

Trail User's Resource Guide

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These lands are Canada's biodiversity hotspot, open to passive recreation only. While walking our trails, it is important to remember that you are a visitor in someone else's home, and that your impact will be multiplied over 100,000 times. Our bylaws are posted at each trailhead. Please follow them and play a role in maintaining these areas for future generations.

Restrictions

1. Runners are not permitted
2. Pets must remain leashed at all times. Please clean up after your dogs.
3. Bicycles are not permitted
4. Motorized vehicles are prohibited
5. Cross-country skiing is prohibited.
6. Horseback riding is prohibited
7. Picking or collecting plants or wildlife is prohibited.
8. Feeding the birds is restricted to a few seeds

Garbage receptacles are located at trailheads.

Trail Conditions

The trails are a combination of wider walking trails and narrower earthen backwoods foot paths. Surfaces include packed earth, crushed stone, asphalt and boardwalks; some sections are steep and hilly. Ice builds up on hills during winter can make trails slippery. During spring thaws and after rains earthen trails will become **muddy**.

For Those Afloat

Experience the area by canoe or kayak on your own, or as part of our organized canoe tours. Princess Point is the best place from which to launch your craft. Please remember that paddling is prohibited in posted areas during the nesting season (May and June) to protect vulnerable wildlife. Motorized boats, except for the Gardens' research purposes, are prohibited at all times.

For more information call 905-527-1158

Admission fees do not apply to trail users. Trail users are required to pay for parking by using the parking meters available at all trailheads. Alternatively, day parking passes can be purchased from any kiosk.

Royal Botanical Gardens is the steward of over 900 hectares of ecologically sensitive natural lands. These sanctuaries preserve the past for the future, and therefore provided limited revenue generation for the Gardens. At the same time the extensive perimeter boundary and surrounding highly urbanized environment makes them costly to maintain. The parking fee program was developed to help build revenue for the maintenance of these properties. Proceeds from the parking fees go directly toward the stewardship of our natural lands. Thank you for supporting our natural lands.

Liability Statement

Royal Botanical Gardens assumes no responsibility for loss of, or damage to property, personal injury or mishap, all activities are at the risk of the participant. Our parking lots are not monitored so please do not leave any valuables in your car

Special Protection Areas

While the property spans over 900 hectares, urban encroachment has left few true sanctuary areas for sensitive species. To ensure that all species have an opportunity to persist 20 percent of the property remains without trails. For the visitor, next to these areas there are observation points and interpretive signage to help you appreciate the significance of these unique spaces.