



MOSSOM CREEK HATCHERY & EDUCATION CENTRE

TEACHER PACKAGE

We are excited to invite your class for an outdoor ed-venture here at the Mossom Creek Hatchery & Education Centre. Each workshop provides students with unique hands-on learning opportunities beyond the walls of the classroom; creating exciting shared experiences that bridge curricular content with real-world connections in the natural setting of the Mossom Creek watershed.



Mossom Creek
Hatchery & Education Centre

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12 MOSSOM CREEK DRIVE, PORT MOODY



ESSENTIAL TEACHER INFORMATION

BEFORE THE PROGRAM:

- Read through this teachers package
- Review the 'Mossom rules' document with your class (page 5)
- Arrange transportation to the site (directions on page 6)
- Send 'Parent/Guardian Information' home (page 7)

PAYMENT:

Payment is due a minimum of 10 business days prior to your program unless you've made other arrangements with our Program Team. Programs can be paid by cheque: Please make cheques payable to Burrard Inlet Marine Enhancement Society (BIMES) and send cheques to 300 loco Road Port Moody, BC, V3H-2V7.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellations made more than 10 days before the scheduled program date will receive a full refund. Programs cancelled with less than 10 days notice of the scheduled date are not eligible for a refund. If programs are cancelled by Mossom (due to safety or weather concerns) we will do our best to reschedule or the program fee will be refunded.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

Our programs occur rain, snow or shine, however during dangerous or extreme weather we may have to cancel programs for safety reasons. Extreme weather can make it difficult to access and explore Mossom Creek. If your program is cancelled due to inclement weather we will try to reschedule or refund your program.

BE PREPARED:

Our programs run rain or shine and are held mostly outside! Students will be learning through hands-on activities and have the possibility of getting wet and dirty. Please review the 'what to wear' section with your students.

ARRIVING FOR YOUR PROGRAM:

Please arrive 5-10 minutes before your scheduled start time. A Mossom Creek educator will meet you in the parking area. If you are running late please call (604) 492-2910 to let us know, if we don't answer please leave a message. Directions to the site are on page 6.

The upper parking area (closer to the hatchery) can fit 10 cars, the lower lot can fit another 10-15 vehicles. The parking area is accessible by bus, the lower parking area has room for a bus to turn around.

ADULT ASSISTANCE:

For elementary and intermediate aged students we recommend an adult to student ratio of 1:8. For older students we ask that a minimum of 2 adults accompany the field trip. For the safety of all we ask that all students and adults stay with the group,

Adult volunteers are expected to engage with the students, model respectful listening and behaviour, help circulate props and actively supervise the students.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Photos are encouraged as a great way to document your ed-venture at Mossom Creek, we kindly ask that no videos are taken during our programs.





BEING ONSITE

SNACK & WASHROOM BREAKS:

We can provide time within the program for students to stop for a snack and to rehydrate. As we are in the forest during our programs, please encourage students to bring field trip friendly snacks. This includes food items that are easy to eat, do not require heating or utensils, and have minimal waste.

All participants are required to pack out any waste associated with their snacks. Compostable materials such as apple cores, banana or orange peels cannot be left in the forest as they attract wildlife into the educational areas of the forest.

WASHROOMS:

We are located in an ecologically sensitive area and do not have access to the city sewage system. We encourage all staff and visitors to use the well maintained outhouse located next the building.

There are two wheelchair accessible washrooms available onsite for those visitors requiring more sufficient facilities. These washrooms drain to a holding tank below the building that requires special waste removal and therefore we try to minimize unneeded usage.

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS:

Mossom Creek provides an essential wildlife corridor for local wildlife. With any exploration in the wild, animal encounters during our program are possible. We suggest discussing trail safety with your class prior to arriving, please put emphasis on; sticking together as a group, remaining behind the leader to avoid accidental encounters, and ensuring we pack out what we pack in.

MOSSOM RULES



Many animals live here.

Mossom creek is a wildlife corridor, known families of bears and cougars use the creek and surrounding forest. As such, we need to stay safe and give space to animals and stay with the group.



Only eat on the porch.

To avoid attracting wildlife to the educational areas of the forest we only eat in the budling. All waste from our snacks needs to be taken home.



Stay on the trails.

To minimize our impact on the environment we ask students to stay on the trails. We stay out of the pond and creek and off the hillsides to help minimize erosion.



Stay together & stay safe.

To make sure everyone stays safe we explore the forest together



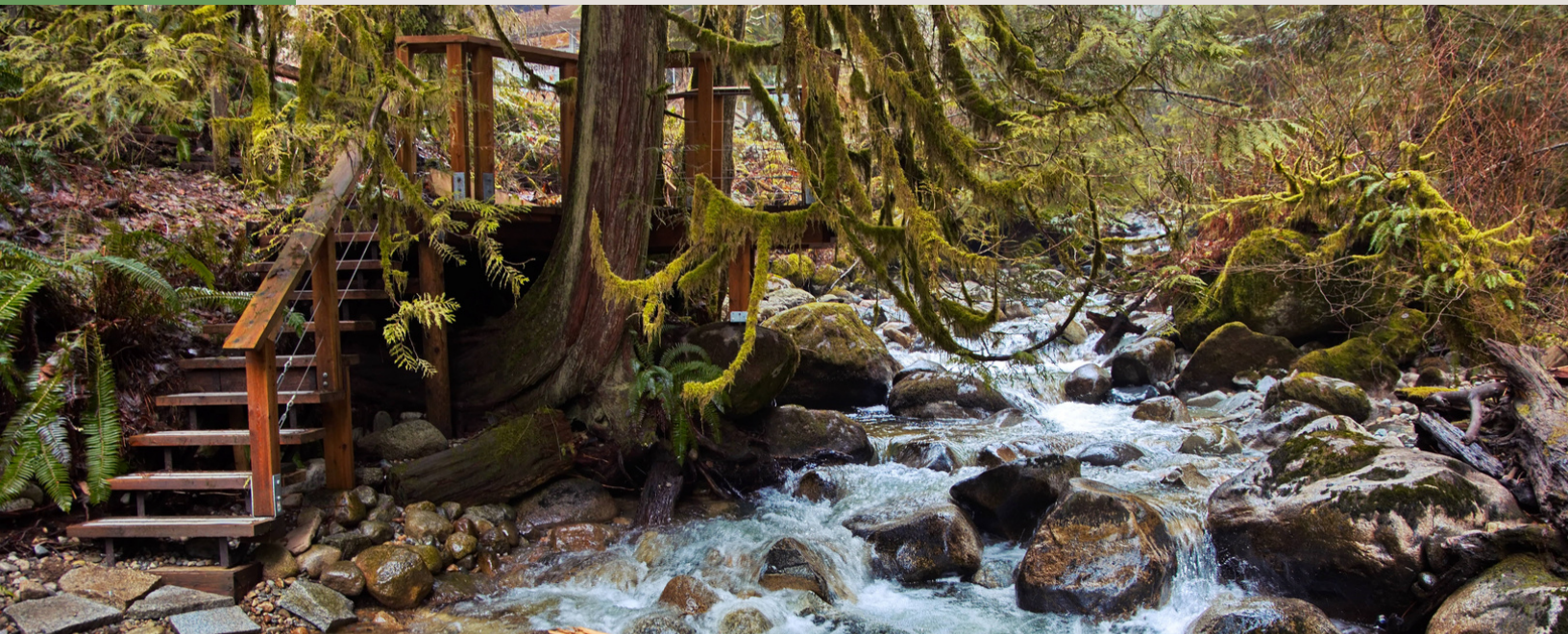
Only with our eyes.

Take nothing but memories, leave nothing but footprints. We ask that there is no picking, pulling, trampling or eating plants.



Make good choices.

We take care, and are kind to ourselves, to each other and our environment. We strive to be good stewards of the ecosystem we share.

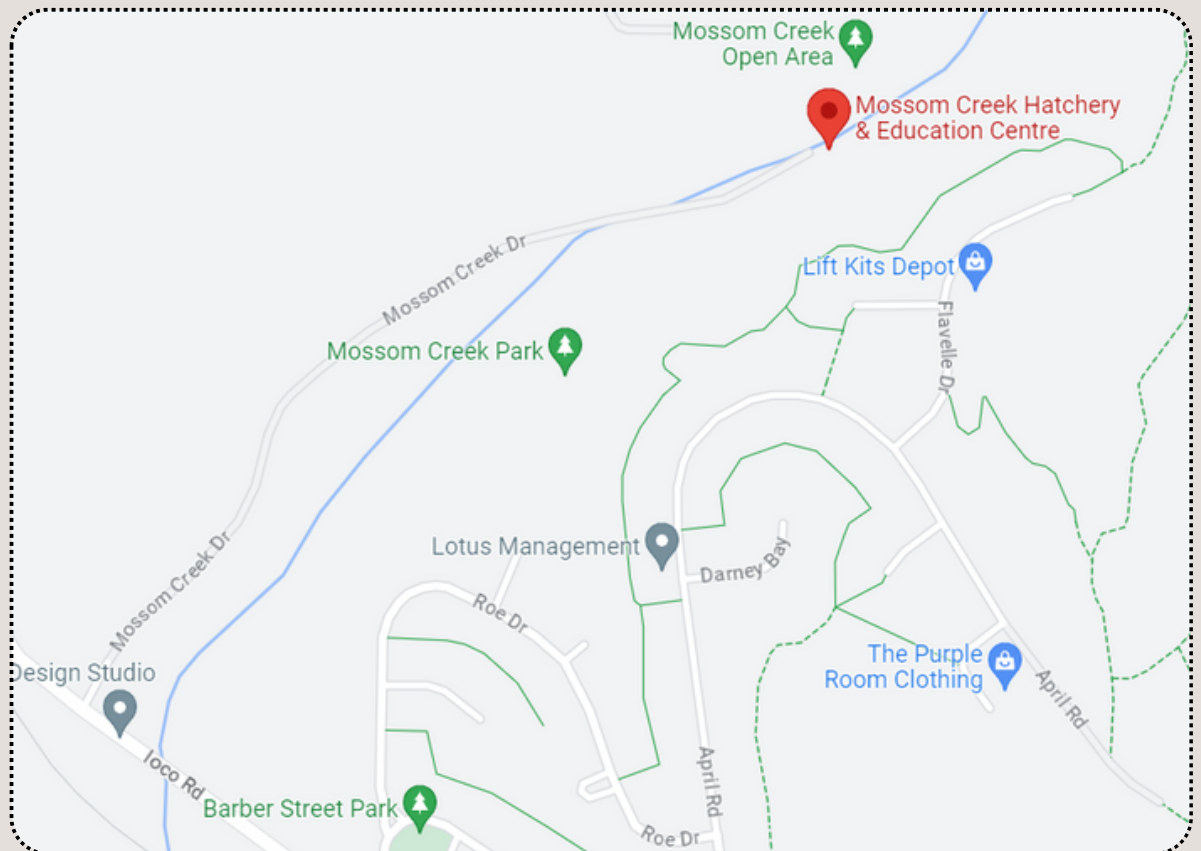


DIRECTIONS

LOCATION:

Mossom Creek Hatchery & Education Centre is located at 12 Mossom Creek Drive, Port Moody.

Turn onto Mossom Creek Drive (off of Ioco Road) pass through the gate and drive 800m along the gravel access road. Please drive slowly when coming and going as the road is narrow.



There are two parking areas, the upper parking area (closer to the hatchery) can fit 10 cars, the lower lot can fit another 10-15 vehicles. Please do not proceed past the upper parking lot.

The parking area is accessible by bus, the lower parking area has room for a bus to turn around.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME YOUR CHILD/REN ON A FIELD TRIP TO MOSSOM CREEK HATCHERY & EDUCATION CENTRE!

Field trip date:

Field trips at Mossom Creek Hatchery & Education Centre run rain or shine. To help ensure your child/ren have an exciting and memorable experience we strongly recommend children are dressed in appropriate clothing and footwear. It is always colder in the forest, even on sunny days.

What to wear to Mossom Creek:

- T-Shirt, long sleeved top and sweater
- Long pants (no dresses please)
- Good walking shoes that you don't mind getting wet (no sandals)
- If sunny: hat and sunscreen
- If raining: waterproof jacket with hood or hat
- If cold: warm gloves and a hat
- Refillable water bottle
- Lunch and snacks

- Avoid:
 - Avoid cotton clothing in the rain, it can get very wet and be cold. We recommend wool or synthetic clothes when raining.
 - No umbrellas. In a large group umbrellas can block classmates view.

Lunch and snacks:

Please bring lunch and snacks as there is no food available at Mossom Creek Hatchery for purchase.

We encourage litter-less lunches and snacks, all garbage and compost material will have to be packed in lunch boxes and brought home.

Visit us at www.mossomcreek.org to find out more about Mossom Creek Hatchery & Education Centre.

You are welcome to visit us for our regular Salmon Sunday open house held every Sunday 11:00 am - 1:30 pm.