

# Shade's Mills Conservation Area



Grand River  
CONSERVATION AREAS

Scale  
0 100 200m



Avenue Road

To Franklin Blvd.

Main Entrance/Exit

Gatehouse



P1

Chalet

Diamond Shelter

Toyota Nature Centre

Toyota Amphitheatre

Beach

P2

P3

P4

Beach Shelter

P5

Trail Shelter

Trailhead Kiosk

Boat Rentals

Boat Launch  
(No Gas-Powered Motors)

NO PUBLIC ACCESS

## Recreational Trails

A complete trail map, including trail descriptions, is found on the reverse.

## Legend

- |              |                  |               |                            |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Gatehouse    | Boat Launch      | Fishing       | Water Tap                  |
| Washrooms    | Beach            | Play Area     | Conservation Area Boundary |
| Picnic Area  | Hiking           | Parking       | Reservoir and Creek        |
| Pavilion     | Beach Volleyball | Nature Centre | Recreational Trail         |
| Amphitheatre | Boat Rentals     | Vault Toilet  | Pedestrian Pathway         |
|              |                  |               | Conservation Area Road     |
|              |                  |               | Municipal Road             |

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## Shade's Mills Conservation Area

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Cambridge, ON N1R 5S4

WEB [www.grandriver.ca](http://www.grandriver.ca)

## Emergency Contacts:

POLICE FIRE AMBULANCE  
In an emergency dial:  
**911**

WATERLOO REGIONAL POLIC SERVICE 519-570-9777

CAMBRIDGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL 700 Coronation Blvd.  
Cambridge, ON N1R 3G2  
519-621-2330

POISON INFORMATION CENTRE 1-800-268-9017

LOCAL RADIO STATIONS  
AM 570 NEWS CKGL  
96.7 CHYM FM  
105.3 CFCA FM

## Emergencies and First Aid:

Please keep us informed of any situation where police, fire or emergency medical services have been called to the Conservation Area. Staff will help coordinate the response to the appropriate location.

Cell phone coverage in the Conservation Area is fair, but it is suggested to test your cell phone reception so that you may be prepared in case of an emergency.

Both a First Aid Kit and an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) are located at the gatehouse. They are available when the building is staffed.



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# Conservation Area Regulations and Guidelines

**Our conservation areas are special places where people can connect with the outdoors. As well, many of these areas have important natural heritage features. Because conservation areas are unique places, they require unique rules to protect them and their visitors alike.**

### Day Use Hours

- The conservation area is open to day use visitors from dawn to dusk. Visit [grandriver.ca/activitystatus](http://grandriver.ca/activitystatus) for up-to-the-minute information like operating hours and the status of various activities.

### Alcohol, Cannabis and Smoking

- The consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the conservation area.
- Smoking cannabis or tobacco, or vaping, is not permitted in the designated swimming area, including the sand portion of the beach. As well, smoking cannabis or tobacco, or vaping, is not permitted within 9 metres of any building or within 20 metres of a playground.

### Noise, Conduct and Safety

- Excessive noise at any time is not permitted.
- Physical or verbal abuse of conservation area visitors and staff is not tolerated and may result in eviction from the conservation area.
- Fireworks and open fires are not permitted.
- Firearms including air, spring, archery or slingshot equipment are not permitted.
- Be aware of your surroundings and monitor the weather. Seek appropriate shelter during severe weather.

### Vehicles, ATVs, Drones, etc.

- Motorized vehicles are permitted on designated roadways only. Drivers must obey the laws of the Highway Traffic Act.
- The vehicle speed limit is 15 km/h, unless otherwise posted.
- The use of ATVs, golf carts, dirt bikes and snowmobiles is not permitted.
- Drones are not permitted.
- Bicycles are not permitted on trails, unless otherwise posted.

### Dogs

- Dogs must be secured on leashes no longer than 2 metres in length at all times.
- Dogs may not make excessive noise or disturb other visitors.
- Dogs are not permitted in designated swimming areas, including the sandy areas of the beach.
- Stoop and scoop! Please clean up after your dog.

**Should you have any questions about conservation area rules and guidelines, please ask conservation area staff. In addition to the Conservation Authorities Act, federal, provincial and municipal regulations may apply. Please note regulations are in place for the safety and enjoyment of all and to help protect our outdoor spaces. Failure to comply may result in fines and/or eviction without refund.**

