



DEAR EDUCATOR,

Natural Pathways would like to connect your lessons to nature!

We are a non-profit charity committed to providing access to the outdoors where curiosity and education blend in an organic way.

By providing a safe environment for students to explore our natural world and cultivate a deeper relationship with the land, our certified Forest School Educators will work with you one of 2 ways:

- bring your class to our forest
- come to your forest or green space

Please visit our website www.naturalpathways.ca for more information regarding our mission and guiding principles.

For program and booking information please contact Kimberley Alice @ 226-347-1492 or kim@naturalpathways.ca

We look forward to exploring the natural world with you!

Natural Pathways Team



VISIT OUR FOREST SCHOOL

39 William St, Cottam, Ont.

1431 Gore rd Harrow, Ont.

Program options

- single visit & multi-visit programs available
- students attend a minimum 4, maximum of 8, forest learning days
- accomodations for various class sizes
- contact directly for pricing, subsidy available for select programs

Supervision:

- 5:1 minimum required for EY to Kindergarten
- 8:1 minimum required for grades 1-6
- 10:1 minimum required for grades 7- 12



Outline and Expectations of the Day

Pre-Visit Session:

- Our staff may visit your class prior to the site visit to offer a 'sneak peak' into what your Forest School day will be like and how to prepare for it. *Must be booked in advance (additional charge)

Site Visit Day:

- Introduction: a collaborative discussion of community agreements, opportunities/resources available, and engagement with curiosity
- Main Session: a forest hike, exploration of space - adults model activities to inspire engagement and scaffold skills through observations
- Reflection: students have an opportunity to sit in a quiet spot in nature or sit in groups and share skills, experiences, and aspects they have enjoyed





CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Bringing Education Outdoors

The Arts

- drama: creating and presenting in storytelling
- visual arts: bush craft using a variety of materials
- reflecting, responding and analyzing art work created

Health & Physical Education

- active participation & physical fitness: hiking and exploring
- healthy eating: exploring various healthy food choices
- making healthy choices: demonstrating personal safety and prevention practices
- making connections for healthy living: connecting our environment with our food sources and choices

Mathematics

- strategic planning and problem solving
- construction of structures
- manipulation of materials

Language

- oral communication
- reading: using I.D. charts and books
- writing: nature journaling

Science & Technology

- life cycles
- structure and mechanisms
- matter and energy
- earth and space systems
- scientific process
- inquiry

Social Studies

- heritage and citizenship
- Canada & world connections
- impact of urban & rural communities, natural resources



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Topics - Ideas - Themes

- animal tracking
- shelter building, wood craft skills, and use of tools
- fire building, tending, and cooking
- bush craft
- knots
- creating structures using natural loose materials
- nature based games
- I.D. of plants and animals



Assessment Strategies

- For Learning:
 - observations, key skills checklist, student produced products from learning situations, ongoing assessment that guides further instruction, self-assessment, questioning techniques
- As Learning:
 - dialogue, feedback and self-reflection during sharing time
- Of Learning:
 - observations, curriculum outcomes demonstrated, problem-solving strategies demonstrated

**Do you have a forest or green space at your school?
We can work with you on your property as well. We are
happy to explore options that exist and help bring
education outdoors.**