

IMPORTANT FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

for Classroom Teachers

Payment

To confirm your spot, a \$30 deposit is due one month after booking, or two weeks before your trip, whichever is sooner. The balance is due the day of the field trip (though you're welcome to send it sooner). Please make cheques payable to Environmental Youth Alliance.

Changes and Cancellations

We understand that plans change, and will make every effort to accommodate schedule changes made at least two weeks before your trip. Changes made less than two weeks before your trip will result in a \$30 administration fee. If you need to cancel two weeks or more before your trip, we will refund all fees paid. Your \$30 deposit becomes nonrefundable two weeks before your trip. All changes must be made in writing to fieldtrips@eya.ca.

Inclement Weather

We're not afraid of a little rain and chill! If weather conditions are, or are predicted to be, dangerous or just plain miserable, an EYA staff member will be in touch with you as soon as possible to reschedule or cancel. Cancellations due to inclement weather are 100% refundable.

Adult Assistance

Adult assistance is important to make sure your students get the most out of their trip. We require a 1:8 adults to student ratio for grades K-3 and 1:10 for grades 4-7. Adults are requested to participate in all activities and asked to help maintain discipline in the group. We ask adults to silence cell phones and refrain from having distracting conversations.

Be Prepared

Rain or shine, we're learning about urban ecology, so please dress for working outside in the weather and be prepared to get dirty! Please review the "What Do Ecologists Wear?" list with your students. Sturdy, closed-toed shoes are important; they will get dirty and possibly wet. All students and adults should bring a water bottle. Younger students may wish to bring a snack.

Washrooms

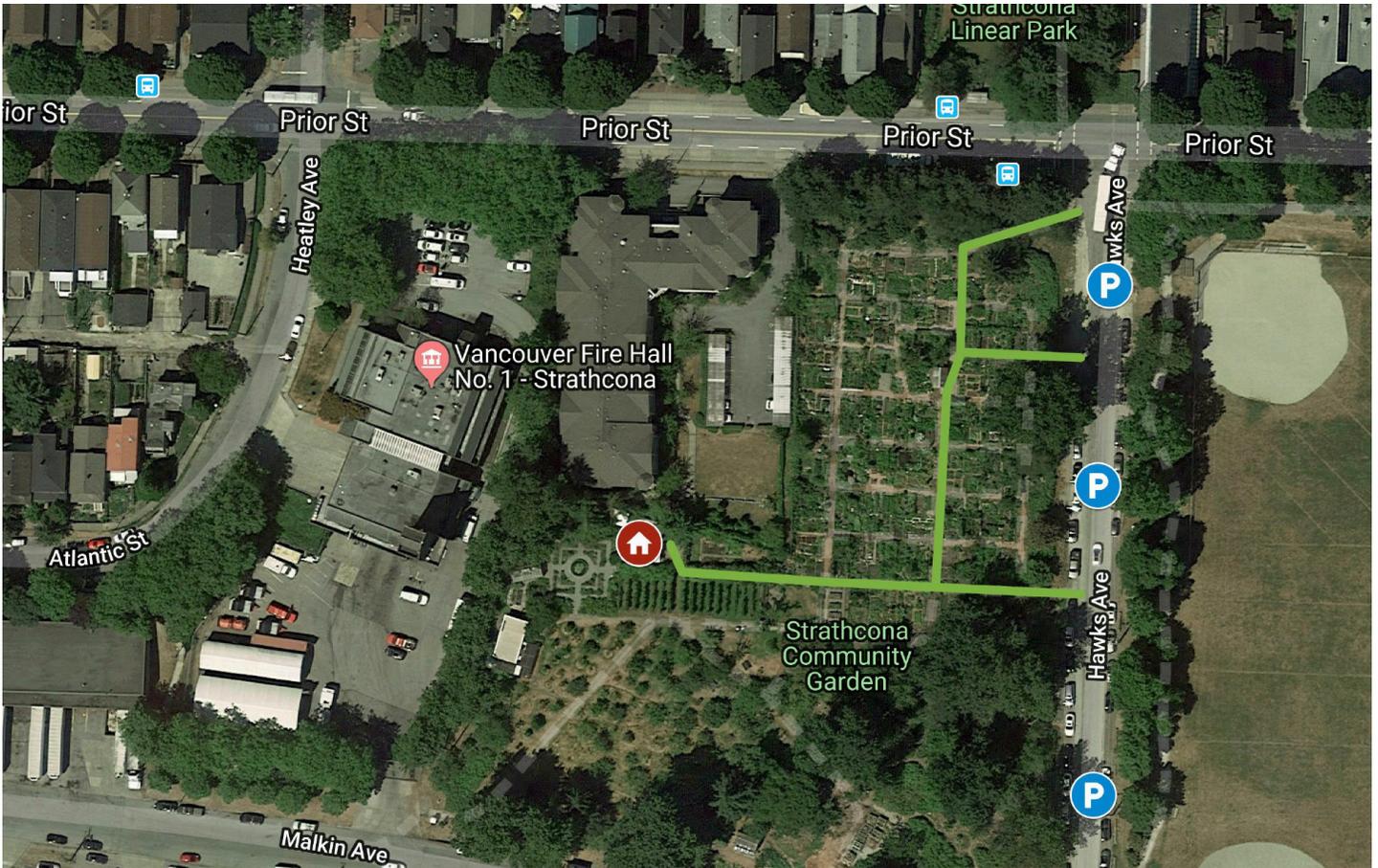
Students must be accompanied by an adult to use the washrooms, which are inside a nearby field house. It is disruptive if students and adults leave in the middle, so please plan to have students use the washroom before or after the program.

Accessibility

Our gardens have unpaved pathways with a steep incline from the road. Students with mobility challenges or who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices may have trouble navigating the gardens. You are welcome to walk through either of our farms at any time to see if they will meet the needs of your students.

Location & Transportation

All field trips take place at Strathcona Community Gardens, located at 759 Malkin Avenue. The garden is situated between Malkin Avenue and Prior Street, adjacent to Hawks Avenue. We will meet your class at the "Eco-pavilion," a large wooden building in the centre of the garden with solar panels on the roof (see map). The #22 bus stops at Strathcona Community Garden and there is free street parking along Hawks Avenue, Malkin Avenue and Prior Street.



Evaluation & Feedback

We would like to hear your feedback! We will send a short online evaluation form following the field trip. We value your opinion - please take a few minutes to help us continue to improve our field trips.