



So your child is coming to Cross Conservation Area? Parent/Guardian Information Sheet

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in Conservation Discovery School programs at the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area. Our programs are full day curriculum-based programs that involve hiking and hands-on nature exploration to get students excited about the natural world.

The Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area (ASCCA) is a 4800 acre day-use nature preserve southwest of Calgary located on 160 St SW off Highway 22X. It offers a mix of aspen forest and grassland habitats and is home to over 565 species of wildlife.. The Area has offered quality conservation education programs for adults, families and children since 1993.

What you need to know:

- ✓ Students should be **dressed for the weather** and be prepared to be outside for up to 5 hours (depending on the program and/or weather). Extra clothes can be left at our education centre for the day. **Do not expect conditions to be the same as they are at home or school.**

They will need:

Sturdy footwear



Backpack



Wind proof jacket



Extra socks, clothes



Warm clothes (hat, mitts, scarf)

Conserver (garbage-free) lunch



Water bottle

Medications



Seasonal:

Sun hat



Rain jacket, snow pants

Sunglasses



Not recommended ☹:

Rubber boots, umbrellas



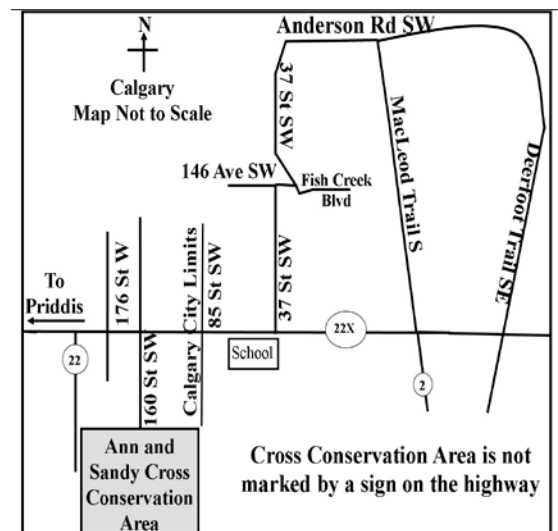
Sun visors



Shorts



- ✓ Students are asked to bring a **conserver (garbage free) lunch**. There are no public garbage cans on the land or in our building. All the garbage they bring must be taken home.
- ✓ Students should be able to hike several kilometers with several moderate hills. Our longest program hike is 3.6 kms.
- ✓ Great care is taken to provide a **safe experience** for your child. Procedures are in place in case of an emergency. You can help us provide a safe experience by making sure your child is properly prepared.
- ✓ For more information on the program or any of the above you are welcome to attend an inservice along with your child's participating teacher or call us with any concerns. We would be happy to speak with you! Contact Area staff at 403-931-2042.



Thanks again! We couldn't do this without you!