

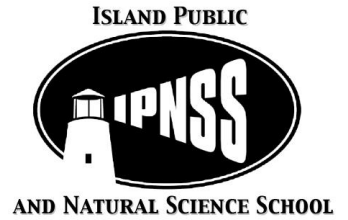


Island Public / Natural Science School

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Island Public School Walking Excursions Information 2019-20

The Toronto Public Islands have so much to offer IPS students that go beyond the classroom and allow teachers to plan hands-on learning experiences that create an outdoor classroom! Below are the various walking excursion destinations/locations that students may participate in throughout the school year. Teachers will continue to notify families when they plan a walking excursion with their students. Please be sure you have provided permission through the TDSB Online Permission Forms.

If you have any questions regarding a walking excursion, please contact your child teacher.

Regards,
 Scott Woolford
 Principal

| Destination/Location | Brief Description / Overview of Activity |
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| Chickadee Feeding Station | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will have an opportunity to feed wild chickadees by hand, observe their habitat and behaviour, and inquiry about living things |
| Franklin's Garden | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will have an opportunity to see first-hand how the story character Franklin is portrayed in a way that discovers nature, how plants grow at Kids Can Press Little Sprouts Garden and to learn about wetlands at Turtle Pond Students may also be able to explore the vine tunnel, at the treehouse, or with bronze sculptures of Franklin and his friends |
| Far Enough Farm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are able to explore their own inquiries about animals through first-hand knowledge of on-site farm staff Students may feed and assist in the care of these animals and also learn about various farm equipment |
| Saturn Playground & Splash Pad | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fun way for to cool-off in June (sometimes in September too) with classmates and learn about evaporation, humidity, water pressure/conservation |
| Collecting Maple Sap to Create Maple Syrup | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-partnership with the Outdoor Ed Natural Science staff, students will be able to participate in tapping, tasting and collecting maple tree sap to be converted into maple syrup - tree care will also be fundamental to this learning experience |
| Gibraltar Point Lighthouse | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will have an opportunity to visit the area and learn the history of the lighthouse first-hand. <i>Please note that a separate excursion form will be sent home for classes who plan to climb the light house.</i> |
| Nature/Beach Walks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will have an opportunity to explore the various different naturalized and park settings around the school including the treed and beach areas Please note that students will not be swimming in the lake under any circumstance |
| William Meany Maze | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be able to explore the newly created cedar hedge maze located near Franklin's Garden with one entrance & exit to challenge students' sense of direction, decision making skills and memory! Also students will learn about the history of the maze. Please note: Classes will use the Maze only when there are at least two IPS staff present to ensure safety of student when inside the maze. |