



Peterborough Region Community Resources for

Early Years Landmarks (birth to 3 years)

LANDMARK 1: Explore outdoors together as often as you can.

Resource	For Families	For Pre-Schools	Landmark #	Comments
Camp Kawartha Environment Centre	√		1	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.
GreenUP Ecology Park	√		1	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 and children's activities available during hours of operation. Access the park on the trail through the main gate north of Peterborough Utilities (no parking) or through Beavermead Park parking lots off Ashburnham Drive.
Jumping Mouse Outdoor School	√		1	Specializes in deep nature connection, wilderness skills, naturalist study, resilience and relationships through outdoor fun.
Lang Pioneer Village	√		1	Great destination for family visits in spring and summer. Animals, gardens, pioneer settlements and Indigenous encampment. For all ages.
Mark S. Burnham Provincial Park	√	√	1	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.

McLean Berry Farm	√		1	Berry harvesting, maple syrup festival.
Millbrook Valley Trails	√		1	Wonderful family destination for exploring trail system and beautiful forests.
Otonabee Conservation	√	√	1	Many regional conservation areas to visit for exploring in nature. Families welcome. Visit website for further details on locations near you.
Peterborough Downtown Farmers Market	√	√	1	A great place to explore for a sensory delight! Every Wednesday from May through October; talk to farmers about how they grow food; see the bounty that changes throughout the seasons; 8:30 AM to 2 PM
Peterborough Parks	√	√	1	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.
Peterborough Trails	√	√	1	Peterborough has a fabulous trail system that is excellent for parents with young children in strollers. Be stroller explorers!
Riverview Park and Zoo	√	√	1	Park and grounds are open every day with free admission; animals available to visit every day; splash pad during summer months.

LANDMARK 2: Have positive experiences with animals at least twice each month.

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Avant Garden Shop	√	√	2	A great resource for wildlife feed and feeders . Personalized advice in attracting wild friends to your yard.
Critter Visits with Woolly Wonderland Farm	√	√	2	Personal visits can be arranged with Karen Woolley to bring farm animals to visit your group or school. Contact Karen for further details.
Lakefield Animal Welfare Society	√	√	2	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.
Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre	√	√	2	Children can visit the 'turtle ambassadors' living at the Centre. Programs for groups can be arranged.

Primrose Donkey Sanctuary	√	√	2	Open house 1-4 PM, Thursdays and Sundays to visit the donkeys.
Riverview Park and Zoo	√	√	2	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 3: Exercise the senses every day..

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Camp Kawartha Environment Centre	√		3	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 trails from the Trent Nature Areas on University Rd.
GreenUP Ecology Park	√		3	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 and children's activities available during hours of operation. Access the park on the trail through the main gate north of Peterborough Utilities (no parking) or through Beavermead Park parking lots off Ashburnham Drive.
Lang Pioneer Village	√		3	Great destination for family visits in spring and summer. Animals, gardens, pioneer settlements and Indigenous encampment.
McLean Berry Farm	√		3	Berry harvesting, maple syrup festival.
Peterborough Child and Family Centres	√		3	Great variety of excellent programs for families with young children. Many drop-in centres in Peterborough region.
Peterborough Down-town Farmers Market	√	√	3	A great place to explore for a sensory delight! Every Wednesday from May through October; talk to farmers about how they grow food; see the bounty that changes throughout the seasons; 8:30 AM to 2 PM

Peterborough Parks	√	√	3	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.
Peterborough Public Library	√	√	3	A host of excellent resources - picture books, story-times and other special programs for families and young children.