



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. 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, located at 14452 Winston Churchill Blvd., Terra Cotta, ON. The shuttle bus will pick up visitors at Terra Cotta Conservation Area and take them to the Cheltenham Badlands.

2. When does the shuttle operate?

The shuttle operates every weekend and holiday from September 28 to October 27, 2019. Shuttles run daily and leave from Terra Cotta Conservation Area starting at 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Shuttle times are:

Depart Terra Cotta CA	Depart Cheltenham Badlands	Notes
11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	<p>Each trip is approximately 15-20 minutes providing for 10 minutes to load and unload passengers.</p> <p>October 5, 6, 12, 13, 14 shuttle bus departures and pick-ups will increase to every 30 minutes.</p>
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	
4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	
5:30 p.m. – no passengers	6:00 p.m. – last pick-up	

Please note: shuttle schedules are subject to change, conditions permitting.

3. What does the shuttle cost?

The cost for the shuttle is included in the regular admission fee to Terra Cotta Conservation Area and includes use of the park. Regular admission is \$6.50 per adult, \$5 per senior and \$3 per child, including HST (please visit [Terra Cotta Conservation Area](#) for more details).

During Fall Fest (Oct 5 and 6) admission fees are increased and all visitors have access to [Fall Fest](#) activities, as well as the shuttle bus.

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

Visitors should plan to spend approximately one hour if they want 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, 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 fills quickly during the fall season and holiday weekends. Once full, onsite security will admit vehicles as space becomes available. **No street parking is available around the Cheltenham Badlands.**

The shuttle provides an alternative way for visitors to access the Badlands during peak hours. **Please be aware that bylaw officers and Ontario Province Police patrol 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 leaves Terra Cotta Conservation Area at 11:30 a.m. and drives directly to the Cheltenham Badlands. The last shuttle departs the Badlands at 4:30 p.m. to travel to Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Shuttles run every hour or less from each location 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 run approximately every hour or less from Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Weather or traffic conditions may impact travel times. Shuttle times may vary slightly.

9. How long does the trip take?

The trip is approximately 20 minutes from the parking lot at Terra Cotta Conservation Area to the shuttle stop at Cheltenham Badlands. This includes time for people to enter and leave the shuttle. Weather or traffic conditions may impact travel times. 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 near the park entrances. 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 Credit Valley Conservation's [parks conditions page](#) and our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

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

Shuttle service information and cancellations for the Cheltenham Badlands will be available on Credit Valley Conservation's [parks conditions page](#) and our [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 for the entire day of your visit. Be sure to keep your receipt to show at other CVC parks.

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 Welcome 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. They are also in place 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 barbecues 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.**