

How Can You Help?



Stay clear of toad crossing areas

Follow the designated detour route and respect all signs and fencing. Follow the instructions in this brochure.

Get involved – volunteer

Come help us prepare for the migration! Learn more how to participate at:
<https://fraservalleyconservancy.ca/the-western-toad-migration/>

Let us know if something is happening with the toads

If you notice detour signs have broken or that toads are somewhere not shown on the detour map let us know!

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FAQ

Why do they migrate?

Forests and wetlands are both part of a toad's life. Adults move to the wetland in spring to breed and lay their eggs. Several months later the young toads retrace their parent's footsteps and leave the wetland to live in the forest.

What is the Toad Tunnel?

The "Toad Tunnel" is an amphibian crossing structure installed under Elk View Road in 2015. It provides a safe spot for toads to cross the road. Fences are used to guide them to the tunnel.

Is the Toad Tunnel Successful?

Yes! Thousands of toadlets as well as other amphibians and mammals use the tunnel.

How Long Does the Migration Last?

The toadlet migration occurs annually in Ryder Lake for approx. 1–3 weeks. It starts any time from end of June to early August. This is dependent of weather.

Can I still access hiking trails or Ryder Lake Hall if I Take the Detour?

Yes! This voluntary detour only takes a few extra minutes.

How can I stay up to date?

Visit our toad update page at:
<https://fraservalleyconservancy.ca/programs/ryder-lake-updates/>
This page is updated every few days during the summer so keep an eye out!

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Ryder Lake Toad Migration & Detour Information



Toad Migration Viewing

How can I safely watch toads?

Continue on the detour to go around Elk View Road and park at Ryder Lake Hall. Walk down Elk View Road (North) from there towards the toad tunnel. Watch where you step as you approach the toad migration area.

When viewing toadlets, remember to stay at least 5 feet back. Any closer and you risk disturbing them and stepping on them.

TIPS FOR VIEWING THE TOAD MIGRATION

DO

Watch your step.
Toadlets are tiny!

Take photos from a
safe distance

Be careful and quiet –
keep residents and
animals in mind

Watch for traffic and
only view toads when it
is safe to do so

Park in a safe spot and walk in
to see the toads

DO NOT

Pick up or move toads.
It is illegal to handle
amphibians without a
permit in BC

Park at the mailboxes

Block private roads or
driveways

Climb into the tunnel or
over fences.

Trespass on
private property -
only the road is
public

Detour Map & Information

Why is there a Detour Route?

Western Toads migrate in all directions from the breeding pond. The majority will cross Elk View Road near the tunnel, but not all will go that way.

The voluntary detour directs traffic around the main migratory route and will be updated if the toad migration changes. Follow signs to avoid toad migration areas.

How do I keep updated?

The migration update page on the FVC website lets people know when the migration starts. This page is updated with migration information regularly. Use the QR code to go to the update page.

If you are willing to walk a little, a toad-safe parking area is at Ryder Lake Hall. Be cautious of road traffic and walk on the shoulder when on Elk View Road.

