

Nature Safari Day Camps Parent Package

Introduction

By reading this information, you will be introduced to the Cross Conservation Area and your child's Nature Safari Day Camp experience. It will also outline our expectations for visitors. If you have further questions please contact Laura Griffin, the Day Camp Coordinator, at 931-2042.



Area History

Filled with vision and foresight, Ann and Sandy Cross donated over 4800 acres of Foothills land for preservation and conservation education. The Area is managed by the Sandy Cross Conservation Foundation, a non-profit organization.

Guidelines

The Ann and Sandy Cross Conservation Area is dedicated to:

1. Protecting habitat and providing space for native wildlife.
2. Offering conservation education programs, particularly to young people, without jeopardizing area wildlife and habitat.
3. Managing human use of the area through entry by appointment only.

To use the area for hiking, visitors must agree to the following guidelines:

- Register before using the area. Visit our website at <http://www.crossconservation.org> at least 24 hours before using the area.
- The Area is open at 4 a.m. and closed at 11 p.m.
- Horses, dogs, or other pets are not allowed on site. Cars, bicycles and other vehicles are not allowed.
- Hunting and discharging firearms is prohibited.
- Stay on the trails and keep your distance from wildlife to protect yourself and the animals.
- Leave everything in its place. Do not pick plants

and do not take anything away from the Area.

- There are no garbage cans on the trails. Please take all garbage home with you.
- Access to the Area is from the lower parking lot only.

Day Camp Leaders

The Day Camps are led by Area staff and assisted by Area volunteers. The Area staff are trained in communication techniques, natural history, and program activities. They undergo a police security check, first aid training, and are fully versed in our emergency procedures.

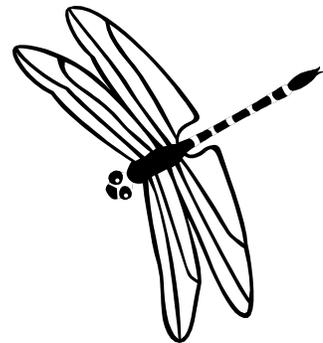
Day Camp Coordinator

Laura Griffin: 403-931-2042

Education Coordinator

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PEASE NOTE: There is no public transportation to the Cross Conservation Area



Items to Bring

Weather in the Foothills is variable and can change quickly. We ask that each child come prepared with the following equipment each day:

- Long pants
- Long sleeved shirt
- Extra sweater
- Sturdy boots/shoes
- Sunscreen
- Waterproof jacket and pants
- 2 pairs of extra socks
- Sun hat
- Medications (please list on registration form)
- Binoculars
- 2 large snacks (4 if child attending pre and post care)
- A hearty garbage-free "Conserver" Lunch
- Water bottle(s)

PLEASE NOTE: Children will be able to fill water bottles at the Cross Conservation Area.

This equipment can be left at the visitor centre for the duration of the camp. Campers will be bringing all of their garbage home each day.

Behaviour

If your child exhibits inappropriate behaviour while at camp, they will return to the visitor centre to await pick-up by their parent/guardian. In the case of a second similar incident, your child will be asked to leave the camp entirely.

Health and Safety

Pollen and grass related allergies and asthma could be a serious threat to a child's health. Make

sure day camp staff are aware of any allergies or other medical concerns. Children must have their medication with them each day to participate.



Natural Hazards

A potential hazard is Stinging Nettle, a plant that emits an acid-like substance when touched. This substance can cause a stinging sensation, and leave a temporary rash on the skin. Other natural hazards include mosquitoes, wasps, bees, fallen branches, animal holes, and occasionally wildlife.

Bears, cougar and other large wildlife are seen in the Area throughout the year. Our safety protocol includes posting any sightings and contacting visiting groups about any recent wildlife sightings. We carry hand held radios in order to contact Belvedere House. We want to make you aware of sightings but please keep in mind that wildlife will usually avoid humans, especially noisy groups.

Pre and Post Care

This year we are offering pre and post care. Regular day camp hours are 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Doors will open

at 8:30 a.m. and close at 4:30 pm. Parents who do not pick up their children in this time, frame will be charged an additional \$5 / 10 minute increment that they are late. This must be paid before the start of the following camp day.

Medications

Children attending this camp must be equipped with any medications they will require (e.g., inhalers, epi-pens, allergy medicine). Any children on medication must continue their medication while attending our camp.

Emergency

In case of an emergency, please call 931-2042.

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