

Places & Trails to Explore

The uniquely diverse topography of Peterborough & the Kawarthas creates endless opportunities for outdoor recreation, and trail systems of varying use and terrain types are among the region's best features. From the sandy, rolling hills of the Oak Ridges Moraine, to the rocky landscape of the Canadian Shield, hikers, cyclists, cross-country skiers and snowmobilers all can find a trail to call their own.




Greater Peterborough Area Cycling Routes

Many cycling routes are available throughout the City and County of Peterborough. Follow the highlighted lines on the County map to create a route that matches your level of skill. The city cycling lanes are clearly marked on the City map. Obey the rules of the road and have fun!

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Welcome to our trails! Places to explore are identified on the maps with numbered buttons. The icons identify the type of trails use.



Trails	Access Points	Trail Distances	Special Features
1 Ganaraska Trail  Information: www.ganaraska-hiking-trail.ca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ganaraska Forest Centre West end of County Rd. 3 Mount Horeb Rd. just west of Omemee 	Many shorter trails combine to create over 500 km of trails. Please visit the website for more details.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 500 km hiking trail from Port Hope to the Bruce Trail west of Orillia Trail guide is recommended and can be purchased from the website Part of Central Ontario Loop (www.looptrail.com)
2 Parkway Trail  Information: City of Peterborough (705) 742-7771	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jackson Park Peterborough Zoo 	4.2 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New trail in 2005, donated by two citizens Travels between Jackson Park and the Peterborough Zoo
3 Rotary Greenway Trail  Information: City of Peterborough (705) 742-7771	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beavermead Park, Ashburnham Drive Along Auburn St. Trent University (pay and display) Lakefield Tourist Centre 	Beavermead Park to Parkhill Rd. - 3 km Parkhill Rd. to Nassau Mills Rd. - 4 km Nassau Mills Rd. to Lakefield - 11 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paved and accessible in the City Limestone surface north of Trent University Flat terrain along Otonabee River City section plowed in winter

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Trans-Canada Trail



Information: www.tctrail.ca
(705) 743-0826

- Beavermead Park on Ashburnham Rd.
- Jackson's Park, off Parkhill Rd. at Monaghan
- Sturgeon Rd., Omemee

Hastings to Assumption - 27 km
 Beavermead Park to Jackson Park - 5 km
 Jackson Park to Omemee - 20 km

- This trail is developed except from Assumption west to Lansdowne St., and along Maria St. within the City
- Some City sections are paved and accessible, most of the trail has a limestone surface
- Part of Central Ontario Loop trail which spans 5 Counties (www.looptrail.com)

Provincial Parks

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Emily Provincial Park



Information: www.ontarioparks.com
(705) 799-5170

- This Provincial Park is well signed from Highway 7 between Lindsay and Peterborough. Trail is within the park.

Fitness Trail - 0.5 km

- Fitness Trail goes through a forested area and connects to the Marsh Boardwalk Trail
- Self-guided walks through campground

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Kawartha Highlands Signature Site



Information: www.ontarioparks.com

- Not yet developed, no public facilities

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- This will be the largest park south of Algonquin in Ontario
- Along the southern edge of the Canadian Shield with many lakes for paddling
- No formal trails yet developed
- Good backcountry skiing and snowshoeing
- Topographic maps recommended

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Mark S. Burnham Provincial Park



Information: www.ontarioparks.com
(705) 799-5170

- Along the north side of Highway 7, just east of Television Rd.

2.5 km

- Trail is well-trodden and easy except for one hill
- One of the oldest wooded areas in the regions
- Many plants and birds of interest to naturalists

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Petroglyphs Provincial Park



Information: www.ontarioparks.com
(705) 877-2552

- This park is well signed on Northey's Bay Rd., off Highway 28 or County Rd. 6. Trails are accessible from within the park.

West Day-Use Trail - 5 km (1.5 hrs)
 Nanabush Trail - 5.5 km (1.5 hrs)
 Marsh Trail - 7 km (2.5 hrs)
 High Falls Trail - 16 km return (3.5 - 4 hrs)

- Largest known concentration of aboriginal rock carvings in Canada
- Visitor Centre, parking and trail to petroglyphs is accessible
- Petroglyphs closed in the off season, but park roads and trails can be walked, skied or snowshoed (please don't park in front of entrance gate)
- Cycling is only permitted on park roads
- Well forested park with rugged landscape in Canadian Shield

9 Silent Lake Provincial Park



Information:
www.ontarioparks.com
 (613) 339-2807

- Just north of Apsley on Highway 28
- Lakehead Loop - 1.5 km (30 minutes)
- Bonnie's Pond Trail - 3 km (1.25 hrs)
- Lakeshore Hiking Trail - 15 km (4-6 hrs)
- Cycling Routes - 7 km, 12 km and 19 km

- The three cycling trails in the park progress in difficulty with distance from moderate (7 km, 12 km) to challenging (19 km)
- Difficulty of hiking trails also progress with distance
- The park's groomed ski trails are popular in winter

Conservation & Wildlife Areas

10 Ganaraska Forest



Information: Ganaraska Region Conservation area
www.grca.on.ca
 (905) 797-2721

- Main access is at the Ganaraska Forest Centre on Cold Springs Rd. north of Regional Rd. 9
- Over 100 km of trails, see website for distances

- Popular for hiking and mountain biking, the Ganaraska Forest is one of the largest forests in southern Ontario
- Ski trails are groomed, 6 loops, longest = 10 km
- Trail maps are available
- This is a large forest - keep track of where you are going!!

11 Miller Creek W.A.



Information: Otonabee Conservation
www.otonabee.com
 (705) 745-5791

- In Bridgenorth, turn east onto East Communications Rd. The road bends and becomes the 7th line of Smith. The entrance is a subtle laneway on the south side of the road.
- Approx. 1.5 km

- Provincially significant wetland
- Observation tower, fantastic bird and amphibian life

12 Selwyn C.A.



Information: Otonabee Conservation
www.otonabee.com
 (705) 745-5791

- County Road 18 north from Bridgenorth, turn left onto County Road 20. Turn left at Birch Island Road. Follow the road until it meets Chemong Lake and look for the entrance sign on the right.
- 3.5 km

- The nature trail runs through wetlands, an old growth hardwood woods and open fields
- Activities include swimming, picnicking and boating

13 Warsaw Caves C.A.



Information: Otonabee Conservation
www.warsawcaves.com
 (705) 745-5791

- On Caves Rd. off County Rd. 4, just north of the Village of Warsaw
- Various loops, 13 km of trails in total

- Trails shown on map by entrance
- Kettle/Lookout trail moderately difficult due to hills and rocks in trail, others easy
- Snowshoers and skiers regularly use these ungroomed trails
- Limestone caves are exciting to explore - bring a flashlight!!

Other Experiences

14 Ennismore Waterfront Park



Information: Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Recreation
 (705) 292-8774

- Ennis Road at Chemong Lake off County Road 16
- There are 3 loops with a total trail distance of about 4 km

- The Heritage Trail winds through this municipal park
- Boardwalks, a picnic shelter, osprey platform and interpretive signage

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Kawartha Nordic Ski Trails



Information:

www.kawarthanordic.ca

- East side of Highway 28, 500 m north of Haultain, south of Apsley

Trail distances range from 1 km to 30 km, total of 40 km

- Groomed skate and classic ski trails
- 30 km of classic trails, 12 km of skate skiing trails, 10 km of wilderness trails, 4 warm-up cabins

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Trent University Otonabee River Loop



Information: Trent University

www.trentu.ca

(705) 748-1011 ext. 1419

- East end of Woodland Dr. or pay and display parking at Trent University (by the Athletic Complex)

Drumlin loop (hilly) - 2 km
Entire loop - 4 km

- Loop on the Lady Eaton drumlin is marked with the blue arrows, starting south of the daycare on West Bank Dr.
- To take longer loop, continue down the north side of the drumlin and north along the river, cross the river at Lock 22, cross River Rd. at the gated laneway across from the north end of Lock 22. Take this trail to the Rotary Trail. Travel south on the Rotary Trail and cross back over the river at Trent University.

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Trent University Wildlife Sanctuary Nature Area



Information: Trent University

www.trentu.ca

(705) 748-1011 ext. 1419

- East side of University Road
- South side of Nassau Mills Road

Red Trail - 1.9 km
Yellow Trail - 2.4 km
Blue Trail - 2.9 km

- Some trail sections are quite hilly, making walking a good workout
- Skiing and snowshoeing in the winter, trails not groomed

*All distances are approximate