

- Visit the Ontario Parks website (www.OntarioParks.com) or read the Parks Guide to find out about different parks.
- Visit the Park Visits portion of the virtual Visitor Centre at www.Campsite24.ca to download the List of Ontario Parks Summer Programs. This will tell you which parks have summer programs, what the topics are, and what recreational facilities are available.
- While there, download the Ontario Parks Reservation Planning Template. Completing the template before you call the park will help you to organize your preferences, and will help to make your reservation process as smooth and as accurate as possible.
 - Decide whether this will be a day visit, or whether you would like to stay overnight.
 - If you plan to stay overnight, decide whether you would like to camp, or if you would prefer roofed accommodations (a yurt, cabin or cottage). You can find out which parks have these facilities available at the [Ontario Parks](http://www.OntarioParks.com) website or in the Parks Guide.
 - Figure when you would like to visit. Be prepared with alternatives, as you may not always get your preferred date(s).
- Visit the [Ontario Parks](http://www.OntarioParks.com) website and go to the Reservations link, or click here: [Reserve Your Site](#).
- Receive confirmation of accommodations from the park.
- Visit the Resource Library in the virtual Visitor Centre at [Campsite24](http://www.Campsite24.ca) to download printable games, activities and colouring sheets that relate to Ontario Parks. Kids could have a lot of fun completing these sheets en route to the park, or while they're there.
- Ensure that the whole family is prepared for any type of weather by bringing the appropriate clothing. Remember that the weather at the park tomorrow may be different from the weather you're experiencing when you're packing at home. The weather may change over the course of the day, so be sure to bring lots of layers, and be ready for rain, biting insects or extremely hot temperatures (depending on the season).
- Ensure that you have all the equipment you need to make your visit to the park as pleasant as possible. For a day trip, bring lots of water, food, sunscreen and insect repellent. Wear comfortable shoes if you're going to be doing any walking.
- If you're going to stay overnight, you may want to read our primer on first-time camping. You can visit the Park Visits section of the virtual Visitor Centre at [Campsite24](http://www.Campsite24.ca) or click here for the [ParkZine Article on First-time Camping](#) and the [Camping Equipment List](#).