

# Conservation Halton and Bruce Trail Conservancy

## Gated Park Admission Procedure

*A message from Conservation Halton – June 11, 2010*

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Conservation Halton (CH) and the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) have had a long term relationship working in partnership to support the sustainability of the Bruce Trail. In appreciation of this co-operative relationship, CH has provided access to the trail for BTC members through CH gated parks without charging an admission fee. CH is currently in the process of installing electronic gates as a supplementary means of collecting gate admissions. This operational change has precipitated a review of the previous admissions arrangement with the BTC.

The following procedures will continue to support our valuable relationship with the BTC membership while addressing our operational logistics:

- **When BTC members are involved in trail improvement projects or inspections**, volunteers will be provided with free access to park(s) for the associated time period through a permit process. A permit request must be submitted and approved for all volunteer activities on trails in Conservation Halton parks. To request a permit, please contact Shanie Van Rossum (Conservation Halton) at 905-336-1158 ext. 239.
- **BTC members accessing the trail by foot** will continue with past practice - no additional admission requirements will be needed to access the trail in CH gated parks.
- **Where BTC members require access and parking for vehicles**, the following options will apply:
  - Pay the applicable daily admission rate at the gate, or
  - Purchase one of the following options (*by presenting BTC membership*):
    - 1) **CH-BTC “Limited Access” Annual Membership – \$25 per person**

This membership will provide limited access to Conservation Halton parks where the Bruce Trail is located (excludes Mountsberg Conservation Area) on weekdays throughout the year. This membership will not allow access on weekends and during major special events.
    - 2) **CH-BTC “Full Access” Annual Individual Membership - \$45 (regularly \$90)**
    - 3) **CH-BTC “Full Access” Annual Family Membership - \$65 (regularly \$115)**

The upgraded “Full Access” Membership will provide entry to all CH parks and qualify for all applicable CH membership benefits, i.e., promotions, discounts, access to early bird registrations, etc.

The electronic gates are scheduled to be implemented in CH parks during the spring of 2010. The implementation will be staggered over the course of the summer and likely into early fall.

**The new agreement with BTC will take effect as of July 1, 2010.** BTC members must purchase their upgraded membership through the CH Administrative Office located at 2596 Britannia Rd W during regular office hours. Please direct inquiries to Shanie Van Rossum (Conservation Halton) at 905-336-1158 ext 239.