

# STANLEY PARK ECOLOGY SOCIETY

## Wetland Sampling High School Workshop

### Teacher Information Package



# Essential Teacher Information

## **Be Prepared**

Our programs run rain or shine and are held entirely outside. Students will be learning through hands-on activities, getting a bit dirty and possibly wet (especially shoes). Please review the enclosed 'what to wear' list with your students prior to their park visit. Due to the variable walking terrain, appropriate footwear is required.

## **Adult Assistance**

We require the assistance of a minimum of two and a maximum of four adults. These adults are invited to participate in all activities and asked to help maintain discipline in the group. Please ensure adults turn off cell phones and refrain from having distracting conversations. Adults are also responsible to help manage the children in physical distancing required for COVID-19 safety.

## **Arriving for the Program**

Please arrive 15 minutes before the program time in order to have a washroom break, snacks and division into groups. If you are running late, please call the School Programs cell phone at 778-871-1215 to let us know. Programs do not stop for washroom and snack breaks as there is no access to facilities during the program.

## **Transportation and Meeting Site**

The meeting site for this program is on the top of the Stanley Park Nature House on Lost Lagoon (see map on page 6). This site is easily accessed by the #19 Stanley Park public bus, school buses, or private vehicles and a quick 10-15 minute walk to the lagoon.

## **Photography**

We recognize that photos are a great way for classes to document their fieldtrips, and so we allow photos during our programs; however it is our policy at SPES School Programs that no videos are to be taken of/during our programs.

## **Pay Parking**

Pay parking is in effect at all times in Stanley Park. The rates from April 1st - September 30th are \$3.60 for 1 hour or \$13.25 per day per vehicle and from October 1st - March 31st are \$2.60 for 1 hour or \$7.15 per day. Rates are set by the Park Board and are subject to change. Cash and credit cards are accepted at the ticket machines

# Park Etiquette for Students

Stanley Park is a protected area that is home to many amazing living and nonliving things. We are lucky to be able to visit this area, but we must remember that Stanley Park is where these living things make their homes. As visitors to these organisms' homes we should tread carefully and act with respect. To ensure the best possible experience for students and the Park's plants and animals, please take the time to review these guidelines with students before your Park visit.

1. **Bring an open mind and your curiosity.** In our outdoor classroom, we'll engage all of our senses while exploring nature. There will be times for listening to instructions, when students will be invited to raise their hands and ask questions. There will also be times when students are given challenges to complete while exploring or sharing stories with their friends.
2. **Take only photos and memories.** Every single leaf, flower, shell, stone and berry is an important part of the web of life in the Park. If we remove items from Stanley Park we are removing potential shelter and food for living things. Students should leave everything as they find it.
3. **Leave only soft footprints (not garbage).** The animals of the Park have all the food they need. Human food can make them sick, create dependence on humans, and lead to aggressive behaviour or overpopulation. Please ask students to ensure all garbage is disposed of properly. Even small crumbs shouldn't be left for animals to find.
4. **Explore with respect.** Let us lead your adventure on and off trail in the Park; students should not be ahead of their leader. There will be opportunities to gently touch safe plants in the Park. You might be hugging trees, smelling leaves or just moving them to get a look from a different angle. However, birds and mammals like raccoons and squirrels, while cute and often accustomed to humans, should not be touched. These are still wild animals and we want them to stay that way.

## What to Wear/Bring

**Most of the program will be held outside, rain or shine.** To help make this an exciting and memorable experience for your student, we strongly recommend that he/she wear the following items listed below. It is always colder in the forest, even on a sunny day. Your student should be prepared to get a bit dirty and possibly wet, especially his or her shoes! If it is raining on the day of the program, it is especially important to dress well to keep the field trip fun.

### What to wear and bring:

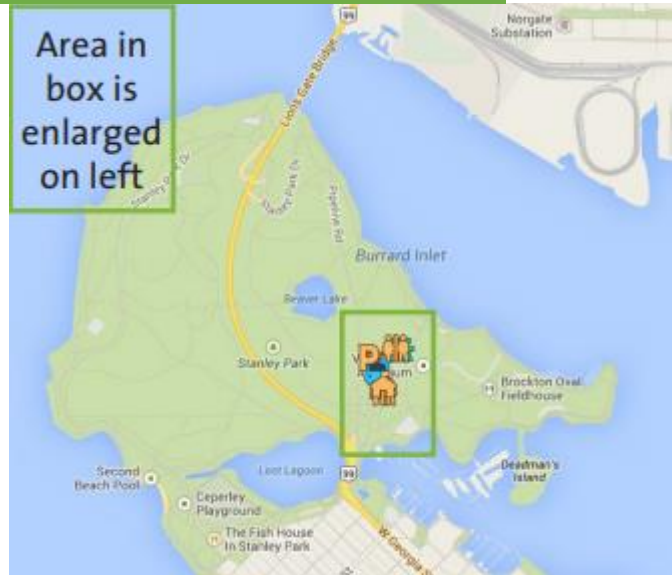
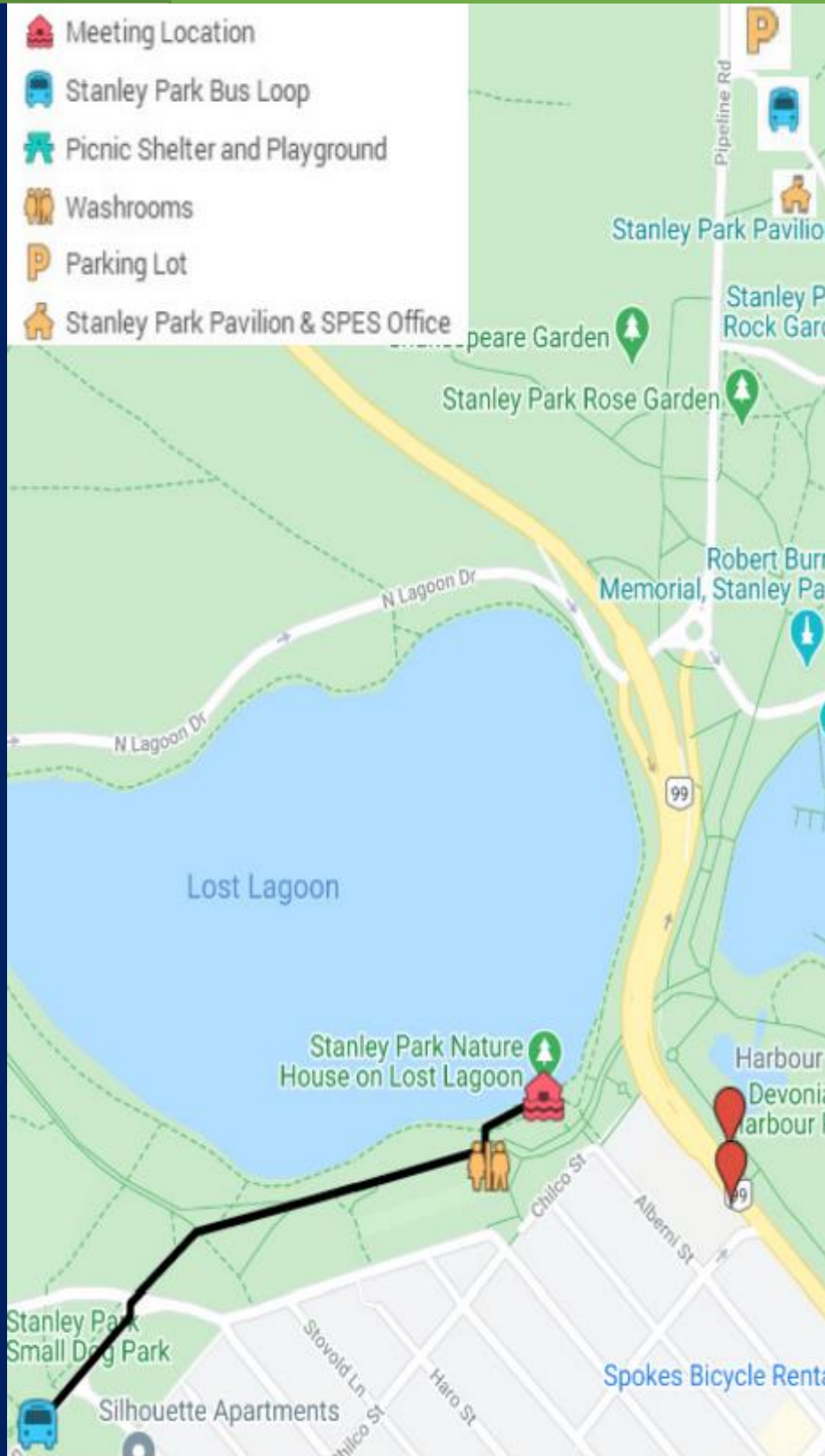
- T-shirt, long sleeved shirt and sweater
- Long pants - no dresses please!
- Good walking shoes that you don't mind getting wet or muddy. NO flip flops or sandals!
- If sunny: Sunscreen and hat
- If raining: Waterproof jacket with hood or hat
- If cold: Warm gloves and a hat
- Refillable water bottle
- Please, no umbrellas! In a large group, umbrellas can block the view for your child's classmates and can accidentally poke someone in the eye.
- Avoid clothes made of cotton on rainy days. Cotton can be very cold when wet. Wear wool or synthetic clothes whenever possible.
- Mask – Masks are mandatory when the students are near educators

In addition to school programs, the Stanley Park Ecology Society also offers fun, interactive forest and wildlife walks as well as online programs for families and adults.

Visit us at [www.stanleyparkecology.ca](http://www.stanleyparkecology.ca) for more information about the work of the Stanley Park Ecology Society and becoming a member.



# Map and Directions



## Driving Directions from Vancouver

- Travel northeast on Georgia St. past Denman St. Take the right lane exit into Stanley Park.
- Travel straight through the roundabout (take the second exit).
- Drive up the hill along Pipeline Road. Take your first right after the rose gardens.
- Follow this narrow road between the rose gardens and the trees past the Stanley Park Pavilion to the Miniature Railway parking lot.
- Walk South West towards Lost Lagoon.

Public Transit Directions After you get off the #19 bus at Westbound Stanley Park Dr @ Pipeline Rd, walk North West towards Lost Lagoon. We will meet you on the top of the Nature House.

For interactive directions, this map is also available at <http://ow.ly/pUTTS>