



*NPGS Niagara Peninsula Geological Society Field Trip Info Sheet  
Hungry Hollow Quarry, near Arkona, Ontario*

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**How to get there:**

- NPGS website link is: <http://www.ccfms.ca/clubs/NPGS/trips.htm> - please click on the aqua button for maps - which give you an idea of what the site is like - 2 pits & 2 cliff faces.

**Starting and leaving times:**

- Best leaving (St Catharines) time is 7:30 am; and so, arrival time at Hungry Hollow is between 10 & 10:30 am, barring bad traffic. Google Maps indicates a travel time of 2 ½ hours.
- In past years, leaving times from Hungry Hollow have ranged between 2 & 4:30 pm.

**Transportation:**

- Best to car pool - most cars accommodate 4 people - vans accommodate 6 people.
- If car pooling, please be aware that you will be contributing to gas.
- There are pit stops at the 1/2 way mark - for coffee, food, and bathroom stops.

**Safety & Participation on all NPGS Field Trips - No Negotiation Rules, please & thanks**

- 1) **Liability Insurance** - You are required to sign-in and sign-out on all NPGS field trips - CCFMS Liability Insurance requirements. (Nevermind that it's common sense as well as ensures that you're covered by your own liability insurance.)
  - Because Hungry Hollow Quarry is split by the Ausable River, the Field Trip Leader may not be on the same side as you are. You are required to ensure that you make yourself known when you arrive and when you leave. And, in both cases, you are required to sign in or sign out.

The Hungry Hollow Quarry Owners (Brampton Brick) now require that all Hungry Hollow Quarry field trips be approved **in advance**. Approval is based upon:

- A) All participants - whether tentative or firm - are required to sign the CCFMS Liability Waiver a minimum of 10 days **in advance** of the field trip date.
  - (If tentative because of schedules, please sign anyway. Better to be signed up than not at all if your schedule works out at the last minute. We no longer have the luxury of last minute confirmations for the Hungry Hollow Quarry site.)
- B) A copy the In Advance Liability Waiver with signatures will be emailed to the Hungry Hollow Quarry Liaison person for approval by Brampton Brick.
- C) Permission (or not) will then be emailed back to us.
- D) If permission is not given by Brampton Brick - whether as a group or as an individual - we/you will not be allowed on the Hungry Hollow Quarry site.
- E) Once permission is granted, the all prospective participants will be emailed + there will be a Facebook post to indicate the same.
- F) All participants are required to read (or be familiar with) the CCFMS Code of Ethics for Rockhounds and the CCFMS Safety Rules. (*separate sheet*)

- 2) **Safety Talk** - On all NPGS field trips, the field trip leader will give a 5-10 minute talk about safety, collecting boundaries, special rules/restrictions, and/or any hazards to avoid.
- 3) **Buddy System** - All participants on all NPGS field trips are considered to be "field trip leaders" and a "buddy" to everyone else. In this way, we all look out for each other and can be fast-acting if something happens.
  - a) Since we implemented this rule, we've not only looked out for each other - but spied out and shared great specimen finds - as well as better ensured our safety.
  - b) We also have walkie talkies - this aids us in ensuring that we stay in contact when spread out during a field trip.
- 4) **Car Convoys** - none for Hungry Hollow.
- 5) Where there are no washroom facilities (and there are none @ Hungry Hollow) - the bushes are the answer - however, please don't forget toilet paper and a plastic bag. *Thou shalt remove thy waste.*



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### Extra info:

- The field trip leader will have a cell phone on her person - cell number (**Ashley**) 905-246-2056.
- The field trip leader will have a full first aid kit in her car trunk + a small first aid kit on her person.
- We also strongly recommend bringing sun screen - very little shade at Hungry Hollow.
- Bring lots of water and food when there are no nearby places to eat or get conveniences.
- You're going to get dirty and muddy.
  - The mud at Hungry Hollow is icky, sticky, and gooey. You may wish to bring some kind of wipes or washing up materials.
  - Practically everywhere at Hungry Hollow is slippery and slithery - there is a lot of trickling water.
  - Some people wear wellington-type boots (which are acceptable at Hungry Hollow).
- The Ausable River - if running high - is extremely dangerous.
- Hungry Hollow Quarry pit and cliff faces are somewhat steep and do have some overhangs - and so, it is expected that at all times you will take good care, practice common sense, and you may wish to bring a walking stick - quite handy on the cliff faces at Hungry Hollow.

### FULL SAFETY GEAR (PPE personal protective equipment)

#### Working Quarries

- 1) When in a working quarry **FULL SAFETY GEAR** is always required.
- 2) As of July 2016, the [Occupational Health and Safety Act](#) (OHSA) and [Regulation 854](#) (Mines and Mining Plants) have been updated:
  - a) Safety vests must be fluorescent, the fluorescent stripes must be a minimum of 2 inches wide, must have an X on the back, and must be CSA approved.
  - b) Safety boots must be above the ankle and CSA approved (green tag).
  - c) Hard hats must be worn.
  - d) **No exceptions**, please - this is now law - and will be in effect at all working quarries. Thank you.
    - i) Please note, as well: You will be asked to leave if you do not follow these rules.
  - e) Additionally, you are expected to wear:
    - i) safety glasses
    - ii) gloves, and
    - iii) long pants.



#### Non-Active Quarry (This applies to Hungry Hollow Quarry.)

- 3) When in a non-active quarry, rules can sometimes be slightly relaxed; nevertheless, you are expected to use common sense.
  - a) No matter what site we're at, you're required to wear a safety vest per the new legislation.
  - b) As well, if the site owner requires full safety gear at a non-active quarry, then we need to obey the rules. After all, it's their property not ours.
  - c) For Hungry Hollow, Brampton Brick is kind enough to allow us to be relaxed - as said, please use common sense - open-toed footwear, skimpy clothing, etc, etc will not be allowed. You will be asked to leave or to change your clothing.

*The NPGS takes pictures and videos on all our field trips - and posts them on our website & Facebook page + publishes them in our newsletter. If you don't want to be in any of these pictures, it is your responsibility to inform the Trip Leader and whoever is taking pictures. Thanks.*