



Bronte Creek

2007 Information Guide



In case of an Emergency

Call 9-1-1

Then notify park staff at the

905-827-3228 (campground)

905-827-6911 (day-use area)

EMERGENCY IN THE CAMPGROUND:

3201 Upper Middle Road W. Oakville

Major intersections:

Upper Middle & Bronte Rd.

Pay phone is located outside the

Campground office.

EMERGENCY IN THE DAY-USE AREA:

1219 Burloak Drive, Oakville

Major intersections:

Upper Middle and Burloak Dr.

Pay phone by the Recreation Complex

gates.

Non-emergency numbers:

Provincial Police.....888-310-1122

Halton Regional Police.905-825-4747

Fire Department.....905-845-7114

Ambulance.....905-844-4242

Provincial Park Vehicle Permits

Provincial Park Vehicle permits are an affordable way to enjoy Bronte Creek and 140 other Provincial Parks during the summer, winter or all year.

Current Rates:

Summer April 1- Nov. 30

\$80.00

Winter Dec. 1 -March 31

\$55.00

Annual April 1 - March 31

\$120

Vehicle permits are valid for (day-use facilities only) your passenger vehicle at ANY provincial park. Purchase your permit today at the park gates or park office.

2007 Camping and Day-use fees



Need more information? Park Staff will be happy to assist you. The park's main office is located south of Parking lot C, and is open Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm.

DAILY VEHICLE PERMITS*

\$13.00 Regular \$10.50 Senior \$6.50 Disabled
\$40.00 School Bus Permit

All vehicles must obtain and display a valid permit.

Self-serve "pay & display" machines are to be used when there are no gate attendants on duty.

ATTENTION CAMPERS!

Present your valid camping permit at the day-use gate for free entry to the day-use facilities. Pool fees are extra.

Pool Fees* (July 1st - September 4th)

Adult / Senior (18+) \$3.00 Youth (4-17) \$2.00

Children 3 yrs and underFree

Fee decreases by .50 cents for registered campers.

*in addition to day-use fee and camping fee.



The Campground Office on the entrance road off Upper Middle and Bronte Rd., is staffed April - Oct.

Peak Season Camping Fees *

Rates apply May 12- October 29	Regular	Senior	Disabled
Electric Service site/ night	\$32.75	\$26.25	\$16.25
Additional Vehicle	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$5.00
Reservation Fee	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Cancellation or Change Fee	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
www.OntarioParks.com or 1-888-668-7275			

Off Season Camping Fees*

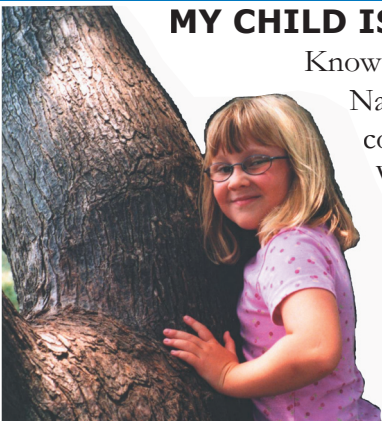
Rates apply: April 1 - May 11	Regular	Senior	Disabled
Electric Service site/ night	\$28.75	\$23.00	\$14.25
Additional Vehicle	\$9.00	\$7.25	\$4.50
Reservation Fee	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Cancellation or Change Fee	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
www.OntarioParks.com or 1-888-668-7275			

GROUP Camping Fees* reserve by calling 905-827-3228

Group Site/ night	youth and charitable \$21.00, all others \$42.00
Reservation fee	\$12.00
Adult	\$4.00
Youth (6-17years)	\$1.00
Senior	\$3.00
Additional Vehicle	\$3.00

* These fees are provided based on current information available at printing. Fees are subject to change.

* Senior and Disabled rates apply to Ontario Residents only.



MY CHILD IS LOST! First, report a missing person to any park staff member.

Know the following about the missing person:

Name and age, campsite number, location last seen, hair colour, eye colour, skin colour, clothing colour and style, any known illnesses and can the person swim?

When a child is lost, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that someone remains at the campsite or picnic area in case the child returns. If the child finds the site empty, they may leave again in search of the parents.

If **YOU** get lost: Stay where you are and “hug-a-tree”. Wandering around may get you more lost. When you hear your name being called, answer. Police, staff and others are looking for you.

Your parents will be relieved that you are found. They will not be mad.

Your Comments Please

Your comments are valued! We hope that you are enjoying your visit to at Bronte Creek Provincial Park. If you know of areas or services where improvements can be made we would appreciate hearing about it. There is a comment area on the back of your camp permit. Please complete it and drop it off as you exit the park on your last day, or fill out a comment card available at all day-use area facilities. This is your opportunity to let us know about the outstanding service you received by a particular staff member or the fun your children had at one of the park programs. It is also a chance for you to tell us about services that need improvement or new facilities that you feel would add to your camping experience. Please do not wait until you leave to inform us of difficulties or situations that need immediate attention. If a situation arises, please contact a staff member immediately so that the problem can be solved. We want you to have a safe and enjoyable stay. Park phone numbers are found on page 3.

Vehicle Permits

If you are a frequent visitor there are cost advantages to purchasing these long term permits. A Summer Permit cost less than 6 regular Daily Vehicle Permits.

Summer	(April 1'07 - Nov. 30'07)	\$70.00
Winter	(Dec. 1'07 - March 31'08)	\$50.00
Annual	(April 1'07 - March 31'08)	\$110.00

Your vehicle permit can be used in over 100 operating Ontario Provincial Parks. Your permit is transferable between vehicles. Permits have no value toward camping fees.

Vehicle permits make a great gifts!

Available at the entrance gates or park office.

Same Day Offer: The cost of your Daily Vehicle Permit will be taken off the cost of your seasonal permit IF the transaction is done on the SAME day.

Dogs and Provincial Parks

If you have brought your pet to Bronte Creek Provincial Park, there are a few things you need to know:

- All pets must be kept on a leash not exceeding 2 metres (6 feet) in length at all times (except in the 2 designated leash free areas for dogs).

- As a pet owner, you are responsible for preventing your pet from making excessive noise or disturbing others. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PET UNATTENDED AT YOUR CAMPSITE or in your car!**

- Pets are not allowed in the pool area.
- You **MUST** clean up after your pet.
- Failure to comply with these rules could result in you being charged under the Provincial Parks Act.

For more information see page 22.



ABC's of Bronte Creek Family Programs



Bronte Creek Provincial Park has many activities to keep the whole family busy. There is something going on everyday! Updated listings are inserted into this publication and are available at all park offices and facilities. Current program listings are posted on the information boards by the parking lots in the day use area and at the campgrounds' main comfort stations.

Ask the Naturalist – Here's your chance to ask a park naturalist your questions! Why do bees sting? Do toads really give you warts? Where do bugs go when it rains? What does poison ivy look like?

Barn Tours - You've never toured the barns like this before! Everyone is sure to enjoy learning about the ins and outs of our farm animals.

Campfires – Gather round the fire to hear stories, songs and skits about Bronte Creek's natural and human history. **C**hildren's Programs - Adventure and discovery for school aged kids, younger siblings with parental assistance.

Dr. Science – Join Dr. Science to discover cool facts as you examine the plants and animals that make their home in Bronte Creek Provincial Park. Dr. Science loves to explore the natural world with nets, magnifiers, binoculars and buckets.

Evening programs - Join a Park Interpreter for an evening filled with interesting stories, activities and guest speakers.

Fact Pack – You think Dora or Deigo has a lot of stuff in her backpack, wait 'til you see our pack! A Park Interpreter may visit your campsite or catch you at the pool and show you all sorts of fascinating items from the fact pack.

Guided Walks – (Discovery Walks, Tyke Hikes, Night Hikes) Join a Park Interpreter on a leisurely outing which focuses on interesting themes of Bronte Creek's natural and human history. Bronte Creek Night Hikes dispel myths about common nocturnal animals. Watch bats zoom across the night sky or howl for coyotes in hopes of a reply. Tyke Hikes are specially designed for pre-school



aged-kids with basic information and interactive, sensory activities. For all walks you may wish to bring a hat, sun block and insect repellent, sturdy walking shoes and water. Please no dogs on the night hikes.

Hands-on-Heritage– A costumed park interpreter will be performing 1890's household tasks. Drop by to lend a hand or sample tasty treats prepared using heritage methods on a wood fueled stove. Each day of the week is a different topic reflecting farm life typical of a Victorian era.

? the **I**nterpreter - Look for a Park Interpreter at a table near the children's farm or around the pool. Stop by to learn about all kinds of exciting topics. We encourage you to use your senses!

Check out www.BronteCreek.org or www.OntarioParks.com for more information on our annual SPECIAL EVENTS.



You put the "PRO" back into Propane!

Ontario Parks campers, you've done it again! The number of non-refillable propane cylinders left in our parks has dropped for another year. From an average of 60,000 containers left behind every year – to 13,600 last year. Thank you for being so proactive!

You may be wondering what the big deal is. Empty disposable propane cylinders are considered hazardous waste, and it costs a whopping \$2.50 per container to recycle them. By anybody's account, that's expensive garbage.

The 75% drop in the number of cylinders left behind over the past 2 years has meant a saving of over \$116,000! That's money that can be used for improvements in your parks, for things like new picnic tables, fireplace grills and children's play-ground equipment.

How can you help? Don't use disposable propane canisters. Switch to refillable propane tanks, or choose equipment that uses camp fuel. If you do use non-refillable propane containers, take them home with you and dispose of them at your local hazardous waste depot.

Can we reduce the number of empty propane cylinders to zero? We're betting we can – with your continued help.



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ParkSmart PFD Loan Service

Visitors to Bronte Creek Provincial Park can take part in a program that enables them to borrow a properly fitted personal flotation device (PFD) during their stay.

The ParkSmart PFD Loan Service is offered through a partnership with the Canadian Red Cross, the Mustang Survival Corporation, the Canadian Tire Corporation and Ontario Parks. For a refundable deposit, visitors can borrow a properly fitted PFD for themselves and their children. Staff can provide additional information and can outfit visitors with a PFD at the outdoor pool in the recreation complex.

The aim of the program is to raise awareness of water safety and the importance of using PFDs.



Your support, your parks

Looking for a fun way to remember your Ontario Parks experiences all year long? Consider these new products.

Ontario Parks Gift Certificates - Give the gift of outdoor adventure. Our gift certificates are versatile, convenient and can be used to buy park products and services.

Personalized Ontario Parks Calendar - Design your own calendar online using parks images and adding your own special events. It will also include notable parks dates, so you'll always know what's coming up in our provincial parks.

Did you know that revenue from Ontario Parks products goes right back to the parks? Enjoy our new products while making a lasting contribution to your parks!

For more information, visit a park office or www.OntarioParks.com

Trails at Bronte Creek

Walking the trails of Bronte Creek Provincial Park is an excellent way to explore the park and see all of its unique natural landscapes and wildlife. In the day use area you will find 4 nature trails and many kilometers of connecting foot paths to explore. Each season brings with it a new reason to visit, so get out there-- hike, bike, walk, rollerblade or ski --most are wheelchair accessible.



Trail	Length	Description	Parking access
Maiden's Blush Trail	1 km	This paved trail winds through mature forest and is suitable for walking, rollerblading and cycling. This trail is wheelchair accessible.	Lot A or Lot C
Half Moon Valley Trail	2 km	The Half Moon Valley trail explores the Bronte Creek valley and the park's early history. It includes some steep climbs and may not be suitable for disabled visitors.	Lot F
Trillium Trail	1 km	Trillium trail is the best place in the park to see spring wildflowers and catch a breathtaking glimpse of the valley floor. This trail is wheelchair or stroller friendly.	Lot F
Ravine Trail	2.7 km	This linear path meanders along the top of the valley between Spruce Lane Farm and the picnic area by parking lot A.	Lot A or Lot F

Trail User's Code

Stay on established paths and trails • Carry out all garbage • Leave flowers and plants for others to enjoy
• Keep pets on a short (2 metre) leash at all times.

Bronte Creek's Buried Ravine: its True Age Remains a Mystery

The most interesting geological feature in Bronte Creek Provincial Park is a large buried river valley. The buried valley roughly parallels the present creek valley. It stretches from Carlisle to just south of Shell Park passing through Bronte Creek Provincial Park west of the Half Moon Valley. This 100 foot deep and narrow valley has walls of Queenston Shale and has been filled by stratified sands and gravels that resemble glacial outwash or spillway deposits. The stratified material has become cemented by calcium carbonate which precipitates out of ground water. The age of this valley cannot be stated accurately without radiocarbon analysis, but most logically it was during the late pleistocene period. Studies show that within the retreat of the Wisconsin Glacier, a minor retreat occurred (14,000 to 15,000 B.P.) The buried valley would have to have been cut in this interval. The best exposure of the buried valley occurs in the park a half mile north of the QEW bridge along the Half Moon Valley Trail. Trail guide available.

Picnic Shelter & Areas – Parking Lot A, D & F

Picnicking with friends and family or hosting a corporate event? Bronte Creek offers over 1500 picnic tables and 11 picnic shelters. Shade trees and picnic tables are first-come-first-serve while picnic shelters are reserved between mid-June through to the end of September. Picnic shelters can be reserved Monday to Friday as well as weekends.

For more information call 905-827-6911 ext 288 or visit www.BronteCreek.org.



Nature Centre – Parking Lot C

Displays and activities about Ontario wildlife! Drop by to see live animal displays including the popular honey bee hive. Can you find the Queen? Report your wildlife sights to the Nature Centre staff or check out the latest sightings for yourself. Park Naturalists are available to assist you with identifying the plants and animals you see during your stay.

Kids will have fun exploring in our discovery room or looking at creatures of the night in the nocturnal room.

See the program calendar inserted into this guide for more information on programs, hikes and evening programs.

Playbarn – Parking Lot C

As you enter the Day-use area it is hard to miss the big red playbarn. This Pennsylvania Barn was built in 1885 and has been converted into a children's play area. The hay loft is now filled with slides, tunnels and jumping pits. Kids 10 years of age and younger can jump, slide, crawl and climb for hours.

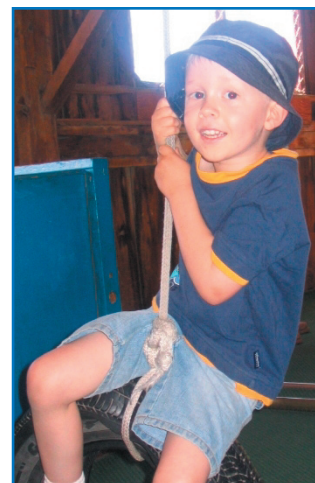
Open everyday except Christmas Day. Parents please note that the Playbarn may be unsupervised. School groups and day camps can book ½ hour sessions in the playbarn. Only one group of no more than 30 children will be booked per ½ hour session (public continue to have access).



Farms – Parking Lot C or F

Visit the Children's Farm where you can see a variety of domestic animals which could include: pigs, chickens, rabbits and goats. Food dispensing machines are available.

Spruce Lane Farm is home to our cows and pea fowl. You can also see more pigs and our boar. Look for the Farm Animal Identification panels posted near each barn. The children's farm is open everyday except Christmas Day, drop by to see what's new! Spruce Lane Farm is available March - September only.



Bronte Creek Disc Golf Course - Parking lot F

Disc or Frisbee Golf is similar to golf, but using Frisbees. The whole family can have fun on this 18 hole course. Visit www.ondisc.org for more information.

Recreation Complex – Parking Lot D

Swim in the 1.8 acre outdoor pool or spend some time on the courts. We offer tennis, volleyball and basketball. We rent equipment at the Park Store!

Try out rollerblading on the 1km paved Maiden's Blush Trail. The rollerblading path starts at the recreation complex.



Then take a break and grab a bite to eat or buy an Ontario Parks souvenir. If you forgot your towel or need more sunscreen you can find it at the Park Store.

In the winter the basketball court turns into a lit ice rink that is open daily for recreational skating. Cross country ski trails and a toboggan hill round out the winter activities.



Campground – Bronte Road

The campground offers 144 electrical hook-up campsites, showers and laundry facilities, a filling and dumping station and 2 sets of children's play equipment. The campground opened in 2002 and has proven popular with travelers along the Ottawa-Niagara corridor as well as area families looking for a camping experience without the long drive.

The Bronte Creek Campground is a great area for people to try camping for the first time or test out their new skills and equipment. To make a reservation call 1 888-668-7275 or visit www.OntarioParks.com



Just added! A network of walking paths for hours of adventure!



Spruce Lane Farmhouse – Parking Lot F

Constructed in 1899 by Henry Breckon, the farmhouse stands as a living example of everyday life in Halton County's early settlement history.

Tour the farmhouse to see Victorian designs, furnishing and décor. Costumed interpreters will enhance your visit with heritage demonstrations and hands-on activities for children.

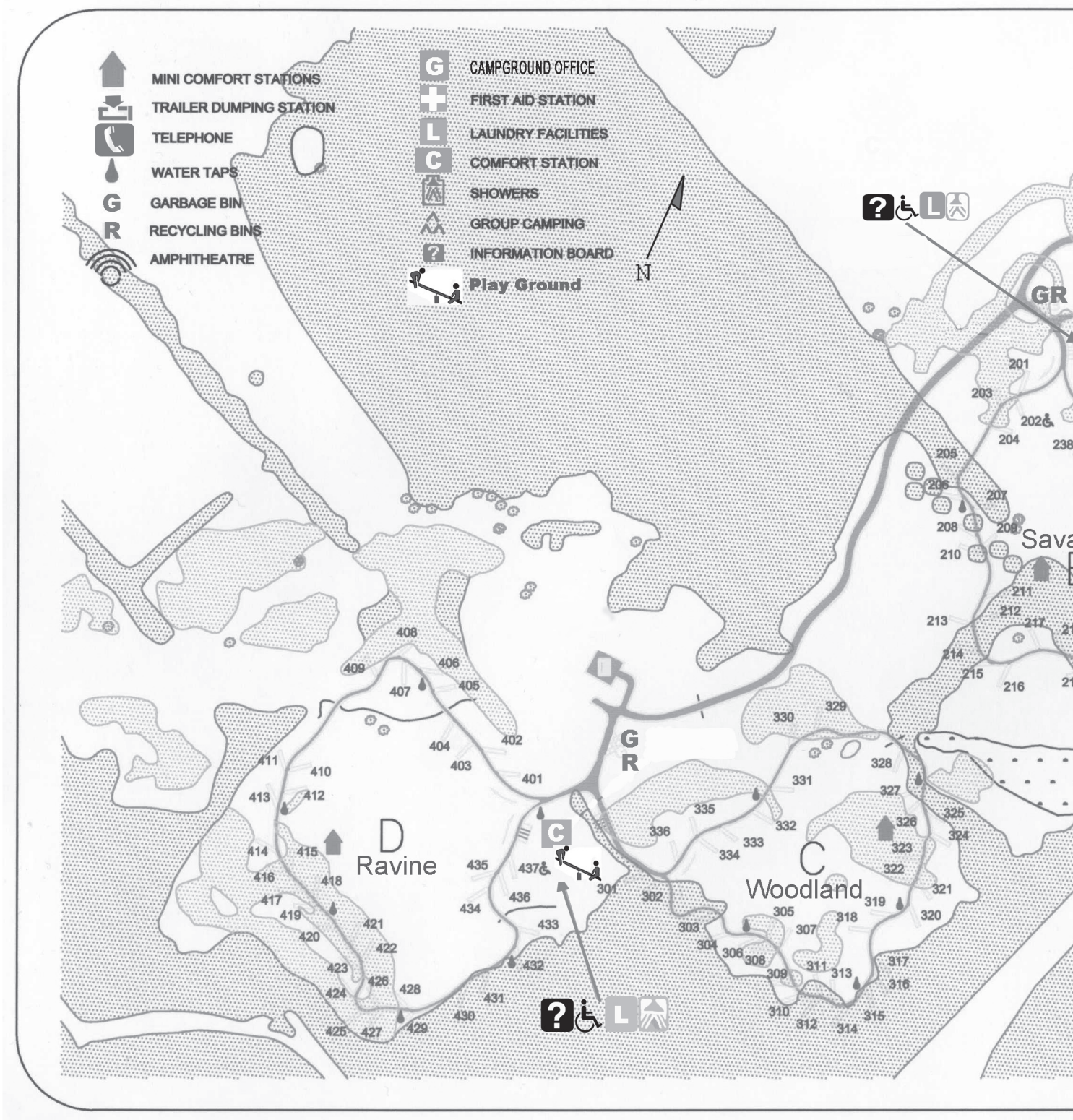
See the program calendar inserted into this publication for more details on demonstrations offered during your visit.

March is Maple Syrup Month - Annual Festival

Join us each weekend in March, plus the week of March Break for our annual Maple Syrup Festival. Guided tours, gift shoppe, pancake house and fresh maple candy. We also offer school group programs!

Current program information is available at www.BronteCreek.org





Emergency? Call 9-1-1

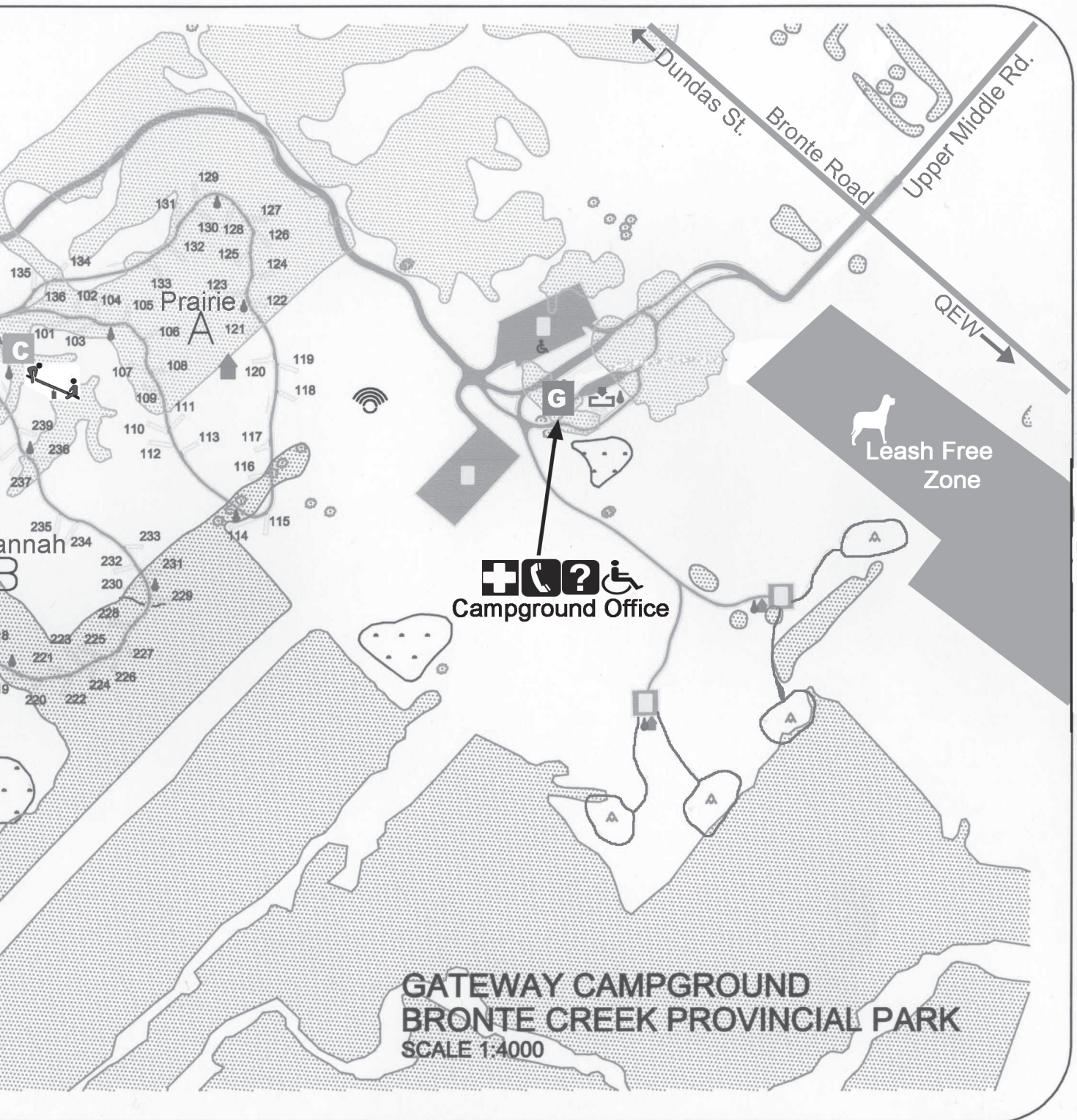
Fire number: Bronte Creek Campground

Park Location: 3201 Upper Middle Rd. W

Campsite number: (or location of emergency)

Campground office phone: 905-827-3228

Public phone outside campground office.



Directions to Day-use Area from Campground

Route A (6km) South on Bronte Road to QEW. West to Burloak Drive. North 1 km.

Route B (11km) North on Bronte Road to Dundas St. West to Appleby Line, south to Upper Middle Road, left on Upper Middle to Burloak Drive, south on Burloak to entrance.

Summer Weather

- Storms can arise quickly and in some cases can be damaging. They can result in hail, lightning, heavy rain and strong winds.
- There are some things you can do to prepare yourself and minimize the effects of a storm.
- Environment Canada monitors weather at all times.
- If severe weather is probable Environment Canada provides information on their webpage as well as on radio and television news.
- There are 2 levels of weather alerts – a weather WATCH and a weather WARNING.
- Weather WATCH indicates that conditions are favourable for a severe storm but no actual storm has been sighted as of yet.
- A weather WARNING indicates that severe weather is either already occurring or is highly probable.

Things to do when camping

- Listen to local radio stations to check the weather or check the weather posted at the campground office. (680 AM has regular weather reports)
- Secure anything on your site that could blow around and cause injury i.e. lawn chairs and beach toys.
- In severe weather it is safer to be inside your vehicle than in a tent or outside.
- If there is lightning and you are caught in an open area, crouch down in a leap frog position and cover your head.

Things to do in the pool or picnic area

- During inclement weather park patrons are advised to take cover in their own vehicles or nearby building.
- The pool and pool area are evacuated during electrical storms. It may re-open 20 minutes after the last visible lightning strike.

Refunds are not issued due to inclement weather or early closures of the pool.

If you have any questions regarding weather or storm safety, do not hesitate to speak to one of the staff.

For more information:
www.weathroffice.ec.gc.ca

Did you know...

Ontario has an extensive provincial parks system that is envied around the world. Most people have no idea how big our parks system really is: 329 provincial parks, covering a total area that's bigger than Nova Scotia – not to mention many countries in Europe

Your visit is just one of an average of 10 million our parks will receive this year. Those visits help create about 7,000 person-years of employment. About 80% of what we spend to run Ontario's parks comes directly from you -- through day use or camping fees, revenue from firewood or park merchandise sales, and corporate partnerships.

The money you spend here goes directly back into parks. Among other things, it helps to pay for natural heritage education programs and research – and enables us to continue providing ecologically-sustainable recreation opportunities to all of our visitors.

Thank you for your support.

Heritage Corner

How old is this building?

- **Playbarn (1885)**
- **Nature Centre (1885)**
- **Park Office (1892)**
- **Spruce Lane Farmhouse (1899)**
- **Campground Office (2000)**

Why are all the beech trees dying? Research by Shannon Clarke • Edited by Sheila Wiebe

Have you noticed the number of Beech trees that have died in the past 3 years? We have. Beech bark disease (BBD), like Dutch elm disease and Chestnut blight, is a foreign disease introduced to North America with devastating consequences. It is caused by a combination of a sap-feeding scale and a Nectria fungi. Beech scale was introduced to Nova Scotia in 1890 from Europe. It has only recently been detected in Ontario.

The first stage of Beech bark disease is the beech bark scale, a tiny (0.5-1mm) sap-feeding insect. It has 3 stages in its life cycle: egg, crawler and adult. The adults are wingless, legless and covered with white woolly wax. Eggs are laid in early July of the bark of beech trees. Crawlers hatch about 4 weeks later and start searching for food. Feeding causes a wound in the bark. Scale is spread from tree to tree by wind.

The second stage that causes beech bark disease is a Nectria fungus. They infest beech trees through the feeding wounds made by beech scale. The fungus colonizes the bark, cambium and sapwood, causing cankers to form under the bark. The fungi can affect large areas of the tree, completely girdling it causing the tree to eventually die.

A heavy infestation of beech scale can weaken the tree, but serious damage occurs only after the fungi invade and kill the bark that is already stressed by the scale infestation. Look for the white woolly wax on the beech trees in the park. Or brown slime oozing from dead parts of the inner bark.

The Nectria fungus cannot be controlled, once it infects the tree. To prevent beech scale infestation, do not transport firewood from infested areas between July and November. Scale can be removed from some individual trees, however efforts to control scale in a forest habitat are difficult. The Park is not taking steps to prevent or control the beech bark disease. The Park actively monitors and removes hazardous trees. For more information on Beech bark disease visit the Nature Centre.



White woolly wax deposits on the bark of beech trees is the first sign of trouble.

Have you heard about MacKenzie's Cave?

If you grew up around Oakville or Burlington 20 -30 years ago you likely know about or maybe even went into the cave reputed to be an overnight hiding place for William Lyon Mackenzie when he fled Toronto in 1837. But what has become of this cave?

According to research conducted prior to the establishment of the park, the cave is thought to be the only one of its kind in Ontario. The cave was created by ground water runoff eroding the cemented gravel and unsorted till deposits along the edge of the buried valley. The Preliminary Ecological Survey of Bronte Creek Reserve (Schreiber, 1971) states that "although the walls are compact, the material is soft and is easily chipped off". The report goes further to state that "any form of shock inside the cave could be hazardous and the cave should be regarded as dangerous. Due to the fragile nature of the cave it is not expected to last long."

In 2001 Park officials did some survey work in the valley and noted that the entrance to the cave had indeed slumped, make access to the cave impossible.

For more information on the cave and the geomorphology of the valley as a staff member at the Nature Centre or join us on a guide hike. Program notices are posted on each washroom.

How to Make the Perfect Campfire

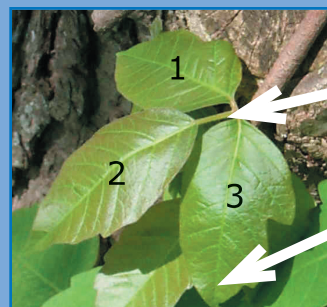
1. Build fire in designated fire pit only.
2. Place woodpile well away from fire pit.
3. Have tinder, kindling and various sizes of wood ready before you light your fire.
4. Place a fire starter or small bundle of tinder in the centre of the fire pit.
5. Place a few pieces of kindling in a tee-pee style over the fire starter.
6. Light the fire starter, adding progressively larger pieces of wood, only when fire is well established.
7. Never leave a campfire unattended.
8. Now sit back and enjoy, sing songs, roast marshmallows.
9. Before heading to bed put out your fire completely.
10. Pour 2-3 buckets of water in the fire a little at a time. Be careful of smoke and steam. Stir coals to ensure that all hot spots are out.



Poison Ivy

Be aware of what you are looking for:

- Can grow as a ground plant or a vine. Watch out for this plant along trails and road edges. If you would like to safely get a closer look at poison ivy, come to the Campground Office or Nature Centre and ask to see our terrarium display.
- If you think you have touched Poison Ivy wash the area with soap and water ASAP.
- A rash may develop within 3-7 days of contact.
- If rash develops keep area dry. Consult doctor for further treatment.



3 leaves

Middle leaf separated by stem

Leaf edges smooth or lobed not toothed

Has your cooler been raided by a masked bandit?

The Raccoon is a highly intelligent animal is a common sight around the park. They have paws that look and work like little hands. Raccoons can get into just about any cooler or food container. The average weight of an adult male is about 8.5 kg with the largest reported weighing over 28 kg. Their habitat is forested areas near the creek where they can find some of their favourite food items such as crayfish, frogs, small fish, and turtles. They also eat wild berries, corn, meadow voles, and mice. Mainly nocturnal, they have few natural predators although they are sometimes taken by foxes and coyotes. Generally mild-mannered, they will fight bravely if cornered.

Be Raccoon-Wise

- Ensure all food (including coolers) are locked in your vehicle anytime you are not at your site.
- Never bring or store food into your tent.
- Dispose of garbage daily, in the bins provided.
- Never feed or approach a raccoon. They are wild animals and can be bold, unpredictable and vicious.
- Remember, rabid animals normally behave out of character. Raccoons in the park tend to be bold, so evidence of rabies may be more difficult to recognize.
- Report any suspect raccoon (or any animal) to park staff immediately.

Should you have any concerns about the feeding practices of your fellow campers please notify park staff



The Raccoon is a common campsite visitor.

Bringing your own supply of firewood to the park this summer? Please read this.

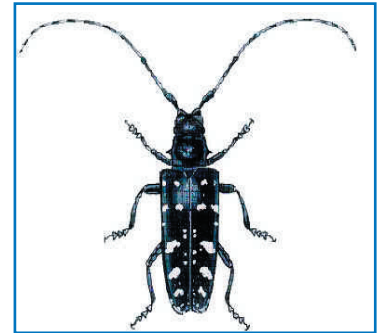
Firewood often contains insects and plant diseases. Campers who bring firewood from home may accidentally spread diseases that threaten Ontario's provincial parks and the health of our forests.

The Asian longhorned beetle and emerald ash borer are of particular concern. They are both recent arrivals to Canada and without natural controls here.

While the emerald ash borer is currently believed to be confined to southwestern Ontario and southeast Michigan, where it has killed millions of ash trees, the movement of firewood has been the main culprit in its rapid spread in both the U.S. and Canada over the past year. As a result, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has imposed a quarantine, which prohibits the movement of firewood to areas outside of Essex, Lambton and Elgin Counties, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and the U.S.A.. The Asian longhorned beetle has been found attacking hardwood trees between Vaughan and Toronto. Both insects can be easily spread in firewood, which may look normal, but still be infested.

How you can help:

- Do not bring firewood from any quarantined areas into our parks. This includes firewood from areas under quarantine such as Essex, Lambton and Elgin Counties, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and the U.S.A.
- Buy firewood at the park where you are camping;
- If you have questions, check with park staff, call the CFIA at 1-800-442-2342 or go to www.inspection.gc.ca



Asian Longhorned Beetle
Blue-black with white spots
and very long antennae
Adults 2.5 - 3.5cm



Emerald Ash Borer:
Metallic blue-green
adults 8.5 -14 mm

What is a Friend?

The Friends of Bronte Creek Park are a dedicated and caring group of volunteers who work alongside the park administration to enhance the educational facilities and programs provided by Bronte Creek Provincial Park.

Established in 1997 as a non-governmental, non-profit organization, the Friends assist Ontario Parks in interpreting and publicizing to the visiting public the natural and cultural values of Bronte Creek Provincial Park.

Are you interested in being a Friend?

The Friends of Bronte Creek Park are looking for individuals who are interested in helping the board or in becoming board members. Volunteers are also needed for activities such as Wagon Driver, Feed Station Monitor or Promoter at local events.

New ideas and energy are always welcome.
The Park is a special place and deserves our efforts.
Visit www.BronteCreek.org for a membership form.



Natural Learning for Kids & Teachers

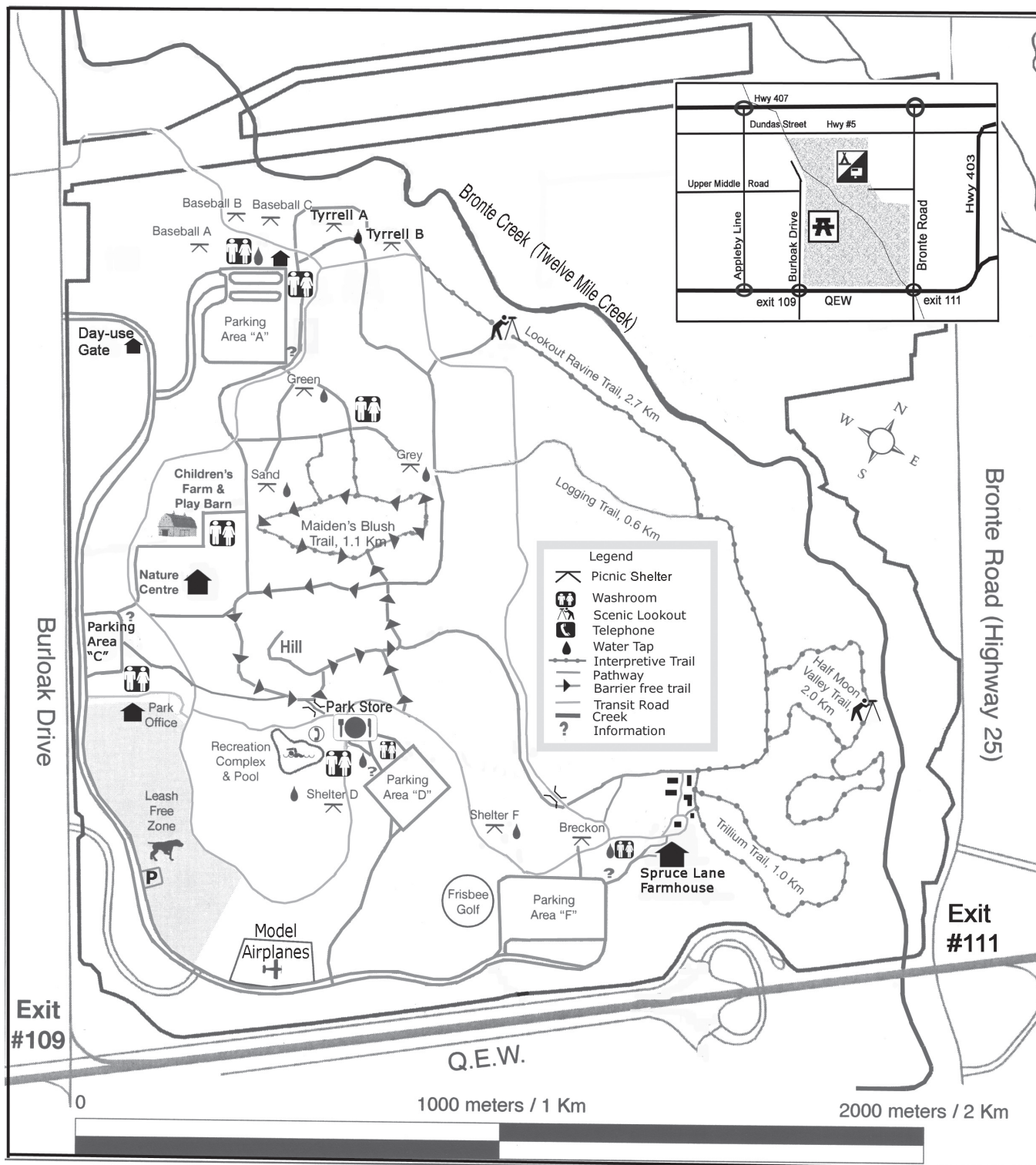
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Rules to Guide You - There is one basic rule in Ontario Parks: Have respect and consideration for your fellow visitors and the park environment. The following table lists some of the more common laws enforced in the parks as well as the minimum fines that apply. The Provincial Parks Act and other legislation governing behaviour in provincial parks are available in the Park Office. Park Wardens who are Peace Officers defined under the Criminal Code of Canada and have the authority of a member of the Ontario Provincial Police Force in a Provincial Park enforce these laws. There is a surcharge added to provincial fines, which is dependent upon the amount of the fine. Fine subject to change.

Offence		Minimum Fine	Explanation
Alcoholic Beverages	Have liquor in open container other than residence	\$130.00	You are permitted to consume or possess an open alcoholic beverage on a registered campsite only.
	Consume liquor in other than residence (campsite)	and / or eviction	
	Have open container of liquor in vehicle	\$215.00	
Alcohol Ban	Possess alcohol during ban	eviction	Alcohol is prohibited in Bronte Creek Provincial Park from May 12- 23, 2006
Campfires	Start fire other than in fireplace	\$100.00	For safety reasons, fires are permitted in fireplaces only. Risk of forest fires is reduced.
Camping equipment	Place more than 3 pieces of shelter equipment (a tarp and/ dining shelter not included)	\$70.00	Without limits on number of trailers and tents, sites would soon deteriorate, becoming larger and larger, eventually destroying the surrounding vegetation.
Camping permit	Fail to vacate and remove property from campsite on permit expiry	\$70.00	You are required to vacate and remove all property from your campsite by 2:00pm on the date your permit expires. The maximum length of stay in a provincial park is 23 days.
	Unlawfully occupy campsite	\$130.00	
	Camp over time limit	\$70.00	
Environmental protection	Damage crown property	\$130.00	Removal of natural objects is not permitted. This includes removal of growth and gathering of dead wood for fires.
	Unlawfully remove natural or other object	\$130.00	
	Unlawfully cut plant or tree	\$130.00	
Fireworks	Possess fireworks	\$100.00	Possession or use of fireworks is prohibited at all times in provincial parks. They are a fire hazard and disturb other visitors.
	Ignite fireworks	\$130.00	
Hours of closing	Unlawfully enter park after closing hours	\$130.00	Only registered campers are allowed in a provincial park during hours of closing 10:00p.m. and 8:00a.m.
	Unlawfully remain in park after closing	\$130.00	
Motorized vehicles	Unlawfully take motor vehicle into park or possess or operate it	\$130.00	Licensed motor vehicles may be operated on roads only. All provisions of the Highway Traffic Act apply on all park roads. Each vehicle in the park must have a valid permit.
	Operate vehicle off roadway	\$130.00	
Parking	Fail to park in designated area	\$35.00	All vehicles must be parked in designated areas. Except for "two vehicle sites" only one vehicle may be parked on a campsite. An Additional Vehicle Permit only provides for a second vehicle to be parked in a specific additional parking area.
	Park vehicle in area not designated by additional vehicle permit	\$35.00	
	Fail to display permit on parked vehicle	\$35.00	
Pets	Unlawfully permit domestic animals at large	\$70.00	For health and safety purposes, all domestic animals must be kept under control, and on a leash not exceeding two metres at all times, except in designated leash free areas. Under the Public Health Act, pets are not allowed in swimming areas or on the beach at any time. You must clean up after your pet.
	Unlawfully permit domestic animals to be in swimming area or beach	\$70.00	
	Permit domestic animals to make noise	\$70.00	
	Failure to dispose of domestic animal excrement.	\$70.00	
Refuse or garbage	Litter	\$130.00	Deposit all garbage and litter in containers provided to discourage raccoons and other wildlife from becoming pests. Clean campsites eliminate potential hazards to visitors and wildlife.
	Fail to keep campsite clean	\$130.00	
Rowdyism/ noise	Use of abusive or insulting language Make excessive noise in park Disturb other persons in park	\$150.00 and/ or eviction	Rowdy behaviour, including excessive noise and obscene language, is not permitted. You are not allowed to disturb any other person or interfere with anyone else's enjoyment of the park at any time of the day or night.
Speeding	Exceeding speeds greater than 20km/h on campground roads	\$130.00	Speeding above the limits is illegal and poses a danger to wildlife, park visitors and the operator of the vehicle and therefore will not be tolerated.
	Exceeding speeds greater than 40km/h on any park road	\$130.00	
	Disobey Stop Sign	\$70.00	

Day-use Area Map

See pages 12 &13 for map of Campground.



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