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BURNS BOG
CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Field Trip

Welcome Package



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Dear Teachers,

At the Burns Bog Conservation Society, we recognize the value of outdoor recreation. The goal of our educational programming is to provide a space where youth can get moving outside while engaging directly with the unique local environment.

In this Welcome Package, you will find information about our field trip program and what you should do to help your students come prepared for their field trip! This package provides information about the Burns Bog Conservation Society and important field trip protocol and procedures.

Please take a few moments to review the contents of this package.

Take time to discuss field trip expectations with your class. It is an important step towards creating a safe and positive environment for all students. It is necessary for all students to be respectful to each other, to Society staff and volunteers, and to the environment.

We hope that this package answers any questions or concerns you may have. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any remaining questions or require clarification. On behalf of the Burns Bog team, we look forward to meeting you and your students. We thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Nicola Jurinovic | Environmental Programs Coordinator

Burns Bog Conservation Society

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Burns Bog

Burns Bog is the largest undeveloped urban wilderness in North America. Burns Bog is a basin of biodiversity that offers critical habitat for several rare and endangered species. It was recognized as a peatland of international importance when it became part of the Fraser River RAMSAR Site No. 243 in 2012.

Peatlands like Burns Bog cover only 3% of the Earth's land area, but contain twice as much carbon as the world's forests. The carbon locked away in the rich organic soils of peatlands is intimately involved in the global carbon cycle. Within the context of climate change, it is essential that this carbon stays put in the ground and that we prevent its release to the atmosphere.

The Society

The Burns Bog Conservation Society was founded in 1988. As a registered non-profit organization, we have worked for 35 years to protect and educate the public about the significance of peatland conservation to both the local and global climate. We have deep roots in Delta, and have enjoyed immense community support for and involvement in our programming and mission.

What We Do

We provide outdoor educational programming to children and youth and conduct ecological restoration and environmental monitoring throughout the Delta Nature Reserve. In doing so, we engage the community and volunteers of all ages in educational, hands-on environmental stewardship that brings citizens closer to nature.

We aim to inspire ecologically-minded leaders of the future through our programs. We seek to engage young people with their community and cultivate mindfulness of their impact on the environment.

Teachers benefit from unique place-based learning opportunities for their students, and material aligned with BC curriculum requirements. Education programs are designed to connect students with the environment and incorporate nature into every-day learning.

To learn more about our other programs, please visit our website.

www.burnsbog.org

Contact Information

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Delta Nature Reserve Park (Planet Ice Parking Lot) *

10388 Nordel Ct.

Delta BC

V4G 1J9

Burns Bog Conservation Society (Office)

4-7953 120th Street

Delta BC

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* The entrance to the Delta Nature Reserve is located at the far east end of the parking lot. Staff and/or volunteers will meet you at this east corner of the lot, adjacent to the park entrance.

Driving Directions

Click [here](#) to get Google Maps directions to the Delta Nature Reserve.

DO look up directions to “Planet Ice - Delta” – this is the location of the park entrance. The correct address is 10388 Nordel Ct., Delta, BC.

DO NOT look up directions to “Burns Bog” – you will get lost.

The Delta Nature Reserve Park is the only part of Burns Bog that is accessible to the public.

DO NOT look up directions to the “Burns Bog Conservation Society”

– you will end up at our office, and although we appreciate visitors, that’s not where Field Trips are delivered.

Student Behaviour & Expectations

Please read over these expectations with your class ahead of time.

- Avoid running or rough-housing - the boardwalk can be slippery.
- Stay on the boardwalk unless instructed otherwise by your guide.
- Do not pick, eat or disturb plants in the bog unless instructed to.
- Listen carefully and follow *all* directions from your guide.
- Use appropriate language and volume – there are other visitors too.
- Do not bring valuable belongings that may get lost or damaged.
- Avoid bringing large backpacks/bags – we don't have any storage.
- Take out what you bring in, even organics – the Bog is waste-free.
- Stay with the group – children *cannot* be unaccompanied at any time.

Clothing and Equipment Checklist *

* These are suggestions and are subject to teachers' discretion.

- Refillable water bottle – tours are about 2 to 2.5 hours long.
- Closed-toed footwear – running shoes or rubber boots with good traction.
- Weather-appropriate clothing - rain jackets, hats, etc.
- Sunscreen (if sun is in the forecast)
- Insect repellent (wetland = water = mosquitoes!)
- Change of clothes (weather/temperature may change rapidly)
- Notebook and pencil to record observations and/or questions.

The Burns Bog Conservation Society is not responsible for any lost or stolen possessions. Found items will be kept at the Society's office and teachers will be contacted to arrange for item pick-up. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

BURNS BOG FIELD TRIP

CONSENT, RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK FORM

As the parent or legal guardian of the applicant, I hereby grant permission for the below-mentioned minor to participate in the Field Trip Program operated by the Burns Bog Conservation Society (hereafter referred to as “the Society”) at the Delta Nature Reserve. I represent that she/he is physically able to participate in Field Trip activities. I hereby release the Society, its employees, and its volunteer workers from any and all claims resulting from illness, injuries, or other incidents that may be sustained by the minor during attendance and participation in the Field Trip. In the event of illness or injury, I hereby authorize the staff members of the Society to obtain medical assistance or any other appropriate treatment for the minor.

In consideration of the Society’s services, property, and/or equipment, I enable the below-named minor to participate in nature-based outdoor activities and hands-on learning. I agree as follows:

- I **UNDERSTAND** that Field Trip activities may involve walking through the Delta Nature Reserve in bog lands, handling different plants, removing invasive species, and performing activities in the proximity of native plants, insects, and animals under the supervision of trained Society staff and volunteers;
- I **AGREE** that the minor’s participation in Field Trip activities is entirely voluntary;
- I **AGREE** to release the Society from any and all claims for monetary or other damages;
- I **AGREE** to release the Society from any and all legal liability due to unintended harm to the minor resulting from Field Trip activities;
- I **UNDERSTAND** that the Society includes all officials, officers, directors, members, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers, sponsors, and affiliated organizations;
- I **DECLARE** that I am a parent or legal guardian of the minor, and I consent to the minor’s participation; and
- I **AGREE** to all of the above-mentioned provisions and assume all of the obligations of this Release on the minor’s behalf.

(Check if you agree) I **AGREE** that the Society may document the minor’s participation in this event on video and/or by photograph. I grant the Society’s use of any such recordings for use in promotional materials **ONLY**. They will not be sold to third parties for the monetary benefit of the Society. Such recordings shall be the sole property of the Society.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have read and voluntarily signed this Consent, Release and Acknowledgment of Risk Form. I further agree that no oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

Minor’s Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Students, please return this completed form to your teacher.
Teachers, please give all completed forms to Society staff on the day of your field trip.
If you have any questions, please contact the Burns Bog Conservation Society at (604) 572-0373.

Name:



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We went on a Field Trip to visit Burns Bog!

One thing I liked:

One thing I learned:

One thing I wonder: