

TEACHER PACKAGE

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN ALL OF THE
INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED TO PREPARE
FOR YOUR VISIT TO THE HATCHERY!



Mossom Creek
Hatchery & Education Centre

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📍 12 Mossom Creek Dr. Port Moody BC

BEFORE YOUR VISIT

PREPARING STUDENTS

Our on-site programs are outdoors and hands-on! We will be in the forest, along the creek, and in wildlife territory. Please ensure all students, teachers, *and* parent volunteers are ready to be out in nature by completing the following:

- Send the Parent Information Sheet (Page 7) home with students
 - Includes what to wear/bring for your visit & Parent Volunteer information
- Review the 'Mossom Rules' (Page 5) with your students (elementary/intermediate)

PAYMENT

Payment is due upon arrival for your program. Programs can be paid by cheque. Please make cheques payable to Burrard Inlet Marine Enhancement Society (BIMES), and send cheques to 300 Ioco 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/weather concerns) we will do our best to reschedule or the program fee will be refunded.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Our programs run rain, snow or shine; however, during dangerous or extreme weather, we may have to cancel programs for safety reasons. If your program is cancelled due to inclement weather we will try to reschedule or refund your program.

DURING YOUR VISIT

ARRIVAL

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 give our program team a call to let them know. **Directions to the site are on page 6.**

Please be mindful that we are in an area with lots of wildlife and so we ask that you **please lock your vehicles and avoid leaving any food inside!**

WHAT TO BRING

Please ensure you and your students are well-prepared for the weather! All programs include some outdoor element. (See page 7 for 'What to Wear').

If you are joining us for a half-day, we ask that the students only bring a field-trip-friendly (portable & minimal/no waste) snack with them. For full-day programs, a field-trip-friendly lunch. There is no food for sale at the Mossom Creek Hatchery.

Please note: All participants are required to pack out any & all waste associated with their snacks/lunches. **All garbage and compost material will have to be packed in lunch boxes and brought home.** These items (including apple cores, orange peels etc.) cannot be left in the forest as they attract wildlife into the education areas.

FACILITIES ON SITE

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 visitors requiring more sufficient facilities, however these washrooms require special waste removal, so we try our best to minimize their use.

DURING YOUR VISIT

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

For elementary students, we recommend an adult-to-student ratio of 1:6 (1:8 for intermediate). For high-school 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.

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

WILDLIFE & ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Mossom Creek provides an essential corridor for local wildlife. As with any exploration in the wild, animal encounters during our program are possible. We encourage you to discuss trail safety with your class prior to arriving. Please teach them the importance of:

- Sticking together as a group
- Remaining *behind* the leader to avoid accidental encounters
- Ensuring we pack out what we pack in (snacks, peels, wrappers, etc.)

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.

MOSSOM RULES

Please review the following with your students ahead of your visit:



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 in the classroom.

To avoid attracting wildlife to the educational areas of the forest, we only eat *in the building*. 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.

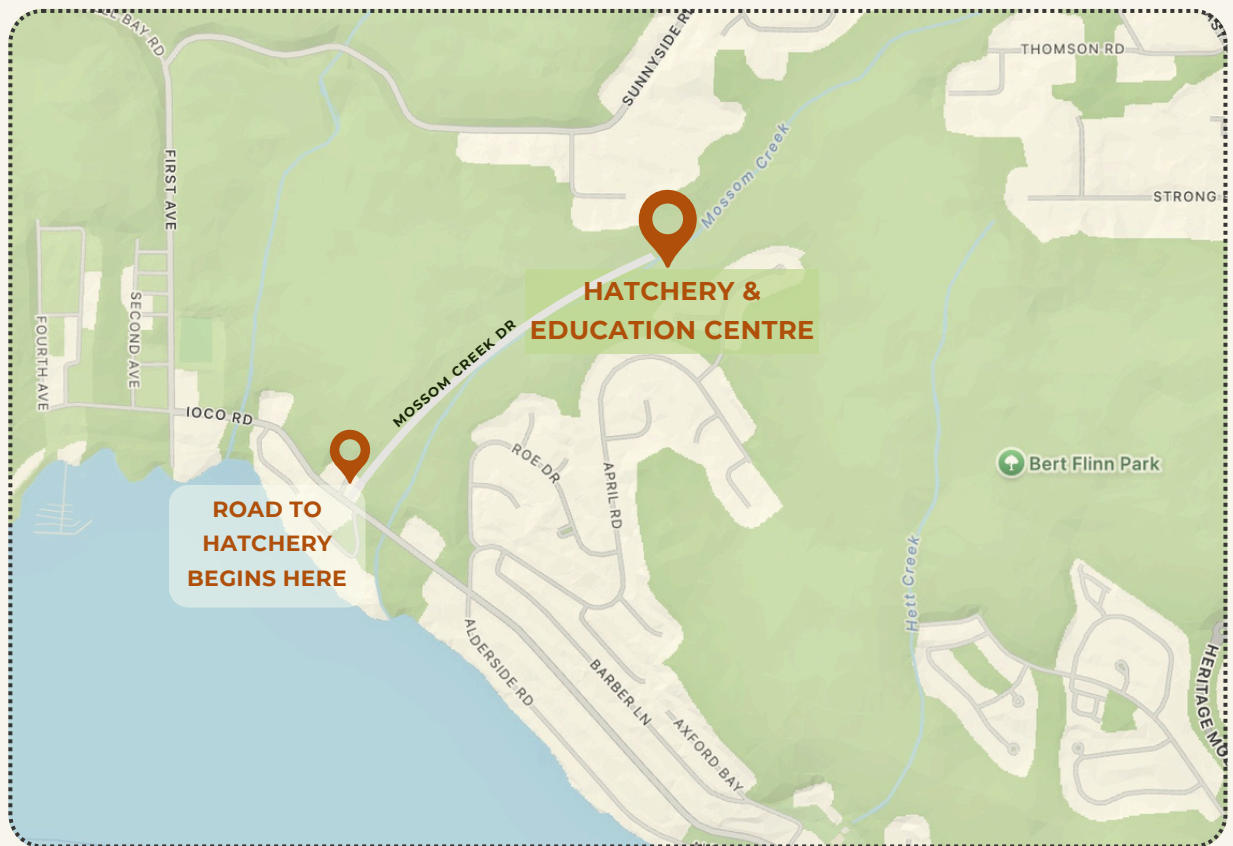
We take care, and are kind to ourselves, to each other and our environment. We strive to be good stewards of the ecosystem we share.

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.

Please arrive 5-10 minutes before your scheduled start time. A Mossom Creek educator will meet you in the parking area.

IMPORTANT PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Field trips at Mossom Creek Hatchery run **rain or shine**. To help ensure your child/ren have an exciting & memorable experience, we strongly recommend students are dressed in appropriate clothing and footwear.

It is always colder in the forest, even on sunny days. Please check the weather for the date of your child's visit so that they come prepared!

WHAT TO WEAR *STUDENTS AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS

- T-Shirt, long sleeved top, sweater (coat if needed)
- Long pants (no skirts/dresses please)
- Boots or walking/running shoes that can get wet/dirty (no sandals)
- **If sunny:** hat and sunscreen, refillable water bottle
- **If raining:** waterproof jacket with hood or hat (No umbrellas!)
- **If cold:** warm gloves and a hat

Note: Avoid cotton clothing in the rain, it can get very wet and be cold. No umbrellas; in a large group, umbrellas can block a classmate's view.

PACKING A SNACK/LUNCH

If your child is visiting for a half-day, please ensure they have a field-trip-friendly snack (i.e. portable and no or minimal waste). For full-day visits, a field-trip-friendly lunch. There is no food available for purchase at Mossom Creek Hatchery.

Please Note: All students are required to pack out any & all scraps/waste associated with their snacks/lunch. **All garbage and compost material will have to be packed in lunch boxes & brought home.** These items (including apple cores, orange peels etc.) cannot be left in the forest as they attract wildlife into the education areas.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Please follow the above instructions as well! All of our field trips include some element of outdoor-adventuring so please ensure you & your child are well prepared!

Parent/ Adult volunteers are expected to **engage with the students, model respectful listening and behaviour, and actively supervise the students.**

Please **arrive 5-10 minutes before your program** starts and be mindful that we are in an area with lots of wildlife and so we ask that you please lock your vehicles and avoid leaving any food inside!