



**Plan Your Visit to the Cheltenham Badlands
Opening September 22, 2018**

What can visitors expect now that the Cheltenham Badlands are re-opening?

- The re-opening of the site is expected to draw **a lot of public interest** to one of the most recognizable and visited natural heritage landmarks in South Ontario.
- The public is encouraged to visit on **weekdays and off-peak hours** (early morning or late in the day) between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. to avoid congestion and lineups.

What changes can I expect now that the site is re-opening?

- **Visitors are not allowed on the Badlands landscape feature.** Visitors must remain on the trails and viewing platform **at all times** to minimize human impact and accelerated erosion of the unique geological landscape.
- **Visitors must use marked trails or use the sidewalk along Olde Base Line Road to access the site.** Parking is only permitted in the parking lot and there is no vehicle stopping, standing or parking permitted along the road. The single signed accessible parking space is for use by valid permit holders only.
- A \$10 parking fee is in place to support management, upkeep and preservation of the site.

How can visitors access the Cheltenham Badlands?

- The public can visit the Cheltenham Badlands, located at 1739 Olde Base Line Road, Caledon, ON, during posted hours of operations (8 a.m. to 7 p.m. until October 28).
- A 33-car pay-and-display parking lot is available for use at the property.

If the lot is full, is there parking nearby?

- The Cheltenham Badlands lot will fill quickly during peak Fall colours season. Visitors are encouraged to use the shuttle bus service available on **weekends** at Terra Cotta Conservation Area.
- Shuttle service begins **weekends** starting September 22 and runs until October 28; including Thanksgiving Monday, October 8.

- Shuttles will run every 30 minutes or less, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on **Saturdays and Sundays**. **This service is complementary with admission fees to Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Please note: admission at the park may vary during special events.**
- Vehicles are not permitted to stop, stand or park along Old Base Line Road. There is an accessible parking space near the feature. This is for persons with a **valid permit only**. There will be active police enforcement around the site.

What are the hours of operation at the Cheltenham Badlands?

- The site will open seven days a week September 22 until October 28. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

What facilities are available?

- NEW 33-car parking lot (off Olde Base Line Road)
- Accessible parking space (beside the feature on Olde Base Line Road. **For use by valid accessible permit holders only**)
- 2 spaces for school bus parking (permit required. Contact CVC staff by calling **1-800-367-0890**)
- Port-o-lets and one accessible washroom onsite
- Accessible boardwalk with viewing platform
- Hiking trails
- Sidewalk along Olde Base Line Road

Please note: **Commercial buses** – not permitted in the parking lot due to the size and turn radius required to exit the parking lot.

What can I see and do at the Cheltenham Badlands?

- Historical Badlands landscape feature/ nature viewing
- Hiking trails (Bruce Trail)
- Dog walking (dogs must be on a leash of 2 metres or less at all times.)
- Photography (permits are required for any commercial photography. Please contact **1-800-367-0890** for details).

Are there restrictions at the site?

- Visitors are not allowed on the feature at any time.
- To protect the sensitive landscape the following activities are not permitted onsite:
 - Biking
 - Equestrian/ horseback riding
- Parking restrictions along Old Base Line Road; parking is only permitted in the new parking lot.

- **Drones are not allowed onsite.** CVC staff will not issue permits and visitors are asked to comply out of consideration for public and bird safety. Please respect privacy rights of visitors and the local community.

Is it free to visit? Why do I have to pay to visit?

- There's a \$10 per vehicle parking rate at the Cheltenham Badlands. Pay stations are available in the main lot. They accept credit and coin. Parking fees will be used to help maintain, protect and preserve the property.
- Visitors are encouraged to keep their pay-and-display parking receipt. Show your receipt at any CVC parks location on the same day it's purchased to receive up to a \$10 discount off your general admission fees at other CVC parks.
- Pay-and-display tickets are non-transferable.
- **CVC Parks** members, as well as **Conservation Parks** members, can access the parking lot at no charge. **Please ensure your membership card is clearly displayed on your dash in plain sight with the expiry facing up.**

How do I pay onsite?

- Pay stations are located in the parking lot. Machines accept credit and coin.

How long should I plan to visit?

- Approximately one hour. This will give you time to view the feature, walk the trails and enjoy the peaceful, scenic surrounds of the natural heritage landmark.

Is there a place to lock up my bike?

- Yes, there is a bike rack onsite. Visitors should bring their own lock to secure each bike.

Can I bring my dog?

- Dogs are allowed at the site on a leash that's 2 metres long or less. Dogs must be on leashed at all times. Please pick-up after your pet.

Is the site accessible?

- Yes, there is an accessible parking space beside the feature on Olde Base Line Road. It's **for use by valid accessible permit holders only.**

What happens if I park on the street?

- There is no street parking in the area. **We ask that visitors respect these no parking rules.** They have been designed for safety around the steep hills, minimal site lines and minimal shoulder areas along the road near the Badlands.
- The area is heavily enforced by Ontario Provincial Police and Town of Caledon Bylaw Enforcement.

Can we picnic at the Badlands?

- No. There are no picnic tables or benches onsite. For visitors who want to picnic, we recommend visiting one of our other conservation areas, like Terra Cotta Conservation Area which is a short drive from the Badlands.
- For larger groups, please contact our staff at **1-800-367-0890** or visit picnics.ca to see booking information.

Where can I get more information?

- To learn more about the history of the Cheltenham Badlands and how you can help conserve this unique geological landscape, visit the Ontario Heritage Trust website and search for Cheltenham Badlands (www.heritagetrust.on.ca/badlands).
- For more information about hours and details of operation, visit CVC's website and search for Badlands (www.cvc.ca/badlands).