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The Friends of Presqu'ile Park are generously sponsoring the **Kids 'n Nature** program, making your visit **FREE!**

Groups are responsible for providing their own transportation to, within, and from Presqu'ile Provincial Park. Any additional vehicles, such as parent volunteers travelling in their own vehicle, are responsible for their own entry into the Park.

HOW TO BOOK

To book a **Kids ' Nature** experience, or to arrange to have our Nature Interpreter visit your school, please contact:

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OUR NATURE INTERPRETER

Our interpreters are student-teacher graduates with many hours of in-class experience and solid in-field knowledge about the Park, and its local region. They are supported by Park staff, facilities, and interpretive material.

STATISTICS FROM 2010

School Boards	6
Schools	15
Teachers	30
School children	1151

Percentage of classes
visiting the Park that also
had classroom visits 65%

TESTIMONIALS

'Thank You for leading my class through Jobes' Woods and sharing your tree wisdom with us'
'we learned a lot and had fun too'

'The detective work was a great way to get the kids involved'

Mrs Sieberge — Grd 3 Trenton Christian

'my favourite part was finding salamanders'

Ben Grd 3

'I had a great time at Presqu'ile' *Heather Grd 3*

'the mystery was much fun. Thanks for the cool fact about trees'

Paige Grd 3

'I liked the mystery you made it very fun'

Gabriella Grd 3

Also ... SUMMER DAY CAMPS

New since 2011, we are offering two one-week **Kids 'n Nature Camps** for children from 8 -11 years of age. More camps may be added in future years. For dates, more details, and an application form, please contact **David Bree** at **613 475 4324, Ext 225**.

FRIENDS OF PRESQU'ILE PARK

is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to supporting and enhancing the educational and interpretive, and scientific research programs in Presqu'ile Provincial Park.

We achieve all this through our fund-raising activities: The Friends Lighthouse Gift Shop; Christmas at Presqu'ile Arts and Crafts Show; BBQs (Summer Saturdays and birding weekends); special events and projects; personal donations; grant applications; corporate support; and gifts from charitable foundations. Donations can be made to our General Fund or to our Education Fund, and we will give a tax receipt for all donations of \$10 and more.

For more information

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Presqu'ile

Kids 'n Nature



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School Group Programs EXPANDED TO COVER ALL 5 HABITAT STUDY AREAS

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KIDS 'N NATURE PROGRAM

Kids 'n Nature is an exciting new approach to educational programming that will encourage children to understand biodiversity: how it works, why it is important, and why its preservation affects humans collectively and individually.

A new element to the program is the problem-solving, hands-on teaching approach to address the new curriculum focus on the Science, Technology, Society, and the Environment expectations in the revised Ontario Science and Technology curriculum.

The **Kids 'n Nature** program has been developed and funded by the Friends of Presqu'île Park, in cooperation with Presqu'île Provincial Park.



Students will have the opportunity for hands-on discovery

Photo: D Bree

The program was launched in 2010, the United Nations' International Year of Biodiversity, and it coincided with the completion of the Marsh Boardwalk project.

We have since refined our approach and completed the remaining curricula to cover all five habitats that are found in Presqu'île Park.

Using these habitats we include: food chain, habitat quality and interconnectedness, species and habitat sustainability, human benefit, and diversity.

If you were here last year with your students, come back, as the choice is twice as broad!



The first Kids 'n Nature class in 2010, Grade 6 from Brighton Public School

Photo: P Alker

PROGRAM DELIVERY

The **Kids 'n Nature** program aims to create an understanding of biodiversity through a rich problem-based learning experience for students in Grades 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 using two key elements.

First, an interpreter will visit the class during the in-school portion, to discover students' current knowledge and to introduce them to specific content on biodiversity and Presqu'île Park's habitats. Students will then be given a 'mission' to complete on their field trip to the Park.

Second, the in-park portion of the program lasts for approximately half a day and is offered during the spring and the fall.

Groups may choose to participate in the in-park **and/or** the in-school portion. Students will be provided with worksheets to help them with their mission during their visit to the Park.

The range of in-park programs will take place in the appropriate habitat chosen by the teacher. Each individual program is tailored to the specific expectations of grade-related Ontario Curriculum.

Through the authentic, problem-based learning experience, students will take away a connection to nature and a positive outlook on the relationship between humans and the environment. Teachers may want to incorporate these into an assessment for their students. Pre-visit and post-visit activity sheets are also available for groups to use in their classroom.

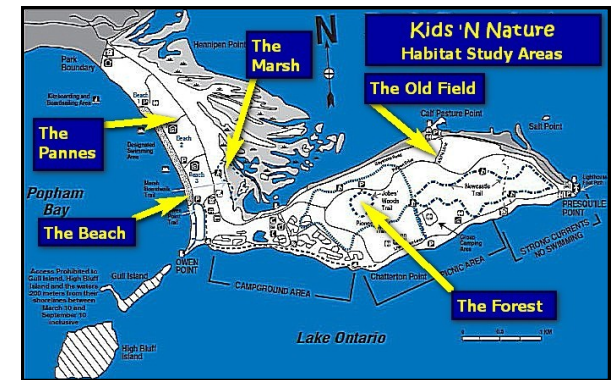
RANGE OF PROGRAM TOPICS

The **Kids 'n Nature** program concentrates on the biodiversity of Presqu'île Park, using one of its five habitats as a teaching platform.

Each visit will cover one of the following habitat study areas:

- the marsh
- the forest
- the dunes/tombolo/pannes
- the old field
- the lake/beach habitats

Also, repeat visits can be accommodated to cover more than one habitat.



The following is a list of grades and topic areas to choose from:

- Grade 2: Growth and Changes in Animals**
- Grade 3: Growth and Changes in Plants**
- Grade 4: Habitats and Communities**
- Grade 6: Biodiversity**
- Grade 7: Interactions in the Environment**

CUSTOM PROGRAMS

If you are unable to visit the Park, or you would like a program designed to meet your specific requirements, please contact **David Bree**, Natural Heritage Education Leader, Presqu'île Provincial Park, at **613 475 4324, Ext 225**. We will attempt to accommodate your request and classroom visits can be arranged.