

Children's Eco Programs – Nature & Hiking

Environmental Education School Programs - Little Feet on the Trail

Our hands-on activities are based on the Ontario Curriculum guidelines and educational activities used in each program can include: Guided Nature Hikes, Plant and Animal Identification, Nature Based Science Experiments, Habitat Exploration, Sensory Activities, Use of Dichotomous Keys, Instincts for Survival Game, plus Orienteering, Map and Compass

Program Availability: S-Spring, F-Fall, W-Winter

All of our environmental education programs are developed to meet curriculum expectations and immerse students in the wonders of nature found within the City of Toronto. All programs can be adjusted to meet individual class needs and accessibility issues. For registration and location information, please see reverse.

JK/SK/Grade 1: Eco Adventures –½ day, F/W/S

A hands-on adventure exploring plant and animal lifecycles through songs, games and hands-on nature activities.

Grade 2: Amazing Animals –½ and full day, F/W/S

Discover the amazing and innovative animals in our urban parks, forests and ravines. Games allow students to explore the habitats just like the animals they will identify.

Grade 3: Plant Detection –½ day, combine with Ground Beneath Us for full day program, F/S

Learn the systems and needs of plant life in an urban park setting. Hiking, plant ID and hands-on experiments included!

Grade 3: The Ground Beneath Us –½ day, combine with Plant Detection for full day program, F/S

Soil is an important part of our daily lives. What makes it so interesting and how can we protect it? Get ready to dig!

Grade 4: Habitat Quest –½/full day, F/W/S

What is a habitat and why is it important? Identify a variety of habitats and the important features each contain. The Instincts for Survival Game is an outstanding teaching tool for this program.

Grade 4: Map It! –½ and full day, F/W/S

Map and compass skills are an important and interesting way to find your path in the world. Learn map reading skills, how to use a compass and gain practice with a variety of challenges.

Grade 5: Life Systems –½ day, F/W/S

Examine the cycles of nature as an alternative approach to understanding human organ systems. Habitat exploration, hands-on observation and experiments make the connection.



Grade 6: Urban Biodiversity –½ and full day, F/W/S

Why is biodiversity so important? How will the loss of biodiversity affect the environment around us? Learn the answers to these questions through guided nature hikes, learn how to use dichotomous keys to identify plants and animals and take a special look at biodiversity in an urban environment. New investigations of old planting techniques have taught us that biodiversity in the garden is essential to a healthy, organic growing space. Learn more about the diversity above and below the soil.

Grade 6: Follow in their footsteps –½/full day, F/W/S

Discover Toronto's Aboriginal Peoples' and early settler's history through exploration and traditional story telling.

Grade 7/8: Ecosystems –½ and full day, F/W/S

Identify the living and non-living elements of our urban ecosystems, while exploring their interactions.



Program Registration

Programs are approximately two hours in length and can be booked for either a morning or afternoon session. Make it a full-day program by pairing it with an Organic Gardening or Cooking & Nutrition half day program. Garden programs run from mid-May through June and from September through October. Nature & Cooking programs can be booked throughout the fall, winter and spring (please see the Cooking & Nutrition Program Brochure for more information).

- **Half-day garden or nature program is \$6/student**
- **Half-day cooking program cost is \$7.50/student.**
- **Full-day garden and nature program cost is \$11/student.**
- **Full-day garden/nature and cooking program cost is \$12.50/student.**
- **Teachers and parent volunteers attend free of charge.**

A minimum of 10 students is required (or minimum program fee is \$60.00) and a maximum of 30 students can be accommodated in one program.

For more information, or to register your class, please contact Keely Forth at 416-392-1329 or e-mail kidsgrow@toronto.ca

Program Location

High Park Children's Garden

We encourage all groups to take the TTC or walk/bike to our location. High Park is conveniently located along 3 major TTC transit lines and is a wonderful natural area to walk through.

The Children's Garden is located at the south end of High Park just north of the Colborne Lodge Rd. and the Queensway entrance.

The 501 Queen Streetcar is the closest TTC Route but High Park is also accessible through the Bloor Subway line and the 506 College Streetcar. Parking is available at the Grenadier Restaurant. For more information and directions inside the Park check out our website.

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