



# OUTDOOR CREATION EXPERIENCES

FAIR HAVENS

## Program Guide



Come explore our 130 acre outdoor classroom this school year!  
Stay physically active and engaged in learning out in nature!



THE **FAIR HAVENS**  
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

To book a trip or find out more details: [oce@fairhavens.org](mailto:oce@fairhavens.org) 1-800-430-5059  
Please review our Pricing Guide available on the "trip forms" tab of our website:



**www.discoverOCE.com**





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We have a variety of learning & community gathering spaces for your students!



Picnic tables or log seats in the forest used to introduce activities.



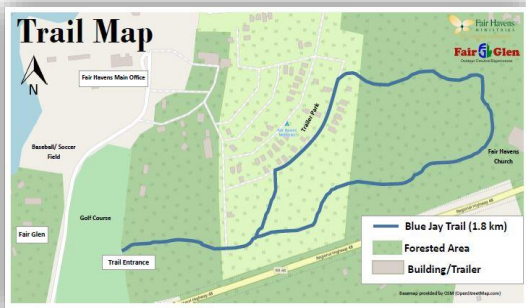
Bleachers by the shoreline for evening class campfires or to eat lunches.



**Simcoe Room** – for lesson intro/debriefs & warming up in winter. Stormy day indoor option available to explore our Creation Cabinet of nature artifacts!



**River Classroom:** for canoe lessons, recreation or shoreline nature hikes.



Our ~5.5km of hiking, snowshoe or ski trails are the “go-to-option” for engaging student curiosity & learning while staying physically active.



**The Glen Forest:** Maple Sugar Bush, High Ropes course & shelter building nature classroom (*depending on the season*).

10+ themed Nature Hike topics to choose from!

Providing Outdoor Creation Experiences since 1985  
across our 130 acre outdoor classroom!



## Program Periods 1.5 hours in length

### Nature Hikes (10+ options)

Guided by Wildlife Biologist Ryan Lamoureux and other Outdoor Educators, explore a section of our ~5.5 km of trails (on foot or by snowshoe) as you learn about the local animals & the diversity of ecosystems around Fair Havens!

Descriptions available on request & customizable to your science learning goals:

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| 1) Feathers & Flight  | 2) Habitat Hike             | 3) Strong & Stable Structures in Nature |
| 4) Biodiversity Walk  | 5) Bird Nest Identification | 6) Forest Succession/Management         |
| 7) Turtle Walk & Talk | 8) Invasive Species         | 9) Soil Studies      10) Beaver Study   |

### Nature Discovery Programs (*Environmental Education + Nature Skills*)


**Animal (CSI) Critter Signs Investigation** – Get equipped with binoculars & magnifying glasses to become wildlife detectives as you look for evidence of animal activity around camp.

*(Special “wildlife snow tracking” focus in the winter season)*


**Shelter Building** – Learn the techniques of building a survival shelter & tying basic knot. Then put your creativity & teamwork to the test by building a shelter to withstand the elements.


*(Can pair as the 2<sup>nd</sup> program following a “Strong & Stables Structures in Nature” themed Hike)*

**Nature Scavenger Hunt** – Explore the diversity of nature, by doing 3 types of scavenger hunt around a section of the property: (1) colours in nature, (2) magnifying glass/exploration dice (3) nature objects. *(can be combined with a nature hike or photography curriculum)*

 **Monarch Butterflies (early fall)** – Learn about the spectacular cycle of transformation & epic migration journey of this endangered species. This program is led by our Monarch Teachers Network of Canada certified staff (live specimens may be available August 1<sup>st</sup> - September 20th).

*For schools within 50km of our location: this special presentation can be brought to your schoolyard!*

 **Fire-making (winter special)** – Follow your Outdoor Educator Guide off-trail into the snowy forest to learn how to responsibly gather campfire materials from the wild and successfully ignite a fire using various methods (matches, striker or friction). Optional Add On: *Enjoy a catered toboggan picnic with a hot soup, veggie sticks & cookies, while roasting your own hotdogs on your fire!*

 **Pond study (spring special)** – Gear up with nets, buckets, identification sheets & magnifying equipment to explore the underwater diversity around our pond study platforms (max. 25 student at a time)

## Education Games to get your class RUNNING!

(Any Season)

*A science curriculum component connected with Outdoor Phys.Ed. style games!*

**\*Project Wild** – Customized animal-themed running games to compliment your curriculum learning goals & get your students physically active while learning about nature!

Example topics include: species at risk, bird migration, habitat requirements for animal survival, predator/prey relationships etc. [Special winter focused games available too.](#)

**Instincts for Survival** *Learn about science curriculum connections like the animal food pyramid, habitat requirements for survival and carnivores/omnivores/herbivores in this classic game of tag through the The Glen maple forest! Students get the chance to experience the hardships of life as an animal and learn how they are each uniquely designed to survive in their habitat.*

**Wolf Prowl** *The same game concept as Instincts for Survival but leveled up with a “team-work” component as wolf packs have to hunt together to get their meat points! This activity adds on additional “conservation biology” connections about human & wolf conflicts, misconceptions we have and the importance of these predators for ecosystem health.*



All programs have **OPTIONAL** bible-focused introductions/debriefs from a Christian world-view, please indicate your preference during booking.

## **Adventure Education & Team Athletics** *(equipment rental options available)*

**\*Teambuilding & Low Ropes (field/forest challenges)** – Set the tone for your school year & allow students to practice working together through teambuilding challenges. These programs can be customized to grade/learning outcomes. Overall focus is on leadership development, community connections, communication, problem solving & verbal/physical support.

\*Inquire if interested in having select challenges brought “on the road” to your schoolyard!

**Archery** – Receive extended 30 minutes of instruction on archery techniques & the safe operation of the range, then rent the equipment with a parent/adult to supervise (limited to 3 archers at a time). *(Note: overnight schools will have complementary access during “recreation time” after your lesson)*

**Orienteering (Navigational Map Challenge)** – Learn the skills required to use a map, then race or leisurely walk your way to complete our Orienteering Course across the Fair Havens Property.

Add on: optional compass skills for high school groups or Boy Scout/Girl Guide Group skills building.

**Canoe Lessons & Paddle** – Enjoy our basic training session to learn the techniques to paddle & steer a canoe with confidence, test your skills in our shallow practice bay then explore the river shoreline with your family or class! *PFD's/lifejackets & certified/experienced instructors provided.*

(Add On) **Canoe Orienteering** - *Combine your paddling & orienteering skills in this challenge!*

(Add On) **Paddle through the Locks** – *Extend your canoe lesson into a **double period** and ride up/down the Trent Severn locks to experience this amazing engineering wonder!*





### **(NEW) Guided Day Trips (3 program periods)**


*Inquire for more details – local route from The Glen boathouse to Canal Lake paddling up the Trent Severn River – practice more of your paddling skills, experience the engineering feat of the lock system and pack your picnic lunch + a refreshing swim to enjoy at the halfway point!*


### **(RE-OPENING) Off-site Canoe Trips (overnight trips)**

*A) Local route available through the locks to Centennial Park on Canal Lake.*

*B) Back-country options to Kawartha Highlands or Algonquin Highlands Parks.*



*We provide the safety equipment, training, ORCKA certified canoe guides, Lifeguard Qualifications, tents, canoes, kitchen gear & food. Guests are required to follow the provided packing list to ensure they bring appropriate clothing/sleeping bags for the trip! Inquire for more details.*


 **Cross country Skiing** – Gain confidence in your skiing abilities as you participate in a 30 minute training session which covers a range of topics from: how to go up/down hills, safely stop, get back up & efficiently use the grip & glide sections of your ski. Then take another 50 minutes to improve your techniques on one of our 4 trails or simply practice skiing around The Glen.

 **Snowshoeing** – Gear up for deeper snow, exploring around camp or hiking the nature trails. *(Simply rent gear, or combine with “Nature Hike” or “Orienteering” Instructed Programs.)*

**(NEW) Triathlon/Biathlon Events** – Attend lessons in multiple outdoor adventure sports, then return to The Glen with your group for the culminating event to compete in time-trial competitions to set your personal record or challenge a Fair Havens record in your age category.

*(Inquire for more details in advance, medals & prizes awarded to the winners!)*

  **Fall /Spring:** Canoe Paddle + Run the Orienteering Course + Archery Target Shoot *(or bring your own mountain bikes = fall season only)*

 **Winter Biathlon:** Cross-country ski + Archery Shoot or Dene Olympic event of your choice

### **(RE-OPENED) High Ropes Challenge Course      or      Rock Climbing Wall**

*Take your Physical Education curriculum to greater heights with our climbing courses!*

*Students will learn about equipment safety, the importance of stepping out of their comfort zone, setting personal goals and cheering each other on!      **Note: Day Trips may be charged +\$10/student if they choose BOTH climbing programs due to increased numbers of educators + equipment required.***



## Visual Arts

**\*Nature Pencil Sketching** – Join visual artist Ryan Lamoureux on an “Art Walk” through The Glen maple forest, stopping at various points along the way to practice the techniques of pencil sketching as you observe the world around you. Complete your experience by choosing a taxidermy animal or nature item from the Creation Cabinet to draw your final masterpiece.

*Note: bring your own Sketch-pad or Nature Journal!*

*Instructor: [www.ryanlamoureux.com](http://www.ryanlamoureux.com)*

**\*Nature Photography** – Join photographer Ryan Lamoureux to learn photography techniques as you explore around camp, completing a series of artistic exercises to train your eye at composing interesting shots *(Bring your own fully charged camera to this program).* [www.ryanlamoureux.com](http://www.ryanlamoureux.com)

**\*Shapes/Textures (sensory hike)** – Engage your curiosity and senses of sight, smell, touch & maybe even taste of the natural world by making observations about what you find & noticing the patterns, colours & shapes around us *(Optional: Bring along your Nature Journals & pencils).*

## Culture/History

**\*Fur Traders & Voyageur History** – Learn about the voyageurs & fur trade history through this interactive history presentation & resource trading game. French Canadian Costumes & fur trading props will be used to immerse students into this learning opportunity as they consider historical changes (both the good and bad) introduced to the First Nations’ people traditional way of life.



**(NEW) Dene Winter Olympics** – Learn about the epic sport competitions of the inhabitants of Northern Canada which were used to train for hunting & improve agility, then compete in the outdoor Winter Olympic events *(inquire for more details).*

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**First Nations Connections:** combine Canoe or Snowshoe Travel Programs with either Fur Traders + Shelter Building (spring/fall) + Wilderness Fire Making (winter) + Dene Olympics (winter)

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### **\*(NEW) The Outdoor Classroom “On the Road”**

This past year certain schools have experienced challenges with busing costs or organizing parent drivers to bring students to the Outdoor Education Centre. To increase the accessibility of our programs to local schools we have selected certain activities (\*) which can be packed into our camp van & brought to your schoolyard!

Contact [oce@fairhavens.org](mailto:oce@fairhavens.org) for program-related questions.



### **\*Wildlife Biologist in your class or school-yard**

Learn about how animals are specifically designed to survive in their habitats with taxidermy animal specimens and items from our Creation Cabinet: *animal skulls & tracks, bird nests, deer antlers etc.*

Curriculum connections to biodiversity, animal classification etc.

## Frequently asked Questions:



**What is the Price?** Please refer to our Pricing Guide available on the "Trip Forms" tab of our website: [www.discoverOCE.com](http://www.discoverOCE.com)

- Teachers attend for FREE at 1:10 student ratio
- Parents pay only for meals (required to help supervise). Programs + Accommodations = FREE
- Minimum group size of 10 students required for Day Programs (to cover 1 FG instructor)
- Discounts are available for weekly return day trips.
- Discounts available for families with siblings attending.



**How long is each program?** Typical program periods are **90 minutes** in length however certain activities can be extended into parent-supervised "free time" or shortened if you have to get on the bus early!

### THE FAIR HAVENS OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

**We have something for everyone!**

**What if my family can't make it for a school trip?**



Contact us about our scheduled **Family Events:**

- 1) Winter Family Day
- 2) March/April Sugar Bush Tours,
- 3) Summer Family Canoe Trip

**Additional options:** Family Ski or Canoe Equipment Rentals on select Saturdays + Fair Havens' summer Family Camp or Church group retreats.



**What if my family or school is too far away for a "DAY TRIP"?**



No problem – book an overnight stay (3 days/2 nights)!



**Plug into Nature with Us!**

Enjoy a **VIRTUAL OUTDOOR CREATION EXPERIENCE** & incorporate our new online learning opportunity into your curriculum this year! Videos include links to educational resources, biblical debriefs/applications and "take-home-activities" for your family or students to try!



Channel name: *Fair Glen Outdoor Education*  
currently being rebranded to *Outdoor Creation Experiences*



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