



Plan to Open and Operate Lobies Park Skating Trail During COVID-19

**Parks and Recreation Department
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Introduction

In preparing for the opening of the Lobies Park Skating Trail, the Municipality of Brockton is committed to the health and safety of staff, residents, trail participants and visitors. The Municipality identified the need for additional outdoor recreation options for residents during the winter months, specifically during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Lobies Park Campground is closed during the winter months and offers an excellent location for an oval skating trail along the main campground road. This oval road is approximately 280 meters (920 ft) long with another 65 meters (220 ft) extending straight out to the corner of Hannah and Queen Streets. The road is constructed of gravel and is approximately 4.5m (15 ft) wide providing a good width and base for the trail.

Skating Trail Layout

Utilizing the existing features of Lobies Park the parking lots will be cleared providing adequate parking for all patrons. Parking lots are located to the east and south of the Gatehouse and will be marked to assist users. Patrons will enter the Skating Trail from the entrance at the corner of Hannah and Queen Streets. Picnic tables will be set-up along this straight section and a 2m (7ft) skating trail will be erected on the north side of the tables providing a convenient entranceway to the main trail. The picnic tables will be spaced 6 feet apart (2m) to allow for social distancing. Skaters will then enter the main oval trail and skate in a clockwise direction.

The trail will be lit utilizing a combination of solar and electric lighting. Solar lights will be installed on existing 6x6 posts and pointed towards the trail providing enough light for evening skating. Several trees within the trail oval will be lit with lights along with the Gatehouse exterior.

Construction barriers will be placed at the entrance on the corner of Hannah and Queen Streets by the Gatehouse to eliminate vehicular traffic. When the trail is closed a large yellow gate will be shut at the entrance to the oval skating section for additional access restriction.



COVID-19 Operations

Staff will supervise the operation of the Skating Trail from the Gatehouse. Patrons must sign-in on the COVID-19 Tracking Form and complete the Health Screening Questionnaire. Staff will advise patrons of the trail rules, Public Health Guidelines and will limit the number of patrons to 15.

At the entranceway, pylons will be set-up 2 meters (6 feet) apart and will have social distancing stickers placed on them to encourage patrons to follow social distancing guidelines. Signage will be erected on A-Frame stands advising patrons of the Public Health Guidelines, Face Covering Requirements and Skater Limits/Rules.

Hand sanitizer will be provided at the skating trail and at the Gatehouse during operating hours. Patrons will be encouraged to use the sanitizer before and after sign-in.



Hours of Use

The hours of use will be 12pm to 7pm Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, weather permitting. The ice will be monitored by Ice Technicians, and hours will be adjusted depending on ice conditions and/or inclement weather. The trail will be monitored by Staff to ensure that Skating Rules, Face Covering Requirements and Public Health Guidelines are being followed. The Skating Trail will be shut down if widespread noncompliance occurs.

Bookings and Time Slots

To eliminate the potential for overcrowding and exceeding gathering limits the Skating Trail will be booked in 45-minute time slots for a maximum of 15 patrons. Skating times will begin on the hour and end after 45 minutes. Groups will have 10 minutes to remove skates and exit the facility. The next group will enter on the hour or when directed by Staff.

Booking will be completed by the Parks and Recreation Department through the main telephone number at 519-881-0625 (Toll Free: 1-877-885-8084 ext. 200) or by email at recreation@brockton.ca. Booking times will be awarded on a first-come-first-serve basis and second bookings for groups will only be awarded once all other requests have been filled.

Bookings may be cancelled or pushed back due to unsafe conditions or inclement weather.

Staff

All staff will be trained on patron control as well as modified behaviour guidelines for physical distancing. All patrons will be expected to follow the direction of on duty staff. PPE (masks, gloves, eye protection) will be provided to staff at the beginning of every shift. All staff will be trained on the appropriate use of PPE.

During operating hours staff supervising the Skating Trail from the Gatehouse are required to wear a mask at all times except when eating or drinking. Any additional staff on-site are also required to wear a mask anytime the public is present.



Face Coverings

Face coverings will be required at all times. Patrons must don face coverings before entering the facility. Face coverings should cover the nose, mouth and chin as described in Public Health Guidelines.

Gathering Limits

The Skating Trail will follow all Provincial Orders/Regulations and Public Health Guidelines and will limit the number of patrons to 15. Patrons not participating in skating are considered spectators as per the Provincial Guidelines and any gatherings of more than 5 people is not permitted. If gathering limits are exceeded on a consistent basis the trail will be closed until additional control measures are deployed or gathering limits are increased.

Public Access to Gatehouse

Public access to the Gatehouse is prohibited at all times. The Gatehouse is to be used by staff only and the public may only approach the Gatehouse from the north facing windows. Staff is not to allow the public access to the Gatehouse to warm up or for any other reason.

Washrooms

Portable washrooms will be provided near the trail head close to the Gatehouse. The washrooms will be cleaned and disinfected a minimum of 2 times daily.



Rules and Regulations

COVID-19 Rules and Public Health Guidelines

1. Face coverings are required at all times
2. Maximum of 15 Skaters
3. Patrons not participating in skating are considered spectators as per the Provincial Guidelines and any gatherings of more than 5 people is not permitted
4. All groups must book their time slot through the Parks and Recreation Department
5. All participants must complete the Pre-Screening Form
6. All participants must fill out the Tracking Sheet
7. All participants are required to maintain a minimum of 2 meters (6 feet) of distance between themselves and others outside of their household
8. All participants will be expected to follow the directional arrows and signage
9. All participants will be expected to use the hand sanitizer stations
10. No use of changeroom or Gatehouse buildings for warming, changing or showers.
11. All participants must follow the direction of on duty Staff.

Failure to follow the directional arrows, signage, direction from Staff or appropriate physical distancing practices will result in expulsion from the facility. The Municipality reserves the right to deny access to the facility to any person for any reason.

COVID 19 Tracking Sheet

Lobies Park Skating Trail COVID Tracking Sheet				
DATE	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL	Completed Health Screening Form

General Skating Trail Rules and Regulations

General Rules and Regulations have been formulated through consultation with other outdoor skating operators, ORFA and staff.

The Maximum Occupancy for the Skating Trail will currently be capped at 15 skaters as per Public Health Guidelines.

1. Obey All Posted Signs
2. No Horseplay
3. CSA Approved Helmets Recommended
4. No Hockey, Sticks or Sporting Equipment
5. No Toe Picking
6. Use Permitted Only During Posted Hours
7. Trail is Slippery, Only People with Skates Permitted
8. No Dogs

COVID 19 Signage

COVID 19 signage has been formulated in consultation with staff and Grey Bruce Public Health. Documents and relevant information were also reviewed from ORFA (Ontario Recreation Facilities Association), Public Health Ontario and the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Do your part and help stop the spread of COVID-19 to keep these amenities open

Maximum Skaters 15

Practice physical distancing. Stay at least 6 feet/2 metres apart

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and cough into your arm

Picnic tables and park benches are available for use at your own risk and are NOT SANITIZED

Wash your hands with soap and water thoroughly and often or use hand sanitizer

If you are sick, feeling unwell, or have been in close contact with someone with symptoms, please stay home.

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COVID-19 Safety Precaution

Please Keep Physical Distance

Physical distancing means keeping at least 2 metres apart from others.

2 metres
You can still wave, make eye contact and say hello as you walk by.

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Stop Before Entering This Facility

If you have at least one of the following symptoms: fever and/or new onset of cough or difficulty breathing; have travelled in the last 14 days

OR

Have any **two** or more of the following symptoms:

- chills
- fatigue
- headache
- sore throat
- runny nose
- stuffy or congested nose
- lost sense of taste or smell
- hoarse voice
- difficulty swallowing
- digestive issues (nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain), or
- for young children and infants: sluggishness or lack of appetite

Please delay your visit. Please Contact the Municipality for alternative service arrangements (519-881-2223)

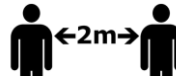
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Attention!



You must wear a face covering at this site (Exemptions apply for age and medical reasons and other grounds under the Human Rights Code)



Keep a two metre/six feet distance from others



Use hand sanitizer provided

Be kind, respect exemptions and together we can prevent the spread of COVID-19



Brockton Parks and COVID - 19 Assumption of Risk

The Municipality of Brockton continues to monitor the COVID - 19 situation.

Users of Brockton's parks system and outdoor facilities such as **playgrounds, picnic tables, park benches, green spaces and trails** are reminded that these areas are available for use at your own risk and are not regularly sanitized. An inherent risk of exposure to communicable diseases including COVID-19 exists in any public space where people are present.

By visiting any parks and outdoor spaces such as playgrounds, picnic tables and park benches you voluntarily assume all risks including any risk of injury, loss, damage and possible exposure to a communicable disease, including COVID-19.

We remind you to follow the COVID - 19 precautionary guidelines being recommended by various Canadian health authorities including the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit, Ontario Health and the Public Health Agency of Canada.



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Standard Signage

Operational Signage has been formulated through consultation with other outdoor skating operators, ORFA and staff. This signage will be posted in pertinent locations and be of appropriate size.



Lobies Skating Trail

Hours of Operation - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,
Saturday and Sunday
12pm-7pm

Rules and Regulations

Maximum Skaters

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2. No Horseplay
3. CSA Approved Helmets Recommended
4. No Hockey, Sticks or Sporting Equipment
5. No Toe Picking
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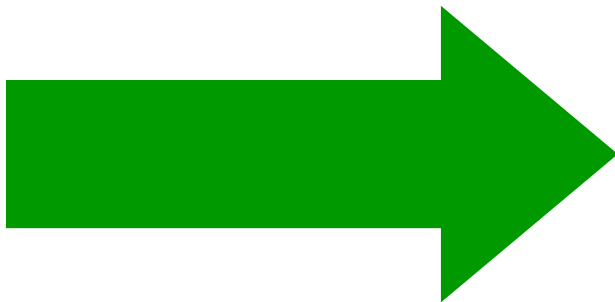
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One Way



**Slippery ice
Please stay
off**



Attention

Lobies Skating Trail is
CLOSED

Please stay off,
use permitted only during
posted hours



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