



Peterborough Region Community Resources for Kindergarten Landmarks

LANDMARK 4: Visit a favourite outdoor place each week.

Resource	For Families	For Schools	Landmark #	Comments
Camp Kawartha Environment Centre	√	√	4	Oaks and Acorns: Drop-in program for families with children aged 0-5 on Fridays year-round. Families can visit the grounds which has a frog pond, bird feeders, wetland and forests. Access through the main gate on Pioneer Road or via trails from the Trent Wildlife Sanctuary on University Road. There are PD Day, Winter Break Camp, March Break Camp and Summer Camp options, as well as nature-based school programs. Check website for details.
Gamiing Nature Centre	√	√	4	Gamiing Nature Centre on Pigeon Lake welcomes families and school groups for a range of outdoor experiences. Check out the website for details and upcoming events.
Ganaraska Forest Centre	√	√	4	Trails, forests and an education centre can all be found at the Ganaraska Centre. Great place for family recreation. Curriculum-linked outdoor programs available for school groups from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Contact the Centre for details.
GreenUP Ecology Park	√	√	4	Families can visit Ecology Park year-round to look for wildlife and explore trails and various habitats. From May to October, there are demonstration sites, children's activities and school programs available. Check the website for details. Access the park through the main gate north of Peterborough

				Utilities (no parking) or through Beavermead Park parking lots off Ashburnham Drive.
Kawartha Land Trust Properties	√		4	Kawartha Land Trust stewards a number of beautiful natural properties in the region. Many have trail systems, and special events include guided walks and volunteering opportunities. Check out their website for locations and upcoming events.
Mark S. Burnham Provincial Park	√	√	4	Excellent destination for family or group visits. Beautiful maple and hemlock forest - perfect for exploration! Just outside the City of Peterborough on Lansdowne St. E.
Millbrook Valley Trails	√	√	4	Wonderful family destination for exploring trail system and beautiful forests. Regional school groups welcome too.
Otonabee Conservation	√	√	4	Many regional conservation areas to visit for exploring in nature. Families and school groups welcome. Visit website for further details on locations near you.
Peterborough Field Naturalists	√	√	4	Junior naturalists host monthly activities for families. Schools can contact naturalists to request a volunteer to accompany school groups on walks in the neighbourhood or a nearby natural area. Contact Martin Parker mparker19@cogeco.ca or Drew Monkman dmonkman1@cogeco.ca for details.
Peterborough Parks	√	√	4	Great variety of popular parks with natural areas, beaches, splashpads and picnic areas. Family favourites include Jackson Park, Rogers Cove and Nichols Oval. Check out city maps for details. Parks within walking distance of most City schools.
Peterborough Trails	√	√	4	Peterborough has a fabulous trail system that is excellent for parents with young children - walking or cycling. Trails are within walking distance of many City schools.
Private Yards and Properties	√	√	4	Landmark #4 focuses on developing a relationship with a place that is special to the child. That could be their own yard, a family cottage or farm, the schoolyard, or a local park. Choose someplace easy for

				you to access, and encourage children to get to know the place in detail, throughout all seasons.
Riverview Park and Zoo	√	√	4	Park and grounds are open every day with free admission; animals available to visit every day; splash pad during summer months. Many school workshop opportunities for Kindergarten classes. Visit the website for details.
Think Outside		√	4	Nancy Thomson is a star with school groups! If you need ideas for outdoor activities with your class, look no further! Nancy offers a wide range of programs right in your own schoolyard. Check the 'Think Outside' website for details.
Trent University Nature Areas	√	√	4	With over 30 km of nature trails, Trent University offers wonderful opportunities for nature exploration within the City limits. Parking area on University Rd, with access to marked trails. Visit the website to access directions and the trail guide.

LANDMARK 5: Help in a garden or look after an animal.

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Avant Garden Shop	√	√	5	A great resource for wildlife feed and feeders . Personalized advice in attracting wild friends to your yard.
County Fairs	√		5	County Fairs are a great place to see farm animals and farm produce. Many have petting zoos as well. Regional fairs include Millbrook, Lakefield, Norwood, Peterborough, Roseneath.
Farms at Work	√	√	5	Farmers feed all of us! Contact Farms at Work Director Pat Learmonth to explore opportunities to visit or help on a local farm.
GreenUP Ecology Park	√	√	5	Families can visit the Ecology Park during the growing season to explore the food gardens and children's garden. Class visits and

				summer programs available as well. Check out the website for details.
Lakefield Animal Welfare Society	√	√	5	Visit the cat room for gentle visits with the cats and kittens that are looking for a home. Call first to arrange a good time for a visit.
Lang Pioneer Village	√	√	5	Spring and summer visits for families and school groups. Pioneer gardens and Indigenous food exhibits.
McLean Berry Farm	√	√	5	Families can visit for Pick-your-own and maple syrup harvest; Classes can participate in Pumpkin harvesting; pumpkin life cycle - curriculum linked for primary student focus; positive animal interactions.
Nourish Project	√	√	5	Can visit your class to help start a food garden in the classroom or outdoors; can explore what makes a healthy diet, and where our food comes from; may be able to provide materials including seeds and plants; Families can be linked with a nearby community food project.
Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre	√	√	5	Children can visit the 'turtle ambassadors' living at the Centre. Programs for groups can be arranged.
Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners		√	5	Master gardeners may be able to assist with planning and developing school gardens. Contact to discuss your needs
Peterborough Horticultural Society	√	√	5	May be able to support costs in developing a school garden; gardening workshops for members.
Peterborough Humane Society	√		5	Families can assist in fostering an animal; can also drop in to visit the animals.
Peterborough Pollinators	√	√	5	Can help create a small food garden or pollinator garden.
Primrose Donkey Sanctuary	√	√	5	Open house 1-4 PM, Thursdays and Sundays to visit the donkeys.
Riverview Park and Zoo	√	√	5	Park and grounds are open every day with free admission; animals available to visit every day; splash pad during summer months. A very popular spot for families and groups!

LANDMARK 6: Play in nature for a full hour at least twice a week.

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Private Yards and Properties	√	√	6	Landmark #6 focuses on spending enough time outdoors to allow creative play to flourish. This includes playing in places where children can build forts, play with sand, soil or mud, or other “loose parts” that they can manipulate. Suitable places could be their own yard, a family cottage or farm, the schoolyard, or a local park. Choose someplace easy for you to access, and encourage children to engage their imaginations!
Think Outside		√	6	Nancy Thomson is a star with school groups! If you need ideas for creative outdoor activities with your class, look no further! Nancy offers a wide range of programs right in your own schoolyard. Check the ‘Think Outside’ website for details.

LANDMARK 7: Share books, songs, poems and games about nature each week.

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Camp Kawartha Environment Centre	√	√	7	Camp Kawartha’s school programs, summer camps and March Break programs include nature-based stories, songs and games to suit all ages. Check the website for further info.

Cavan Monaghan Libraries	√		7	Local libraries are a great source of excellent nature-themed picture books, story-times and audio materials. Talk to the children's librarian for suggestions.
Curve Lake First Nation Cultural Centre		√	7	A wide range of programs available, through visits to Curve Lake, as well as in-class programming; stories, music, art and insights into First Nations cultures.
GreenUP Ecology Park		√	7	Ecology Park school programming can include a variety of arts and games perfectly geared to Kindergarten classes. Call for details.
Shannon Kimewon		√	7	Shannon is a First Nation educator who works with kindergarten through older grades to tell stories, teach Indigenous songs and share Indigenous culture. Contact her to discuss programs available at wikyraingrl@hotmail.com
KPR Outdoor Education Centres		√	7	For schools in the Kawartha Pine Ridge Board, trips can be arranged to a nearby outdoor education facility for excellent curriculum-linked outdoor programs including nature art, craft and games.
Paddling Puppeteers	√	√	7	The Paddling Puppeteers can be booked for special events, and bring a strong nature conservation theme to engage the senses through puppetry and music. School programs also available. Contact Glen Caradus for details.
Peterborough Child and Family Centres	√		7	Great variety of excellent programs for families with young children. Many drop-in centres in Peterborough region.
Peterborough Public Library	√	√	7	A host of excellent resources - picture books, story-times and other special programs for families and young children.
School Indigenous Consultants		√	7	Both the Kawartha Pine Ridge and Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington School Boards have Indigenous program consultants who can arrange visits to your class with First Nation storytellers, singers, drummers and artists. Contact them for details. KPR: Sheryl Mattson - Sheryl_Mattson@kprdsb.ca

				PVNC: Sharon Lajoie - slajoie@pvncdsb.on.ca
School Libraries		√	7	Don't forget your own school library's resources for nature-themed storybooks, videos and audio materials to enhance your nature programming!
Selwyn Public Library	√	√	7	Local libraries are a great source of excellent nature-themed picture books, story-times and audio materials. Talk to the children's librarian for suggestions.
Think Outside		√	7	If you need ideas for creative outdoor activities with your class, look no further! Nancy Thomson offers a wide range of programs right in your own schoolyard.
TRACKS		√	7	TRACKS (Trent Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge and Science) offer Indigenous-inspired programs which include stories and art on a variety of earth-linked themes. Call to discuss your program needs.

LANDMARK 8: Create at least one nature art project each week.

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Art Gallery of Peterborough	√	√	8	Summer camps for kids; homeschool programs Tuesday afternoons. A range of school programs available. Contact the Art Gallery to discuss your needs.

Camp Kawartha Environment Centre		√	8	School programs from Kindergarten through older grades are available at the Centre. Ask to include a nature art project when you arrange a visit for your class.
Curve Lake First Nation		√	8	A wide range of programs available, through visits to Curve Lake, as well as in-class programming; stories, music, art and insights into First Nations cultures.
Local Parks and Yards	√	√	8	Local parks and your own backyard can provide many natural treasures for nature-based art that changes through the seasons. Check the map for a park near you.
Peterborough Child and Family Centres	√		8	Great variety of excellent programs for families with young children. Ask for ideas for family nature-art projects!
TRACKS		√	8	TRACKS (Trent Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge and Science) offer Indigenous-inspired programs which include stories and art on a variety of earth-linked themes. Call to discuss your program needs.