Higher than normal Thames River water levels may trigger a boating ban in London to ensure the safety of river users. Consult the UTRCA website for river level/flood status warnings.

This map is for general information only and should not be used for detailed trip planning.

Multiple access points can be used from the Thames Valley Parkway, multi-use trail system and by using the London Transit Commission bus routes www.london.ca/Maps www.ltconline.ca/Pubs/RideGuide.pdf

Fanshawe Conservation Area requires an entry fee.

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### Fish Handling Guide

- Keep fish so they can be easily identified and counted, before storing and filleting the fish.
- Keep harvested fish easily accessible for inspection.
- If practicing catch and release, use barbless hooks to reduce fish injury.
- Photograph fish in the water when possible, and be sure to have your camera ready.
- Do not suspend fish vertically, especially large fish.
- Don’t touch a fish’s gills or eyes.
- Wet your hands, or use wetted fish-handling gloves.
- If you need a landing net, use one that is coated or rubberized.
- Choose the right tackle for the fish you are targeting.

### Fish Species

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### Health & Safety

- Leave the water if thunderstorms, lightning, or lightning is approaching.
- The recommended flow for paddling within 30m of a waterbody is 15 cubic metres per second. The recommended flow for paddling on the Main Branch is 20 cubic metres per second.
- For more information regarding water flow levels please visit: thamesriveron.ca/water-management/thames-river-levels.

### Natural Resources and Forestry TIPS:

- Ontario’s wildlife is protected.
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- Ontario’s species at risk are protected.
- Ontario’s wildlife including basking turtles, mussels, and turtles are protected.
- Respect all wildlife including basking turtles and avoid nest areas.
- Prevent Invasive Species Spread.
- Always clean your boat before introducing it to a new waterway using environmentally-friendly marine detergent.
- Do not release live bait or dump a bait bucket within 30m of a waterbody.