

Field Trip Information Package

Before your Wild Mind field trip

Payment

To confirm your spot, a \$30 deposit is due 30 days before your trip. The balance is due the day of the field trip, and you are encouraged to send it sooner. You can either send an e-transfer to niki@eya.ca, or make a cheque payable to Environmental Youth Alliance and mail to 500-610 Main St, Vancouver BC, V6A 2V3

90 minute field trips for Gr K-3 are \$99, 120 minute field trips for Gr 4-7 are \$120. The \$30 deposit contributes to the total balance.

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 joyce@eya.ca

Acknowledgement of Risk / Photo Consent Form

One form must be completed for each student and signed by a parent or guardian. If a parent or guardian is not available, the form may be signed by another supervising adult (e.g. teacher, social worker). Please bring the completed forms to the field trip; students without completed forms will not be able to participate.

Adult Support (Teachers, Support Workers, Parents)

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 group attention. If you are unable to provide support, please let us know immediately so we can find volunteers.

Day of your Wild Mind field trip

COVID-19 Protocols

- **Health screenings** - participants must not attend the field trip if they have COVID-19 symptoms or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. (EYA staff are required to follow the same protocol.)
- **Hand hygiene** - participants must sanitize or wash their hands on arrival and on departure from the site.
- **Physical distancing** - the field trip leader and volunteers will maintain physical distancing of 2 metres from participants and will expect teachers and support staff to help with reminders.

- Face masks - are mandatory for all adults, students in Gr. 5-7, and younger students when possible.
- Sanitization - any reused materials will be sanitized in between field trips.

Dress for the Weather

Plants and animals are outside regardless of the weather. Prepare your class by making sure that they are well prepared with the appropriate attire. For rainy days, this looks like boots, rain jackets, rain pants, hats and gloves. For sunny days, this means a sun hat, sunscreen and a water bottle.

Washrooms

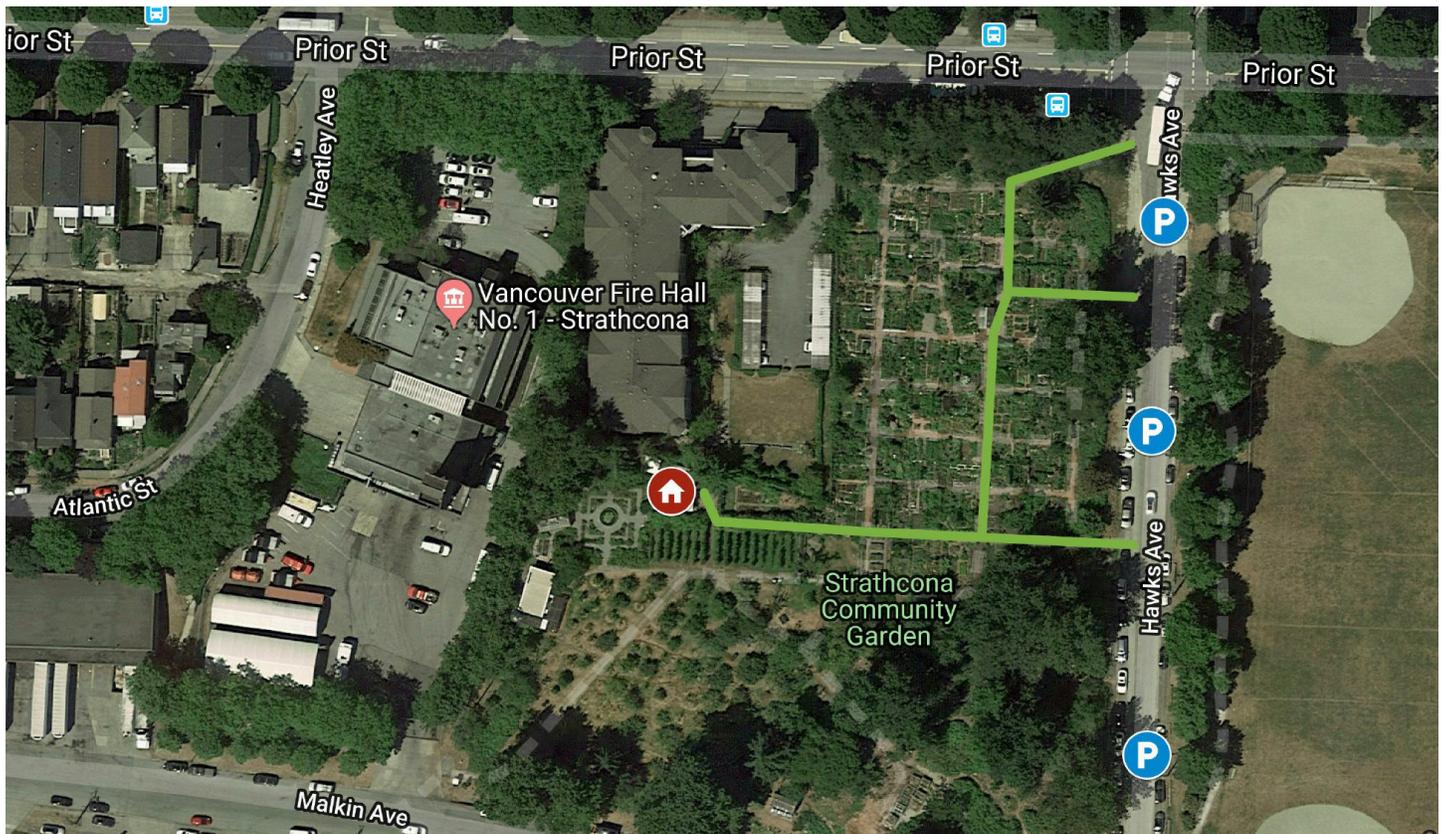
Please try to have students go to the washroom at school before arriving on site. We are trying to limit washroom use during COVID-19. Students must be accompanied by an adult to use our gender-neutral washroom with a composting toilet. It is disruptive if students and adults leave in the middle of the field trip.

Physical 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. Please let us know if you have any questions about accessibility and we will do our best to accommodate.

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 available along Hawks Ave.



After your Wild Mind field trip

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.

Extension Lessons

Keep the lessons and ideas from the field trip fresh in your students' minds by going through the two additional lessons provided. They can be done in your classroom or schoolyard to build on the field trip content.

See you soon at the garden!