

## Centre for Environmental Learning

Terra Cotta CA (408 acres) is located on the beautiful Niagara Escarpment, a World Biosphere Reserve made up of many layers of sedimentary rock and fossils from over 450 million years ago. Underneath the wintry cover, brick-red shale covers much of the soil at the base of the escarpment and river beds. This “terra cotta” coloured shale, meaning “baked earth”, also lends its name to the local community. The body of water located in the centre of Terra Cotta Lane loop trail is Wolf Lake, named after Leo Wolf, a former land owner. It provides a great surface for skating and hockey. Other man-made ponds on the site are being rehabilitated to provide colder water downstream to restore the native brook trout population. They are not suitable for winter activities. Try something different this winter and hike, ski or snowshoe deep into the escarpment woodlands to explore rugged landscapes, take a tour on the unique skating trail when conditions permit or listen for winter birds and other signs of wildlife. Experience nature up close at Terra Cotta CA.

## Visitors Welcome Centre

Stop by the Visitors Welcome Centre and you will find a comfortable place to take a break, purchase refreshments, rent skis and snowshoes or find out more about interesting wildlife.

## ‘Our Credit’ Memberships

Become a member of “Our Credit” and enjoy 10 of CVC’s conservation areas, for a full year, at one low price. A membership includes savings on rentals in selected conservation areas, free family programs and a free gift. Purchase a family, personal or senior membership from area staff or online at [www.ourcredit.ca](http://www.ourcredit.ca).

## Friends of Terra Cotta

Friends of Terra Cotta are a group of enthusiastic local residents and volunteers who have generously offered their time and expertise to enhance and protect Terra Cotta Conservation Area. They work in partnership with the Credit Valley Conservation Foundation to raise funds and awareness of CVC’s efforts to transform this area into a Centre for Environmental Learning. Their goal is to preserve the area’s natural integrity while improving the quality of the user experience for residents and visitors at Terra Cotta CA. For more information or to become a member, please contact the CVC Foundation at 1-800-668-5557 or [foundation@creditvalleyca.ca](mailto:foundation@creditvalleyca.ca).

## Landscapes for Learning

Have you ever wanted to learn about how to capture the beauty of nature through photography, use a pair of snowshoes to explore the wonders of winter or scout some nature trails while listening to the call of redwinged blackbirds? Take part in Landscapes for Learning, a series of year-round programs that range from guided nature hikes, wildlife drawing classes, presentations by accomplished authors, hands-on workshops and fascinating demonstrations. All programs are open to the public and educators and take place in Terra Cotta’s Watershed Learning Centre. Program fees are listed on the seasonal flyer. For more information or to register, please visit [www.creditvalleyca.ca/education](http://www.creditvalleyca.ca/education) or call 1-800-668-5557 ext 221.

## Facilities

### Winter (conditions permitting)

Groomed cross-country ski groomed trails, skating rink and trail, snowshoeing, learning centre programs, visitor welcome centre, cross country ski and snowshoe rentals.

## Visitor Information

Terra Cotta Conservation Area  
14452 Winston Churchill Blvd., Halton Hills, ON  
Ph: 905-877-1120  
Picnic & Wedding Reservations: 1-800-367-0890  
[recreation@creditvalleyca.ca](mailto:recreation@creditvalleyca.ca), [www.creditvalleyca.ca](http://www.creditvalleyca.ca)

### Conservation Area Hours\*

Winter (Dec. 13 to March 31)	8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (conditions permitting) Closed Christmas Day
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\*Open seven days a week during specified dates/hours  
Access during daylight hours only and a \$5 self serve fee applies for all days not specifically listed above.

### Visitors Welcome Centre Hours

\*\*Winter (Dec. 13 to March 31) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\*Open seven days a week during specified dates/hours

\*\*Open weekends and holidays only during specified dates/hours

### Fees\*

#### Annual Memberships - Purchase online at [www.ourcredit.ca](http://www.ourcredit.ca).

Personal	\$55
Family (up to 6 people)	\$100
Senior (60+)	\$45

#### Admission

Adult	\$5
Children (6-12) & Seniors (60+)	\$3
Maximum vehicle (up to 6 people)	\$22
Maximum bus (Group rates for over 50 people)	\$110

#### Winter Rentals

Adult cross country ski package	\$27
Child & Senior cross country ski package	\$17
Snowshoes	\$15

\*Cash, Debit, Visa, MasterCard and AMEX accepted





# Terra Cotta Conservation Area

14452 Winston Churchill Blvd., Halton Hills, ON



Do not litter. It can affect water quality, and is harmful to the health of fish and wildlife.  
No alcohol permitted in conservation areas.

## Trails

**Bruce Trail - 1.6 km**  
A portion of the famous Bruce Trail travels through Terra Cotta CA on its way to Queenston and Tobermory. The trail is accessed from 10th Line Road and marked with white trail blazes. The Bruce Trail connects and follows the Vaughn Trail in places, but is still marked by white paint.

**A.F. Coventry Nature Trail - 1.2 km one way**  
This trail meanders through different forest communities that are home to birds of prey, mammals and other wildlife. This loop trail starts and ends 100 metres southeast of the Learning Centre. There are some elevation changes on this moderately difficult trail.

**Graydon Trail - 1.2 km**  
This trail begins in the south-eastern portion of the conservation area near the Caledon Trailway, and is a Bruce Trail side trail. It takes hikers past old conifer plantations, valley edges and into mature forest stands. This trail connects to the A.F. Coventry Nature Trail, which hikers can take back to the parking area and eventually connect with the Bruce Trail. The Graydon Trail is isolated and rugged in spots.

**Wetland Trail - 0.6 km**  
Starting from the parking area, the Wetland Trail takes hikers past our unique, restored wetland ecosystem in its icy slumber. This easy trail is great for all ages and suitable for hiking and snowshoeing.

**Vaughn Trail - 4 km**  
Beginning beside the Visitors Welcome Centre, this trail is an excellent way to explore deep into the conservation area, enjoy mature forest stands or experience edge ecosystems where forest meets field. The Vaughn Trail connects in places with Terra Cotta Lane and ends just south of the main parking lot. This trail is long and rugged in spots and passes over changing terrain. Snowshoers stay to the left, groomed ski trails on the right.

**Spring Pond Trail - 2 km loop**  
The McGregor Spring Pond Trail loop starts and finishes at the Muskrat Pond Trail kiosk. Stroll through mixed deciduous forest and listen for songbirds. Snowshoers stay to the left, groomed ski trails on the right.

**Terra Cotta Lane - 5 km loop**  
Terra Cotta Lane is a great introduction to the conservation area. Starting at the Visitors Welcome Centre near the parking area, the trail follows an old road along the western shore of Wolf Lake and eventually loops back to the parking area. This easy trail is good for nature enthusiasts of all ages. Snowshoers stay to the left, groomed ski trails on the right.

