



# Eco Adventure Tour at Scenic Caves Nature Adventures

## **What you can expect**

It's a natural experience like no other! Explore the beauty and wildlife of the picturesque forest valley at the top of the Scenic Caves mountain, as you become one with the habitat. Throughout your tour, the knowledgeable guides deliver interesting facts and information about the history of the area and about the unique ecology of the Niagara Escarpment.

Your 3-hour adventure begins with gear outfitting (all provided for you) and introductions to your guides. A short hike introduces you Ontario's longest 420 foot suspension bridge, revealing a spectacular 10,000 square kilometer view of Collingwood, Georgian Bay and surrounding countryside.

You hop on a tractor/wagon ride through the forest, as you view the unique ecology of the Niagara Escarpment before the journey high up through 200 year old oak trees.

Climbing 40 feet up to the treetop canopy, the breathtaking walk leads you 600 meters across a web of 10 inch wide airborne walkways and platform decks spun together by cables. Safely clipped, you experience a squirrel's eye view of the area eco systems, suspended as close to the treetops as humanly possible. The treetop walk ends with an incredible ride on a 330 foot zip line or a ladder return to the ground.

You head over to Lookout Point to savour panoramic views of southern Ontario, overlooking the beautiful sparkling green- blue water of Georgian Bay. Cool down as you venture through caves and caverns carved over 450 millions of years ago by glacial ice. Learn about the First Nations' Huron Petun tribe as you discover the mysterious sacred places and hidden natural fortress which sheltered the native people from their enemies.

After the short hike through the caverns, the adventure's grand finale is the incredibly fast and smooth 1000 foot long Escarpment Zip Line. Offering amazing views of the valley below, it is one of the finest zip line rides in Ontario. Propelled by gravity, this exhilarating experience makes you feel like you are soaring like a bird.

The Eco Adventure tour is absolutely safe. But the excitement of being so high above the ground overlooking the huge vistas presents a physical experience unlike anything else. The sway of the bridges and cables causes you to constantly re-adjust your balance, and you become aware of your own courage. Treetop walking and ziplining certainly deliver a thrill!

The Eco tour visits many of the eighteen cave highlights, but there are a few you may wish to view on your own after the tour: Fat Man's Misery, the Ice Cave and the Refrigerator cave. For more heart-pounding excitement, add a ride on the new Thunderbird Twin Zip...a half-mile journey where you can control your own ride speed!

## **What to Wear and What to Bring**

**Provided for You:** Each Eco Adventure Tour guest is provided with the following:

Personal protection equipment – harness, helmet, safety lanyards, zip line pulley

Water station, so bring your water bottle (or purchase an Eco Adventure bottle)

Snack – Granola bar

**What You Should Bring:**

Running shoes or hiking boots (footwear must have closed toes and heels)

Dress for the day's weather, remembering that it can change quickly and tours run rain or shine.

Rain jackets, toques, and thin warm gloves are essential during cool spring/fall days. During the summer months, we recommend casual clothing and a rain jacket/warm clothing left in the car (in case of rain).

Cameras - to record your memories. Small cameras with a safety strap cameras are best.

Small backpacks or fanny packs are ideal, to carry snacks, water, camera, jacket and perhaps gloves.

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### **Safety, Restrictions and Weather**

Our priority is to provide each guest with a safe and enjoyable experience. All guides are fully trained to use the equipment and to follow safety procedures. Canopy and ziplines are designed to exceed industry standards. All personal protection equipment (harness, helmet, etc.) is carefully inspected daily, as are the treetop walk and zip lines.

Scenic Caves Nature Adventures receives yearly certification by the Technical Standards and Safety Association.

The first Eco Tour/ Zip Line company licensed in Ontario, Scenic Caves Nature Adventures has operated with a clean safety record since 2004.

Tours run in most weather conditions. In the case of a thunderstorm, high winds or heavy COLD rain, we may be forced to cancel a tour. If cancelled, a rain check will be issued.

### **What is “Eco Tourism” ?**

Eco Tourism is responsible tourism that is focused on the natural world. Principles include:

- tourism activity in relatively undisturbed natural settings
- minimal negative impacts on the environment
- active involvement with and benefit to the local community
- educational experience for visitors that incorporates both natural and cultural heritage

Scenic Caves Nature Adventures proudly and effectively meets each of these principles. The natural backdrop of the Niagara Escarpment (set in one of Canada’s six UNESCO biosphere reserve) is exceptional. The treetop walking and zip line equipment has been designed and installed with minimal disturbance to nature and no trees are damaged. Interpretation of cultural, historical and ecological facts and information are an important part of the Eco tours offered to all eco adventure guests and school groups that visit Scenic Caves Nature Adventures yearly. Scenic Caves Nature Adventures is also a proud supporter of many community groups and charities and provides a wide variety of local employment opportunities.

Scenic Caves Nature Adventures a proud member of:

The International Ecotourism Society  
The Ontario Ecotourism Society

### **Eco Tour Adventure**

**Log Cabin** - (the first entrance)

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