

2026 Conservation Area Membership Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is a Conservation Area (CA) Membership?

- A year-round pass to the day-use areas at Fanshawe CA, Pittcock CA and Wildwood CA. Vehicle access to Pittcock CA is available from May 1 to October 31.
- Membership is valid for 12 months from the date of purchase.
- The pass provides you with unlimited access from dawn until dusk.
- The membership is valid for one vehicle entrance or up to 4 people walking or biking.

How much does a Membership cost?

- The cost for a year-round Membership is \$170 (includes HST)

What's included with the Membership?

- Day-use access to each CA, including access to our reservoirs, hiking/biking trails, picnic areas and other on-site amenities
- 10% Discounts on overnight camping dates*
- 10% Discounts on canoe and kayak rentals*
- 10% Discounts on pavilion rentals*
- 10% Discounts on CA branded merchandise*
- Receive a quarterly Members Only Newsletter including details about CA updates, promos and special events

*Subject to Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) Membership Benefits and Promotions Policy

When do Memberships become available?

- Memberships are available for purchase year-round online and at any of our CAs during the operating season.

Where can I buy a Membership?

- Memberships are available online: [Purchase Here](#)
 - o These will be mailed out in approximately 5-7 business days
- In-person: at the CA gatehouse and/or camp stores
 - o You will receive a physical mirror hanger at the time of purchase

What about my current Season Pass?

- If you have already purchased a 2026 Season Pass, please present it to gatehouse staff at your next CA visit. You will be given a barcode to be placed on your pass which will upgrade it to a Membership.

- Gatehouse staff will be available to assist during operating hours. Please exercise patience during the transition period.

How do I use my Membership to enter the CA?

- Fanshawe CA and Wildwood CA: New gate systems will be installed by May 1st. With the new gate system, Membership holders will be able to use their pass in the express lane (right lane). Each member will be provided with a unique barcode which will allow them to enter by scanning their bar code.
- If you have any issues using your bar code, you may enter the customer service lane (left lane) and speak to a Customer Service Representative.
- While using the CA, mirror hangers should remain in the vehicle.
- Pittock CA: No gate access needed to enter the Day-use area. Vehicle access is available May 1 to October 31.

I lost my membership card; can I get a replacement?

- UTRCA is not responsible for lost or damaged membership cards. Replacement cards will be subject to new card fees.

Can I still purchase a Season Pass?

- Day-use visitors: Season Passes are no longer available for day-use visitors. As our CAs move to a four-season operation in 2026, we are introducing our new Membership that allows day-use access on a year-round basis rather than seasonal access like our former Season Pass.
- Seasonal Campers: A Season Pass will still be available to our seasonal campers ONLY as an additional vehicle pass and will be valid during the campground operating season only (May 1 – October 18, 2026). A mirror hanger will be provided for all additional vehicle season passes.

Is a Membership included with my Seasonal Campsite?

- Yes, one membership is provided with each seasonal campsite. One swipe card will be included with your seasonal campsite.

I'm a Seasonal Camper, can I purchase an additional Membership?

- Yes, Seasonal Campers have a couple options if they wish to purchase additional memberships for their additional vehicles/family members:
 1. Additional Vehicle Pass (Season Pass)
 - a. Valid during the campground season only (May 1 – October 18, 2026).
 - b. Available for \$150.00 (includes HST)
 - c. Can be purchased at the camp store or front gate only (not available to purchase online)
 2. Membership
 - a. Valid for a full calendar year from date of purchase.

- b. Allows access to the Fanshawe CA and Wildwood CA day-use areas all year, between dawn and dusk. *Does not allow access to the Campground areas when the campground is closed.*
- c. Available for \$170.00 (includes HST)

Which option should I choose?

- The Season Pass for additional vehicles is a great option if you would like more than one vehicle on your campsite during the camping season only.
- If you're looking for year-round, day-use access to our CAs (hiking, biking, fishing, reservoir use etc.), then upgrading to a Membership for an additional \$20.00 is a great option.

How do I visit the CAs if I do not have a membership?

- You can purchase a day-use pass, fees posted on [UTRCA's website](#).

How do I redeem the Membership discounts?

- Camping: must be booked by the membership holder by contacting the CA directly by calling and must provide membership name and number at time of booking and at time of arrival. Membership holder must be the permit holder.
 - o CA Contact Info:
 - Fanshawe CA: 519-951-6181
 - Pittock CA: 519-539-5088
 - Wildwood CA: 519-284-2922
- Canoe and Kayak Rentals: Valid in-store only, must present Membership pass upon purchase
- Pavilion Rentals: Can be booked by contacting Visitor Experience Specialist via email or phone and must provide membership number at time of booking
 - o Visitor Experience Specialist, Holleigh Baldwin:
baldwinh@thamesriver.ca OR 519-451-2800 ext. 295
- CA Branded Merchandise: Valid in-store only, must present Membership pass upon purchase.

Are there any exclusions with the Membership?

- The following items are not included with a membership:
 - o Campground Access,
 - o Discounts on Seasonal camping,
 - o Seasonal and Day Watercraft passes,
 - o Access to Fanshawe Pioneer Village (Fanshawe CA), and
 - o Select black-out dates apply to camping and watercraft rentals.

The full policy can be found on the UTRCA's [Membership Promotions and Policy webpage](#).