

Foley Mountain Conservation Area



Overnight Camping

Grade 6 – 12

The possibility for a more extensive visit exists at our group camping area. The large, sheltered forest clearing offers a picnic shelter, campfire area, outhouses, and cut firewood. Take an evening stroll to the pond to observe the beavers or gather round the campfire for some fun and games!

Program Costs

- \$5 per student per half-day program, minimum \$100.
- \$9 per student per full day with a \$175 minimum
- Camping (programming not included) is \$6 per night per student with a \$75 minimum for the group



Contact Information

For information and reservations up to November 8, contact Barry McQuay, Acting Area Supervisor; phone 613 273 3255 e-mail: barry.mcquay@rvca.ca

After November 8 contact Rebecca Whitman at rebecca.whitman@rvca.ca phone 613-273-3255 Check our website: www.rvca.ca



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Outdoor Fun at Foley Mountain



Foley Mountain Conservation Area is located high atop a granite ridge overlooking the Upper Rideau lake and picturesque village of Westport, 50 km south of Perth. It is owned and operated by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

The Conservation Area consists of 800 acres of mixed forests, ponds, and fields. The eight hiking trails, group camp area, scenic Spy Rock lookout, and picnic areas set the stage for a quality outdoor education experience.

Outdoor Environmental Education

The outdoor environmental education program at Foley Mountain provides students with interactive, experiential, curriculum-based experiences that will help them to understand our natural world and their relationship with it.

The Program can accommodate up to two classes per day and all equipment is provided. All programs are approximately 1.5 hours in duration.

The following descriptions are offered as general guidelines. If there are specific objectives that you would like to accomplish with your class, please let us know. Although grade levels are recommended for each program, these are only guidelines.

Programs at Foley

Beaver Pond Bonanza (spring only)

Grade K – 8

Beavers aren't the only critters in our pond! Using nets, basins, and fact sheets, students will get up close and personal with the animals that call the pond home. Hear stories of how these curious critters have adapted to life under water and how they fit into the food chain.

A Bug's Life

Grade K – 7

Put on your detective's hat and investigate some incredible insects. Students use nets and containers to collect as many different critters as they can to learn about what makes a bug a bug, how they have adapted to their environment, and what makes them so special to the natural world.

Home Sweet Habitat

Grade 4 – 7

Ever wonder why certain plants and animals call the forest home? Find out the characteristics of a good habitat by exploring Foley Mountain. Fit the living things observed into their spot on the food chain and explore how these organisms interact as a community.

Tree Tales

Grade 3 – 6

Why are trees such an amazing and important part of our landscape? Hear all about it as you tour through the forests of Foley Mountain! Investigate how trees work, what they need to survive, the role they play for other living things, and some different kinds of green giants that call Foley home.

The Secret Lives of Plants

Grade 3 – 12

Wander through the wilds of Foley and learn about the plants that Aboriginal people and early settlers used to help them survive the harsh Canadian wilderness.

Eastern Ontario Children's Water Festival

Designed for grade 4 but also suitable for grades 3 and 5

This exciting program comes to Foley Mountain for one day each fall. Developed for the Grade 4 curriculum, students travel around the site in small groups stopping at approximately 15 interactive "discovery centres" to investigate the wonderful world of water! There are no registration fees for this program but spaces are limited. Contact Foley Mountain Conservation Area for more information and registration.

Amazing Animals

Grade 1 – 6

Participate in a series of interactive games and learn about the animals that wander in the woods of Foley Mountain. Hear interesting tales of how various birds, mammals, insects, reptiles, and amphibians have become experts in the fine art of survival.



Programs at Foley

Instincts for Survival

Grade 4 – 7

How do animals survive in their habitats? What are the skills of a predator? What is the human impact on animal life? Do you have the instincts for survival? This active wide game will help students understand some of the realities of the animal world and have a bunch of fun at the same time!

Geology Rocks!

Grade 4 – 8

Visit Spy Rock and hear amazing tales from the last billion years of geological history in the area. Then, explore some other geological interests and take an up close and personal look at some different rocks and minerals.

How Animals Prepare For Winter

Grade K – 8

This is an exploration of how changes in the seasonal cycles, such as temperature and lack of

food affect the characteristics, behaviour and even the location of animals. Using skulls, furs and even live animals we discover how animals have specifically adapted to an eastern Ontario forest, as well as how they must prepare to meet their basic needs in this most difficult season. Included are discussions of hibernation, stasis and migration. n. b. Study guide offered with program.

Orienteering Part 1

Grade 3 – 12

Give your students the chance to lose themselves in the ways of map and compass work! Students will learn the basics of how to properly use a map and compass and will practice these skills while navigating through orienteering courses of varying difficulties.

Orienteering Part 2

Grade 4 – 12

Children discover what a compass is and learn how to use it correctly, then take off in pairs into the woods for a hands on, success – oriented adventure. This is their chance to put in to practical use the concepts learned in the study of magnetism and geography.

Winter At Foley Mountain

Even though the cold winds are blowing, you and your class can enjoy Foley Mountain during the winter months!

Winter Wonderland

Grade 1 – 6

Bundle up and prepare for a wild winter adventure! Explore the winter forest at Foley and learn about how plants and animals have adapted to survive these cold Canadian months.

Snowshoeing

Grade 3 – 12

Come and experience one of the oldest forms of transportation in Canada! Students will learn how to safely travel with snowshoes and, once comfortable, snowshoe through the forest and maybe even try a few snowshoe games.

