

Our Mission

At the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre, we look after the immediate needs of injured turtles while also putting conservation and education initiatives in place. Our goal is to address both the acute and long-term threats faced by Ontario's native turtle species and their habitats.



OTCC events are interactive and tailored to meet the needs of specific audiences. They are suitable and engaging for people of all ages and backgrounds.

"Thank you to Wendy and April at the OTCC for the outstanding private virtual education tour. Wendy showed us multiple injured turtles and told us their stories. What incredibly important and inspiring work! Check them out and donate if you can."

*McMaster Ecohydrology Lab
School of Earth, Environment and Society
McMaster University*

"The presentation was filled with important conservation information (that children learn and understand) that connected to the curriculum, and seeing the live turtles, and comparing them to each other was fascinating for both students and adults. Thank you."

Buckhorn Public School, grades 1–8

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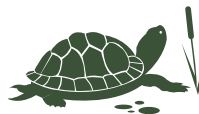
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We need your help

Education and Outreach Program fees help support all the work we do at the centre. Thank you for considering purchasing one of our program options.

Donations are also critical to our ability to continue helping Ontario's turtles. OTCC is a registered charity, and relies on donations for our essential conservation work. Donations to the OTCC are always welcome and all go towards turtle conservation.

Visit ontarioturtle.ca/donation-options to find out how to support us financially.



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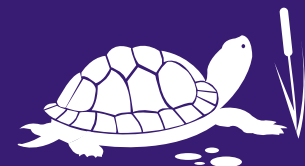
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The Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre respectfully acknowledges that it is situated on the treaty and traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Anishnaabeg. We offer our gratitude to the First Peoples for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations.

*The legal name of OTCC is the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre.
Charitable Registration # 85752 4409 RR0001*

Education and Outreach Program



ONTARIO TURTLE
CONSERVATION CENTRE

This program plays a vital role in engaging people of all ages in the preservation of Ontario's turtles and their habitats.

Our dedicated and knowledgeable staff provide the information and skills that enable people to become active stewards of Ontario's at-risk turtles and their wetland habitats.

Our program:

- presents Ontario's eight native species of turtles, their biological characteristics, the threats to them and to their wetland habitats, and the importance of turtles to our ecosystems
- gives a better understanding of the Species at Risk designation in Ontario
- outlines the work of the OTCC to conserve Ontario's turtles which includes rehabilitation, education and field work
- teaches the importance of biodiversity
- addresses what we can do to help turtles and how we can accomplish those goals
- introduces the OTCC's non-releasable, live education turtles; our turtle ambassadors
- invites participation in games and activities to reinforce the lessons learned
- encourages people of all ages to become better stewards of the earth and turtles

"The presentation was superb – definitely an educational experience. We were impressed by the presenter's passion and dedication, and the outstanding approach to viewers. The work being done to save turtles is impressive."

Del Manor Retirement Residence

"Your presentation brought to life all the concerns of turtles and their environment. The campers were very engaged and it inspired a new generation to be stewards of our environment. Amazing!"

UOIT Summer Education Camp, ages 8–16

Choose the program option that best suits your needs.

Field Trip to the OTCC

- Tour of the facility
- Presentation on Ontario's turtles, their habitats, and threats they are facing
- Educational activity tailored to age group
- Meet our non-releasable education turtles

Minimum 15, maximum 35 participants

Duration: 1 or 2 hours

Cost: 1 hour \$8/participant
2 hours \$10/participant

Outreach at Your Location

- Presentation on Ontario's turtles, their habitats, and threats they are facing
- Meet our non-releasable education turtles

Duration: 1½ hours

Cost: \$200 + mileage (41¢/km)

Virtual Tour and Presentation

- Virtual tour of the OTCC facility
- Presentation on Ontario's turtles, their habitats, and threats they are facing
- Meet our non-releasable education turtles
- Lots of time for questions after the presentation

Duration: 1 hour

Cost: \$50



Our virtual tours are offered on your choice of platform (Zoom, Facetime, etc.).

MEET OUR EDUCATION AMBASSADORS



'Mappy'
NORTHERN MAP
TURTLE



'Picasso'
PAINTED
TURTLE



'Paddy'
SNAPPING
TURTLE



'Mr. D'
SNAPPING
TURTLE



'Rusty'
WOOD
TURTLE



'Andrea'
BLANDING'S
TURTLE



'Zig'
EASTERN MUSK
TURTLE

For more information or to book an event, email us at education@ontarioturtle.ca