

Rental Policies

Bedding– Hidden Acres does **NOT** provide sheets, pillowcases or towels. Blankets & pillows are available in the STONEHOUSE and WOODHOUSE ONLY and should remain in the bedrooms at all times. Please refold blankets prior to leaving.
Users of the Cabins and Pineview must provide ALL of their own bedding.

Cancellations–Deposits will be refunded less a \$25 administration fee if cancellation is made 60 days (or more) prior to the event. For any cancellation made less than 60 days in advance of your reservation, 50% of the deposit will be refunded only if we are able to fill your reserved dates with another group. If we are unable to fill the dates with another group, your deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Climbing Wall–Due to the necessity of providing staff supervision, use of the climbing wall is only by prior arrangement and will involve an additional cost. Contact the office for details.

Deposits– must be received within 30 days of booking to confirm your reservation. All deposits serve as both reservation and damage deposits.

Drinking Water –All of the tap water on the premises is drinkable and is treated and tested according to Ministry of the Environment standards. Bringing bottled water is **discouraged**. We encourage groups to bring reusable water bottles.

Facility Care– Groups renting our facilities are responsible for all damages beyond normal wear and tear to equipment, buildings, facilities and grounds, and will be charged accordingly. We ask that prior to your departure all furniture be returned to where it was upon arrival

Fires–are permitted in existing fire areas only.

Fireworks are not permitted.

First Aid – Rental Groups are responsible for their own first aid.

Garbage/Recycling– Garbage cans & blue boxes are available throughout the camp grounds. Please use them and do not litter.

Group Size– A minimum charge will apply depending on the size of your group (see Rates).

Kitchen/Dining Hall Use– Please eat and drink only in the kitchen & dining areas or outside. Please ensure that all posted Public Health guidelines are followed.

Liability Requirements – see Rental Agreement.

Lost & Found– Hidden Acres will not be responsible for lost or forgotten articles. Lost and found articles not claimed within three months may be donated to the local thrift shop.

Meals–When meals are provided by Hidden Acres, groups are expected to assist with cleanup and dishwashing after meals and snacks.

We will try to accommodate any special dietary needs (E.g. **food allergies**) within your group provided we are given details at least **2 weeks in advance**.

Information regarding group size and meal/break schedule must be provided to the camp **at least 1 week prior to your event**. We can accommodate a **10% variance** from the **number of people you confirm 1 week in advance**.

Nature & Wildlife– Please do not cut trees or remove twigs/leaves/bark from trees. Do not pick wildflowers. Respect wildlife - i.e. no cruelty, destruction or removal of wildlife.

Noise – Please respect other groups and keep the noise level reasonable. No excessive noise between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Out of Bounds–Areas around the staff residences and drive-in shed are out of bounds. Please respect our neighbours and stay on the camp property.

Pets–No pets are allowed without prior permission.

Pond– Use of the pond is subject to following all waterfront rules and providing responsible supervision. Hidden Acres will only supply lifeguards for programming that we provide. Groups using the waterfront apart from this programming do so at their own risk and liability.

Rates for Teacher/Adults – For school groups, one teacher/adult volunteer is free for every 10 students (meals excepted). Additional adult volunteers will be half-price.

Rental Agreement Forms– Please complete the form in duplicate and keep one copy for your own records. Send the other copy along with your deposit to Hidden Acres in order to secure your reservation.

Reservations–are accepted on a "first come" basis without exception. Tentative dates may be set by phone; however, reservations are guaranteed only upon receipt of a non-refundable reservation deposit.

Shared Use–On many occasions there may be more than one group using Hidden Acres at a time. The following areas are considered **shared** when multiple groups are renting at the same time: outdoor washrooms, pond and beach, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, shuffleboard, tetherball, swing areas, ball diamond, basketball/tennis court, nature trails and "popcorn" fire pit. It is expected that groups will co-operate with each other in sharing these facilities. Groups needing help with scheduling or working out any details regarding use of facilities should speak with Hidden Acres staff.

Smoking– is absolutely prohibited in any camp building. Possession and use of **alcohol, cannabis and illegal drugs** are prohibited on the premises.

Summer Cabins– No electric heating or cooking appliances are permitted in the summer cabins.

Supervision– Groups are required to provide adequate supervision – one adult for every 10 students is recommended.

Vehicles– All cars should be parked in the parking lot unless overflow space is required. No speeding or driving vehicles on the lawn. Motorized off-road vehicles are not permitted.

Additional Notes– Failure to comply with the rental policies as outlined may result in your group being asked to leave early and/or not being allowed to use the facilities again. Hidden Acres reserves the right to revise rates as necessary. Hidden Acres would like to do whatever we can to accommodate your group's needs. Special discounts may be available for certain groups. Please contact the Director to discuss these or any other questions that you might have.



School & Weekday Rental Information & Rates

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Prices are subject to change without notice.

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Programs

Hidden Acres offers diverse and flexible programming for school groups. We will work together with you to design and provide programming that suits your budget, curriculum and outdoor education needs.

Day Program - \$25.00 / student

- 4 activities, no meals

1 Night Program - \$85.00 / student

- 5 activities, 4 meals, 1 snack, evening program, accommodations

2 Night Program - \$145.00 / student

- 8 activities, 7 meals, 2 snacks, evening program, accommodations

Activity choices:

- activities run for approximately one hour

-Archery	-Canoeing
-Crafts	-Drama
-Interest Sessions	-Low Ropes
-Nature Exploration	-Orienteering
-Outdoor Cooking	-Shelter Building
-Spaceship Earth	-Sports
-Swimming	-Team Building
-Wide Game	
-Climbing Wall	\$3.50/student additional fee
-The Ripple Effect	\$3.50/student add. fee

Hidden Acres is partnering with the Ripple Effect Education to offer this activity.
www.therippleeffecteducation.ca

A minimum program charge is based on ten students participating.

You are expected to provide 1 adult to supervise each group of 10-12 students

Overnight Use

Accommodations

For overnight stays, there are a variety of options available:

Stonehouse Retreat Centre* is a self-contained retreat centre that has a large kitchen/dining room, a small activity room, and a large meeting room with a fireplace. There are 15 bedrooms/43 bed spaces.

1st NIGHT-**\$34.00/student**

2nd NIGHT- **\$24.00/student**

Woodhouse Retreat Centre* is a self-contained retreat centre with a kitchen, dining room, meeting room, and large activity room (the latter two have fireplaces). There are 9 bedrooms /45 bed-spaces.

1st NIGHT -**\$34.00/student**

2nd NIGHT-**\$24.00/student**

****A minimum charge is based on 20 people per overnight in each Retreat Centre and 45 people per overnight if renting both Retreat Centres***

Pineview** is a self-contained chalet that has 2 rooms with 5 bunk beds (a total of 10 beds in each room), both with a washroom, and a walk-out basement with a kitchen, washroom, and meeting area.

1st NIGHT-**\$16.00/student**

2nd NIGHT-**\$13.00/student**

***** A minimum charge is based on 12 people per overnight***

Bedding is **ONLY** provided in the Stonehouse and Woodhouse Retreat Centres.
NOT in Pineview, Hilltop or the Oakview Cabins

Hilltop Cabins - \$14.50/student/night

A triplex with 3 bunks and 1 single (a total of 7 beds in each room). They are heated and have a shared washroom.

Oakview Cabins - \$14.50/student/night

There are 6 cabins with 5 bunk beds in each (a total of 10 beds per cabin). They have electricity but no heat or bathrooms.

Use of the cabins for your accommodation allows access to the North Shelter with washrooms and a kitchen/dining facility for meals.

Use of the meeting room in the retreat centre will cost an additional **\$85/day**.

Meals

Let us provide delicious meals for your school group! Prices are per person per meal:

Breakfast - \$6.75

Lunch - \$9.25

Supper - \$11.75

Snack - \$3.00

**groups may also choose to use our kitchen and provide their own meals.*

Applicable Taxes

HST (13%) is applicable to the following groups:

- ◆ Overnight groups that are participating in Hidden Acres staffed programming
- ◆ Day use groups that are participating in Hidden Acres programming and where the majority of participants are over 14 years of age

Day Use

DAY USE - Come for the day and run your own program!

Grounds Fees- \$5/person/day

- includes the use of grounds, a picnic shelter and washroom facilities

The following outdoor areas covered by day fees are considered shared if two groups are renting at the same time:

Outdoor Washrooms

Pond and Beach

Volleyball Courts

Horseshoe Pits

Shuffleboard

Gaga Ball

Baseball Field

Tetherball and Swing Areas

Nature Trails

Basketball/Tennis Court

"Popcorn" Fire Pit

Picnic shelter kitchen facilities are available for **\$25.00/day**.

Stonehouse or Woodhouse-\$170/day

Pineview Chalet - \$75/day (maximum of 20 people)

Important Information

All groups leaving the facilities on a Friday **MUST** depart by 2 p.m.

A deposit of \$100/day is required for all school groups.