

2026 Conservation Area Policies and Regulations: Day-use and Facilities

Fanshawe Conservation Area	Wildwood Conservation Area	Pittock Conservation Area
1424 Clarke Road London, Ontario N5V 5B9 519-951-6181	3995 Line 9, RR #2 St. Marys, Ontario N4X 1C5 519-284-2922	221 Pittock Park Road Woodstock, Ontario N4S 7W2 519-539-5088

Note: All Conservation Area (CA) rules and regulations are subject to revision without notice at the discretion of the Superintendent/Designate.

Conservation Area Activities

- All federal, provincial, and municipal laws apply while on UTRCA properties (Fanshawe CA, Pittock CA, and Wildwood CA). Contravention of these laws may result in fines and/or eviction.
- No excessive noise or disturbances are permitted at any time. Generators are prohibited.
- Sound systems are subject to approval by Superintendent/Designate
- No excavations, alterations, additions, or modifications to CA property are permitted. Any costs incurred to repair/remove are at the expense of the person responsible.
- No person shall start or maintain a fire in the CA except in a location designated by the Superintendent/Designate. Open fires are not permitted in the day-use area. Removal of growth or wood of any kind is prohibited.
- Possession or consumption of liquor in the day-use area is prohibited.
- Smoking of tobacco and cannabis, including vaping and use of a hookah, is permitted in designated areas and registered campsites only.
- No littering. Please dispose of waste at garbage/recycling areas. "Stoop and Scoop" after pets.
- The use of drones is strictly prohibited.
- Dogs must be on leash and under control at all times. The leash cannot exceed 2 metres (6 feet).
- All CA visitors are to park in designated parking areas and must enter and exit the property at designated areas.
- Day-use visitors are admitted from dawn until dusk and must vacate the property by dusk. CA hours may be restricted as necessary.
- Large recreational equipment (e.g., trampolines, personal playground equipment) is not allowed on site.
- Items placed in or around garbage/recycling bins or left on vacated campsites become the property of the UTRCA and removal of these items is prohibited.
- Only bagged household garbage and recycling is accepted. No metal, construction materials, oversized items, electronics, fire pit ash, appliances etc. can be dumped or put inside the garbage bins.

Permits and Vehicles

- All vehicles must present a valid permit (e.g., swipe card, day-use receipt, membership pass, season pass permit, camping permit or additional vehicle permit). Altered or improper use will void the permit. The permit owner is responsible for all associated costs for lost, stolen, or seized permits.
- A season day-use pass or membership must be in an area visible to staff.
- Failure to present a valid permit will result in a non-refundable vehicle day-use admission charge.

19. Access to the CA will be denied if the fee is not paid.
20. Off road vehicles are prohibited (e.g., ATVs, riding lawnmowers, golf carts).

E-Bikes and E-Scooters

21. Use of e-bikes that resemble mopeds, motor scooters, or motorcycles are prohibited on any CA trail system.
22. E-bikes that are a traditional bicycle-style (pedal-driven with exposed fork and frame appearance) are permitted on the trail system.
23. E-bikes and e-scooters are permitted on Conservation Area roadways only.
24. Riders must be 16 years of age or older and must wear an approved bicycle or motorcycle helmet, in accordance with Ontario's Highway Traffic Act (HTA).
25. Helmets are mandatory for all ages when bicycling all UTRCA trails (including the Fanshawe and Wildwood Lake trails)
26. Helmets are also mandatory for all persons under the age of 16 on all CA lands.
27. All e-bikes and e-scooters must meet the provincial definitions and safety requirements outlined in the HTA and applicable City of London regulations.
28. Power-assisted bicycles (E-bikes) that do not exceed 32 km/h and have operable pedals do not require a driver's licence, vehicle registration, or insurance.
29. Motorized or modified e-bikes/e-scooters capable of speeds over 32 km/h are considered motor vehicles under the HTA and therefore require a valid driver's licence, registration, and insurance. Such vehicles are not permitted to operate within the Conservation Area.

Environment and Conservation

30. Visitors will make every effort to conserve energy.
31. Tap water shall be conserved to assist with water supply. Further watering restrictions may apply.

Watercraft

32. Watercraft permits are not transferable. All power-driven watercraft, sailboats, and watercraft with a transom require a permit in the form of a motorboat/sailboat season pass (affixed to the watercraft) or day-use receipt. Non-power-driven watercraft, such as canoes, kayaks, SUPs, and pedal boats, do not require a permit. All watercraft must be Transport Canada approved.
33. At Fanshawe CA only: Maximum 10 hp motors permitted only. Watercraft with motors larger than 10 hp are not permitted. Watercraft with motors larger than 10 hp and smaller side motors of 10 hp are not permitted.
34. Personal wet docks are not permitted. Watercraft operators must tie off or moor all watercraft in designated areas. Wet/dry dock rentals are available at Wildwood CA only. One watercraft is permitted per docking slip. All seasonal permits must be affixed to the hull and visible at all times including when tarped.
35. All docks must be kept clear of obstructions at all times. Wet dock permit holders are not to affix or attach any item or device to the dock or slip without permission of the Superintendent/ Designate. Watercraft size may be restricted if it may pose a risk to dock users or other watercraft, at the discretion of the Superintendent/ Designate.
36. No personal watercraft permitted on CA lands or reservoirs at any time (e.g., Jet Ski, Seadoo, Jet Board, etc.).
37. Reservoirs are open from dawn until dusk during the operating season. Operation of watercraft after dark is strictly prohibited.

Pavilion and Day-use Picnic Shelter Reservations (Fanshawe CA Only)

38. All Pavilion and Picnic Shelter bookings must be reserved in advance and approved by Superintendent/Designate.
 - Contact Visitor Experience Specialist, Holleigh Baldwin (baldwinh@thamesriver.ca or 519-451-2800 ext. 295) to reserve a Pavilion or Picnic Shelter.

39. Vehicle and motorized watercraft admission is not included.
40. Alcohol is not permitted.
41. Open fires are not permitted.
42. The general area must be left in a clean and undamaged condition.
43. Park vehicles in designated areas only.
44. The renter of the shelter is responsible for the effective control of any and all persons connected with this rental.

Refunds

Day-use

45. No refund is given for day-use activities.

Wet/Dry Docks

46. Refunds will be given for dock fees paid minus the fee for time used.
47. If evicted, there are no refunds for dock fees, associated vehicle/watercraft passes, or permits.
48. To reserve the same wet dock slip for the following season, a \$50 non-refundable deposit must be paid by October 1st. This fee will be applied toward the next season's dock fees.

Day-use Picnic Shelter Rentals

49. No refunds.

Pavilion Rentals (Fanshawe CA Only)

50. Please contact Fanshawe CA directly.

Reduced Admission Fee

51. Reduced fee policies may not be used in conjunction with any other promotion.

52. Eligible groups must comply with the following:

- Submit written request with registered charitable number to the CA.
- Contact the CA directly.

Special Events

53. A special event must be approved by the Superintendent/Designate.
54. For fundraising events or events that are co-sponsored by the UTRCA, a mutual fee agreement may be arranged by the Superintendent/Designate. All operating costs are to be recovered and an administration fee applies. Operating costs may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - event management fee,
 - event preparation,
 - capital costs for site servicing incurred specifically for the event,
 - any applicable building rentals, and
 - vendor space rental fees.All event organizers and volunteers are permitted free entry.
55. A standard licence or Admissions Licence Agreement must be executed.
56. The UTRCA policy with respect to insurance applies (minimum \$2,000,000 liability).
57. For the purpose of organized special events, any request to possess and use drones within the CAs must be submitted to the Superintendent/Designate. If approved, the event organizers must provide the necessary permits and permissions before the event.
58. Special events at Pittock Conservation Area must contact the City of Woodstock.

NOTE:

Provincial Regulations are made under the Conservation Authorities Act and are available online at ontario.ca/laws/statute/90c27 or ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900136.

All watercraft operators must abide by regulations outlined in the Canada Shipping Act, available online at tc.gc.ca/eng/acts-regulations/acts-2001c26.htm.

The UTRCA is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property.