



# Conservation Crew Guide

## Getting you set for your day at Riverwood

Thank you for volunteering with us as a Riverwood Conservation Crew! We're looking forward to putting you to work... which is to say... giving you the opportunity to make a difference for nature in the city! This guide covers the big things you need to know about your Conservation Crew experience. Please pass it on to all of the members of your group before your day here in the park.

### What is Riverwood?

Riverwood is a public park made up of woodlands, meadows, and ravines that spans 150 acres along the Credit River in Mississauga. Thanks to abundant wildlife that includes deer, mink, beavers, possums, and 200 species of birds, Riverwood is recognized as one of the most diverse ecosystems in the Credit River watershed; a remarkable fact given its location in the heart of the city.

### What is The Riverwood Conservancy?

The Riverwood Conservancy (TRC) is a volunteer- and member-based registered charity that protects, restores, and invites people to connect with nature at Riverwood. We work to connect people of all ages, abilities, and cultures to the wonders of nature through programming that includes environmental education, conservation, gardening, and nature-based programs for people with special needs.

### What will we be doing?

Your Conservation Crew will be supporting our environmental stewardship work by engaging in one of several activities. The type of activity your group will engage in will depend on seasonality, the availability of natural materials, the needs of particular restoration areas around the park, and the weather conditions at the time of your visit.

Examples of activities include:

- Removing invasive species
- Planting native trees and/or wildflowers
- Cleaning up litter and debris
- Creating or restoring wildlife habitat

### What does the work entail?

All Conservation Crew activities require some level of physical work, and typically involve the use of garden tools. We will provide the tools along with the training on how to use them safely.

### Who will accompany us?

One or more of our knowledgeable staff members will be with your group for the entirety of your activity. In addition to directing the work, our staff members will explain the significance of the work your Conservation Crew will be doing.



## Insurance

If you have a certificate of insurance, please send it to us ahead of your visit. Your policy should cover your group in the case of personal injury or property damages up to \$2,000,000. The Riverwood Conservancy and City of Mississauga would be co-insureds on the policy.

If you do not have a certificate of insurance, please ensure each member of your group completes our [Informed Consent Agreement](#) ahead of your visit.

## How should we dress and what should we bring?

All Conservation Crew activities are done outdoors, and take place rain or shine, unless severe weather that may cause unsafe conditions is forecast. Please dress for the weather on the day of your visit. We strongly recommend every member of your group wear/bring:

- Closed-toe shoes
- Long pants
- Reusable water bottle

You're also welcome to wear any branded clothing your group may have, which can make for a great team photo!

## Where do we meet?

Gather your group on the lawn in front of Chappell House, located at [4300 Riverwood Park Lane, Mississauga](#). Parking is available in the lot just before the end of Riverwood Park Lane. Please refer to the map above for details.

## Payments and cancellations

Fees for your Conservation Crew experience will be due upon confirmation of your date and activity.

If you wish to cancel your group's booking, a fee of 25% of your total fee will be in effect if your cancellation is less than 10 business days before your scheduled activity. Please contact us if you have any questions about your payment.

## Final notes

- Accessible washrooms are available at Riverwood inside Chappell House, and inside the Visual Arts Mississauga building
- Please let us know ahead of your visit if any members of your group have mobility challenges or require any special considerations

## Contact

If you have any questions about your Conservation Crew experience, please get in touch with our Senior Development Manager, [Lennox Toppin](#).

We're looking forward to seeing you at Riverwood!

PS. You can spend a day walking the trails while making a difference for nature by joining us at [The Great Riverwood Hike](#) on Sunday, October 4!



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