

# [GKC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN]

## Elora Gorge Conservation Area

June 23, 2018

In case of Emergency **Call 911.**

Give 911 operator the following information.

**Elora Gorge Conservation Area Address:**

**7400 Wellington County Road 21**

**Elora, ON**

519-846-0742

Closest major intersection **Wellington County Road 21** and **Wellington Road 7.**

- 1) Nature of emergency (Type of injury, how many people injured etc..)
- 2) Exact location inside the park (refer to map on reverse side of page)

### ***Local Hospitals.***

- 1) Groves Memorial Hospital  
235 Union Street, Fergus  
519-843-2010  
8km for Elora Conservation Area
- 2) Guelph General Hospital  
115 Delhi Street, Guelph  
519-822-5350  
22kn from Elora Conservation Area

### ***Alternative access points***

#### **Elora Conservation fire access**

7340 Middlebrook Road  
2 km West of Wellington Road 7, Elora.

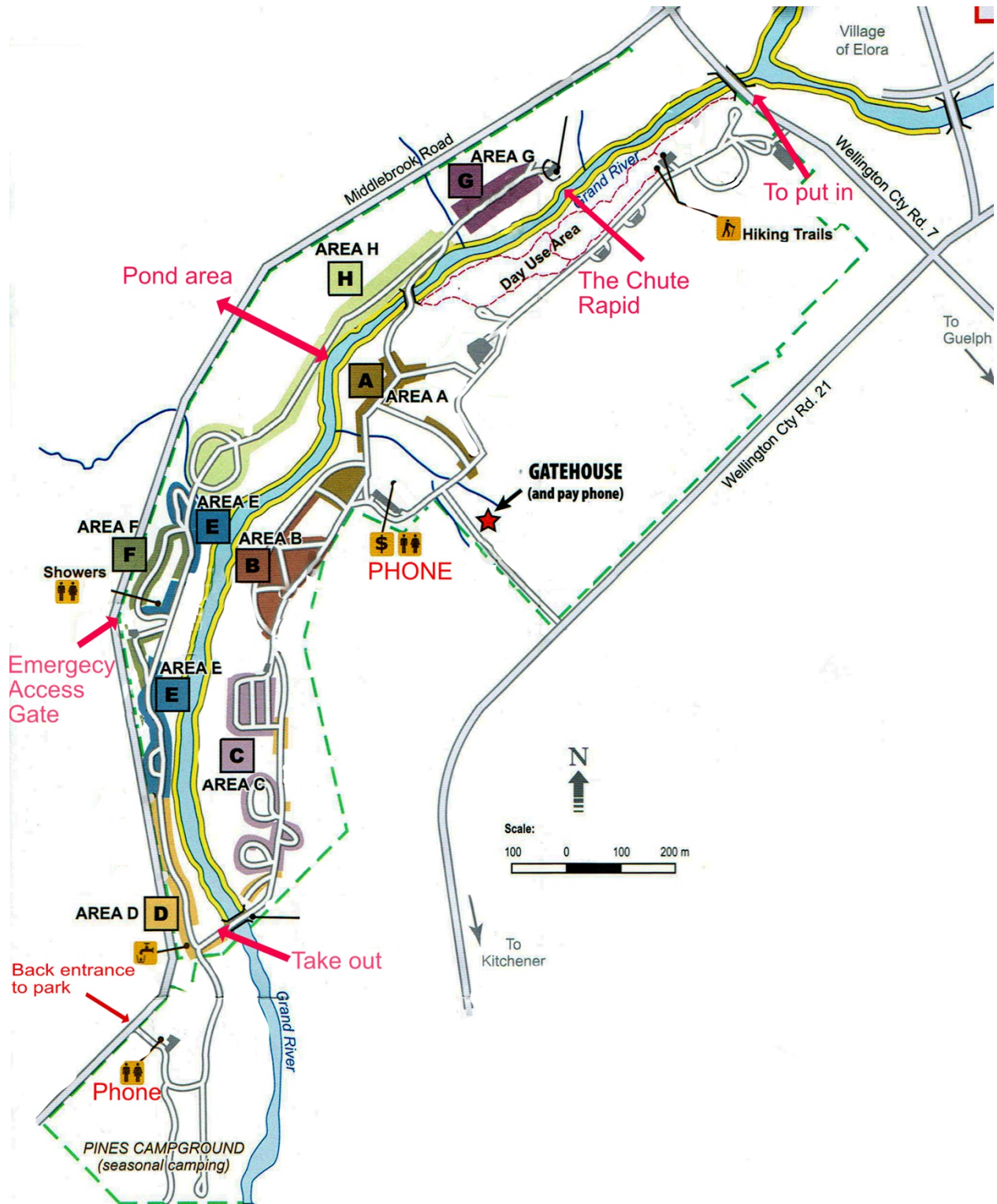
**River put in:** Wellington Road 7 bridge over Grand River. South East Corner

**Victoria Park:** James Street and Henderson Street, Elora.

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### **River Safety Talk**

A river safety talk is required by Transport Canada and should cover the following main points:

**Have participants sign in and out.**

**Ask who has a first aid kit.**

### **Equipment:**

- Do you have all your gear? Approved PFD or life jacket, Helmet, Sound signaling device, throw rope, skirt, paddle, foot wear.
- PFD adjusted and fitted properly.
- Float bags.

### **Signals:**

- Whistle, paddle and verbal signals.(one blast to get attention. 3 blast emergency)
- Remind paddlers to return signals when understood.

### **Hazards:**

- Wood, rocks, holes, other specific to the site.
- Current water level and temperature (below 7C dry suit. 7 to 13 at least wetsuit)

### **Group structure:**

- Remind paddlers there is a lead and sweep kayak and proper spacing for each rapid (to be addressed on river)

### **Ropes:**

- Grab them with your hands, do not wrap around you.

### **Swim:**

- Defensive swim position.
- Hang onto gear (paddle and possible kayak)
- Others to stay in/go to eddy.
- Do not stand up until touching shore.

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## **CAUTION TO PADDLERS**

- **Paddle sports and related ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND DEATH.**
- **Each individual is responsible for deciding whether he or she should participate or paddle at a particular location, in the prevailing conditions.**
- **If an individual is concerned about their safety or competence, they should not participate.**
- **Trip leaders are here to assist you however as a participant YOU hold the ultimate responsibility for your own safety. As such, each individual must judge his or her own capabilities and equipment and determine if the current conditions are appropriate for their skill level, physical condition, mental condition, experience, and level of fatigue.**

**If anyone has questions or concerns please feel free to talk to any trip leader.**

