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PUBLIC NOTICE

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) properties and trails reopened to public for limited use

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) properties and trails have been reopened to the public, for limited use, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Properties have been closed since March 31, 2020.

The opening affects all conservation areas: Clinton, Bannockburn, Zurich, Morrison Dam, Crediton, Lucan, Parkhill, Rock Glen, and Ausable River Cut. Other properties include Mystery Falls, L-Lake, Sadler Tract, and Linfield. The opening also includes MacNaughton – Morrison Trail. The ABCA owns thousands of acres of forests and these properties are now open as well.

Currently the following conservation area facilities remain closed until further notice: buildings and museums, playgrounds, washrooms and privies.

The opening to limited uses also includes properties of the Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy (HTLTC) – Bayfield River Flats Natural Area; Mayhew Tract; and Heaman Tract.

Visitors are asked to select the property closest to their home in order to limit unnecessary travel and avoid over-crowding. Visitors should limit their stay to an hour or less to ensure everyone can enjoy an experience in nature. Be prepared to turn back if a parking lot is full. Illegal parking is subject to fines and towing.

Visitors should follow public health and safety guidelines:

- Do not visit the property if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.
- Practise physical distancing by staying a minimum of two metres (six feet) apart
- Stay on trails, stepping off only to allow others to pass
- Yield to oncoming trail users when crossing bridges and boardwalks
- Do not gather or arrange to meet family, friends or other groups
- Keep pets on leash and clean up after them
- Do not trespass on private property next to ABCA trails
- Respect the instructions provided by our dedicated staff

To find out more visit abca.ca.