

A hiker wearing a blue jacket, a green cap, and sunglasses is seen from behind, looking out over a vast landscape of trees with autumn foliage. The sky is clear and blue. The text "experience TRAILS IN SIMCOE COUNTY" is overlaid on the top half of the image.

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## Features

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-  Boat Launch
-  Bridge
-  Drinking Water
-  Food
-  Garden
-  Hill
-  Information
-  Interpretive Sign
-  Parking
-  Picnic Spot
-  Public Transport
-  Restroom
-  Splash Pad
-  Scenic Lookout
-  Telephone

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-  Private/Unassumed/Seasonal Road

## Other Features

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-  Wetland
-  Lake/Pond
-  Building
-  Baseball Diamond
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# Simcoe County Trails

		Length (km)		Difficulty		Surface				
		Main	Sec- ond	Easy	Mod.	Natural <i>Rock, Grass, Sand, Earth</i>	Gravel/ Crushed Stone/ Woodchip	Boardwalk	Paved	L
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②	Nottawasaga Bluffs Loop Trail	3.5			*	*				
③	Scanlon Creek C.A. Loop Trail	3.5	2.8		*	*				
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⑫	Hickling Trail	1.6		*			*			
⑬	Innisfil Beach Park Trail	2		*					*	
⑭	Midland Rotary Waterfront Trail	8		*					*	
⑮	North Simcoe Rail Trail	31.7		*			*			
⑯	Orillia Millennium Trail	9.5		*			*		*	
⑰	Oro-Medonte Rail Trail	28		*			*			
⑱	Penetanguishene Trail	4.8		*					*	
⑲	Ramara Trail	7.5		*			*			
⑳	Route Champlain	45		*	*		*		*	
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㉒	Thornton-Cookstown Train Trail	15.6		*			*			
㉓	Tiny Trail	23			*		*		*	
㉔	Uhthoff Trail	30		*			*			
㉕	Wasaga Beach Shore Lane Trail	11.5		*			*	*	*	

Surface		Additional Usage						Parking		Washrooms	
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& Only free parking to Town Residents with vehicle tag



Simcoe County Trails

# LOOP TRAILS



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# Grant's Woods Loop Trail

## Severn Township

**Main Trail:** 1.9 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** 1485 Division Rd. W., Severn Township

Old growth forests are wooded areas that have been allowed to mature relatively undisturbed. Within Grant's Woods many trees are up to 200 years old.

This property was donated to the Couchiching Conservancy in 2002, and is

now the home base of the non-profit land trust.

You can find this rare wonder just outside of Orillia, at 1485 Division Road West, between Fairgrounds Road and Uhthoff Line.

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### Points of Interest

1. **Beech:** These trees can grow to 200 years of age with a diameter of more than 100 centimetres.
2. **Bridge:** Built using an old television tower and wood composite.
3. **Pit Mound:** Caused by an uprooted tree due to high winds and snowstorms; a common feature to old growth forests.
4. **Local Ground Water:** In headwater areas such as Grant's Woods, clean good groundwater emerges to feed streams.
5. **Climbing Vine:** The climbing bittersweet vine has taken advantage of the strength of the maple trees.
6. **Three Sisters:** One on your right, two on your left are examples of some of the forest's largest and oldest trees.

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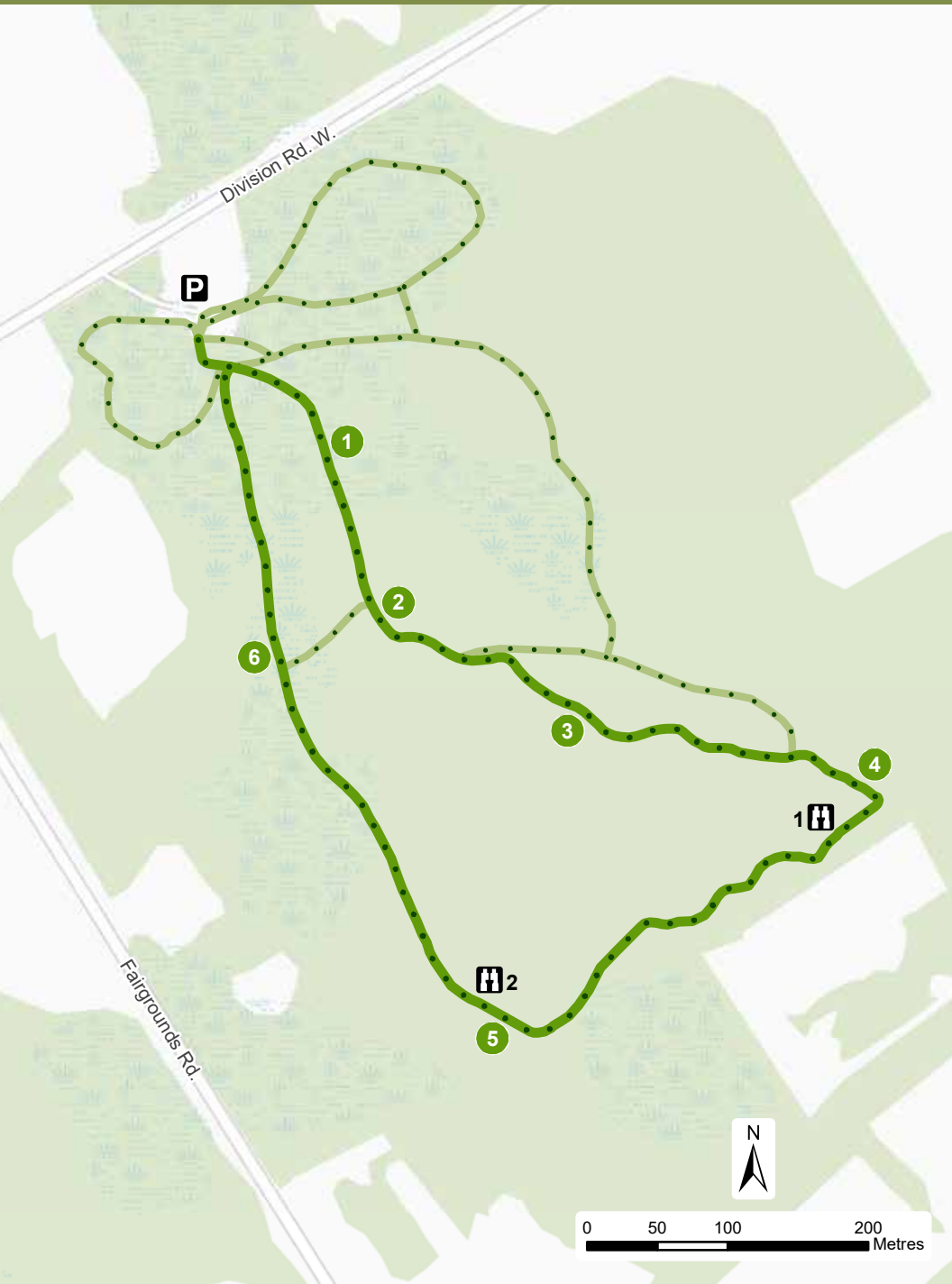
### Vista Points

1. Selective harvesting in forests such as the logging on the neighbour's property partly emulates the natural process of regeneration.
2. Beautiful creeks flow throughout Grant's Woods. Take a moment to observe the peaceful flow before the creeks hide beneath the ground again.

*This trail is owned and maintained by the Couchiching Conservancy. Please note that the trails are maintained periodically throughout the year, though fallen hazards and debris may appear due to weather.*



# Grant's Woods Loop Trail



## Nottawasaga Bluffs Loop Trail

### Township of Clearview

**Main Trail:** 3.5 km **Difficulty:** Moderate **Parking:** 8861 Sideroad 15 & 16 Nottawasaga, Glen Huron

This 400-acre conservation area offers a full day of exploration and adventure, with breathtaking vistas of the surrounding countryside and glimpses of the area's history.

See where pioneers once toiled to cut a living out of the wilderness. Timber and limestone proved to be big businesses for this area, resulting in the establishment of nearby communities like Singhampton and

Glen Huron.

Connect with the Bruce Trail as it makes its way through the property or venture down one of its side trails to catch a variety of unique features. Hike the Simcoe County Trail and discover traces of an old stage-coach road and limestone kiln.

Signs of an original homestead are visible with rhubarb still thriving.

### Points of Interest

1. From the parking area, turn right in front of the Ian Lang Memorial and follow the red arrows.
2. Kilns: interpretive sign. Keep left to follow the Simcoe County Trail.
3. Lichens: grow well on these old dead trees.
4. After crossing the creek, climb up the path on the limestone shale.
5. Go straight. (Betty Carter Trail, blue blazes and Bruce Trail, white blazes).
6. Flora & Fauna: interpretive sign. Discover the official flower of Simcoe County.
7. Turn left to go to the lookout.
8. Bruce Trail kiosk.
9. Camp Site: Reserved for Bruce Trail hikers (no walk-ins allowed)
10. Turn left to go back to parking.

**Note:** The Nottawasaga Bluffs is a Natural Hazard Area. It contains fissures, crevices and cliffs, all of which are dangerous and may be hidden. Stay on the marked trail at all times.

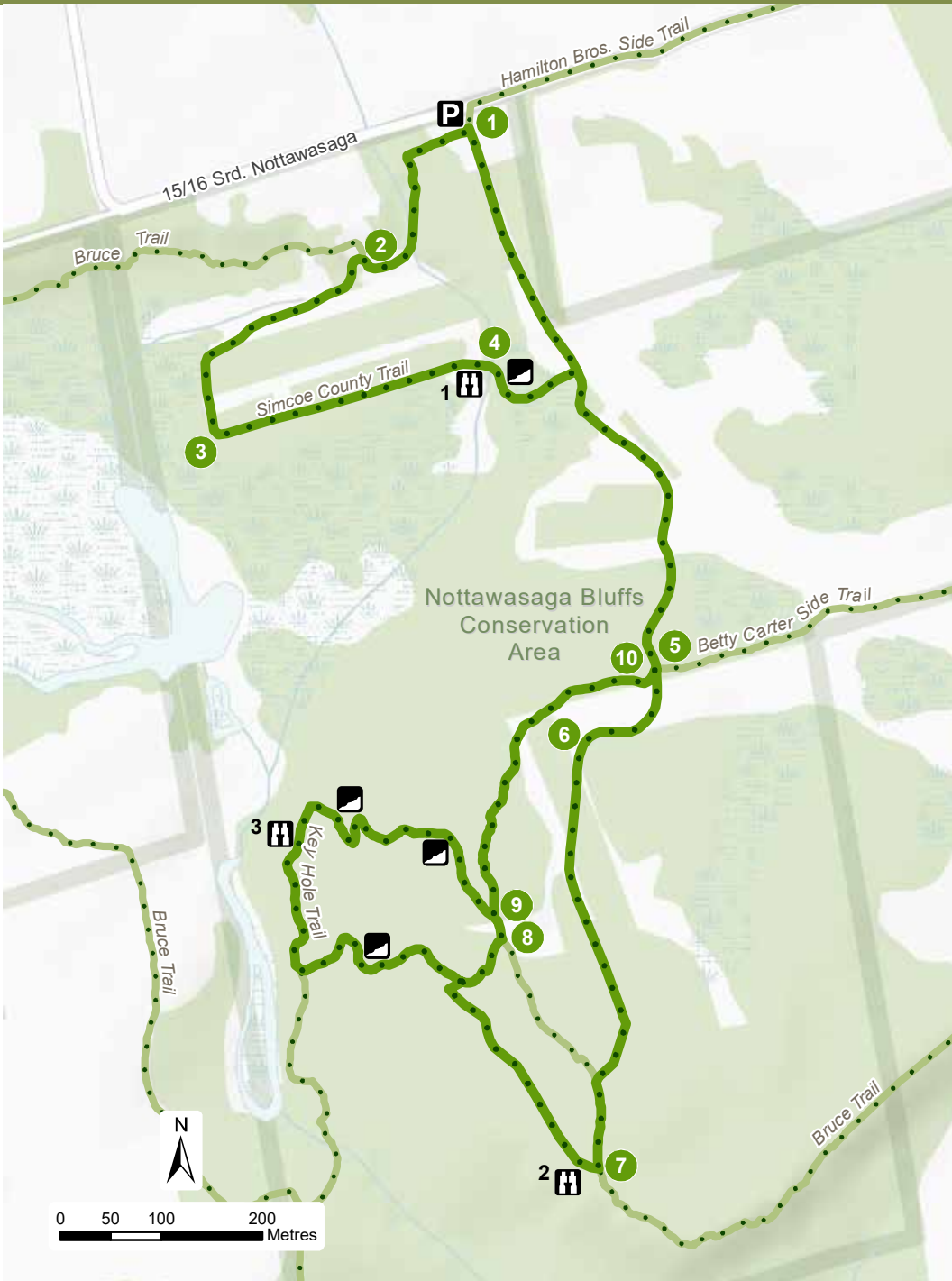
### Vista Points

1. Creek Crossing and Limestone Shale.
2. Nottawasaga Bluff Lookout.
3. Key Hole Side Trail: optional 500 m loop. Follow the blue blazes to the start.

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# Nottawasaga Bluffs Loop Trail



## Scanlon Creek C.A. Loop Trail

Town of Bradford-West Gwillimbury

**Main Trail:** 3.5 km **Secondary Trail:** 2.8 km **Difficulty:** Moderate

**Parking:** 2450 9th Line, Bradford

In September 1823, Mark Scanlon and his wife Ann immigrated to Canada from Ireland and acquired approximately 1,000 acres from the Upper Canada Land Company.

In 1826, Scanlon and his wife's uncle, John Thorpe, built a grist mill on what became known as Scanlon Creek. Scanlon later built two sawmills on Scanlon Creek, the first in 1832.

Scanlon Creek Conservation Area is a hiker's haven, a picnicking paradise, a birder's delight and a photographer's dream. Explore the forests, marshlands,

and glacial erratics that this area has to offer. Enjoy spring wildflowers or the vibrant fall leaves while seeing plenty of birds and other wildlife as you hike the expansive trail system covering most of this 286-hectare greenspace.

Serving both environmental and recreational needs, the park is a nature preserve for flora and fauna. Don't forget to visit the Discovery Play Garden – a popular playground for the young and young-at-heart to get in touch with nature.

Scanlon Creek is a place to spend a few hours or an entire day!

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### Points of Interest

1. From the parking spot, walk east across the road by picnic area to the Main Trail (red arrow) at the top of the incline.
2. Trail junction, take right turn.
3. Discovery Play Garden, picnic tables and pit toilets.
4. After descending hill, trail turns sharp left going past wetland.
5. Boardwalk.
6. End of loop trail returns you to the parking area.

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### Vista Points

1. View over Holland Marsh.
2. Viewing platform and bench overlooking Holland Marsh towards Keswick.
3. Wetland viewing platform

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# Scanlon Creek C.A Loop Trail



## Scout Valley Loop Trail

### City of Orillia

**Trails:** 2 km each **Difficulty:** Moderate **Parking:** Line 15 N., Orillia

The City of Orillia donated this conservation easement to the Couchiching Conservancy in 2007. Encompassing 228 acres, Scout Valley is a trail system that winds through the park's natural landscape of forest and streams making it a popular destination for passive recreation.

The property contains a variety of

habitats and is also important as habitat for a variety of animals, including interior forest songbirds.

Three loop trails are located on the Scout Valley property – Algonquin Trail, Sugarbush Trail, and Homestead Trail. Each is 2 kms in distance and start in separate locations.

### Points of Interest

#### **Algonquin Trail:**

1. Trailhead is at the SE corner of the north parking lot off Old Barrie Road.
2. Follow trail up to top of shoreline ridge and turn right to reach the viewing platform, or stay to the left and proceed down the hill to reach the connecting side trail (#3).
3. Proceed straight to cross the bridge on the connecting Sugarbush Trail or turn right to complete loop back to the parking lot.

#### **Sugarbush Trail:**

4. This trail starts from the west parking lot with a short link to the main loop.
5. Turn right at junction to start loop.
6. Once you meet up with Homestead Trail, turn left. Homestead trail turns right at number 13.
7. Watch for the sharp left turn at the junction of another trail.
8. Sugarbush Trail meets up with the connecting side trail to Algonquin Trail across the bridge over the creek. Turn left to complete the loop, which leads to the west parking lot.

#### **Homestead Trail:**

9. This trail starts from the south parking lot with a short link to the main loop.
10. The trail turns left up a hill.
11. Turn right onto the start of the loop. Watch for the remains of a log building on the left.
12. The trail proceeds left up the hill.
13. Turn left to complete the Homestead Trail or right to complete the Sugarbush Trail.
14. The Sugarbush Trail turns right, but turn left to loop back to the start.
15. Return to the parking lot and when entering number 11, follow the same short connecting trail that was used to enter the trail.

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# Scout Valley Loop Trail



## Tiffin Centre Loop Trail

### Township of Essa

**Main Trail:** 5 km **Short Trail:** 3.5 km **Difficulty:** Easy/Moderate **Parking:** 8195 8th Line, Utopia

The Tiffin Centre is home to the NVCA's Environmental Education Program for school, daycare and community groups, the Camp Tiffin summer day camp program, the annual Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival, Family Day and March Break activities, and other family-friendly events throughout the year.

The Tiffin Centre is a spectacular place for a walk (leashed canine visitors welcome!) or to bring your gear and bike, cross-country

ski or snowshoe on 11 km of looped trails that meander through a mixture of wetlands, forests, open meadows and ancient lake beds.

Tiffin provides protection for these features, but at the same time serves as a living example of conservation of natural resources. The Hawk and Maple Valley Trails are wheelchair accessible and accessible washrooms are available.



### Points of Interest

1. From the parking lot at entrance gate, walk across entrance road to trail head.
2. View of the John L. Jose Centre.
3. Bridge.
4. Turn left and follow the trail to the T-intersection. Turn right toward the hydro corridor. Turn left and follow the fence to the gate and step over the pedestrian gate.
5. Cross the hydro corridor.
6. Bear Creek and wetland.
7. Bear Creek embankment.
8. Turn left.
9. Turn right and cross the hydro corridor again.
10. Step across pedestrian gate and immediately turn left.
11. Boardwalk through Baby Bear Pond.



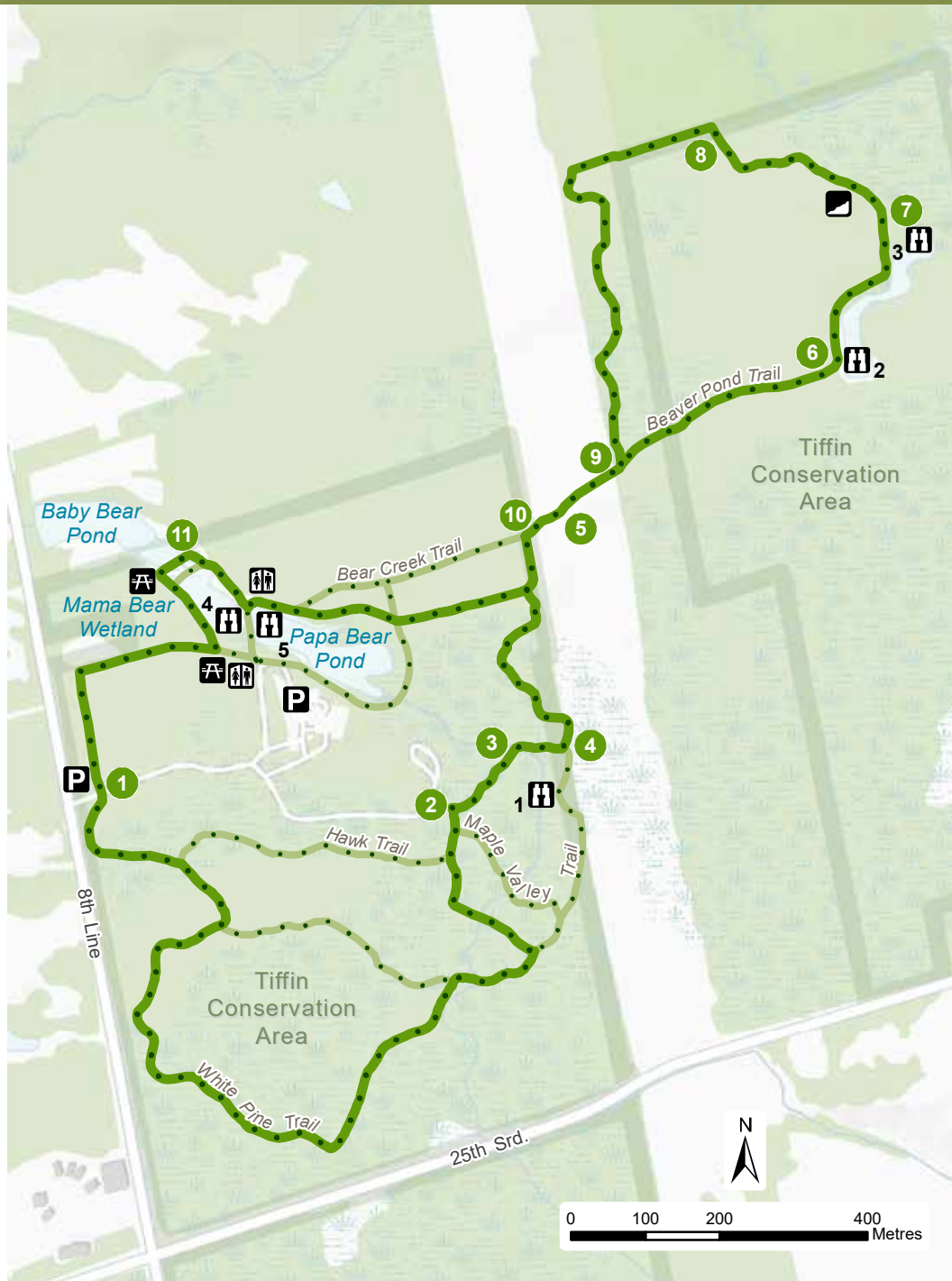
### Vista Points

1. Bench – view over stream
2. Beaver Pond
3. Bear Creek
4. Viewing platform
5. Viewing platform

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# Tiffin Centre Loop Trail



# Tiny Marsh Loop Trail

## Township of Tiny

**Main Trail:** 1.7 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** 500 Tiny Flos Townline, Elmvale

Tiny Marsh is Ontario's first provincially owned and managed wetland. It is one of approximately 1,200 Important Bird Areas that are recognized in Canada.

It offers the visitor year-round use of 600 hectares of marsh and 300 hectares of field and forest.

There is an interpretive centre with displays and a theatre open to the public during spring and summer.

Fifteen kilometres of trails feature a companion self-use trail guide, two observation towers, a marsh viewing mound, a wildlife blind and a boardwalk.



### Points of Interest

1. Bird House: In the summer it is used by swallows, house wrens, or chickadees. In the winter, mice may use it.
2. Series of Dams: The dams are an important management technique in Tiny Marsh as they provide a stable habitat.
3. Lookout Tower: This is located between a marsh and a swamp.
4. Boardwalk: Watch for signs of wildlife!
5. Large Birdhouse: This birdhouse is attached to a tree and is used by wood ducks.
6. Groundcover & Vegetation: Low variety and sparse density of the ground cover in this area.
7. Clearings: By removing part of the overhead forest canopy, sunlight is allowed to reach the forest floor so that grasses, flowers, and young trees can grow.
8. Fields: These are of great importance to waterfowl such as mallards and blue-winged teal for nesting.
9. The Edge: The most productive area of any habitat, this is the zone where two plant communities meet (i.e. field & forest).
10. Succession: This area used to be a crop field but once abandoned, quickly grew grasses and wildflowers.
11. Shrub Planting: The dense foliage and low branches give cottontail rabbits and small birds shelter.
12. Management Techniques: Providing good habitat for a wide variety of wildlife is the main objective at Tiny Marsh.

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# Tiny Marsh Loop Trail



## Tottenham C.A. Loop Trail

### Town of New Tecumseth

**South Trail:** 2.2 km **Difficulty:** Easy/Moderate **Parking:** 6787 4th Line, Tottenham

Tottenham Conservation Area offers something for everyone – wetlands, a pond, fishing, beach, swimming, open fields, campsites, picnic areas, beautiful trees, natural grass areas, and heavy bush. It is ideal for naturalists and photographers.

The park is also a wonderful location in the winter for cross-country skiing, walking and tobogganing.

Tottenham C.A. is also home of the Tottenham Bluegrass Festival, held annually at the end of June.



### Points of Interest

1. From Mill Street, turn left onto the track.
2. Beach and swimming area.
3. Join vehicle track.
4. Enter forest and follow twist and turns of the trail.
5. Follow the trail to the right.
6. Leave forest open for grassland, follow the tree line while climbing the hill.
7. View across to Tottenham Road.
8. Proceed through a small pine forest area.



### Vista Points

1. Steam Railway.
2. View towards Tottenham Pond.

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# Tottenham C.A. Loop Trail



# Warbler Way Interpretive Trail

## Township of Springwater & Simcoe County Forest

**Main Trail:** 3.2 km **Accessible Trail:** 1km **Difficulty:** Easy/Moderate

**Parking:** Simcoe County Museum, 1151 Highway 26, Midhurst

The site, originally owned by CP Rail and used as an aggregate extraction pit since the 1920s, was purchased by the County in 2000. Its industrial past left a distinctive corduroy topography. Between 2017 and 2020, the area underwent extensive rehabilitation to create habitat for the endangered Kirtland's Warbler, a migratory bird. Restoration efforts included the removal of non-native plant and tree species, significant site grading, a controlled burn to prepare the land, and the

planting of over 85 species of native shrubs, herbs, grasses, and wildflowers, along with more than 150,000 tree seedlings. A 3.2 km hard-packed loop trail now winds through the restored landscape, offering visitors a glimpse into the site's varied conditions. The north side of the trail borders a mature pine plantation, while the south side traces the edge of the former extraction pit and features a lookout area.

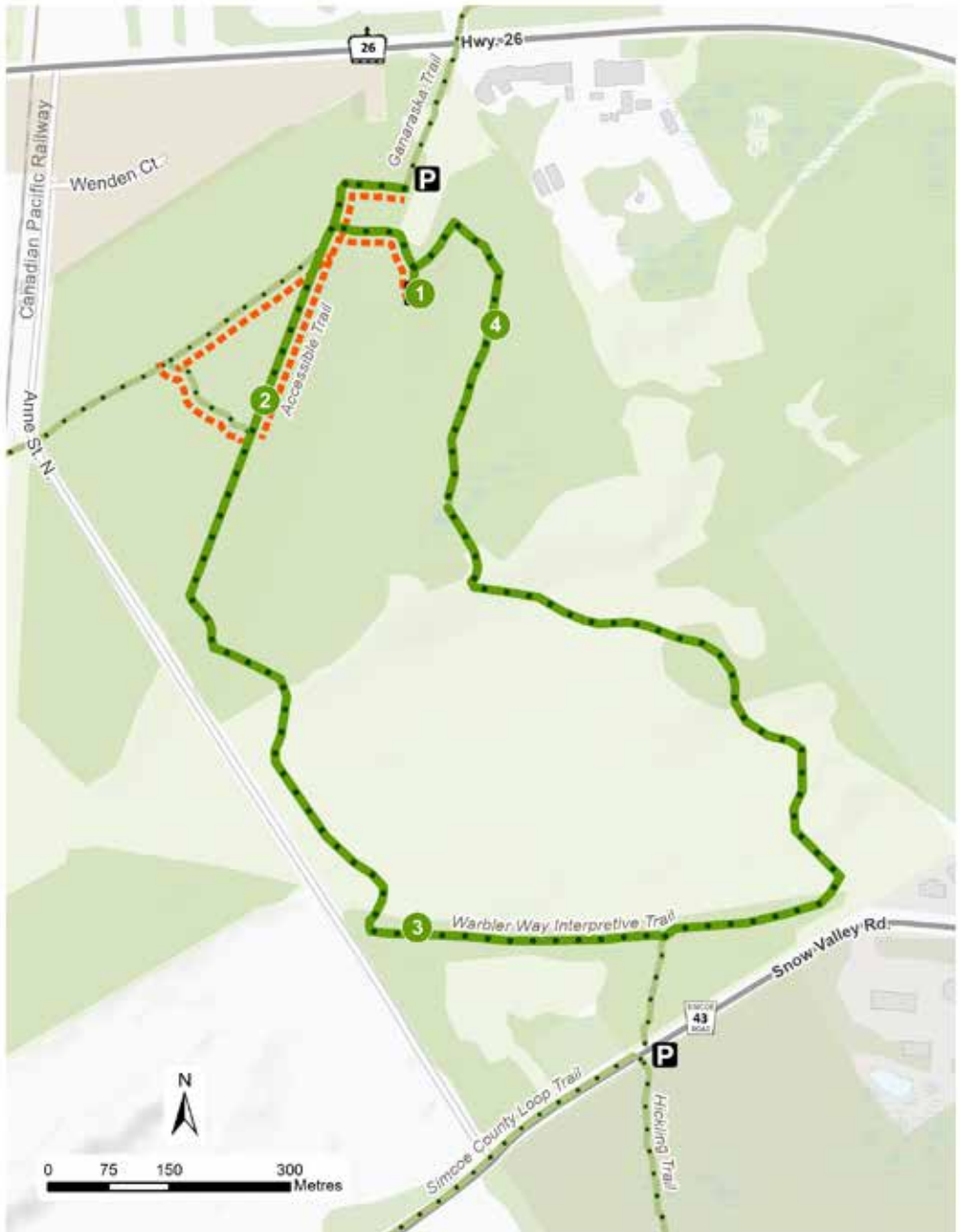
### Points of Interest

1. Overlooking a restoration zone dominated by Jack Pine, this site used fire to create a disturbance in the landscape. Jack Pine depend on fire, their cones only open up under extreme heat, and so when a fire clears an area Jack Pine seeds are released and quickly form a dense even aged stand, the habitat that Kirtland's Warbler relies on.
2. This mature pine plantation was planted in 1935 with mostly Red Pine. After years of management, it has become a diverse forest and provides habitat for forest wildlife. Enter forest and follow twist and turns of the trail.
3. This is a look-out over the former extraction pit area from above. There is a sign here that talks about the Kirtland's Warbler. Leave forest open for grassland, follow the tree line while climbing the hill.
4. A museum exhibit to learn more on the history of Simcoe County Forest. Access to the Red Pine House is permitted with museum admission, which may be purchased at the Museum main entrance.

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# Warbler Way Interpretive Trail





Simcoe County Trails

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## Barrie-Collingwood Rail Trail

Township of Clearview, Town of Collingwood, Township of Essa

**Main Trail:** 34 km **Difficulty:** Easy/Moderate **Parking:** Collingwood Museum, Station Park, Stayner, New Lowell Recreation Park, Angus

Discover a revitalized piece of local history. This 34-kilometre trail follows the former Barrie-Collingwood Railway, once a vital transportation route through Simcoe County. Reimagined by the County of Simcoe as a multi-use active transportation corridor, it now connects the communities of Angus (Township of Essa), Stayner (Township of Clearview), and Collingwood, offering a safe and scenic

route for walking, cycling, and other non-motorized travel.

Whether you're here for recreation, commuting, or simply to enjoy the natural beauty of the region, we invite you to explore, respect, and enjoy this unique corridor that blends heritage, health, and connectivity.

The trail is developed and maintained through investments by the County of Simcoe.



### Points of Interest

1. A designated fishing park that offers a variety of recreational activities, including fishing, canoeing, kayaking, and bird watching. The park is the start of the Pine River Trail, which is suitable for hiking and cycling, providing visitors with opportunities to explore the natural beauty of the area. The Pine River Trail connects to LeClair Park, Geddes Park, and Albert Breau Angus Community Park. Centennial Park: From the park you will have to take caution as the trail crosses a busy section of Highway 26. With forested trails and a babbling brook, this park features lots of green space and play equipment. Washrooms are available in the summer months.
2. On the north side of Queen Street at the corner of Cross Street. Originally erected in 1938 by the Angus Horticultural Society, the main plaque on the tall stone cairn was later changed to include those who also died in World War II. Subsequent small plaques were added to remember Korean War veterans and Peacekeepers.
3. A solid granite commemorative stone was imported from Pakistan and a maple leaf carved into its face in honour of all who served in peace. Peacekeepers Park is dedicated to the 160,000+ Canadians who have served on United Nations sanctioned missions since 1947. The stone path was installed in 2016 and is lined with 18 mounted pedestals which detail the 59 United Nations missions since 1949. The 1 km Rippon Trail links Peacekeepers Park to Pine River Trail through the Rippon Forest Tract.
4. Established in 1855, this rare integrated cemetery includes Black, white, and Indigenous burials. Abandoned by 1940, it was restored in 1997 by Janie Cooper-Wilson and the Silver Shoe Historical Society, uncovering 400+ documented graves.



5. As you cross the bridge, take a break and look out to the west, over the many farm fields, to see some clear views of the Niagara Escarpment.
6. The old Nottawasaga Station was built in 1904. At its peak, up to four passenger trains came through the station per day.
7. Centennial Park: From the park you will have to take caution as the trail crosses a busy section of Highway 26. With forested trails and a babbling brook, this park features lots of green space and play equipment. Washrooms are available in the summer months.
8. Reinharts Food: Depending on the time of year, you can smell the aroma of vinegar or cherries manufactured at Reinharts' Ontario facility.
9. Forested Area: Dense coniferous forest provides shade along the trail.
10. GNE Fairgrounds: Located only one concession north of the trail, the Great North Exhibition stretches along Fairgrounds Road.
11. Cattle Pastures: Beef cattle can be seen right next to the trail grazing or bathing in a small pond to keep cool. This part of the trail is open; you will need sunscreen as it gets quite hot in the summer.
12. Harness Racing Ovals: Drivers and their horses can be seen training.
13. The Batteaux: The trail takes a sharp detour away from the abandoned rail line down to the river, then up to the road and across the car bridge to rejoin the rail line again.
14. Lilac Stands: Take a moment here to rest and enjoy the strong aroma from the lilac stands. Also visible is the old train bridge, a testament to the area's reliance on the rail line in the 1900s.
15. Collingwood Train Trail: Start or end your trip here by connecting to Collingwood's elaborate trail system. Destinations include Collingwood's historical downtown, its museum and Georgian Bay.
16. Station Museum: Explore Collingwood's history and gather tourism information for the area.

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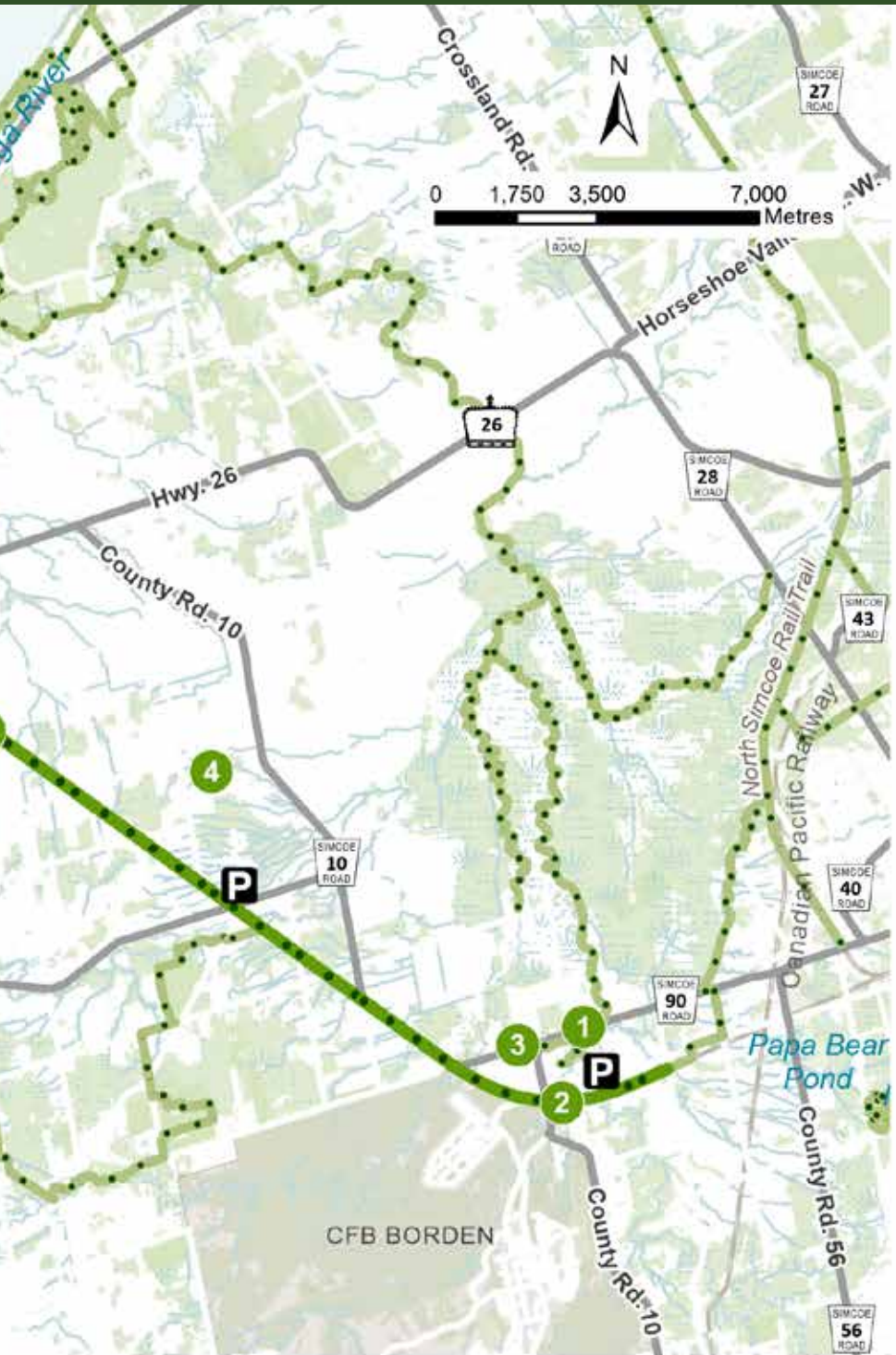
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# Simcoe County Trails





# Barrie-Collingwood Rail Trail



# Collingwood Waterfront Trail

## Town of Collingwood

**Main Trail:** 4.3 km **Difficulty:** Easy

**Parking:** Millenium Park, Harbourview Park, Sunset Point Park, Collingwood Museum

Historically, the waterfront has been a focal point for the shipbuilding industry. Today, a series of interconnected waterfront trails offer a fascinating walk displaying the history of Collingwood through wetlands, parks and an arboretum (part of the Heather

Pathway). Enjoy the views over Georgian Bay and of the Blue Mountains on the other side.

The waterfront trails are connected to a myriad of other trails and bike routes in the Town of Collingwood and with the Georgian Trail to Meaford.

### Points of Interest

1. Hen & Chickens Boardwalk: Built with community labour, this enables people to walk across the large boulders at the harbour entrance.
2. End of Hen & Chickens Boardwalk: This area had been exposed as the water level has dropped over the past few years.
3. Boardwalk Trail: The trail runs alongside Black Ash Creek on its way to the harbour. Black Ash Creek can be followed by using the Black Ash Creek Trail.
4. Check out the gazebo that extends over the wetland and provides an excellent view of Collingwood Harbour.
5. The main boardwalk winds through trees ending at Harbourview Park, a beautiful arboretum and the Collingwood Labyrinth.
6. There is a short path to a small beach. Swans may be visible from this location.
7. Over a 35-year period that started in 1850, Reg Watts built a single steel hull pleasure craft inside the Watts Boat House. The boat was named after Reg's father, F.C. Watts.
8. The Heritage Trail leads to the Collingwood Terminals and Millennium Park, and passes through the marina, launching ramp and yacht club.
9. Sunset Point Trail: This leaves the main road as it winds its way through trees along the edge of the waterfront lands.
10. Inukshuk: This location includes a picnic area and stony beach. A beautiful waterfront features a canteen, washrooms, watersport access, and Enviropark.

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# Collingwood Waterfront Trail



## Georgian Trail

Town of Collingwood, Town of the Blue Mountains,  
Municipality of Meaford

**Main Trail:** 34 km (both ways) **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** Harbourview Park, Collingwood

From Collingwood to Meaford, the trail runs near Hwy. 26 West with numerous access points along the way.

If you are looking for the most scenic waterfront trail in the area, the Georgian Trail has it.

Running along the south shore of beautiful Georgian Bay, the Georgian Trail has ample

opportunity to stop, rest and swim during the summer months.

The Georgian Trail is a fantastic way to commute around South Georgian Bay and is safe, accessible and fun for the whole family.

For more information on the trail network or to view a map, please visit: [collingwood.ca/trails](http://collingwood.ca/trails).

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### Points of Interest

1. Harbourview Park: Visit the arboretum featuring a large variety of tree species.
2. Collingwood Labyrinth: Based on the 800-year-old stone floor labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral in France, the labyrinth is a spot for quiet reflection.
3. Silver Creek: Read up on this provincially significant coastal wetland at the interpretive sign mounted beside the trail.
4. Craigeleith Heritage Depot: Originally the Craigeleith train station, now a museum and tourist information centre, showcasing a variety of local history displays.
5. Craigeleith Provincial Park: Offers camping facilities and spectacular sunsets.
6. Cedar Grove Labyrinth: A place for quiet reflection adjacent to Bayview Park in Thornbury.
7. Thornbury Trestle Bridge: Former rail bridge spanning the Beaver River and overlooking the dam and adjacent fish ladder.
8. St. Vincent Trail: 1 km trail traversing a conifer plantation and a forest of lowland hardwoods leading to a Georgian Bay lookout.
9. Meaford Harbour: At the western terminus of the Georgian Trail. See the retired Canadian Coast Guard search and rescue vessel mounted near the shoreline.

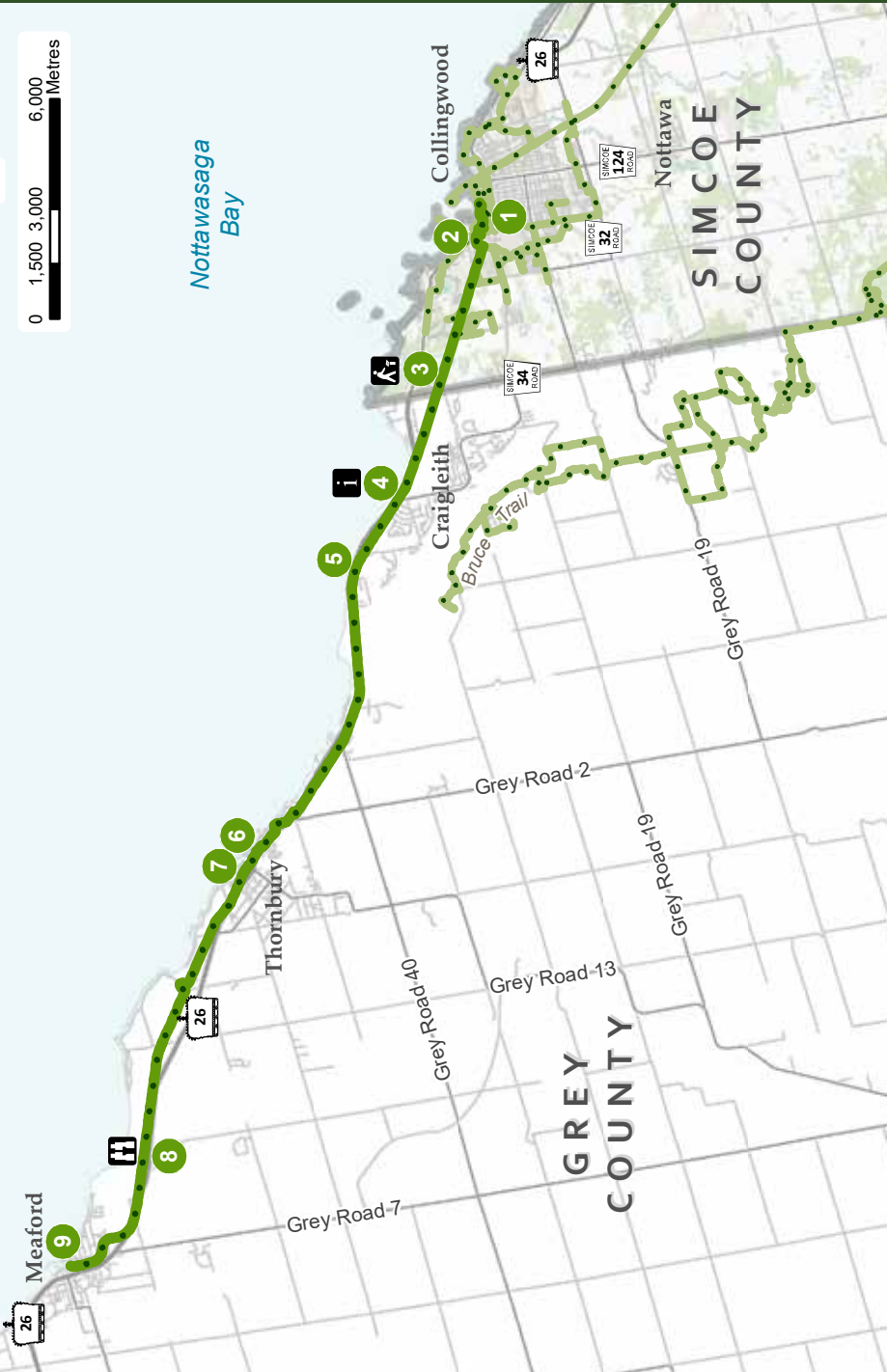
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# Georgian Trail



Nottawasaga Bay



## Hickling Trail

### Township of Springwater

**Main Trail:** 1.6 km **Difficulty:** Easy

**Parking:** South entrance at Carson Road, or 1177 Snow Valley Rd., Midhurst

Formerly farmed by the Hickling Family, the Hickling Tract was acquired as an addition to the Simcoe County Forest in 1948. Funded by Hydro One, County of Simcoe, Trans Canada Trail and Government of Canada, the Hickling Trail is one of five sections that connected an 11 kilometre gap in the Trans Canada Trail

between Springwater and Barrie and helps form part of the 160 km Simcoe County Loop Trail. The Hickling Recreational Trail is 1.6 km in length, has an average width of 3 metres and has been designed to be accessible for non-motorized uses with a firm gravel surface with screenings.

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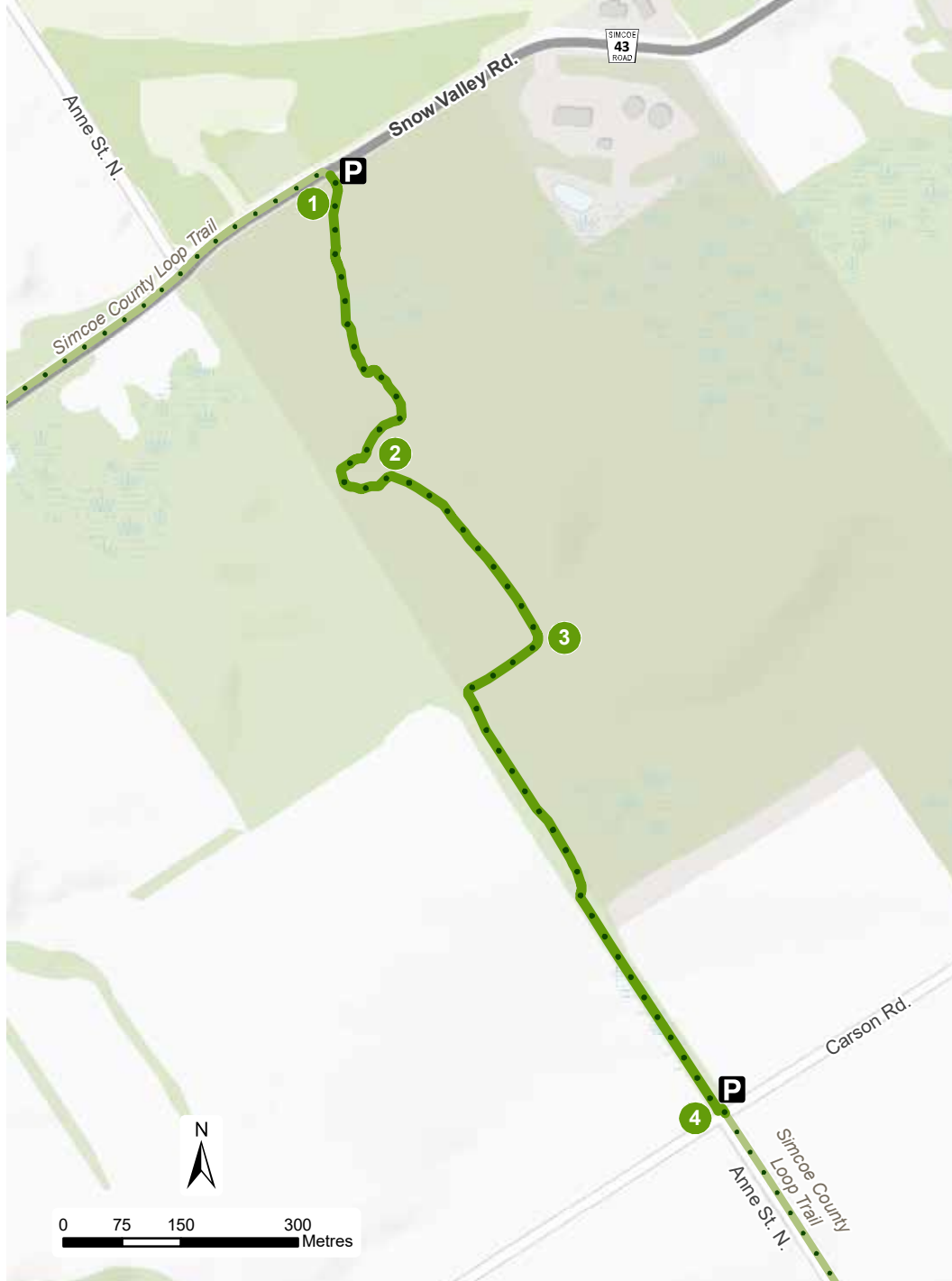
### Points of Interest

1. Cycle Simcoe Outdoor Repair Station: The County of Simcoe has installed a locally built outdoor repair station for cyclists to make minor repairs to their bikes.
2. Hickling Switch Back Climb: The Hickling switch back climb was built to meet accessibility standards and offers a stunning view of the red and white pine.
3. Red and White Pines: The majority of the property was planted primarily with red and white pine in 1949 – 1950. Periodic selective harvesting since that time has been conducted to keep the forest healthy and growing.
4. Carson Road Entrance: Secondary entrance at north side of Carson Road at Anne Street intersection. Limited parking spaces available.

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# Hickling Trail



## Innisfil Beach Park Trail

Town of Innisfil

**Main Trail:** 2 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** 676 Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona, Innisfil

Overlooking Lake Simcoe, this is a busy little park in the summer. It has a lovely view along the waterfront and is a great place for a short family walk or an opportunity for a swim.

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### Points of Interest

1. Trail head: Start from the beach parking lot. Walk to the waterfront and locate the trail signs past the boat launching ramp.
  2. BBQs: Three barbecues are available for public use and found throughout the park and along the trail.
  3. Beach areas: The Town of Innisfil maintains five beaches along Lake Simcoe.
  4. Soccer fields: Managed by the Town of Innisfil, soccer fields are available for booking throughout the summer.
  5. Tennis courts: Managed by the Town of Innisfil, the tennis courts are open throughout the summer months and no booking is required.
  6. Baseball diamonds: Managed by the Town of Innisfil, baseball diamonds are available for booking throughout the summer.
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### Vista Points

1. Waterfront view

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# Innisfil Beach Park Trail



# Midland Rotary Waterfront Trail

## Town of Midland

**Main Trail:** 8 km **Difficulty:** Easy

**Parking:** Pete Pettersen Park, Town Dock, Midland Bay Landing Park, Sainte-Marie Park

The Midland Rotary Waterfront Trail connects the Tay Shore Trail from Sainte-Marie among the Hurons in the south through the Sainte-Marie Park and along the residential

waterfront. The trail continues to the Midland Town Dock, downtown core, and on through recreational lands and private marinas to the Mid-Pen Link in the north.

### Points of Interest

1. Wye River: Flowing past Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, you can explore this recreated, 17th century French Jesuit mission headquarters and experience the interaction of the French and native Wendat Huron nation.
2. Sainte-Marie Park: A view of Martyrs' Shrine, a church which honors the eight Jesuit saints who lived, worked and died here over 350 years ago.
3. Gazebo: Overlooking the marina and Georgian Bay, this provides a viewpoint where you can watch boats sail by, enjoy a stroll along the promenade, or view glorious gardens.
4. Veterans Park: A Boy Scout arboretum hosting a tree species from all of Canada's provinces and territories.
5. Edgehill Park: Seven acres of land overlooking the waters of Georgian Bay. See boats on their way to Midland Town Dock.
6. Harbourside Park: Called the Garden of Natural Species, this park was built by the Midland Parks staff which exhibits plants that are native in this area.
7. Midland Town Dock: The protected deep water harbour of Midland Bay is pertinent to the Town's waterway transportation and includes a tourist information centre, washrooms and a restaurant.
8. Old Rail Museum Relics: The Midland Railway was constructed from the community of Port Hope on the shores of Lake Ontario, which stretches to the southern reaches of Georgian Bay in Midland.
9. View of big ship dock at grain elevators. Grain is shipped here from Thunder Bay.
10. Pete Pettersen Park: Named after a local ski jump builder/promoter, this 24-acre park is equipped with a baseball diamond, an outstanding view of Georgian Bay, a swimming and play area, and access to the Rotary Waterfront Trail.
11. Trail terminus: Located at Gawley Park, the trail meets up with the Mid Pen Link and continues to Penetanguishene.

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# Midland Rotary Waterfront Trail



# North Simcoe Rail Trail

## Township of Springwater

**Main Trail:** 31.7 km **Difficulty:** Easy

**Parking:** Pinegrove Rd., Fort Willow, George Johnson Rd., Minesing Station Park, Hendrie

The North Simcoe Rail Trail (NSRT) follows the route of the North Simcoe Railway, which was built in 1878 and primarily served for the lumber business on Georgian Bay. The trail now offers stunning views

over the Minesing Wetlands and the Mayer's Marsh, both excellent birding spots.

The trail connects the Tiny Trail in the north with the Ganaraska Hiking Trail in the south.

### Points of Interest

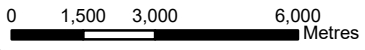
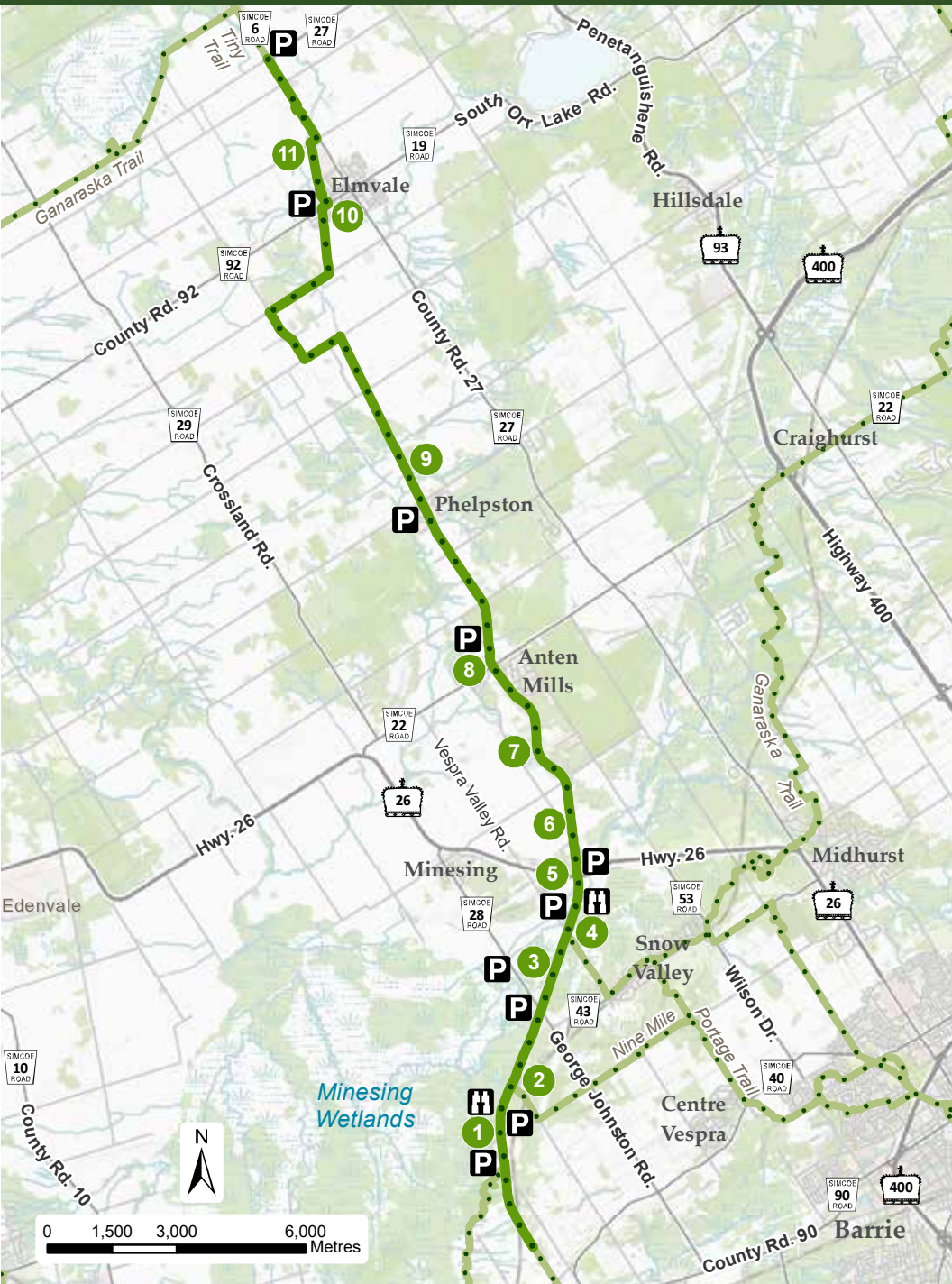
1. Minesing Wetlands: Take a rest on one of the four benches and enjoy the view of Ontario's largest remaining wetlands. It is an internationally significant complex of swamps, marshes, bogs, and fens.
2. Fort Willow: Walk up and explore this historic site (part of the Nine Mile Portage) where hundreds of tons of military supplies and trade goods were stored during the War of 1812.
3. Josephine: Ruins of an old rail town settlement.
4. Mayer's Marsh Viewing Platform: This small side trail follows the embankment of Willow Creek from the Harry Adams Bridge to Vespra Valley Road and is for pedestrian use only.
5. Minesing Station Park: This pavilion provides shelter and an excellent picnic spot as well as ample parking for snowmobile and horse trailers. The pavilion serves as a memorial to Paul Gleason, a founding member of the North Simcoe Rail Trail.
6. Dairy Farm: The Holstein Dairy Cattle.
7. Springwater Golf Course: Golf carts cross the trail. Please do not trespass onto the course.
8. Hendrie Station: This used to be the site of an old railway station and now provides storage for snowmobile groomers and parking.
9. Dense Hardwood Forest: The trail is particularly scenic as it passes through forest and swampland, making it an excellent bird-watching spot!
10. Heritage Park, Elmvale: This park has a beautifully landscaped greenspace, an amphitheatre, parking, and washrooms. Explore the many quaint stores, tearooms and restaurants, a hardware store, gas stations and a grocery store in downtown Elmvale.
11. Flos Road 10: Detour east, then north on County Rd. 27 to County Rd. 6 where you will pick up the trail again for another two concessions to the Tiny/Flos Townline.

**Note:** Horses are allowed on NSRT from May 15- Nov. 15, but must walk beside trail. In Mayer's Marsh, walk in centre to protect turtle nests.

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# North Simcoe Rail Trail



## Orillia Millennium Trail

### City of Orillia

**Main Trail:** 9.5 km **Difficulty:** Easy

**Parking:** Narrows Bridge, J.B. Tudhope Memorial Park, Couchiching Beach Park

Visualize a four-metre wide ribbon of pavement stretching from one end of the city to the other.

Imagine the enjoyment of being able to in-line skate, bicycle or walk from Wilson's

Point to the Narrows. Picture the pleasure of a wheelchair user being able to travel independently and safely from Couchiching Beach Park to J.B. Tudhope Memorial Park to watch a baseball game.

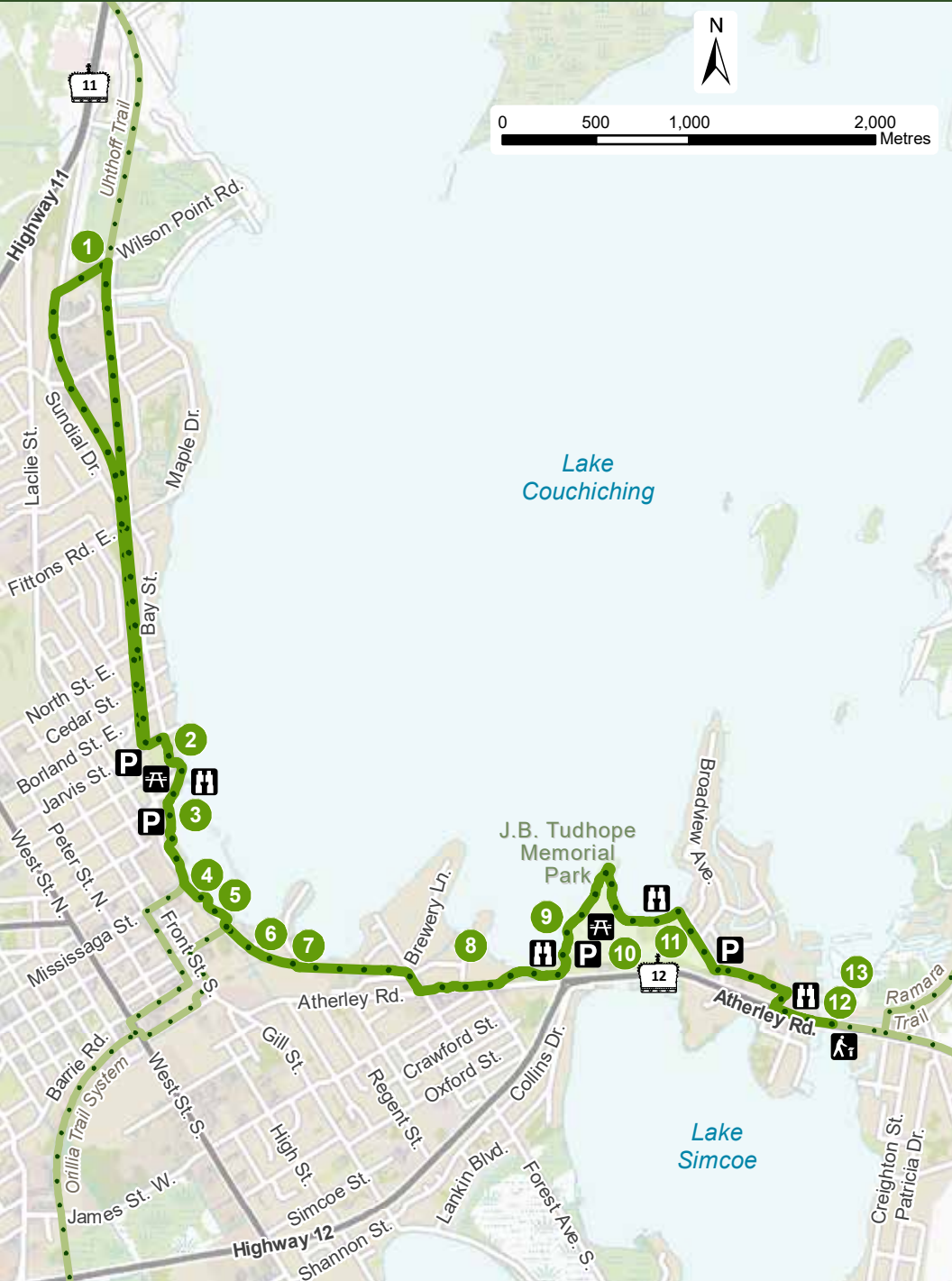
### Points of Interest

1. Uthhoff Trail Junction: at Wilson Point Road.
2. Couchiching Beach Park: This park features an aqua theatre, ball diamond, beach, outdoor rink, picnic shelter, playground, toilets, water fountain, and change rooms.
3. Centennial Park: Home to the Port of Orillia, Government Pier, barbecue, picnic tables, toilets and water fountain and boat launch.
4. Veterans' Memorial Park: Featuring picnic tables, pergola, skateboard park, and pier.
5. Hunter Boat Works: This old boat-building business was commissioned to build the Canadian Fairmile, a small wooden warship used for anti-submarine patrols.
6. Ribbons of Steel: refers to the building of the railroad.
7. Mnjikaning First Nation Reserve.
8. Stephen Leacock Museum and National Historic Site: This site was once the summer home of Stephen Leacock and is now reconstructed to serve as a boathouse and visitor's centre.
9. History of Ice Industry: Ice was cut from the lake and stored in insulated barns. It was later shipped by rail to the United States.
10. J.B. Tudhope Memorial Park and Barnfield Point Recreation Centre: This park offers a beach, splash pads, a washroom and change rooms, a picnic area and ball diamonds.
11. Couchiching and Sturgeon Point Hotels: The latter, a stately 40-room, three-storey frame hotel opened on June 15, 1867. Later, the hotel complex was expanded to include a dance hall, shuffle board courts and bath houses.
12. Narrows Bridge: This swing bridge carried railway traffic but is now welded in the open position to allow boats to pass through the Narrows between Lake Simcoe on the right and Lake Couchiching on the left.
13. Mnjikaning Fishing Weirs: This fish fence became a meeting place for aboriginal people.

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# Orillia Millennium Trail



## Oro-Medonte Rail Trail

### Township of Oro-Medonte

**Main Trail:** 28 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** Line 1 South, Shanty Bay Rd., or Line 15

The last CN train passed through in September 1996. The abandoned rail line was turned into a trail, giving users the opportunity to explore beautiful Oro-Medonte along the way.

Embrace the outdoors, this trail has something for those looking to connect with nature. From active osprey nests to busy beavers in their pond, quiet wetlands to great blue herons, this flat and crushed gravel route links the cities of Barrie and Orillia. For those needing to cool off, take a quick detour to the beach at Bayview Memorial Park and enjoy some of the cleanest waterfront on Lake Simcoe.

For more information on the trail network, please visit: [oro-medonte.ca](http://oro-medonte.ca).

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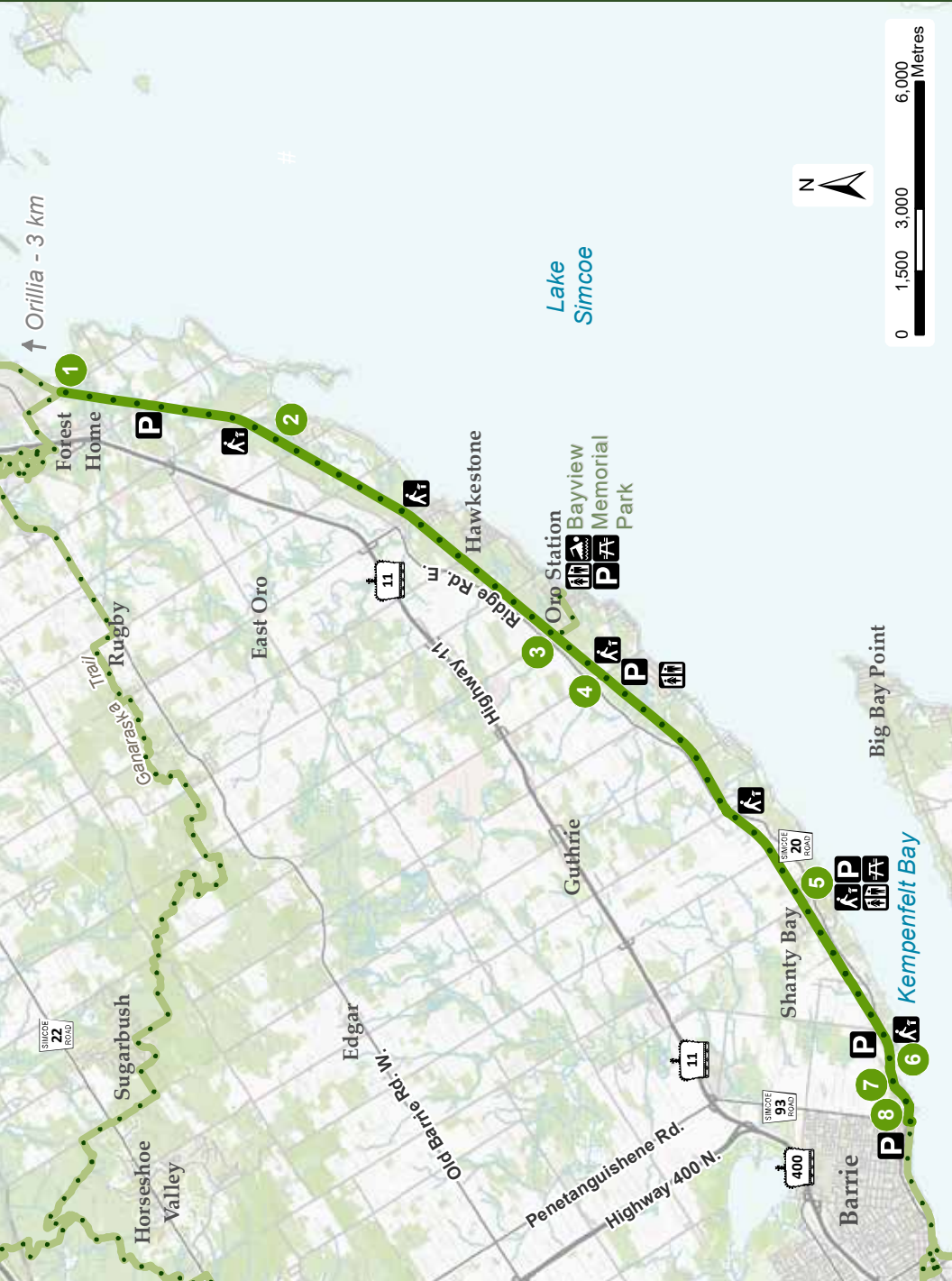
### Points of Interest

1. Woodland Drive: Watch for the osprey nests on the top of the hydro poles. This is the northern boundary of this trail.
2. Carthew Bay Nature Reserve: This provincially-significant wetland is home to an active beaver pond that supports great blue herons, green herons, and other wildlife.
3. Side Trail: This trail leads to Rail Trail Drive. To access the swimming beach and washrooms, follow the road to Bayview Memorial Park.
4. Oro Station: This is a historic community centred north of the trail
5. Brewis Park.
6. Thunder Bridge: The interpretive signs tells the story of the railway and bridge.
7. There is no visible trail from Line 1 South to Penetanguishene Road, a distance of 1.4 km. Follow Line 1 South to Ridge Road, which then becomes Shanty Bay Road. Follow Shanty Bay Road to Penetanguishene Road, then turn south and you will meet up with the Barrie North Shore Trail.
8. Penetanguishene Road: This road marks the southern boundary of the trail where it joins the Barrie North Shore Trail, taking you into the downtown area.

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# Oro-Medonte Rail Trail



## Penetanguishene Trail

### Town of Penetanguishene

**Main Trail:** 4.8 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** Town Dock, Arena, Rotary Washrooms

A vital Trans Canada Trail link between Tiny Trail and the Midland Rotary Waterfront Trail. Two other trails also branch from the main trail, including the Copeland Creek Trail and the Discovery Harbour Trail. Penetanguishene's trails lead to points of interest along the waterfront and are never far from amenities. Trans Canada

Trail begins at the border of the Township of Tiny in the west along the waterfront of Penetanguishene, connecting with the Town of Midland. The waterfront portion of the trail, through Rotary Park and Champlain Wendat Park consists of limestone, asphalt, and paved sidewalk sections with a total length of 2.3 km.

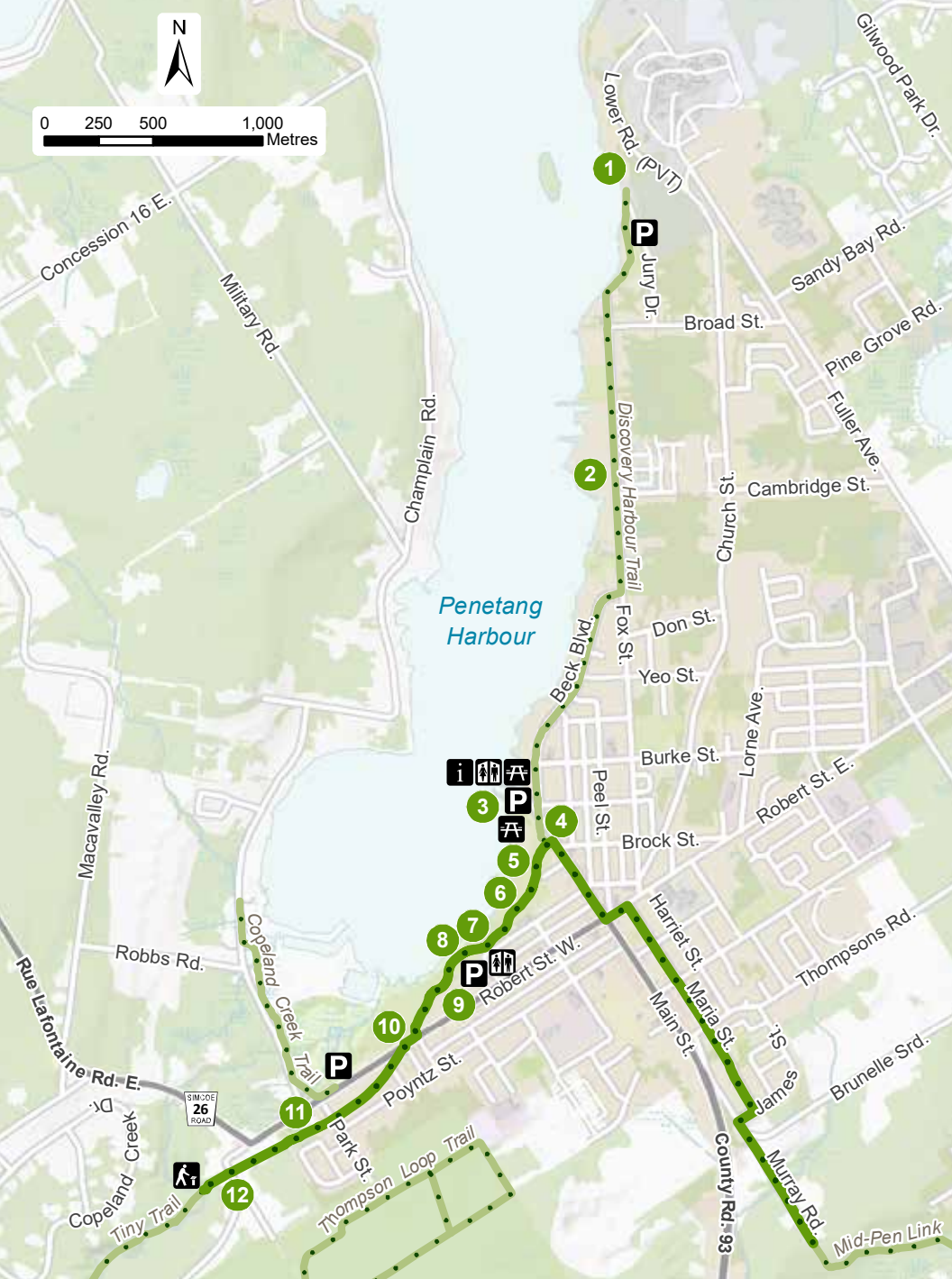
### Points of Interest

1. Discovery Harbour: A re-creation of a British Naval base built around 1817.
2. Discovery Harbour Trail: 3 km starts from the Historic Port of Penetanguishene.
3. Historic Port of Penetanguishene: There is a picnic shelter beside the town dock. The waterfront used to be a focal point for industry and logging but it is now a marine recreational centre. Sit and enjoy views of the harbour before starting out on a trail. This is also the location of the Tourist Information Centre.
4. The trail follows the historic streets of Penetanguishene meeting up with the Mid Pen Link that joins the Midland Trail system.
5. Regeneration Area: As part of the revitalization of the waterfront, this storage pond was created which is now a natural habitat area with a viewing platform.
6. Views of Penetanguishene Bay: See shoreline areas that were naturalized to prevent Canada Geese polluting the area.
7. Rotary Champlain Wendat Park: This beautiful and vast open space contains a variety of recreational facilities.
8. Beach volleyball court and basketball courts.
9. Skateboard Park: adjacent to the beach, playground, picnic shelter and washrooms.
10. Robert Street West: The trail crosses and follows the abandoned rail line through a residential area, passing an open park with playground.
11. Copeland Creek Trail: Trail starts at west end of rest area – 1.25 km partly on board walks meandering through marshland.
12. Overhead Bridge Road Tunnel: The trail goes through a tunnel, joining a beautiful section of trails going through a mixed forest before meeting with the Tiny Trail. This is marked with an interpretive sign and bridge crossing Copeland Creek.

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# Penetanguishene Trail



# Ramara Trail

## Township of Ramara

**Main Trail:** 7.5 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** Adjacent to Crothers Twin Lakes Marina by the Narrows

The trail starts in the south at the historic fish weirs that were built by the Mnjikaning First Nation people. “Mnjikaning” is an Ojibway word meaning “the place of the fish fence”. The trail follows the abandoned CN Rail Line through pastoral countryside, crossing the Rama Road/Monck Road intersection, along Monck Road to the

trail sign and extending to Mara-Rama Boundary Road. In 2025, in partnership with the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, a new extension was added, linking Casino Rama to Airport Road on the Ramara Trail, helping to improve access and connectivity within the Township’s growing trail network.

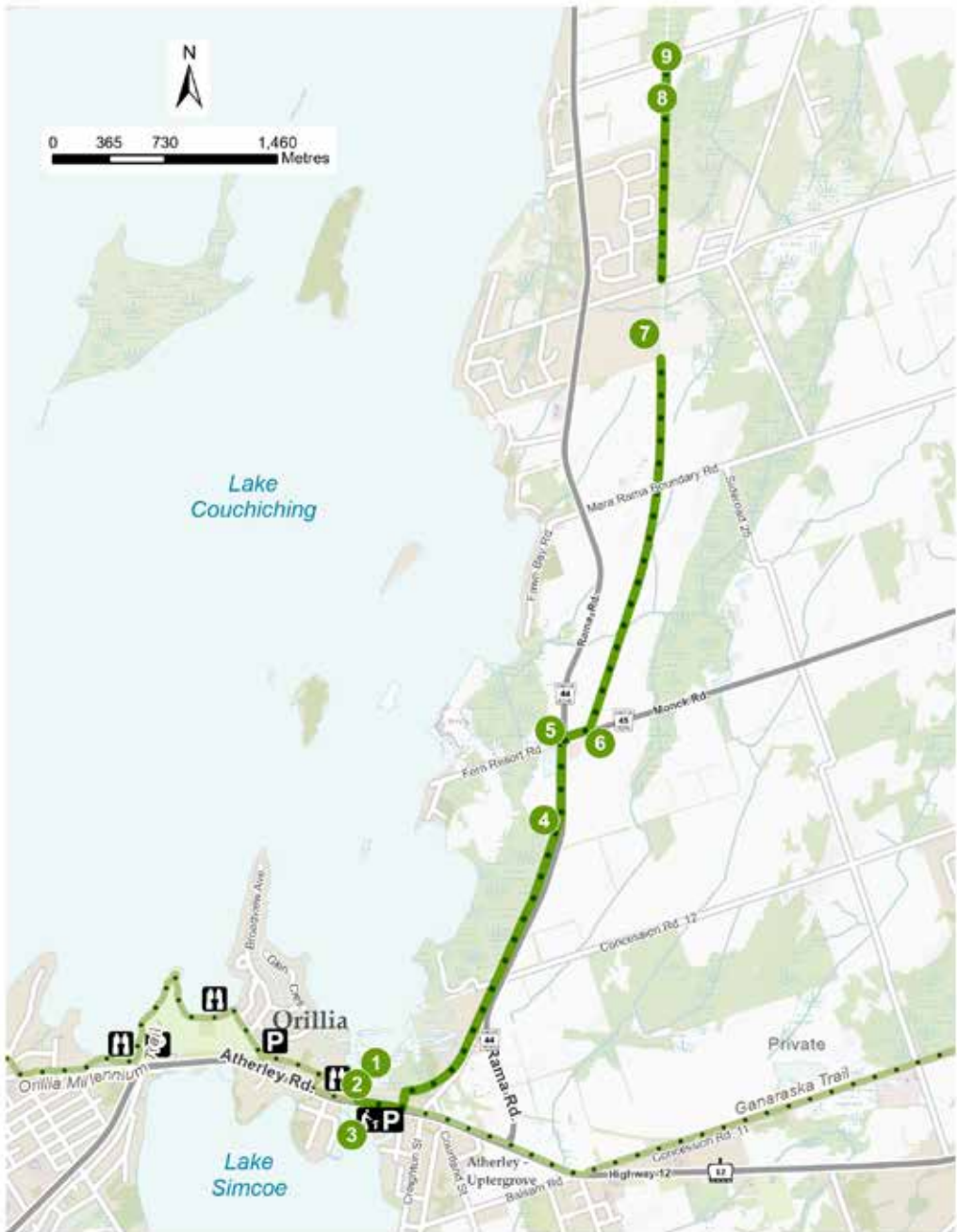


### Points of Interest

1. Fish Weir at the Narrows: Consisting of closely spaced stakes driven into the bottom, perhaps with interlaced material, and extending almost completely across the Narrows. The weir directed fish to small openings where they were captured with nets.
2. Swing Bridge: An iron swing bridge in the Atherley Narrows. The bridge was once part of the thriving rail network but is now currently locked in the “open” position.”
3. Samuel de Champlain: During the fall of 1615, this French explorer, in the company of a Huron raiding party, passed near the small narrows separating Lake Couchiching and Lake Simcoe.
4. CN Rail Line: Closed on September 21, 1996, this rail line handled Canadian National’s daily freight trains between Toronto and North Bay.
5. Rama Road: The trail follows along the west side of Rama Road, then crosses Rama Road at the traffic lights.
6. Monck Road: Named to honour Charles Stanley Monck, Governor-in-Chief of the Canadian province from 1861. The road extended 160 kilometers east to the Hastings Road at Bancroft where it joins other roads to Ottawa.
7. Casino Rama Crossing: The Trail currently connects to Casino Ramara Resort. You can cross through the parking lot of the property to connect back to the Trail on the north side.
8. Rama Community Farm: Rama Maawnjyidiwag Gtigaan - A community led farm rooted in Ojibwe values, blending traditional wisdom with sustainable practices to nourish the Chippewas of Rama First Nation and surrounding community. Featuring a Farm Store, Farm Tours, and space for Events.
9. Airport Road: The Trail currently ends at Airport Road



# Ramara Trail



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## Route Champlain

Township of Tay, Town of Midland, Town of Penetanguishene, Township of Tiny

**Main Trail:** 45 km **Difficulty:** Easy to Moderate **Parking:** see nearest municipalities

Since 2009, the 12 plaques of the Champlain Trail have dotted the landscape of Simcoe County's most popular parks and trails. The plaques were selected as snapshots of the location, facts and historical players and events from 1600 to 1650. They

commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the great explorer Samuel de Champlain. Head out on an adventure to find the plaques!

On foot or by bike, enjoy the area's magnificent vistas and natural beauty.

### Points of Interest

1. Wendake: The traditional homeland of the Huron-Wendat People. Wendake means "in separate lands".
2. Ossossane: This was the capital town of Huronia, the place where the most important councils were held.
3. Pétun Peoples: Pétun is a 17th century French term for Tobacco. Champlain chose this name for these people because of the crops they were preparing to grow when he visited them.
4. Carhagouha: In August 1615, Champlain stayed in Carhagouha, one of the two Huron villages.
5. Point People/Landing Sites: The mouth of Penetanguishene Bay is the celebrated landing place of Samuel de Champlain as the governor of New France in August 1615.
6. Étienne Brulé in Huronia: Brulé was the first European to explore and witness what is now known as Ontario. After several years of impressive reports from Brulé, Champlain agreed to visit this region.
7. Samuel de Champlain: Landing in the Penetanguishene Peninsula, Champlain visited 14 of the 18 major Huron villages located between Georgian Bay and Lake Simcoe.
8. Huron-Wendat Diaspora: Southern Georgian Bay was the homeland of the Huron-Wendat First Nation.
9. Sainte-Marie among the Hurons: 17th century French Jesuit mission headquarters.
10. St-Louis: A Huron-Wendat village named by the Jesuits.
11. People of the Bog – "Ataronchronon": A segment of the largest nation of the Huron-Wendat League.
12. St-Ignace: This village was moved in the fall of 1647 due to fears of an impending Iroquois invasion.

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# Route Champlain



# Tay Shore Trail

## Township of Tay

**Main Trail:** 16 km **Difficulty:** Easy

**Parking:** Sainte-Marie Park, Trestle Park, Waubauskene, Government Dock, Victoria Harbour

A fully paved rail trail winding its way along the southern shore of Georgian Bay from Midland to Waubauskene with a spur to Port McNicoll. Some great vistas and a ride or walk through history with interpretive nature signs along the route. This multi-use trail is part of the Trans Canada Trail and perfect for the whole family.



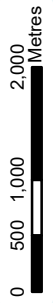
### Points of Interest

1. Midland Rotary Waterfront Trail: Junction
2. Martyrs' Shrine: The Shrine honours the eight Jesuit saints who lived, worked and died here more than 350 years ago.
3. Sainte-Marie among the Hurons: From 1639 to 1649 this land was home to a French Jesuit settlement in Wendake, the land of the Wendat. A reconstruction of the mission now operates as a living museum. **Note:** no parking for trail users.
4. Wye Marsh: This wetland is home to an amazing diversity of bird species and also provides nesting habitat to uncommon species such as the Least Bittern, Black Tern and the Trumpeter Swan.
5. Trestle Trail: This a paved trail leads into Port McNicoll by following Hogg Bay to Ney Avenue.
6. View of Hogg Bay: Wetland area and trestle bridge sign.
7. Victoria Harbour: Can be accessed from where the trail crosses Albert Street. There are a few stores and parking in this location.
8. Sturgeon Bay: You can view the bay as the trail swings east, then northeast.
9. Tanners Beach: A pathway leads to the beach from the trail to the swimming and picnic area.
10. Waubauskene Beaches Provincial Nature Reserve: The park is in a region of diverse forest types and other biotic communities, but overgrown with poison ivy.
11. Christ Church: Also known as Waubauskene Memorial Church, this was built in 1881 by the Georgian Bay Lumber company in memory of its general manager, Theodore W. Buck, who had died earlier that year.
12. Willow Street: This street leads to the waterfront where you can find a government dock, picnic area, parking and washrooms.
13. Coldwater Road Parkette: This location includes parking and a picnic area.

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# Tay Shore Trail



## Thornton-Cookstown Train Trail

Township of Essa, Town of Innisfil

**Main Trail:** 15.6 km **Difficulty:** Easy

**Parking:** Victoria St., Antique Market, Essa 5<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, County Rd. 27 and Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil 5<sup>th</sup> Sideroad

The Township of Essa boasts a variety of trails within its boundaries and continues to work towards providing trail users with a healthy lifestyle by focusing on further developing trail connections.

This 15.6 km trail runs between the villages of Thornton and Cookstown and travels through green pasture land and forest and across the Cookstown Creek.

### Points of Interest

1. **Tree Spirit:** In Cookstown, the trail can be accessed at the pavilion on the south side of Hwy. 89. Look for the “tree spirit”, courtesy of local carver, Colin Patridge.
2. **Cookstown Antique Market:** The Cookstown Antique Market is adjacent to the trail just north of Cookstown. The market offers free parking behind the barn.
3. **Accessible Trail:** Starting from Wellington Street in Cookstown, the accessible section of the trail loops back on itself just south of the first bridge, north of Cookstown.
4. **Trestle Bridges:** One of six trestle bridges offering stunning views of the creek as it meanders its way through the scenery. In the winter, the trail is groomed and patrolled for snowmobile use. Walkers and cross-country skiers are reminded to be alert for snowmobile traffic and to step aside to allow them to pass.
5. **Horse Farm:** View a horse farm nestled in the rural pastures of Essa.
6. **Tree Spirit:** At the trail entrance on Robert Street in Thornton, look for another artistic “tree spirit”.
7. **Thornton:** The trail crosses County Road 27. Cross at traffic lights.
8. **Agriculture:** Pasture lands, fields of corn, wheat and other crops can be seen.
9. **Big Dipper:** The big dipper is the location of a huge rail bed washout in the 1990’s.
10. **Georgian Downs:** This is where the race track and OLG slots are located.

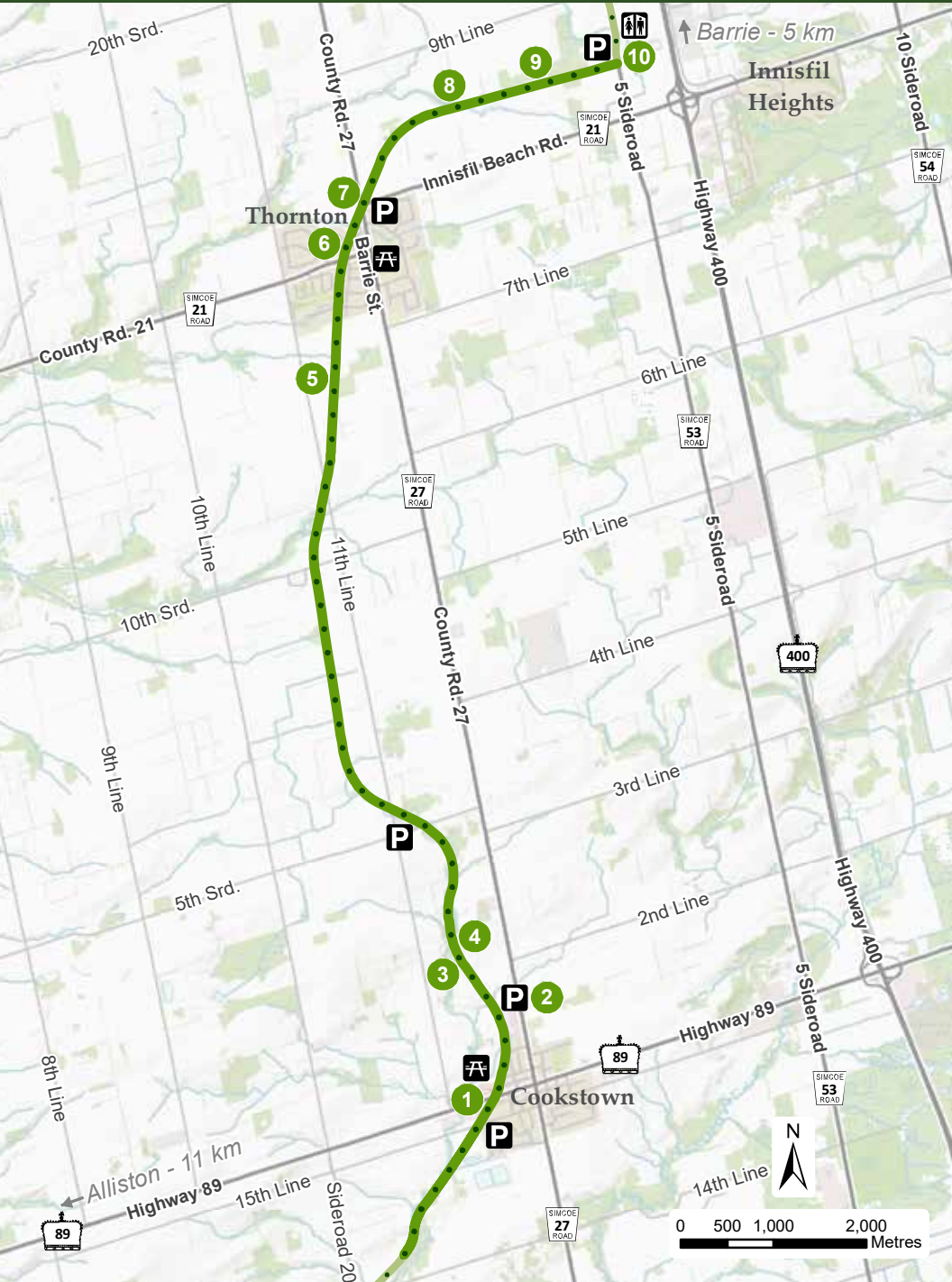
**Note:** Horses are permitted on the Innisfil section of the trail, i.e. north of Thornton, and through Cookstown.

**Note:** There are two more trestle bridges south of Cookstown.

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# Thornton-Cookstown Train Trail



## Tiny Trail

### Township of Tiny

**Main Trail:** 23 km **Difficulty:** Moderate

**Parking:** Wyevale, Perkinsfield, Penetanguishene Park, Concession 4 & County Rd. 6, Concession 12 (Summer)

A railway park in a natural setting. A partially paved, partially crushed gravel multi-use trail that links the North Simcoe Rail Trail to the Penetanguishene Trail. The Wye River and Copeland Creek meander across the trail

and under 14 historic bridges, 11 of which are on the trail. The Tiny Trail offers many points of interest along the way, including views of wildlife and a historic burial ground.



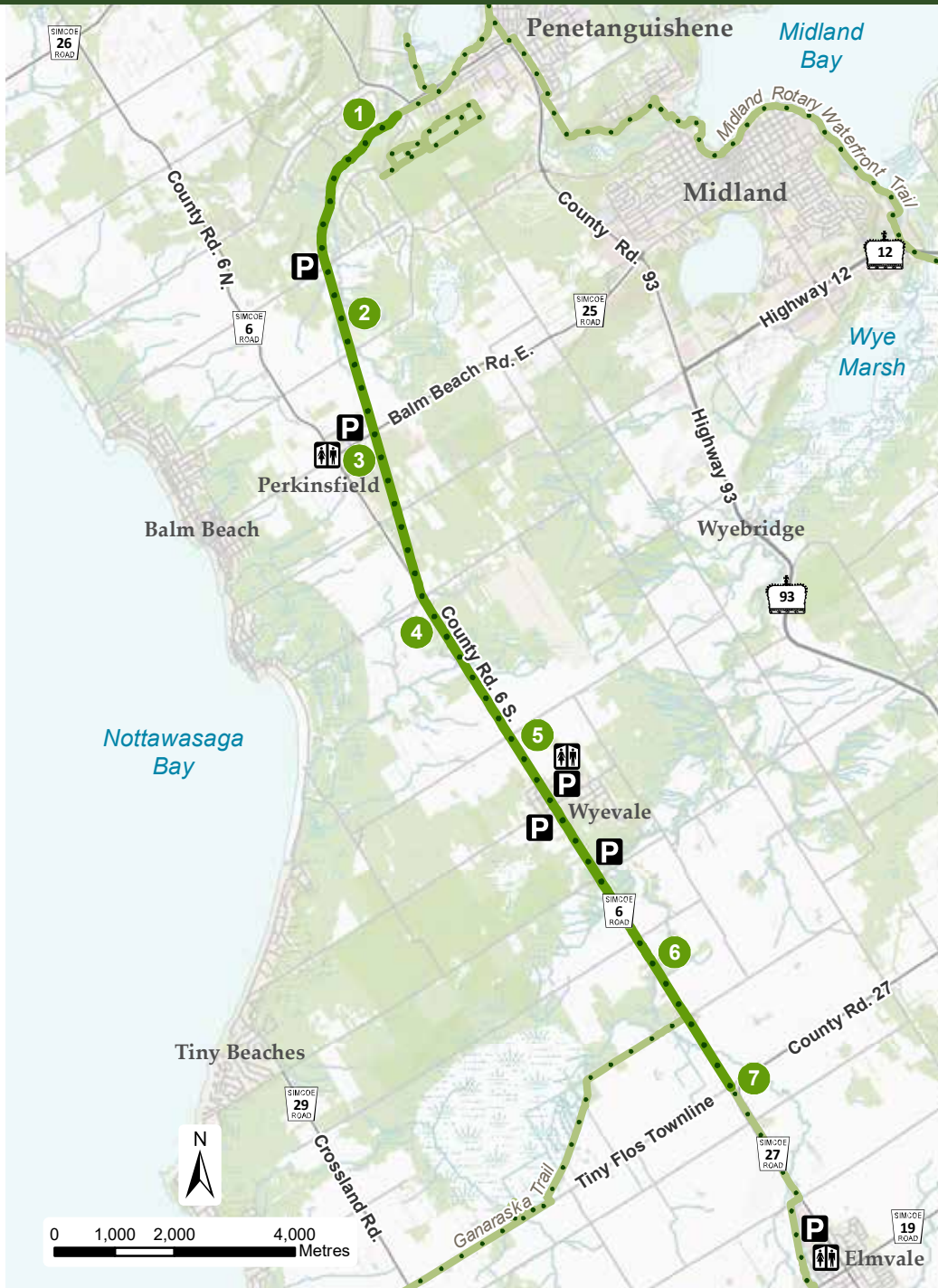
### Points of Interest

1. Copeland Creek Bridges: There are 14 historic bridges on the Tiny Trail of which 11 can be found between the start of the trail at Penetanguishene and Concession Road 12. Each bridge has a descriptive sign about the history of the bridge. Be aware that the bridges can be very slippery. We recommend that you slow down or dismount.
2. Golf Course: East of the trail is the Balm Beachway Golf Club.
3. Perkinsfield: A replica of The North Simcoe Railway historic station.
4. Huron Ossary: Father J. Brébeuf witnessed a mass burial of more than 1,000 individuals near the Huron Village of Ossosane in 1636. The site is located just south of Perkinsfield on the west side of County Road 6, where a wooden sign marks the spot.
5. North Simcoe Railway: In 1847, stagecoaches used to run between Barrie and Penetanguishene with a tavern every 2 km for passengers to rest. The North Simcoe Railway Line was built in 1978 to replace the stagecoach service, much to the annoyance of the 37 tavern owners. The Tiny Trail follows the route of the abandoned North Simcoe Railway.
6. Three More Bridges: These bridges can be seen between Concession Road 3 and the southern terminus of the trail.
7. Southern Terminus: At Tiny Flos Townline.

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# Tiny Trail



## Uthhoff Trail

### Township of Severn

**Main Trail:** 30 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** Coldwater Community Centre, Burnside Line, Division Road

Your journey on the Uthhoff Trail will take you through scenic wooded areas, over wetlands, crossing many streams. Observe the many varieties of barns or stop at some of the beaches along the trail. The trail is open to the public year-round. It is used by hikers, cyclists, naturalists, skiers,

snowmobilers, and equestrians. The trail, which is 30 km long, extends from Wilson Point Road in Orillia to Waubaushene and is part of the Trans Canada Trail. The surface is mainly crushed limestone with a small, paved portion in Coldwater.

### Points of Interest

1. Coldwater Community Centre: Washrooms, playground and parking area are available.
2. This section of the trail runs parallel to the abandoned CP Rail line at Southorn Road, crossing the CN line at Dunns Line. The rest of the trail was originally a CP line used to transport grain from the prairies to markets in Europe. Trains would run from Port McNicoll to Orillia and to Halifax. The last train ran in 1985.
3. Seat with view of gambrel-roofed barn.
4. Farm crossing. Watch for the electric fence that the farmers sometimes put across the trail when moving cattle to an adjoining field.
5. Foxmead Road: Barn with tin roof.
6. Wetland and Purbrook Creek: Seat with a view. Wetlands encompass many different habitats, including ponds, marshes, swamps and peatlands. Plants and animals present in these wetlands are from land and water habitats, making them highly productive environments.
7. Bridge over North River: The North River meanders around the Township of Severn, eventually spilling out into Matchedash Bay, then flows into Georgian Bay.
8. Bridge over Silver Creek: Sit on a bench built by the 9th Orillia Scouts in April 1992. Silver Creek flows into the North River.
9. Wilson Point Road: This marks the end of the Uthhoff Trail and the start of the Orillia Millennium Trail.

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# Wasaga Beach Shore Lane Trail

## Town of Wasaga Beach

**Main Trail:** 11.5 km **Trail Extensions:** 9.2 km **Difficulty:** Easy

**Parking:** Provincial Park – Beaches 1-6 (Permit Required), Town Parking at 18<sup>th</sup> St. and Dunkerron

This waterfront trail extends the length of Wasaga Beach and connects the eight Wasaga Beach Provincial Park beaches, from Allenwood Beach to Beach Area 6 and beyond, providing over 14 kilometres of linear trail which winds along the waterfront using quiet local streets to link each beach.

A variety of shoreline residences – from rustic cottages to palatial estates – can be

viewed along the way. If you are looking for more sand between your toes, walk along the sandy shoreline from Beach Area 1 to 6. In the winter, discover the dramatic shoreline, sculpted by frozen waves.

There are many opportunities for picnicking, stopping for a swim and renowned sunset viewing along the world's longest freshwater beach!

### Points of Interest

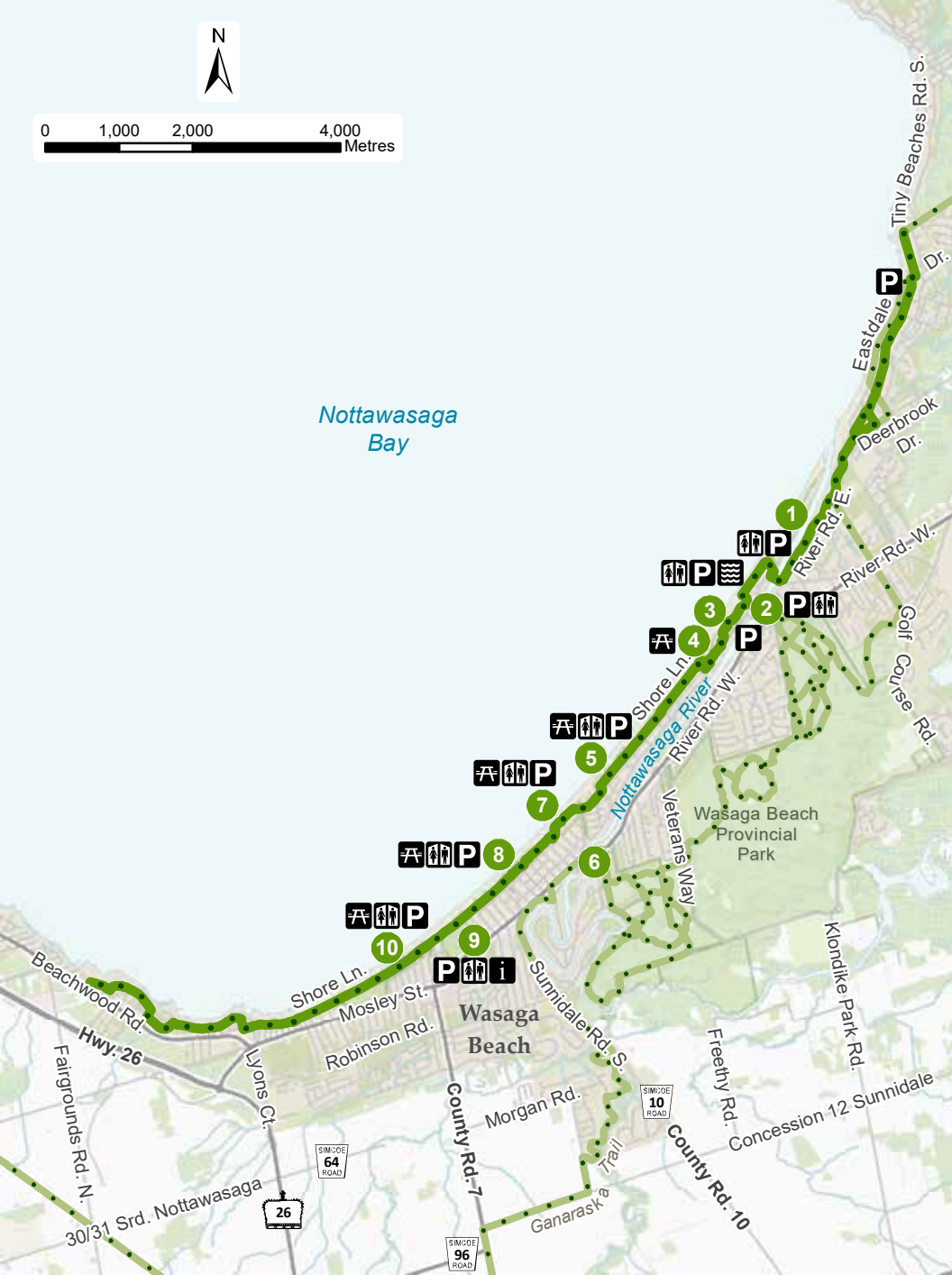
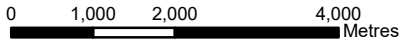
1. Provincial Park Beach Areas: Part of this beach is a nature reserve for the endangered piping plover.
2. The HMS Nancy: this schooner was destroyed in the Nottawasaga River by American Forces. The remains of the hull now rest in a museum on the island to mark the site of the Nancy's demise during the war of 1812.
3. Start of trail on Francis Street.
4. 1934 Historical Flight: an event of national significance took place at Wasaga Beach. The first successful overseas flight from Canada to England took off from Wasaga's long, straight beach, which served as a perfect, natural runway.
5. Beach Area 3: With washrooms, parking and picnic tables.
6. Beach Area 4: With washrooms, parking and picnic tables.
7. Schoonertown: is a 10 minute walk south along 27th Street and across the bridge over the Nottawasaga River. In 1815 the Schoonertown site was selected by the British Navy as a "temporary establishment on Lake Huron".
8. Beach Area 5: With washrooms, parking and picnic tables.
9. Wasaga Beach Rec Plex: Community Centre with a YMCA, swimming pool, washrooms and Oakview Woods trail connections to the waterfront trail.
10. Beach Area 6: With washrooms, parking and picnic tables.

**Note:** The Shore Lane Trail continues for 6.2 km to Archer Road in the east end and is extended in the west end by another 3 km to Fairgrounds Road (Nottawa #4 sideroad).

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# Wasaga Beach Shore Lane Trail





Simcoe County Trails

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# Simcoe County Forest

Established in 1922, the Simcoe County Forest is the largest former 'Agreement Forest' in Ontario. There are currently over 150 properties encompassing more than 33,000 acres throughout the County. These forests provide a host of environmental, social, and economic benefits including the provision of wildlife habitat, protection of water resources, carbon sequestration and storage, and the production of high-quality timber. The County Forest also provides for a wide range of recreational pursuits for County residents and tourists alike.

## Simcoe County Forest Recreation Policy

Enjoy your visit to the Simcoe County Forest, but please be aware that it is a working forest - not a park. No facilities or garbage receptacles are provided so please plan accordingly. Sustainable timber harvesting is done on a rotating basis and could happen at any time of year and within any forest property. Please obey all signs to ensure your safety.

A Recreation Policy has been established to ensure that all responsible users of the forest are able to continue to enjoy their recreational pursuits. Please visit <https://simcoe.ca/explore/forests/recreational-use/> for details.

## Code of Conduct

- Expect, respect, and communicate with other trail users
- Stay on the trail and obey trail closure signs
- All trails are multi-use: anticipate other users and use extra caution at intersections
- Keep to the right to allow other users to pass on your left
- Pets must be on a leash or under control
- Stoop and flick when pet waste is on the trail
- Avoid excessive noise
- Know your impact: do not use the trail if you are causing an imprint of more than 1"
- Leave the trail as you found it: whatever you pack in, pack out
- Respect neighbouring landowners by staying off private property

All designated trails are maintained by volunteers under agreement with Simcoe County. Please consider supporting a local club.





## Local Club Directory:

- **Ganaraska Hiking Trail Association**  
[www.ganaraska-hiking-trail.org/](http://www.ganaraska-hiking-trail.org/)
- **Simcoe County Mountain Bike Club**  
[www.scmhc.ca](http://www.scmhc.ca)
- **Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs**  
[www.ofsc.on.ca/](http://www.ofsc.on.ca/)
- **Central Ontario ATV Club**  
[www.coatv.ca](http://www.coatv.ca)
- **Simcoe County Off Road Riders Association**  
[www.scorra.ca](http://www.scorra.ca)

# Invasive Species

Invasive species are plants, animals, insects, and pathogens that are introduced to an area and cause harm to the environment, economy, or society. Invasive species are considered one of Canada's greatest threats to the survival of our native animal and plant life. These species arrive, often accidentally, and establish in the absence of natural predators. As a result, invasive species kill, crowd out, and devastate native species and their ecosystems.

The prevention of new introductions of invasive species is critical and we all must do our part. Trail users should be reminded that their activity could move seeds or fragments of the plant, starting new colonies. To prevent this from happening, always stay on the established trail, and clean mud off pets, footwear, and equipment before leaving, or in a safe location before venturing into any natural area.

More information about invasive species can be found through the Ontario Invasive Plant Council at [www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca](http://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca).

## Giant Hogweed

Giant Hogweed is an invasive plant that is of particular concern to trail users. It's clear sap can cause painful blistering and dermatitis if it contacts skin or permanent blindness if the sap comes in contact with the eyes. If you think you have come into contact with this plant:

- Cover up affected areas and keep them out of direct sunlight.
- Wash affected areas immediately with soap and cold water.
- Seek medical attention as soon as possible.

You may see Giant Hogweed on the trails of Simcoe County. If you do, make sure that other trail users in your group know to avoid the plant. While there are some similar looking native species that are harmless, it is better to be safe than sorry.

## Poison Ivy

*Leaves of three, let them be...*

Poison ivy grows vigorously throughout much of Simcoe County. It is a woody vine that is well-known for its ability to produce urushiol, a skin irritant that may cause an itching rash for some people. To humans, poison ivy can be poisonous year-round, including the berries in the winter.

It usually grows as a groundcover 10-25 centimetres (4-10 inches) high or sometimes as a shrub up to about 1.2 metres (4 feet) tall. The leaves are compound with three almond-shaped leaflets, giving rise to the mnemonic, "leaves of three,



The colour of the leaves ranges from light green (usually the younger leaves) to dark green (mature leaves), turning bright red in the fall. The leaflets are 3-12 cm long, rarely up to 30 cm. New leaves are shiny, older leaves are duller. Some leaves are notched. Some leaves are not. When poison ivy grows near the beach it tends to have curly, waxy looking leaves. The berries (actually drupes) are a grayish-white colour and are a favourite winter food for some birds and deer. For more information, see [www.poison-ivy.org](http://www.poison-ivy.org).

### **Dog-Strangling Vine**

Dog-Strangling Vine threatens our natural ecosystems by forming dense colonies which “strangle” other plants and small trees. It also interferes with reproduction of Monarch butterflies. Dog-Strangling vine is very difficult to eradicate once established, so prevention is key.

### **Garlic Mustard**

Garlic Mustard can quickly invade and dominate the forest floor, limiting or eliminating the growth of native species such as trilliums and other spring ephemerals.

Trail systems can be a major vector in its spread through a natural area. Many garlic mustard infestations have been observed near parking areas and trail access points. It is apparent that garlic mustard seeds are inadvertently being carried by trail users along the trail system and being introduced to previously unaffected areas.

# Be Safe, Be Seen

## Safety tips for trail users during hunting season

Trail users and hunters alike enjoy time in the forest. Particularly in the fall during the deer rifle season, non-hunters should be aware that hunting may be taking place in County Forests, Conservation Areas and Crown land, as well as on private land, with the permission of the property owner.

The following are some common sense 'Be Safe, Be Seen' precautions for non-hunters during hunting seasons:

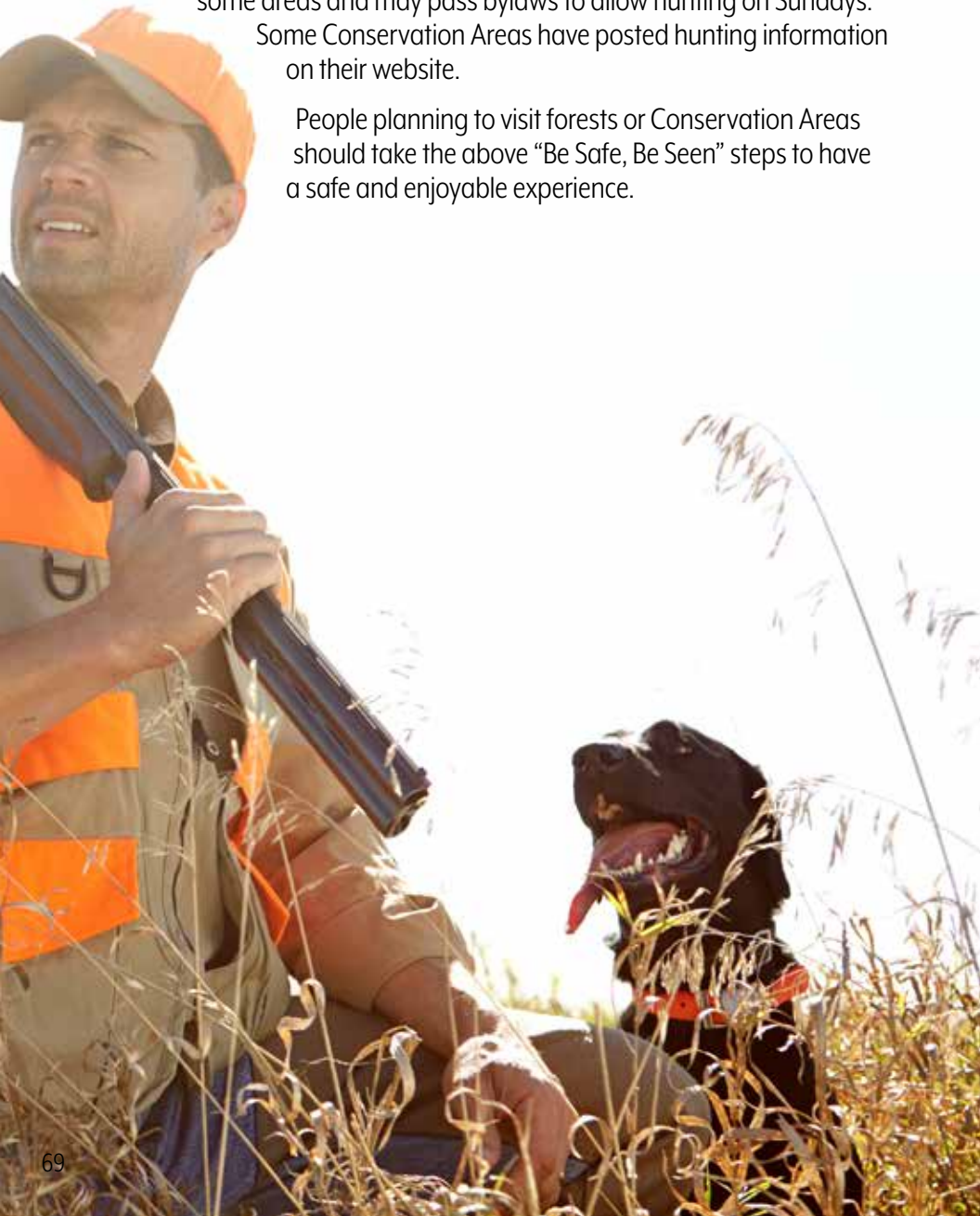
- Be aware that hunting may be taking place; know the seasons, dates, and locations.
- Avoid dawn and dusk, and anytime visibility is limited.
- Wear hunter orange (hat, vest, scarf, etc., also on your pet!) and avoid beige, brown, white, red or green clothing.
- Keep your pet on a leash.
- Stick to established trails (hunters typically know where the trails are).
- Hike in a group or with a buddy (hunters will hear you coming!).
- And as always, let someone know where you are going, and when to expect you back.



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Note also that municipalities may prohibit the discharge of firearms in some areas and may pass bylaws to allow hunting on Sundays. Some Conservation Areas have posted hunting information on their website.

People planning to visit forests or Conservation Areas should take the above “Be Safe, Be Seen” steps to have a safe and enjoyable experience.



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