

Your Guide to Huron County Hiking Trails

Ontario's West Coast

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Hiking Guide



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Huron County's Hiking Experience



Welcome to Huron County, Ontario's West Coast!

Located in Southwestern Ontario, Huron County offers 40+ trails for hiking enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels. From forested paths and riverside walks to historic railways and open meadows, experience the picturesque, natural landscapes that Huron County has to offer, all year-round.

Come and explore!

Trail User's Code

1. Hike only along marked routes.
2. Use the stiles where provided.
3. No motorized vehicles permitted.
4. No camping or fires permitted.
5. Walk along the edge of fields, not across them.
6. Do not disturb wildlife or plant life.
7. Take nothing but photographs and memories.
8. No littering. Carry out what you carry in.
9. No cutting or marking bridges or trees.
10. Pets on leash only. Clean up after your pet.

TIP: The *what3words* app allows you to find, share and navigate to precise locations. Download it from the App Store or Google Play.



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How To Use This Guide

This Guide is designed as a quick and easy reference to hiking trails in Huron County. Each trail is numbered on the map on the next page (more detailed driving directions are included with each trail description). Use the Map Reference Number to locate the page where the corresponding trail description is located. Each trail description and corresponding map provides additional information on trail distance, level of difficulty, trail use, trail hazards, trail surface and cost (if any). If you encounter "on the ground" trail marker issues, please contact the associated trail contact (on page 4).

Level of Difficulty:

Level 1 - Easy, appropriate for families with young children

Level 2 - Moderate, wear comfortable and sturdy shoes

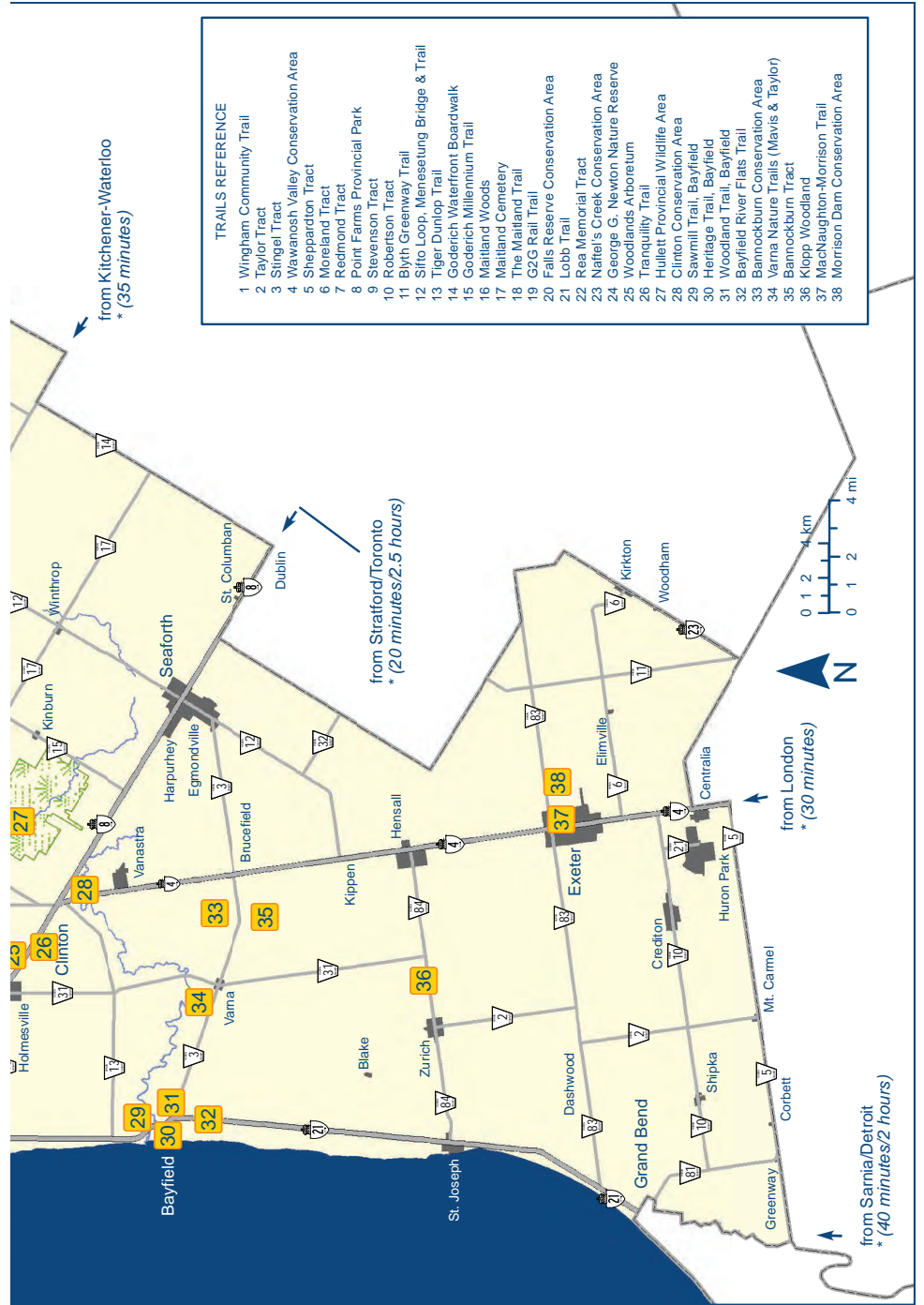
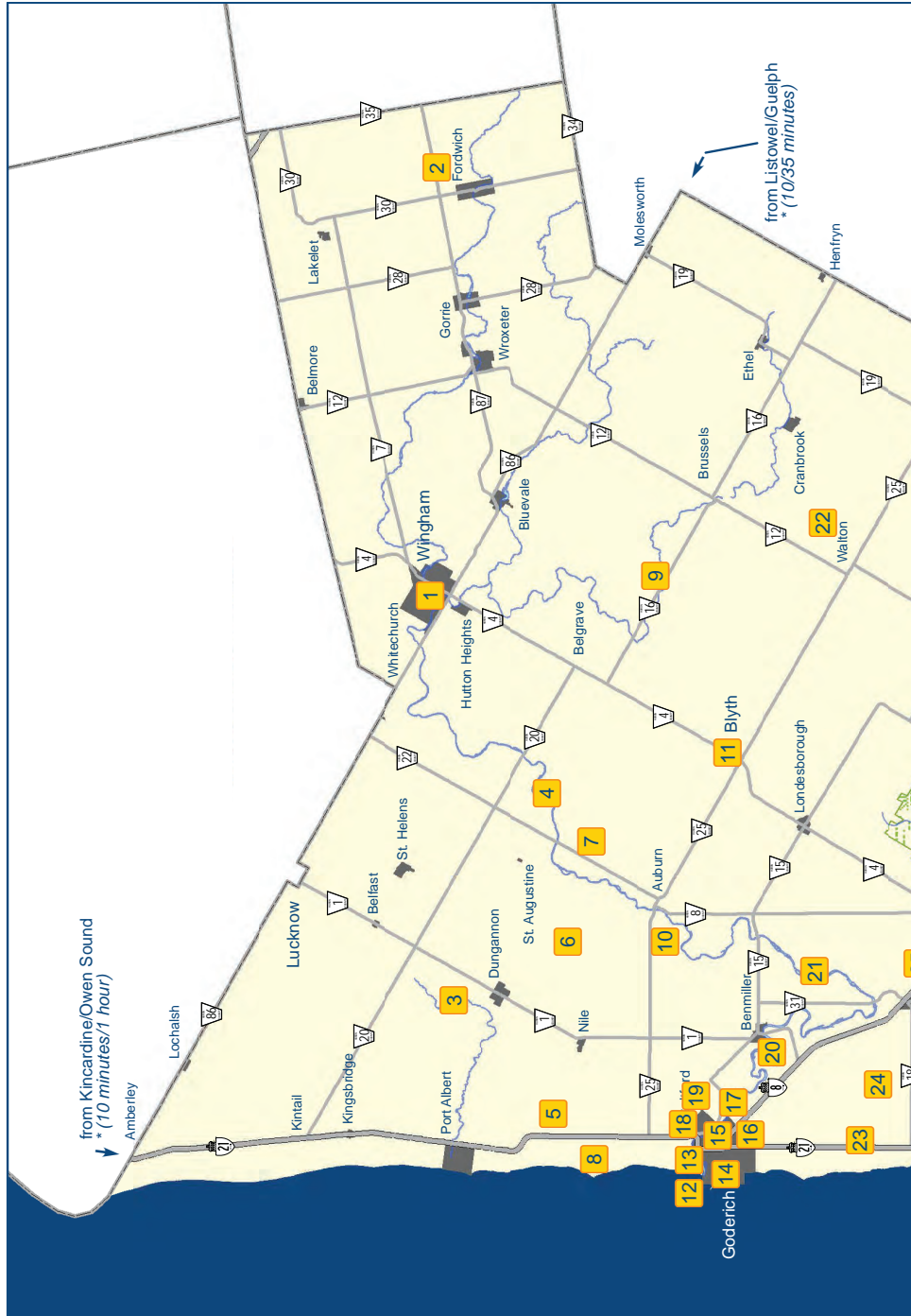
Level 3 - Some hills, natural path

Level 4 - Hilly, for more experienced hikers



Notes: All trails are used at your own risk. Any trail co-ordinates are provided as an assistance for orientation and geocaching. Check for closures related to hunting season directly with trail contacts on page 4.

Disclaimer: Trail routes are accurate at time of publication, but subject to change. Please verify routes with trail contacts on page 4.



Trail Contacts

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority

(519) 235-2610 or 1 (888) 286-2610 / www.abca.ca

Bayfield River Valley Trail Association

www.bayfieldtrails.com

County of Huron

www.huroncounty.ca / 1 (888) 524-8394, ext. 3

Friends of Hullett Incorporated

(519) 482-7011 / www.hullettmarsh.com

G2G Rail Trail

www.g2grailtrail.com

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority

(519) 335-3557 / www.mvca.on.ca

Maitland Trail Association

www.maitlandtrail.ca

Menesetung Bridge Association

(519) 524-6988 / www.menesetungbridgeassociation.org

Ontario Nature

1 (800) 440-2366 / www.ontarionature.org

Point Farms Provincial Park

(519) 524-7124 / www.ontarioparks.com

Township of North Huron Recreation Department

(519) 357-1208 / www.northhuron.ca

Tourism Goderich

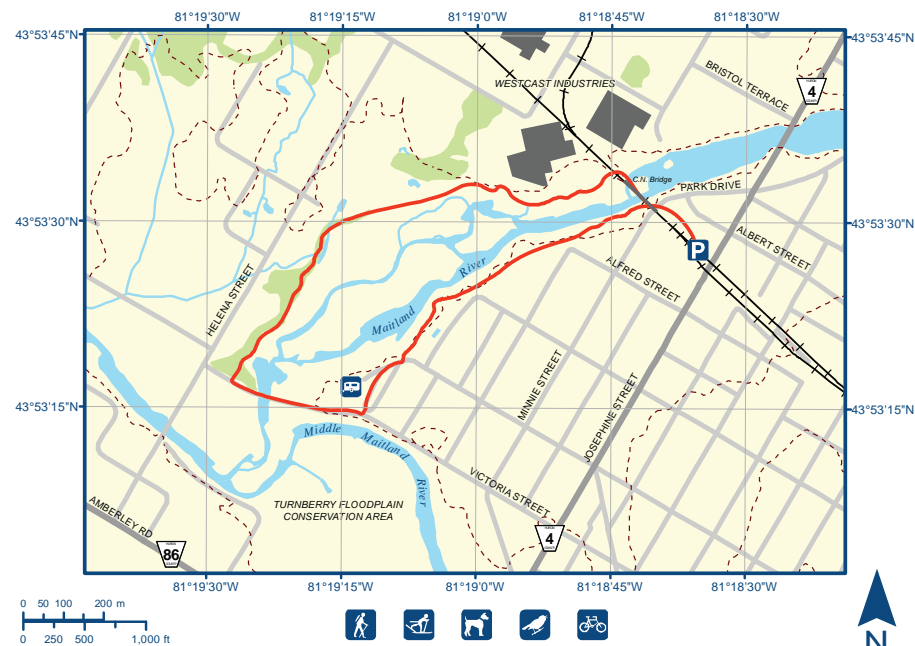
(519) 524-6600 or 1 (800) 280-7637 / www.goderich.ca

Woodlands Links

(519) 482-7144 / www.woodlandlinks.com

Wingham Community Trail

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Scenic View from the CNR Bridge

The Wingham Community Trail runs from east to west, meandering along the old abandoned rail bed, crossing the Maitland River and then making a loop around the Turnberry Flood Plain Conservation Area to take you back. Several benches are placed along the trail on the east side of the river and a covered gazebo is at the east end of the trail. Enjoy the scenic view of the river from the old CNR Bridge and the natural growth and plantings along the trail.

Trail contact: North Huron Recreation Department



Distance	2.5 km loop
Difficulty Level	Level 1 (east side of river) & Level 3 (west side of river)
Trail Use	Walking, cycling, skiing, wheelchair accessible, pets on leash
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Paved, natural surface, recycled plastic decking on bridge
Cost	None
Driving Directions	Several trail access points. The trail crosses Josephine St., near the railway tracks.



White Pine & Wetland Vistas

Taylor Tract was reforested in the 1950's as a part of the "Agreement Forest" program, a partnership between the Provincial and Municipal governments and local communities resulting in the planting of over 1.2 million trees on County-owned properties. Taylor Tract contains many Eastern White Pine, making it a great place to marvel at our provincial tree. The level topography and relatively solid surfaces make it a great hiking venue for all ages and abilities.

Trail contact: County of Huron

Distance	2 km
Difficulty Level	Level 1 & 2
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leash, snowshoeing, skiing, equestrian, mountain biking, geocaching, hunting
Trail Hazards	Slippery in spots
Trail Surface	Natural and gravel surfaces
Cost	None
Driving Directions	Located on Harriston Rd. (County Rd. #87), 1 km east of Fordwich Line.



A "Long Hundred" to the River

Purchased by Huron County in 1948, nearly 100,000 trees were planted here to reforest unproductive farmland. Located northwest of the village of Dungannon, this area was surveyed as a "long" hundred acre farm, nearly 1.35km in length and 30% longer than typical 100 acre farms further south. The main trails are an easy walk, ending in a gentle incline to the beautiful Nine Mile River that bisects the southeast corner of the property.

Trail contact: County of Huron



Distance	4 km
Difficulty Level	Level 2 & 3
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leash, snowshoeing, skiing, equestrian, mountain biking, hunting
Trail Hazards	Seasonal flooding near river; slippery; poison ivy
Trail Surface	Natural and granular surface
Cost	None
Driving Directions	Located 1.3 km west of Lucknow Line (County Rd. #1) on Glen's Hill Rd.

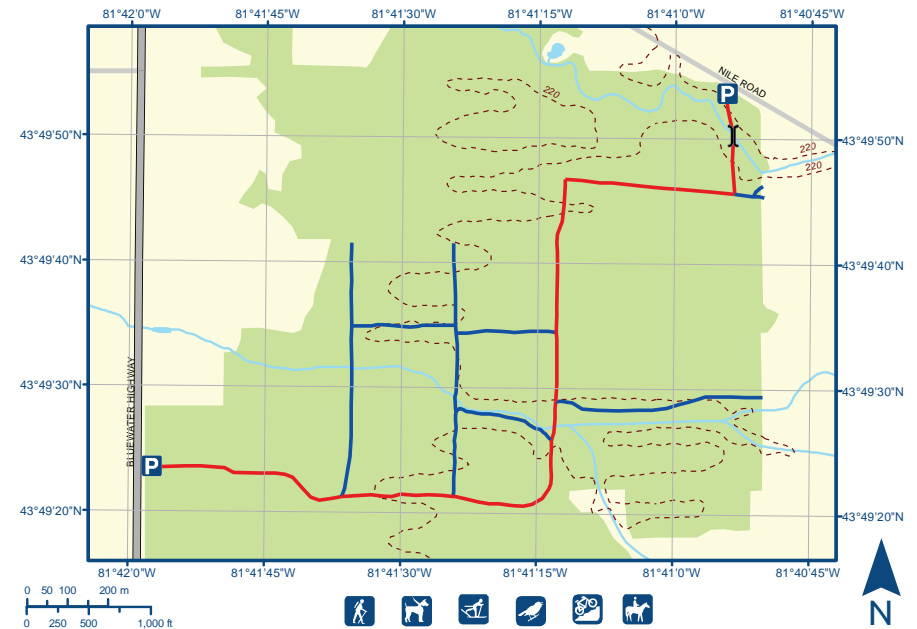


Cedar Lowlands & Hemlock Forest

The Wawanosh Valley Conservation Area is an area highlighted by a scenic 3 km trail loop. The trail crosses the Belgrave Creek, passes through meadows with hedgerow plantings and down a steep hill to the cedar lowlands at the river. A boardwalk leads through the hemlock forest to the upland hardwoods and red pine plantation. Follow the edge of the forest back to the parking lot area.

Trail contact: Maitland Valley Conservation Authority

Distance	3 km loop
Difficulty Level	Level 2
Trail Use	Walking, skiing, pets on leash
Trail Hazards	Poison ivy along the creek and river; Trail west of parking lot, bridge out November-May
Trail Surface	Natural surface, some boardwalks
Cost	None
Driving Directions	Take County Rd. #4 (London Rd.) north of Blyth to Nature Centre Rd., turn left (west). About 7 km on right.

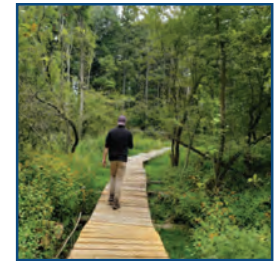


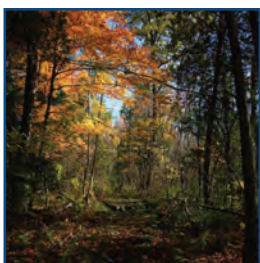
Huron's Largest County Forest

Named for the nearby pioneer village of Sheppardton, this 280 acre property is the largest of the Huron County forests. Because it contains a significant wetland within 2 km of Lake Huron, part of the property is classed as a rare "coastal wetland." While the topography is relatively level, seasonal flooding and a high water table may require the use of waterproof boots in the spring and fall. Located just north of Point Farms Provincial Park, Sheppardton Tract is an easy hike for people of all ages.

Trail contact: County of Huron

Distance	6.5 km
Difficulty Level	Level 1 & 2
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leash, snowshoeing, skiing, equestrian, mountain biking, geocaching, hunting
Trail Hazards	Boardwalks may be slippery; season flooding; poison ivy
Trail Surface	Natural and granular surface
Cost	None
Driving Directions	Located on the east side of Hwy. #21, 8 km north of Goderich.





Farmland to Forest in Sixty Years

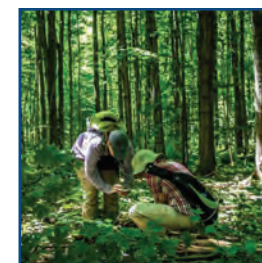
Settled by Irish sea captain Hugh Moreland in 1848, the original foundations of the tiny homestead is still visible. Purchased by the County in 1963, over 60,000 trees were planted here as part of a province wide effort to reforest marginal farmland. Forest management is a key activity on this property, and the main logging trails provide ideal hiking opportunities. Deciduous forest borders the north and west and pine, spruce and larch are predominant along the main trail. *Trail contact: County of Huron*

Distance	4.5 km
Difficulty Level	Level 2 & 3
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leash, snowshoeing, skiing, equestrian, mountain biking, geocaching, hunting
Trail Hazards	Slippery in spots; poison ivy
Trail Surface	Natural and granular surface
Cost	None
Driving Directions	From Nile Rd. take St. Augustine Line north and turn east for 2.5 km on Hawkins Line.

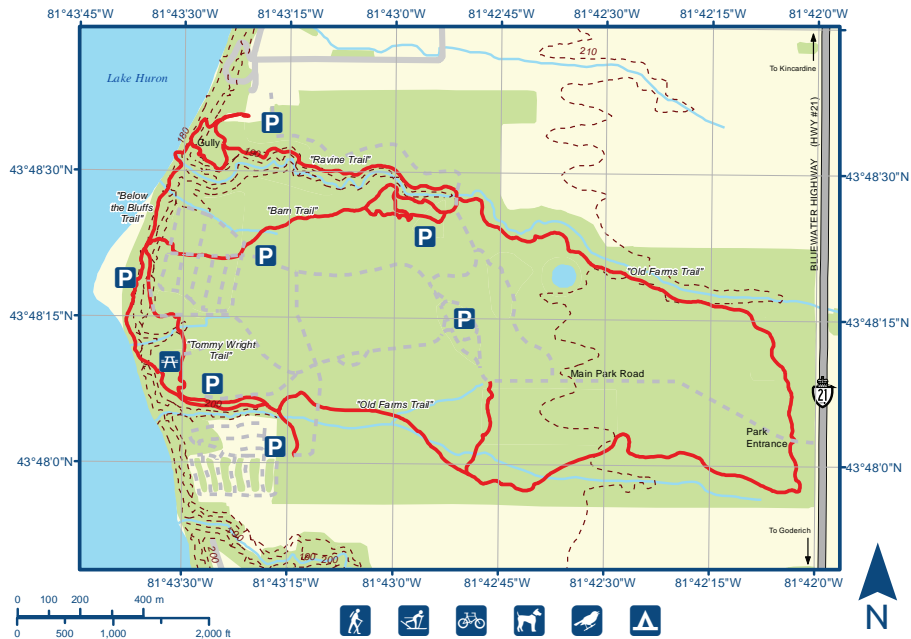


Just Off Donnybrook

Featuring upland maple forest and towering white pines, the 150 acre Redmond Tract offers year round hiking. As a "working forest," the Redmond Tract provides sustainable harvests of wood products while providing prime fish and wildlife habitat. Located just north of the scenic village of Auburn, the Redmond Tract, a County forest, is just off the Donnybrook Line on Westfield Rd. *Trail contact: County of Huron*



Distance	Main Loop - 1.9 km; Hardwood Loop - 0.54 km
Difficulty Level	Level 2 & 3
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leash, skiing, snowshoeing, mountain biking, geocaching, equestrian, hunting
Trail Hazards	Trails can be slippery; small narrow bridge
Trail Surface	Natural and granular surface
Cost	None
Driving Directions	From Donnybrook Line turn onto Westfield Rd. heading east. There is a main parking area on the south side of the road.



Bluff & Beach Hiking

Point Farms Provincial Park hosts a diverse trail network. In all, 7 km of trails will take you through open fields, a climax forest, and along the bluff to see limestone outcroppings of Lake Huron. There are many branches off of the trails so that a shorter hike may be enjoyed. A map is available at the park office during the camping season (mid May to Thanksgiving).
Trail contact: Point Farms Provincial Park

Distance	7 km
Difficulty level	Level 1 & 2
Trail Use	Walking, cycling, skiing, pets on leash
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Natural surface
Cost	Day use fees posted at park office
Driving Directions	7 km north of Goderich on Hwy. #21 on the left. When the park is open, park in the parking lots; during the off season, park at the Hwy. #21 entrance.

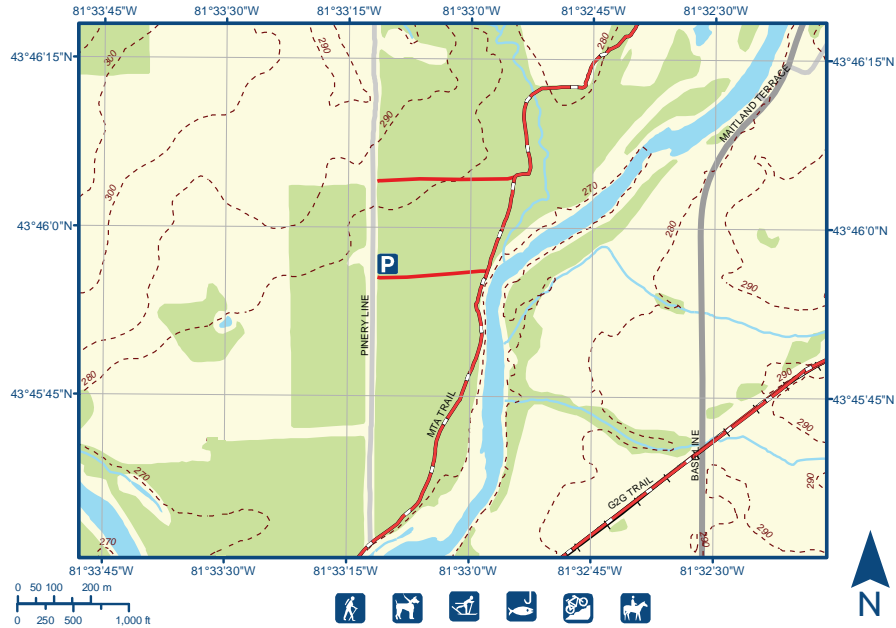


A River Runs Through It

Explore a piece of Ontario's reforestation legacy on the beautiful mixed forest trails of the 200 acre Stevenson Tract. Purchased by the County in 1951, this property was part of a province-wide effort to reforest fragile lands for the improvement of water quality, reduction of flooding and conservation of soil. Bi-sected by the Maitland River and the Sunshine Creek, the Stevenson Tract features prime fish habitat and some of the best hiking trails in the county.
Trail contact: County of Huron



Distance	West Main Loop - 2.32 km; East Main Trail - 0.54 km
Difficulty Level	Level 2 & 3
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leash, skiing, snowshoeing, mountain biking, geocaching, equestrian, fishing, hunting
Trail Hazards	Some areas with steep slopes, may be slippery
Trail Surface	Natural and granular surface
Cost	None
Driving Directions	Located on County Rd. #16 (Morris Rd.) halfway between London Rd. and the village of Brussels just east of Clyde Line.

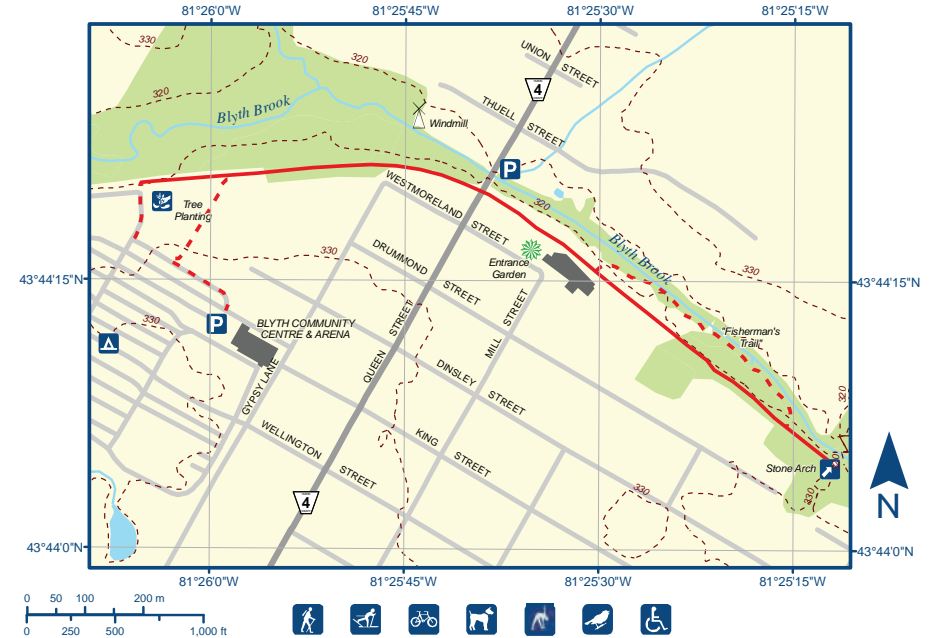


A Legacy of Woodlands

The Robertson brothers were passionate about reforestation. In 1936 they started planting trees on marginal farmland, making Robertson Tract one of the oldest plantations in the County. The brothers were so dedicated to the effort that they left their family farm to the County in 1947 as a legacy for future generations and a permanent natural buffer to the Maitland River.

Trail contact: County of Huron

Distance	2 km
Difficulty Level	Level 1 & 2
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leash, snowshoeing, skiing, equestrian, mountain biking, geocaching, hunting
Trail Hazards	Slippery in spots
Trail Surface	Natural surface
Cost	None
Driving Directions	From Blyth Rd. take Pinery Line south toward the Maitland River. Pinery Line bisects the Robertson Tract and ends at the Maitland Trail.



A Stone Arch & A Fisherman's Trail

The development of this trail was a community project that includes a walking trail, a fitness trail and a fish habitat improvement area. The trail is situated on the former CPR rail line and runs adjacent to the Blyth Brook. Along the trail, hikers will see wood duck nesting boxes and will enjoy the spectacular vista view of the countryside. The trail ends at a unique stone arch bridge built by the Grand Trunk Railway. Parking is available just east of the bridge. The trail runs east and west of the bridge located on County Rd. #4 in Blyth.

Trail contact: North Huron Recreation Department



Distance	1.37 km with 0.46 km loop
Difficulty Level	Level 1 & 2
Trail Use	Walking, cycling, skiing, wheelchair accessible, pets on leash
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Natural surface, wood chips
Cost	None
Driving Directions	Blyth is located on County Rd. #4 (London Rd.) halfway between Clinton and Wingham.

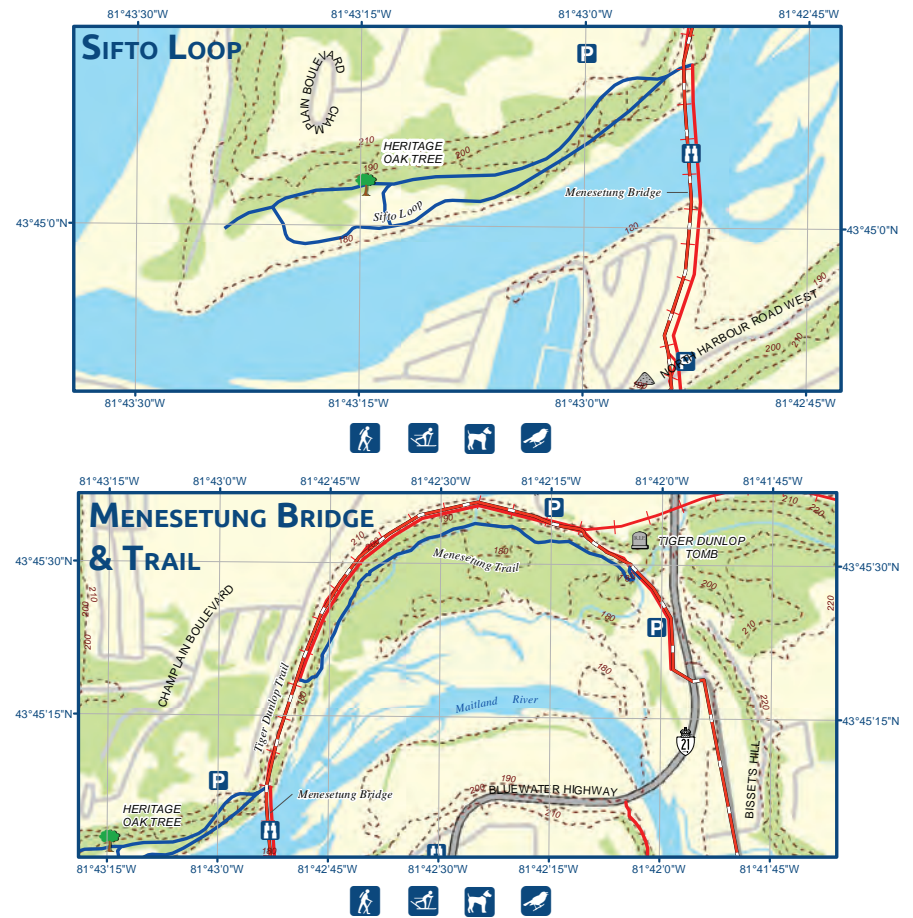


Magnificent Views & Heritage

The Tiger Dunlop Heritage Trail starts at the former location of the CPR Station, at the Goderich Harbour (Harbour St.). It crosses behind the elevators to North Harbour Road to the Menesetung Bridge where there is a magnificent view of the Maitland River. The Menesetung Bridge was built as a railway bridge in 1907. Beyond the bridge, follow the abandoned CPR line to the Tomb of Tiger Dunlop, one of Huron County's colourful historical figures.

The blue Sifto Loop starts at the north end of the bridge, turning west, and features the Heritage Oak tree. The Menesetung Trail (blue blazes) goes east of the Menesetung Bridge along the north side of the river.

Trail contacts: Maitland Trail Association & Menesetung Bridge Associations



Distance	3.2 km linear - links to Maitland Trail and G2G
Difficulty Level	Level 1, 2 & 3
Trail Use	Walking, cycling, skiing, pets on leash, wheelchair accessible (from North Harbour Rd. parking lot to Menesetung Bridge to below Tiger Dunlop's Tomb)
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Natural surfaces, stone dust, wood planks on bridge
Cost	None; donation box on site beside map board at North Harbour Rd.
Driving Directions	Several access points. See map.



A Walk on Lake Huron's Coastline

The Goderich Waterfront Boardwalk extends 1.5 km from the main beach at the mouth of the harbour to the Rotary Cove. This incredible waterfront boardwalk stretches along three of the finest beaches in Huron County; it offers a glimpse at the history of the harbour through the Marine Heritage Walking Tour (available at the Tourist Information Centre). Enjoy sunsets, picnic areas, a fitness trail, playgrounds, rest stops and the waterfowl as you take a leisurely stroll.

Trail contact: Tourism Goderich

Distance 1.5 km linear

Difficulty Level Level 1

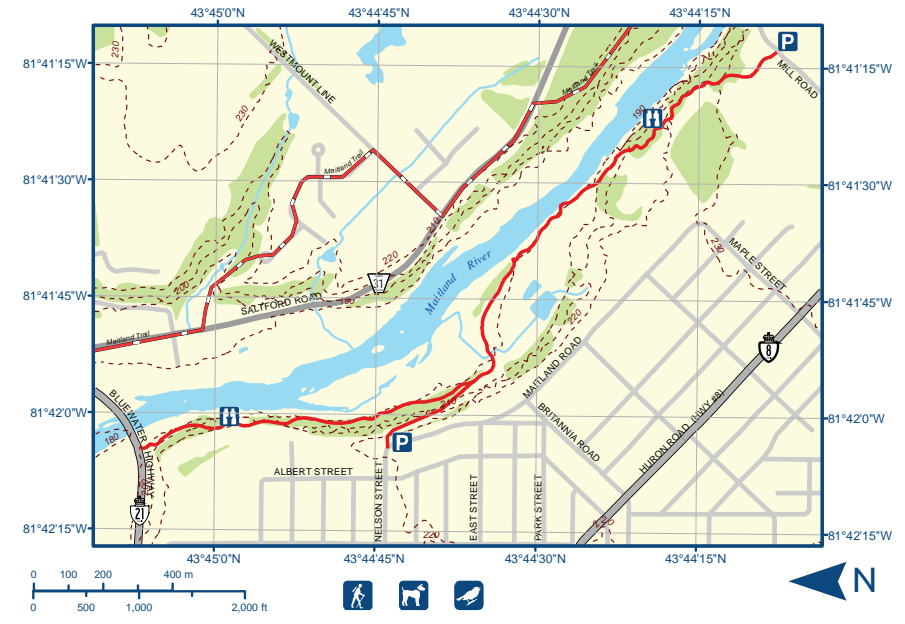
Trail Use Walking, wheelchair accessible, no dogs permitted on the boardwalk (dog friendly area at St. Christopher's beach and free run area south of Rotary Cove.)

Trail Hazards None evident

Trail Surface All boardwalk

Cost None

Driving Directions Take West St. from The Square in downtown Goderich to the Main Beach, St. Christopher's Beach and Rotary Cove.



River Valley Vistas

Dramatic vistas, intimate woods and expansive floodplain – all couched on the southern bank of the Maitland River Valley. Highway 21 to Nelson St. Access – This challenging section is sculpted into the most precipitous face of the river valley and affords an unusual view of some river rapids. Nelson St. to Mill Rd. – This more moderate section descends into the Proudfoot Historical Tract and the Maitland River Valley flood plain. Proceeding upriver, enjoy the panorama of the valley before climbing to the top of the river bank.

Trail contact: Maitland Trail Association or Tourism Goderich

Distance & Level Hwy #21 to Nelson St. - 1 km / Level 3
Nelson St. to Mill Rd. - 2 km / Level 2

Trail Use Walking, pets on leash

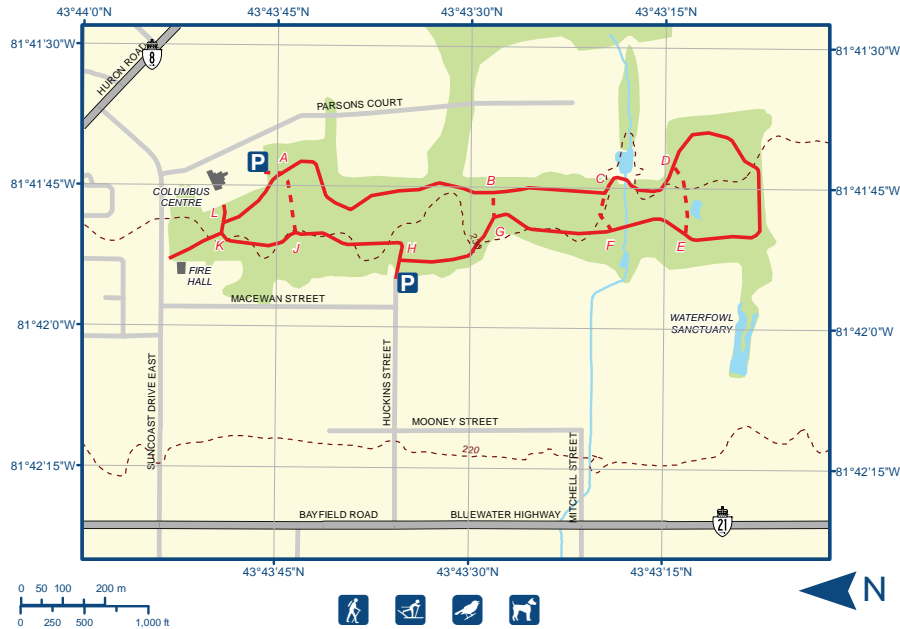
Trail Hazards Hilly with terracing; steep slopes and exposed roots

Trail Surface Natural surface, some boardwalks and bridges

Cost None

Driving Directions Park at east end of Nelson St. or on Mill Rd.





Hiking on the Edge of Goderich

The Maitland Woods Trail is a lovely serene trail on the south edge of Goderich. It is rich in its variety of trees, plant life and birds, and includes creeks and ponds. Boardwalks are in place in the wet areas to protect the plant life. This trail offers walking, hiking and skiing in some sections. Pets, on leash, allowed. Tree Identification signage in place.
Trail contact: Maitland Trail Association

Distance	3.3 km, with shorter loop options
Difficulty Level	Level 1
Trail Use	Walking, skiing, pets on leash
Trail Hazards	Poison Ivy in area near Huckins St. entrance
Trail Surface	Natural surface, boardwalks and gravel surface in wet areas
Cost	None
Driving Directions	Main entrance off Parsons Court at the Columbus Centre.



Scenic River Lookout

In an effort to rehabilitate the area after the August 2011 tornado, groves of trees and wildflowers were planted by sponsoring organizations, families and individuals. Enjoy the spectacular look-out view of the rapids at Pipers Dam eighty feet below.
Trail contact: Tourism Goderich



Distance	2 km
Difficulty Level	Level 1 & 2
Trail Use	Walking, cycling, skiing, pets on leash
Trail Hazards	Steep drop-off at riverbank; unmarked trail; steep slope on NW path
Trail Surface	Natural with exposed roots, wet areas and some wood chips
Cost	None
Driving Directions	Entrance to the Maitland Cemetery is located on Hwy. #8, east of Goderich, between Mill Rd. and Orchard Line.

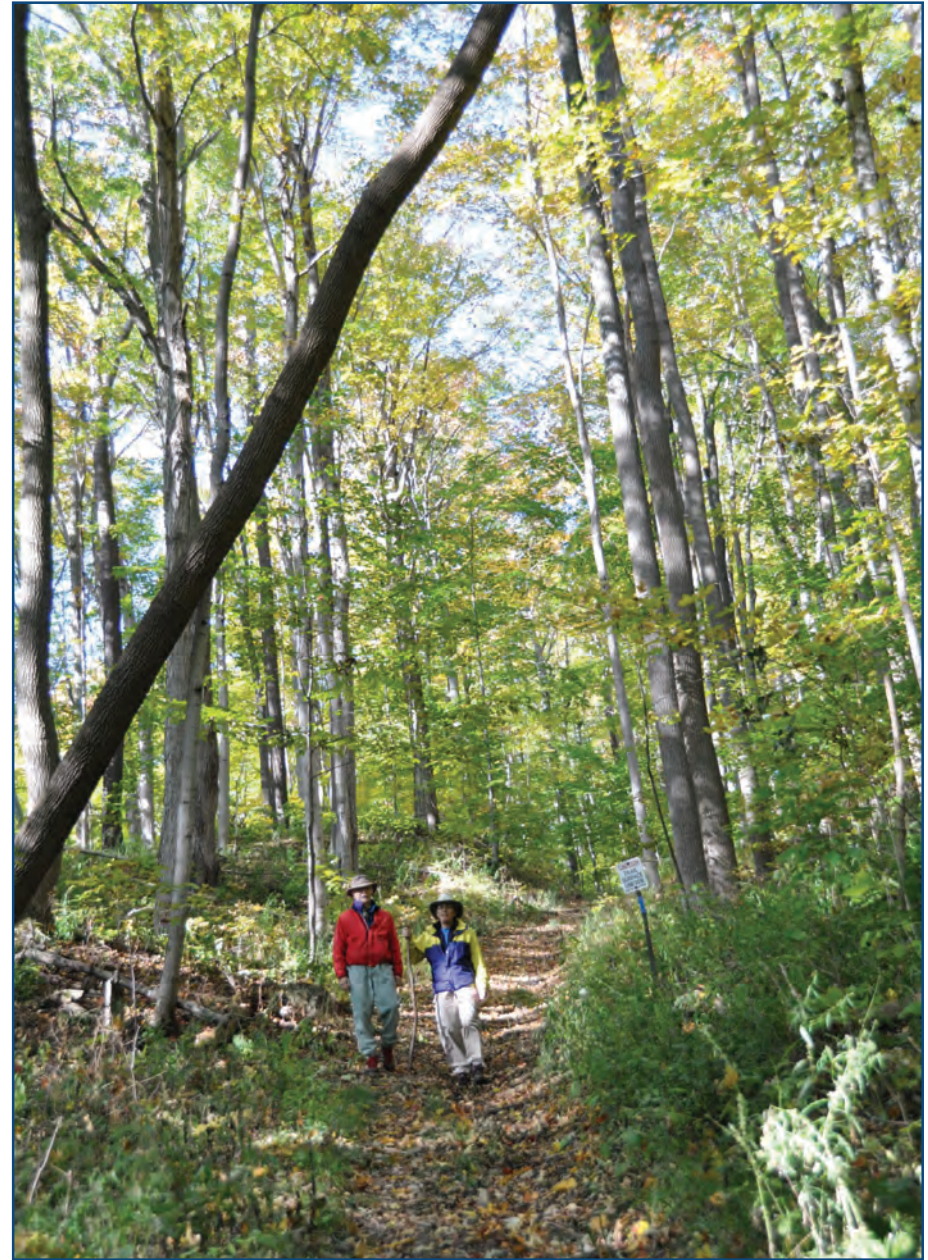


An Extensive Trail System

The Maitland Trail follows the north side of the Maitland River Valley. Varied terrain from flat sections, gentle slopes, to steep climbs. Hike along ridges, to down along river flats. Sometimes rugged. Many beautiful vistas and rewarding hiking. A rich variety of plant and bird life can be seen. These trails offer walking, hiking and snow shoeing, plus skiing in some sections.

Trail contact: Maitland Trail Association

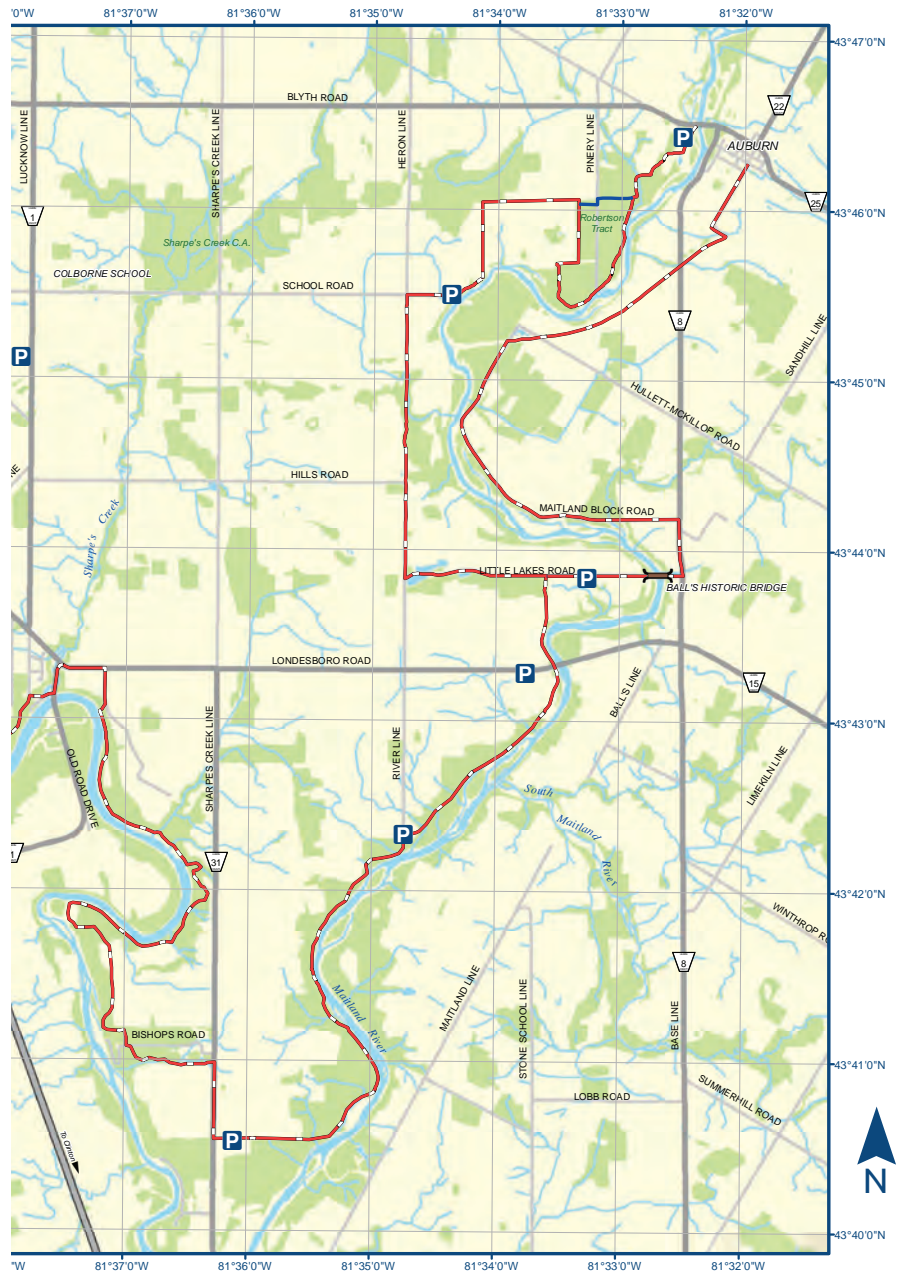
Distance	51 km with some optional side trails
Difficulty Level	Levels 1, 2, 3 & 4 - conditions vary widely depending on section
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leash
Trail Hazards	Some steep cliffs, if you stray off the trail; some road sections
Trail Surface	Natural surface
Cost	None (end to end badges available for purchase)
Driving Directions	Several access points. See pages 24 and 25 for full map.





Meneşetung Bridge & Trail, Tiger Dunlop Trail and Sifto Loop (see maps 12 & 13)

For detailed maps of the Maitland Trail and associated trails, purchase *The Maitland Trail Guide* from the Maitland Trail Association at: www.maitlandtrail.ca





From Goderich to Guelph

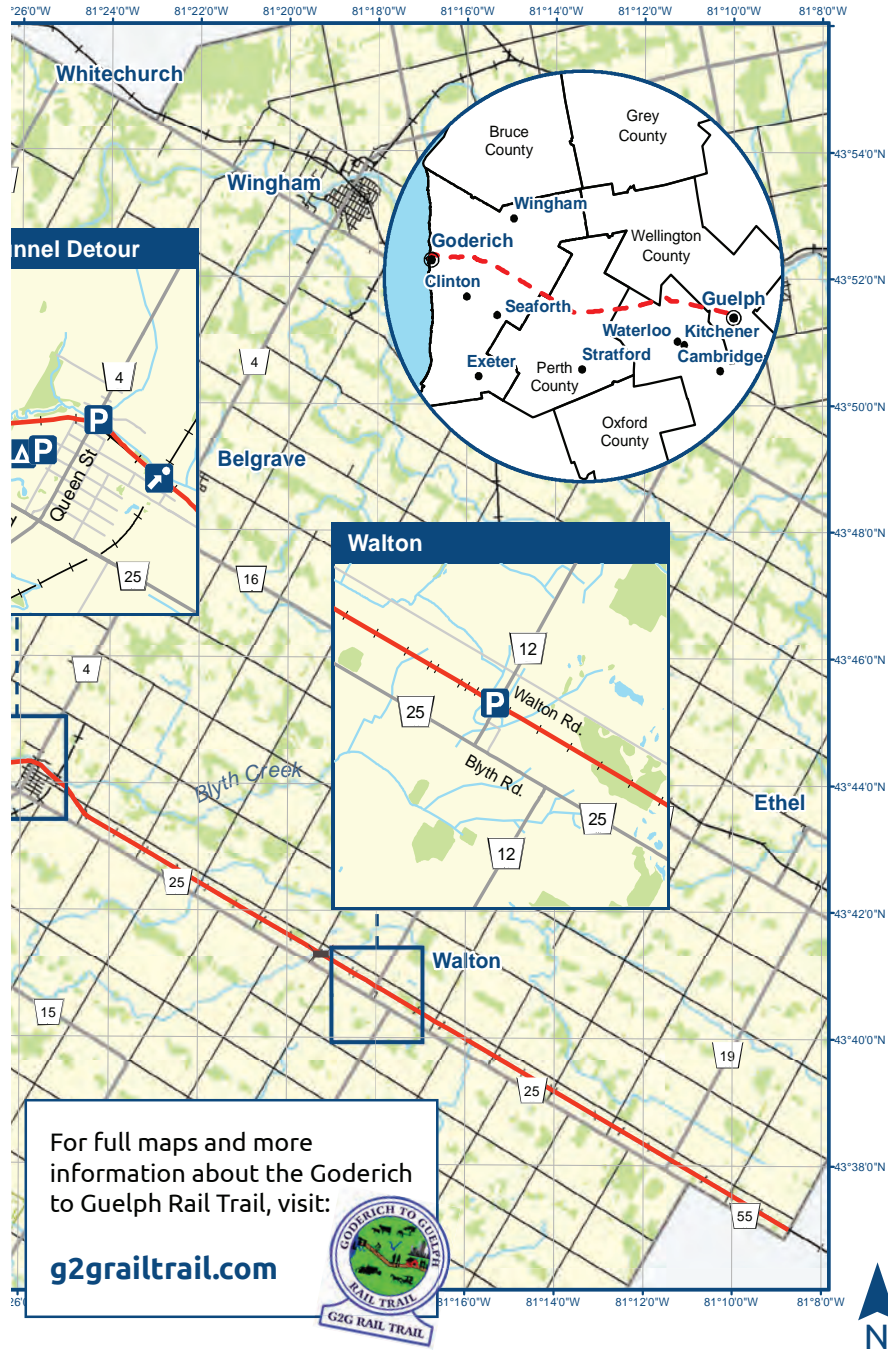
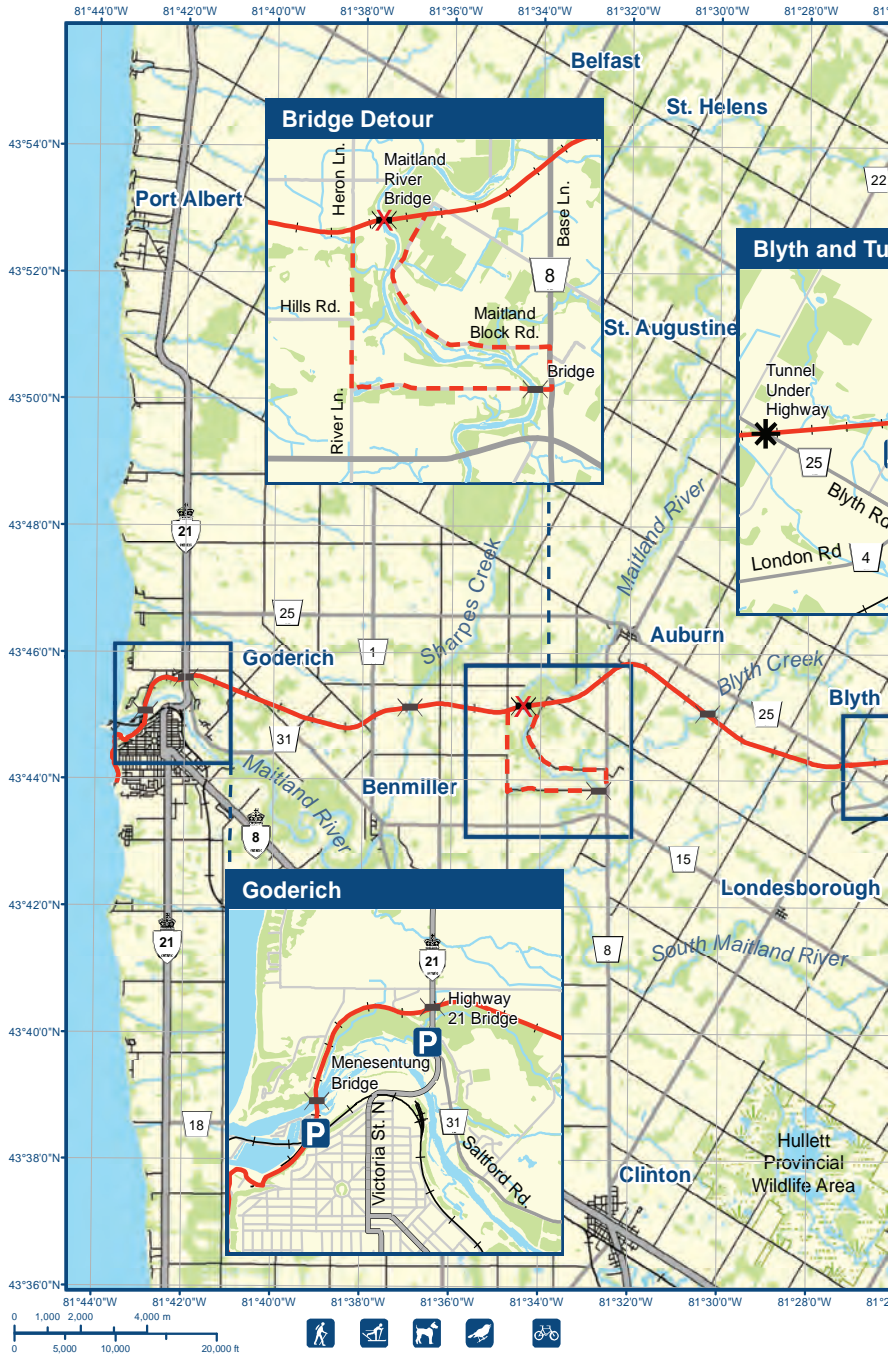
G2G Rail Trail Inc. hosts an open, public, safe, inclusive experience that consists of a continuous, multi-use green space from the transportation interchange at Guelph Central Station to the shores of Lake Huron in Goderich, Ontario. G2G Rail Trail Inc. helps users take advantage of the natural, historical and culturally significant conservation corridor that supports community recreation and active transportation. Therefore the 990-acre park holistically promotes health and well-being and brings awareness to rural agriculture, heritage and the environment. It provides a non-motorized

backbone of connectivity to adjoining natural habitats, communities and a network of trails and roads. Residents and visitors are welcome to access the trailway at any point along its 132 KM length and, at no expense, to traverse as much or as little as their abilities, time and interests dictate. Operations and maintenance are community-based, supported by municipalities and co-ordinated by G2G Rail Trail Inc. to ensure safety, consistency of experience and ongoing enhancements over the full length. Contiguous ownership by the province of Ontario since 1990 and a stable long-term operating lease agreement with G2G Rail Trail Inc. assures that leasehold improvements will have decades of use and management.

Trail contact: G2G Rail Trail

Distance	132 km (~142 km with detours)
Difficulty Level	Level 1
Trail Use	Walking, running, pets on leash, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing
Trail Hazards	Detours around areas where currently there are no bridges. Steep climb at Hwy. #25 Bridge in Blyth.
Trail Surface	Stonedust
Cost	None
Driving Directions	Please visit www.g2grailtrail.com and checkout the interactive map. See pages 28 and 29 for full map.

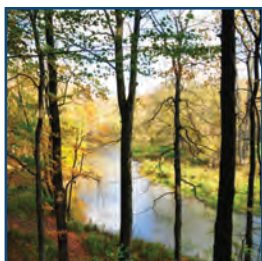




For full maps and more information about the Goderich to Guelph Rail Trail, visit:

g2grailtrail.com





A Spectacular Natural Waterfall

This trail offers hiking in a beautiful natural setting along the Maitland River. Follow the road past the fish pond to the start of the trail. The trail leads down the steep hill behind the windmill and follows the wide river to the scenic Benmiller Falls. Continue on the Maitland trail (white blazes trail, then blue blazes trail) back to the pond.

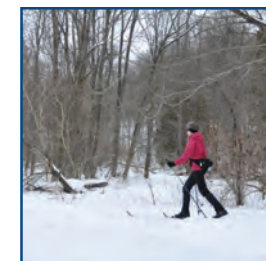
Trail contact: Maitland Valley Conservation Authority

Distance	3.2 km loop
Difficulty Level	Level 2 & 3
Trail Use	Walking, skiing, pets on leash
Trail Hazards	Poison ivy along the river
Trail Surface	Natural surface; groomed ski trail (winter)
Cost	Day use fees posted at gatehouse
Driving Directions	From Goderich, drive 6 km east on Hwy. #8 to County Rd. #1, turn left to Benmiller then follow the signs. The Falls Reserve is located just west of Benmiller, off County Rd. #31.

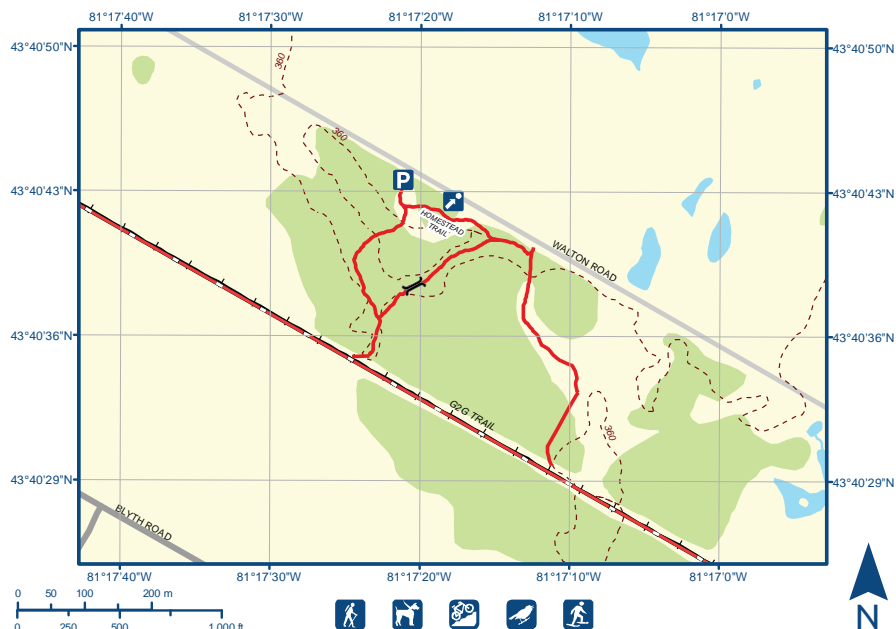


History on a Riverside Trail

The Lobb farm is a heritage property. The Lobb trail is a beautiful well-groomed trail with several riverside locations, some hills, scenic rest stops and some heritage interpretation plaques. The nature trail winds over an old pottery kiln and through a homestead area. North of the picnic area at the embankment is a Carolinian forest with flora and fauna typical to this type of habitat.



Distance	7 km
Difficulty Level	Level 3
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leash, skiing, mountain biking, snowmobiling
Trail Hazards	Bridges slippery when wet; steep embankment; some hills
Trail Surface	Natural surface and bridges
Cost	None
Driving Directions	Located on Maitland Line. Turn north east at Holmesville off of Hwy. #8 onto Sharpes Creek Line. Turn north onto Maitland Line. Parking at intersection of School House Rd.



A Sloping Diversion from the G2G

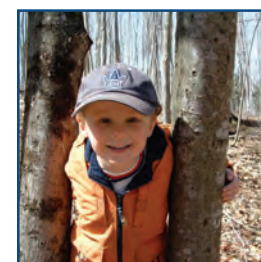
The estate of Mr. William Rea (pronounced r-a-y) donated this property to Huron County in 1969 as a natural legacy for future generations. A sea of green periwinkle marks the location of the original homestead on the property, and the combination of wetlands and upland forest make it home to bio-diverse plants and wildlife. The sloping topography creates a moderate hiking challenge and a nice diversion from the flat G2G trail on the south side of the property. *Trail contact: County of Huron*

Distance	1.2 km
Difficulty Level	Level 2 & 3
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leash, snowshoeing, geocaching, mountain biking
Trail Hazards	Slippery slopes and steps; old building foundations near trail
Trail Surface	Natural and gravel surfaces
Cost	None
Driving Directions	Located 0.8 km east of Walton on Walton Rd. or the G2G trail.



Mixed Conifer Plantations

The Naftel's Creek Conservation Area trail leads through mixed conifer plantations, hardwood and wetland areas. Boardwalks allow visitors to enjoy the wetland. Watch for trout as you cross the Naftel's Creek. Follow trail markings, as there are many side trails. In the winter Naftel's Creek Conservation Area is a popular trail for cross country skiing. There are 3 side trails and a common trail covering 49 hectares of beautiful forests. *Trail contact: Maitland Valley Conservation Authority*



Distance	3.2 km loop
Difficulty Level	Level 2
Trail Use	Walking, skiing, pets on leash
Trail Hazards	Poison ivy in wet areas; steep hill on blue trail
Trail Surface	Natural surface, some boardwalks
Cost	None
Driving Directions	Located about 7 km south of Goderich on Hwy. #21. Parking is available just off Hwy. #21 at the trail access point at #79152, between Union Rd. and Kitchigami Rd.

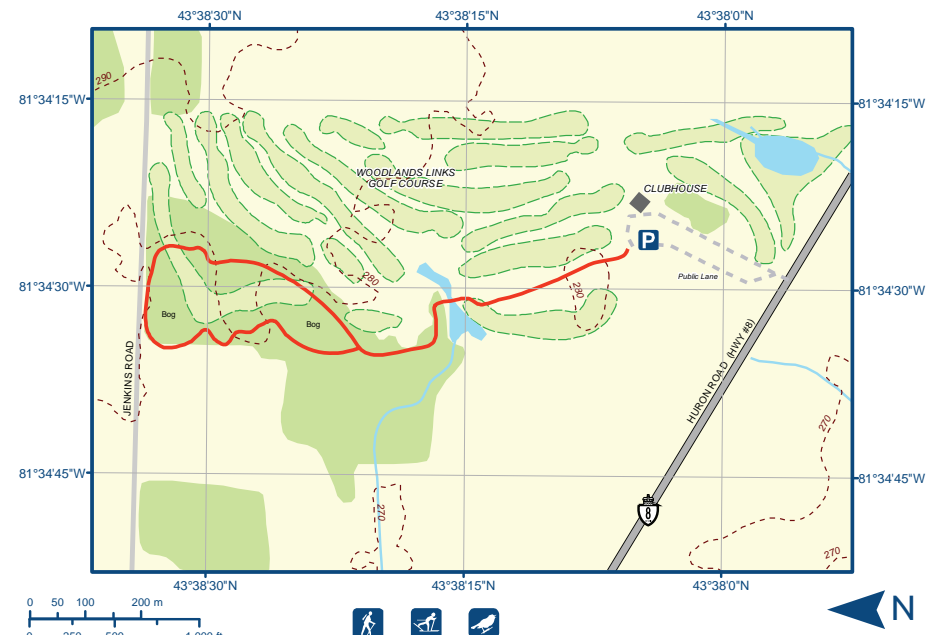


A Pine Plantation & Old Orchards

The George G. Newton Nature Reserve is a 40 hectare former farm property that is owned by Ontario Nature (formerly the Federation of Ontario Naturalists). The nature trail winds through an old pine plantation and the remnants of the farm's orchards. A side trail takes you through a white cedar forest and along a stream valley where it stops at an old dam where a sawmill once stood.

Trail contact: Ontario Nature

Distance	White Pine Loop - 1.3 km; Cedar Side Trail - 0.6 km
Difficulty Level	Level 3
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leash
Trail Hazards	Trail and steps can be slippery
Trail Surface	Natural surface
Cost	None
Driving Directions	On Hwy. #21 between Bayfield and Goderich, take Kitchigami Rd. East. The Reserve is located just past Porter's Hill Line, on the south side of road at # 35913.



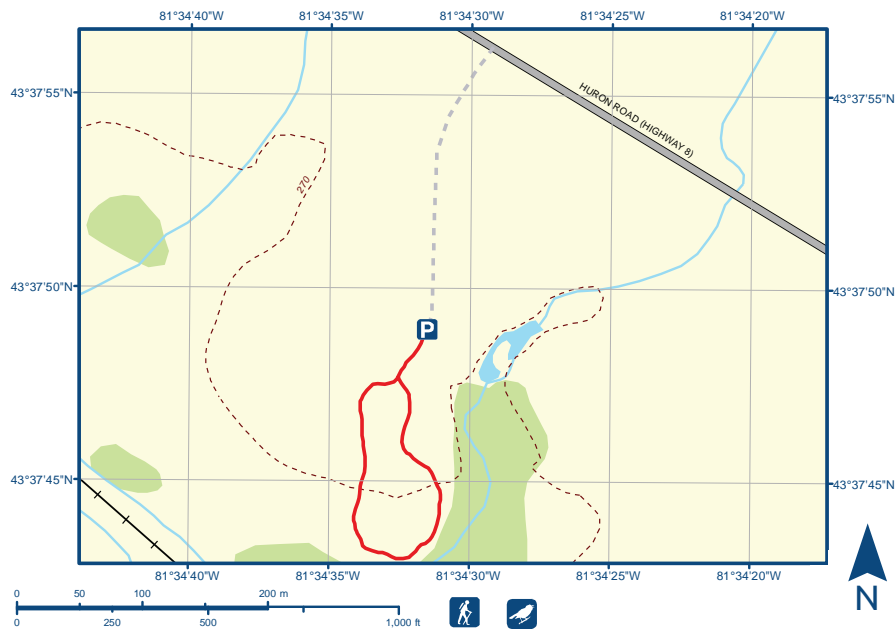
A Study in Nature

Enjoy a 2.5 km trail through an arboretum and woodlot. The trail is well marked with arrows and is a beautiful natural setting that offers an opportunity to see concrete examples of ecological concepts taught in science. There is a large variety of trees, shrubs and plants; approximately 120 native species trees are identified with comparative types. There are many opportunities to view woodlots, meadow and wetlands. The north end consists of a loop which crosses the #12 fairway in two places.

Trail contact: Woodlands Links



Distance	2.5 km
Difficulty Level	Level 1 & 2
Trail Use	Walking, skiing
Trail Hazards	Use caution when crossing golf course fairways
Trail Surface	Natural surface
Cost	Donations accepted
Driving Directions	Located 3 km west of Clinton on north side of Hwy. #8 at the Woodlands Links Golf Course.

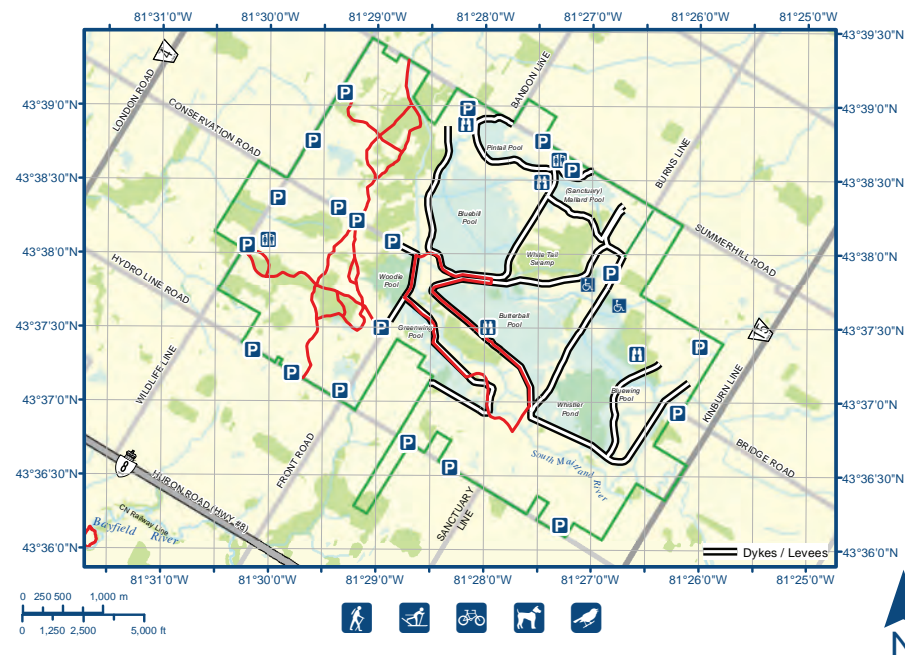


Quiet Reflection

The Tranquility Trail, located behind the Huron Hospice, is accessible to staff, patients, and family members of the Hospice, as well as to anyone from the community. Benches placed along the trail enable moments of quiet reflection complemented by birdsong. The trail also features signage with contemplative poems, making the experience very special. The Tranquility Trail is surrounded by a Memorial Forest.

Trail contact: Bayfield River Valley Trail Association

Distance	0.4 km
Difficulty Level	Level 1
Trail Use	Walking, contemplation
Trail Hazards	None
Trail Surface	Natural surface
Cost	None
Driving Directions	Hwy. #8 west of Clinton, park at the Huron Hospice, 37857 Huron Rd. Enter the trail by going through the arbour between the residence and the coach house.



A Spectacular Wildlife Habitat

Located on the paths of two major waterfowl flyways, the Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area is one of the most spectacular wildlife habitat developments in Eastern Canada. The 18 km of dyke tops and 13 km of established trails are great for hiking and cycling. The trails meander through interior forests, native grasslands, meadows and flood plains, while the dykes and viewing stands allow for an elevated view of the wetlands.

Trail contact: Friends of Hullett

Distance	13 km of trails
Difficulty Level	Level 1 & 2
Trail Use	Walking, snowshoeing, cycling, skiing, pets on leash
Trail Hazards	Seasonal wet spots
Trail Surface	Natural surface
Cost	Donations accepted
Driving Directions	Several roads access the Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area off of Hwy. #8 and County Rd. #4.





Pleasant Walking & Pavillion

The Clinton Conservation Area is located on the south side of Clinton and offers a pleasant walk along the Bayfield River and through the Commemorative Woods site. Access to Bayfield River for fishing and canoeing and kayaking. A picnic pavillion provides shelter and is a popular place for families. Playground facilities are also available.

Trail contact: Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority

Distance	2 km loop
Difficulty Level	Level 1
Trail Use	Walking, snowshoeing, pets on leash, some wheelchair access
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Natural surface
Cost	Donations accepted by the Lions Club or Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority
Driving Directions	Located at 77960 London Rd. on Hwy. #4, just south of Clinton, next to Highway bridge.



Follow the Path of the Pioneers

The trail starts out on the first pioneer path east of Lake Huron leading from the first ford or crossing point on the Bayfield River. It is likely that this shallow crossing was used for centuries before European settlers came to this area. In the early 1840s, a dam for the first pioneer grist mill in the area around Bayfield was built. It was also used as the first bridge and you can still see the pattern of stones in the river indicating where it was located.

Trail contact: Bayfield River Valley Trail Association



Distance	1.67 km
Difficulty Level	Level 2
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leash
Trail Hazards	None
Trail Surface	Natural surface
Cost	None
Driving Directions	On Hwy. #21, north of the Bayfield bridge, turn right on Old River Rd. Proceed ½ km and turn right at Sawmill Rd. The trail entrance is at the end of this short cul de sac.

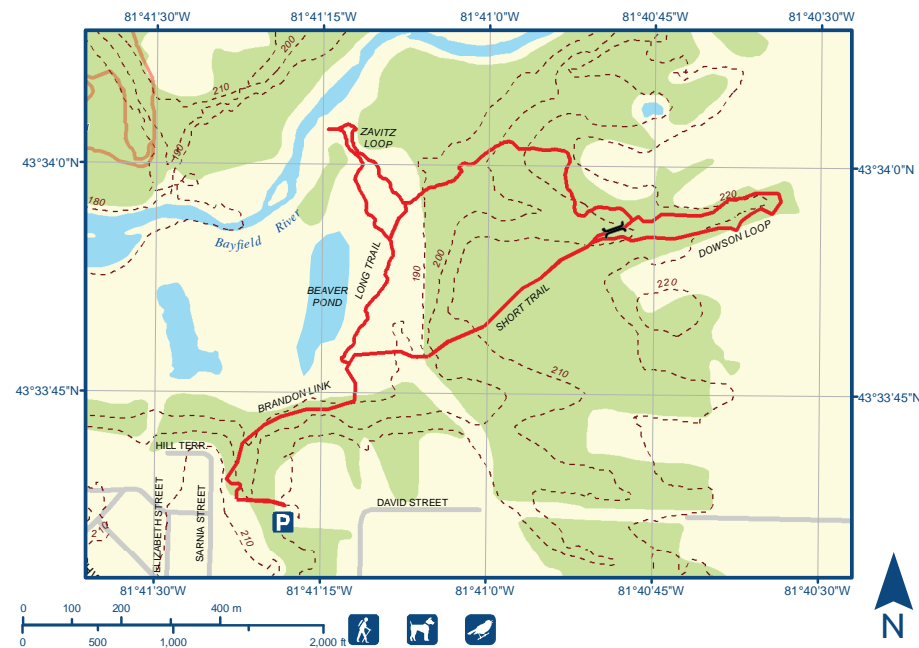


Heritage in a Historic Village

Follow the footsteps of the pioneers around the historic village. Meander along Bayfield's tree lined Main Street until you reach the breathtaking Lake Huron lookout at Pioneer Park. From Bayfield Terrace, take the Mara St. spur down to the largest and most scenic recreational boat harbor on Lake Huron's east coast. If the time is right, you may see a fishing boat returning home with its catch.

Trail contact: Bayfield River Valley Trail Association

Distance	2.4 km (alternate 0.3 km wheelchair route)
Difficulty Level	Level 1
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leash
Trail Hazards	None
Trail Surface	Paved (except Mara St. spur)
Cost	None
Driving Directions	This trail starts at Clan Gregor Square in Bayfield on Hwy. #21 at the Main Trail sign at the southwest corner of the square near the children's playground.



Village to Vistas

Located within the village, this trail presents a diversity of natural environments including dense cedar groves and towering deciduous trees. Enjoy the scenic beauty of ravines, pastures, and glacial hills as you walk along deer trails, lumber paths, and old gravel quarry roads.

Note: this trail is closed during designated hunting seasons.

Dates will be posted at www.bayfieldtrails.com

Trail contact: Bayfield River Valley Trail Association



Distance	3.5 to 5 km
Difficulty Level	Level 3
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leash
Trail Hazards	Some poison ivy; wet areas
Trail Surface	Natural
Cost	None
Driving Directions	East of the Rt12/Mill Rd. intersection, take Sarnia St. north and then the first right onto MacTavesh Cres. Turn right at David St. and follow to the intersection. Turn left onto trailhead access road.



Family Fun & Fishing

The Bayfield River Flats is a wonderful place for family fun and fishing enthusiasts. It is a natural area on the river at the Hwy. #21 Bayfield Bridge. The short trail includes picnic tables, a canoe launch, a butterfly meadow, and points of historic interest.

Trail contact: Bayfield River Valley Trail Association

Distance	0.7 km
Difficulty Level	Level 1
Trail Use	Walking, fishing, canoe launch
Trail Hazards	Seasonal high water; do not cross ice in winter
Trail Surface	Natural surface
Cost	None
Driving Directions	Parking lot on east side of Hwy. #21, just south of the Bayfield Bridge.



Rewarding Early Morning Walks

Early morning walks will reward you with sightings of deer, grouse and numerous song birds. Bannockburn is home to six different natural communities: wet meadow, white cedar, deciduous forest, marsh, old field and aquatic. Downloadable audio guides are available.

Trail contact: Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority



Distance	1.9 km
Difficulty Level	Level 3
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leash, some wheelchair access
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Natural surface; some boardwalks; stairs
Cost	Donations accepted by Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority
Driving Directions	Located on 76249 Bannockburn Line, first side road east of Varna off County Rd. #3 (Mill Rd.).



Mavis Trail

On the Mavis Trail, walkers begin in a quiet pine meadow and after crossing a 65 foot bridge, will then meander along a heavily wooded path that eventually leads to a lovely, tranquil lookout over the charming Bayfield River.

Trail contact: Bayfield River Valley Trail Association



Distance 2.5 km

Difficulty Level Level 3

Trail Use Walking, pets on leashes, limited skiing

Trail Hazards None

Trail Surface Natural surface

Cost None

Driving Directions These looped trails start at the Stanley Recreation Complex, 1.6 km west of the village of Varna on County Rd. #3.

Taylor Trail

This interesting and varied trail is hard surfaced with compacted gravel so that individuals with all abilities, including those in wheelchairs and strollers, will be able to experience the joy of a stroll in the woods. The gentle slopes and variety of landscapes will delight trail users of all ages.

Trail contact: Bayfield River Valley Trail Association

Distance 1 km

Difficulty Level Level 1

Trail Use Walking, wheelchair access, skiing, pets on leash

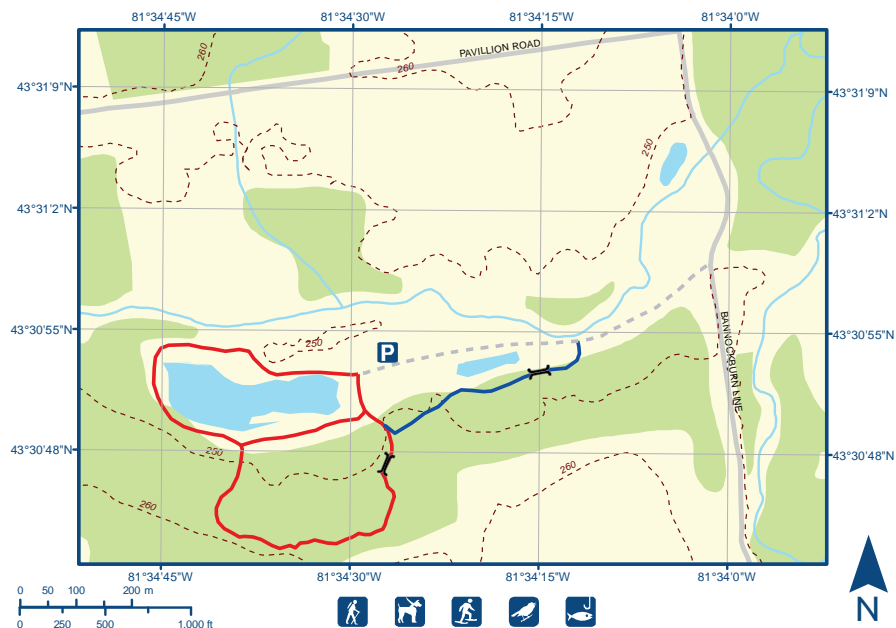
Trail Hazards None

Trail Surface Compacted gravel

Cost None

Driving Directions These looped trails start at the Stanley Recreation Complex, 1.6 km west of the village of Varna on County Rd. #3.



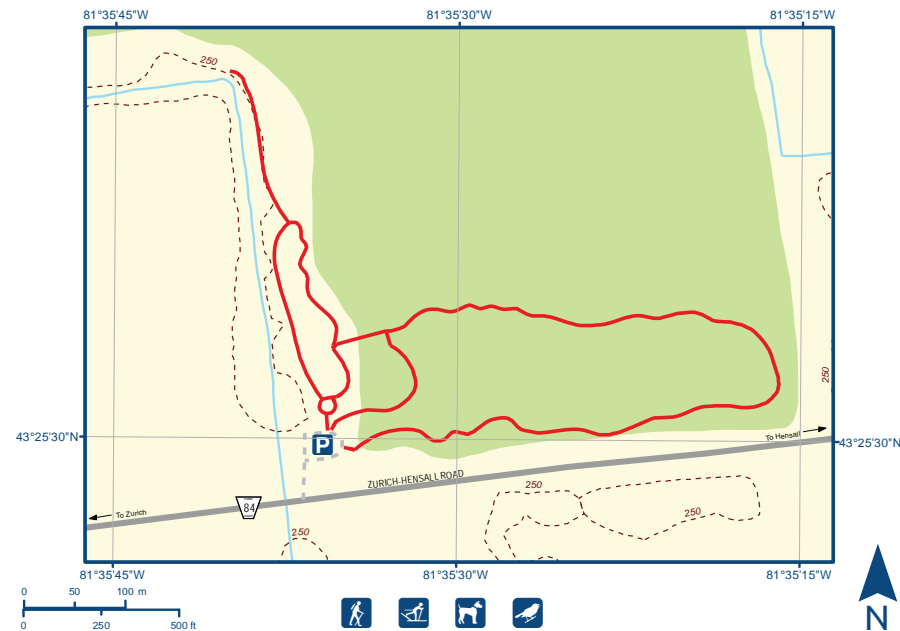


Ecological Diversity at its Best

Located on historic Bannockburn Line and formerly known as the County's "Varna Pit," this 85 acre property is an ecological treasure. The property contains a wide variety of habitats including wetlands, ponds, vernal pools, streams, woodlands and meadows making it suitable for a wide variety of plants and wildlife. Located between Varna and Brucefield, the property is just 2.7 km south of Bannockburn Conservation Area and 4 km from the Varna Nature Trails, making for a great day of hiking in the area.

Trail contact: County of Huron

Distance	3 km
Difficulty Level	Level 1 & 2
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leash, snowshoeing, geocaching, fishing, skiing
Trail Hazards	Slippery sections and deep water in ponds
Trail Surface	Natural and granular surfaces
Cost	None
Driving Directions	Located between Brucefield and Varna, 1.2 km south of Mill Rd. on Bannockburn Line.



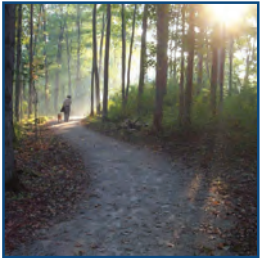
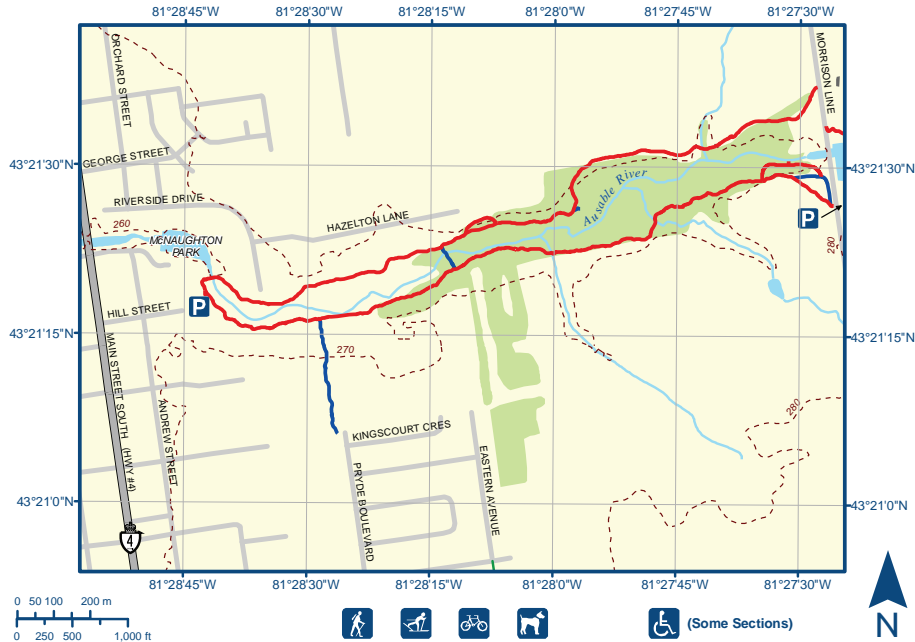
Wetland & Woodland

The Klopp Woodland trail is located in one of Southwestern Ontario's largest wetland/woodland areas, the Hay Swamp. The parking lot has been established along with a commemorative garden, a walking path in the meadow and a hiking trail through a lowland forest.

Trail contact: Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority



Distance	1 km loop
Difficulty Level	Level 1
Trail Use	Walking, snowshoeing, pets on leash, hunting
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Natural and granular surface
Cost	Donations accepted by Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation
Driving Directions	On County Rd. #84 between Parr Line and Babylon Line.

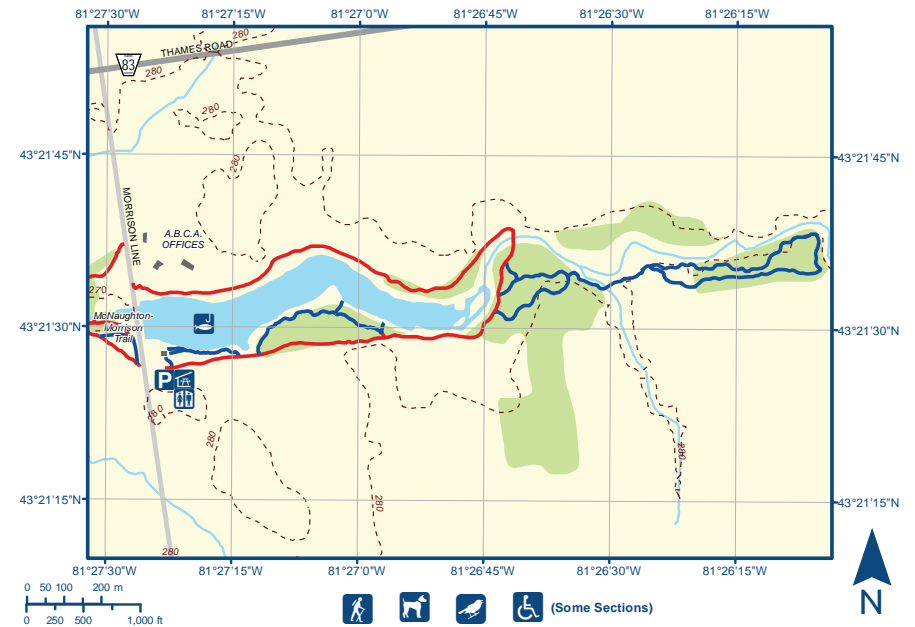


Hike Along the Ausable River

This all-season trail winds through the picturesque Ausable River Valley between MacNaughton Park in Exeter and Morrison Dam Conservation Area on Morrison Line. The trail passes through towering hardwood and pine forests, skirts along the Ausable River and gives a bird's eye view of the river valley at several lookouts. It's also one of the best places to see the area's unique white squirrels.

Trail contact: Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority

Distance	4 km loop
Difficulty Level	Level 1 & 2
Trail Use	Walking, cycling, snowshoeing, pets on leash, wheelchair access
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Granular surface, some natural, some boardwalk
Cost	Donations accepted by the Exeter Lions Club and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation
Driving Directions	From Hwy. #4, turn east at Hill St. to MacNaughton Park; or from County Rd. #83, turn south on Morrison Line (entrance across from Morrison Dam Conservation Area).



Fishing & Hiking

Enjoy the scenery while hiking, fishing or cross-country skiing. Morrison Dam Conservation Area provides many amenities and a variety of ecosystems including hardwood forest, pine plantation, wetlands and field succession.

Trail contact: Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority



Distance	5 km loop
Difficulty Level	Level 2
Trail Use	Walking, cycling, snowshoeing, pets on leash, wheelchair access
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Natural surface; granular surface; some boardwalks
Cost	None
Driving Directions	From Exeter, take County Rd. #83 (Thames Rd.) east for 2.2 km, turn right (south) at Morrison Line. The trail entrance is 500 m ahead at 71042 Morrison Line.

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