



Shuttle Bus Service Planning Your Trip to the Cheltenham Badlands

Before you plan your visit, please note that pets are not permitted on the shuttle bus.

Please note: Once the shuttle leaves Terra Cotta Conservation Area it will drive directly to the Cheltenham Badlands where all riders must get off the bus. Riders cannot stay on the bus for a round trip because other visitors will board the shuttle to return to Terra Cotta Conservation Area.

1. Where do I park?

Parking for the shuttle bus to the Cheltenham Badlands is located in the public parking area at Terra Cotta Conservation Area. The shuttle bus will pick up visitors at Terra Cotta Conservation Area and take them to the Cheltenham Badlands.

2. What days does the shuttle operate?

The shuttle will run weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) as well as Thanksgiving Monday (October 8) from Saturday, September 22, 2018 to Sunday, October 28, 2018 (weather permitting).

3. What does the shuttle cost?

The cost for the shuttle is included in the regular admission fee to Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Regular admission to Terra Cotta Conservation Area is \$6 per adult, \$4.75 per senior and \$3 per child (please visit <https://cvc.ca/enjoy-the-outdoors/conservation-areas/terra-cotta-conservation-area/> for more details).

Please note: During CVC's Fall Fest at Terra Cotta Conservation Area (Oct 6, 7, 13, 14) admission fees increase to \$8.99 per adult, \$5.99 per senior and \$5.99 per child. Admission prices increase during the festival because of the extra amenities and activities onsite. Visitors can enjoy Fall Fest fun and include a shuttle drive to visit the Cheltenham Badlands as part of their day's visit.

4. How long does it take to visit the Cheltenham Badlands?

Visitors should plan to spend approximately one hour if they would like to view the Cheltenham Badlands feature and hike trails on the property. Please dress appropriately. Sturdy walking or hiking shoes should be worn while exploring the trails.

5. What forms of payment are accepted?

Credit card, debit and cash are accepted at Terra Cotta Conservation Area.

6. Do I HAVE to ride the shuttle?

The parking lot at the Cheltenham Badlands will hold 33 vehicles. The lot will fill quickly during the fall season. Once full, onsite security will admit vehicles as space becomes available. **No street parking is available around the Cheltenham Badlands.**

The shuttle will provide an alternative way for visitors to access the Badlands during the busy fall colours season. **Please be aware that bylaw officers and Ontario Province Police will be patrolling the area during busy times and you may be ticketed and/or towed if you park illegally.**

7. What are the hours for the shuttle?

The first shuttle of the day will leave Terra Cotta Conservation Area at 9:00 a.m. and drive to the Cheltenham Badlands. The last shuttle will depart the Badlands at 4:30 p.m. to travel to Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Shuttles run every 30 minutes or less throughout the day.

Please make your way to the Badlands shuttle stop before the end of service. If you lose track of time and miss the last shuttle, you will need to call a local taxi service to return to Terra Cotta Conservation Area. A taxi would be at your own expense.

8. How often will the shuttle come?

Shuttles will run approximately every 20 to 30 minutes from Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Weather or traffic conditions may impact travel times so shuttle times may vary slightly.

9. How long does the trip take?

From the parking lot at Terra Cotta Conservation Area to the departure point at Cheltenham Badlands is approximately 20 minutes, which includes time for people to enter and leave the shuttle. Weather or traffic conditions may impact travel times so shuttle times may vary slightly.

10. Where do I wait for the shuttle?

There will be clearly marked locations in Terra Cotta Conservation Area and the Cheltenham Badlands. Look for the "Badlands Shuttle" sign and line up areas.

11. What do I do if I miss the last shuttle?

If you lose track of time and miss the last shuttle, you will need to call a local taxi service to return to Terra Cotta Conservation Area. The taxi would be at your own expense.

12. Will the shuttle run in bad weather?

The shuttle will run on a reduced schedule in inclement weather. Cancellation of the shuttle service will be posted on cvc.ca and Credit Valley Conservation's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

13. What website should I check before I head out?

Information about the shuttle service is posted on cvc.ca/badlands. Cancellation of the shuttle service will be posted on cvc.ca and Credit Valley Conservation's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

14. What can I bring on the shuttle?

Service dogs are permitted. Items that can be held on your lap, no larger than the size of a backpack, are permitted. This is to ensure safety of all passengers and for comfort on the bus. **No pets, hard-sided coolers or other large items are permitted.**

15. Where can I have a picnic?

Due to the busy nature of the Cheltenham Badlands, there is no picnicking at the site. Please note: there are no picnic tables or benches onsite.

Terra Cotta Conservation Area is the perfect spot to enjoy your picnic after a visit to the Cheltenham Badlands. Your admission to Terra Cotta Conservation Area gives you access to the park, as well other CVC properties, including Island Lake Conservation Area, for the entire day of your visit.

16. What should I expect on my visit?

The Cheltenham Badlands is a natural area, with recreational trails. Trails are packed earth in most areas and can be difficult to navigate with wheelchairs or strollers. There is a sidewalk from the drop off location in the parking lot to the Badlands feature. Sturdy walking or hiking shoes should be worn to explore the trails. There are washroom facilities at Terra Cotta Conservation Area, as well as a Visitors Centre for purchasing refreshments. Port-o-lets are available at the Cheltenham Badlands.

Please note there are no picnic tables or benches at the Cheltenham Badlands.

18. What are the rules at the Cheltenham Badlands?

Please be kind to the Badlands. Visitors must stay on the marked trails at all times. Do not climb or otherwise bypass fencing to walk on the feature itself. The viewing platform and accessible boardwalk are provided for your viewing pleasure and to protect this historically significant, environmentally sensitive feature. Cycling is not permitted. No littering. Please take nothing but photos and leave nothing but footprints on the trails. No barbeques or radios are permitted.

19. I need accessible parking. What do I do?

There is an accessible parking space beside the feature on Olde Base Line Road. This is **for use by valid accessible permit holders only.**