is available.

## **CAMPGROUNDS (alphabetical order) opening April 30, 2021, for serviced site, seasonal campers only.**

### **Bruce Dale CA**

- Only serviced site, seasonal campers will be permitted. No visitors are allowed.
- Washroom facilities are available for use. We have increased our cleaning schedule and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with public health guidelines.
- Showers will be open.
- Playground equipment is available.
- The pavilion is closed.
- SVCA encourages 2 metre social distancing from outside of a family unit. Please make sure to always wear your mask.
- All events are cancelled until further notice.

- Wipes are available at the dump station. Please bring your own gloves.
- The Honey Wagon will be disinfected after each use. It must be picked up and dropped off at the Superintendent's campsite.

#### **Denny's Dam CA (Managed by the Ontario Steelheaders Association)**

- Closed until at least May 20, 2021, to comply with the Stay-At-Home-Order.
- The picnic shelter is currently closed.

#### **Durham CA**

- Only serviced site, seasonal campers are permitted. No visitors are allowed.
- Washrooms and the picnic shelter at McGowan Falls remain closed.
- Showers will be open.
- We have increased our cleaning schedule and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with public health guidelines.
- Cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer are available outside and inside washrooms to use prior to and after using the facilities.
- The activity centre will be closed.
- The playground equipment is available.
- SVCA encourages 2 metre social distancing from outside of a family unit. Please make sure to always wear your mask.
- All events are cancelled until further notice.
- Wipes are available at the dump station. Please bring your own gloves.
- To maintain visitor and staff safety, equipment rentals are presently not available.
- Trails are all open for passive recreation.

#### **McBeath Conservation Area**

- Closed

#### **Saugeen Bluffs CA**

- Only serviced site, seasonal camping is permitted. No visitors are allowed.
- SVCA encourages campers to come self-contained, as limited washroom facilities are available.
- We have increased our cleaning schedule and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with public health guidelines.
- Showers will be open.
- SVCA encourages 2 metre social distancing from outside of a family unit. Please make sure to always wear your mask.
- To maintain visitor and staff safety, equipment rentals are presently not available.
- Canoe access point is now open.
- The wading pool, splash pad, picnic shelters, and the Sutherland Centre are all closed.
- Playground equipment is available.
- All events cancelled until further notice.
- Wipes are available at the dump station. Please bring your own gloves.

- Trails are all open for passive recreation.
- Cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer are available inside and outside washrooms to use prior to and after using the facilities.
- The store is open, however, please respect physical distancing (this may change).
- The laundromat is open, please abide by social distancing rules. Please make sure to always wear your mask.

### **Public Health Measures**

Safety of our visitors and staff is always our top priority. We will be implementing measures to address overcrowding and promote physical distancing in our open spaces and buildings during busy visitation times by limiting occupancy for day-use and camping in select parks.

Saugeen Conservation will continue to provide regular updates as conditions change and to help keep you informed. Once again, thank you for your continued support and understanding.