

Welcome to our **Back2Nature** Conservation Area Exploration Kit!

Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) is a local, community-based, environmental organization and one of 36 Conservation Authorities across Ontario. We were founded in 1958 with the mandate to establish and undertake programs to promote conservation, restoration, development, and management of natural resources in partnership with local municipalities and the province. We are responsible for managing 24 watersheds within the Cities of Pickering and Oshawa, the Towns of Whitby and Ajax and the Townships of Uxbridge, Clarington and Scugog.

Our jurisdiction is 629 square kilometres of land and water resources from Lake Ontario, to the top of the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Inside this backpack is your window of opportunity to explore outdoor environments in all seasons, close to home or further afield. We offer the use of **Exploration Kits** free of charge to Durham Region residents through your local libraries. We have eight conservation areas in our jurisdiction for you to discover and explore! **Get outside and take it in!**

KIT CONTENTS

Books (four)

The books are great for home use, and we would prefer if you did not take them out on your hikes, but if you do, be sure to protect them from the elements using a plastic, resealable bag and keep them in the backpack when not in use.

Book 1: Garden Bugs of Ontario

Book 2: Butterflies of Ontario and Eastern Canada

Book 3: Birds of Ontario

Book 4: Plants of Southern Ontario

Identification Guides (six)

We recommend you take the identification guides with you in the backpack to help you explore the natural world you see. The guides are waterproof and are easy to use. It's helpful if you focus on what interests you and your fellow hikers.

Guides	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Animal Tracks of Ontario and Eastern Canada	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mammals of Eastern Canada	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wildflowers of Ontario and Eastern Canada		✓	✓	✓
Trees of Eastern Canada	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ontario Birds	✓	✓	✓	✓
Butterflies and Moths		✓	✓	✓

Conservation Area Brochures

- Refer to the 'locator map' and add coordinates to your phone or GPS system. You can also download free trail maps for some of our Conservation Areas through the *Avenza Maps* app from *The App Store* or *Google Play*. Once downloaded, maps can be used offline and will track your location within the Conservation Areas using your device's GPS.
- Hours of operation for all Conservation Areas are dawn until dusk, year-round.
- View the map for information on Trail Etiquette and Rules.

Conservation Areas	Municipality
Bowmanville Westside Marshes Conservation Area	Clarington
Crow's Pass Conservation Area	Whitby
Enniskillen Conservation Area	Clarington
Heber Down Conservation Area	Whitby
Long Sault Conservation Area	Clarington
Lynde Shores Conservation Area	Whitby
Purple Woods Conservation Area	Oshawa
Stephen's Gulch Conservation Area	Clarington

If you are bringing your dog along, please make sure they are **B.A.R.K. Rangers**:

- B** – **Bag** your poop (and take it with you for proper disposal).
A – **Always** leash your pet (six feet [two metres] maximum).
R – **Respect** wildlife (give them their space—you are the visitor) and **do not feed or bait** wildlife—it is against the law.
K – **Know** where you can go (which trails/areas are pet friendly) by visiting the Conservation Areas page on our website at CLOCA.com.

Some additional suggestions to help you enjoy your visit to our Conservation Areas:

- Always pack out what you pack in, including your litter and waste.
- Pack water and a small first aid kit.
- Bring your phone and use it to take pictures of what you discover.
- Dress for the weather and wear sturdy footwear.
- Reduce skin exposure and use sunscreen, hats, insect repellent and tuck your pants in your socks.
- Read the 'Tick Talk' brochure (enclosed), to protect you and your pets from ticks.
- Conservation Areas require payment for parking. Why not book a free Conservation Areas Parking Pass when you book the Back2Nature Exploration Kit from your library?
- Report to us anything that seems inappropriate in a Conservation Area by calling 905-579-0411 or send us an email at mail@cloc.com.

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