

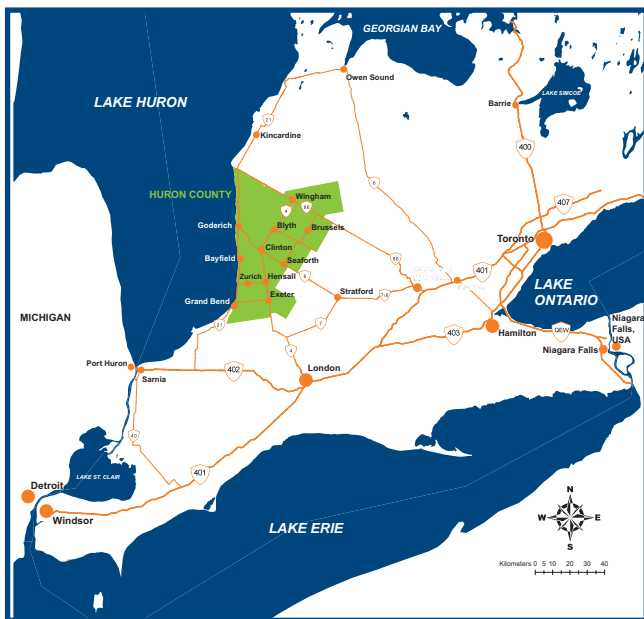
Your Guide to Huron County Hiking Trails

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! Discover the enjoyment of the outdoors for pleasure and improved health through walking, cycling and cross country skiing. Located in Southwestern Ontario, Huron County offers trail enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels a variety of terrains from natural paths to partially paved routes. Come and explore!

Huron County is a vacation destination of charm, culture, beauty and endless possibilities! Contact the address or number(s) on the back of this Guide book and ask for your free copy of the *Huron County Vacation Guide* to help plan your hiking adventure!

For the outdoor recreation enthusiast, Huron County also offers countless cycling opportunities. A free *Cycling Guide* is available upon request by contacting the address or number(s) on the back of this Guide book. For information about additional conservation area and heritage walking tours please refer to the Huron County Vacation Guide.



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How To Use This Guide

This Guide Book is designed as a quick and easy guide to hiking trails in Huron County. Each trail is numbered on the Reference 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 (when available) 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 call the associated trail contact.

Level of Difficulty:







Level 1 - easy, for family with young children

Level 2 - moderate, wear comfortable and sturdy shoes





Level 3 - some hills, natural path

Level 4 - hilly, for more experienced hikers





TRAILS

-  Maitland Trail
-  GART
-  Main Trail
-  Alternate Trail
-  Side Trail
-  Unblazed Trail
















ROADS

-  Provincial Highway
-  County Road
-  Municipal Road
-  Private Road

MAP ELEMENTS

-  Contours
-  Railway
-  Watercourses
-  Wooded Areas

POINTS OF INTEREST

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|  Walking or Hiking |  Pets (on leash) |  Scenic Lookout |  Picnic Area |
|  Cross-Country Skiing |  Birdwatching |  Point of Interest |  Picnic Shelter |
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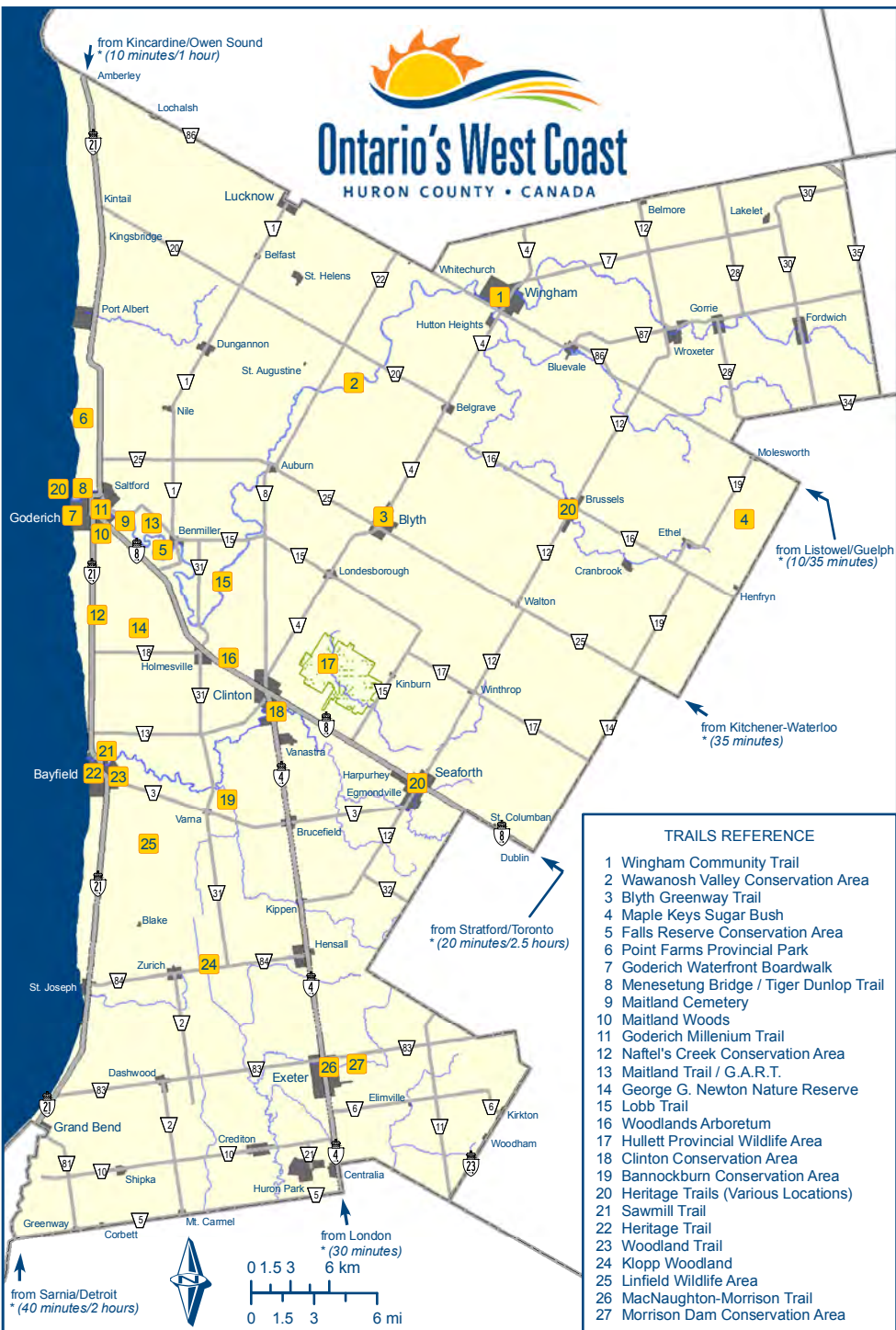
Trail User's Code

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. Protect, and 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. No hunting. Do not disturb wildlife.
11. Pets on leash only. Clean up after your pet.
12. Remember to carry adequate drinking water for your journey.

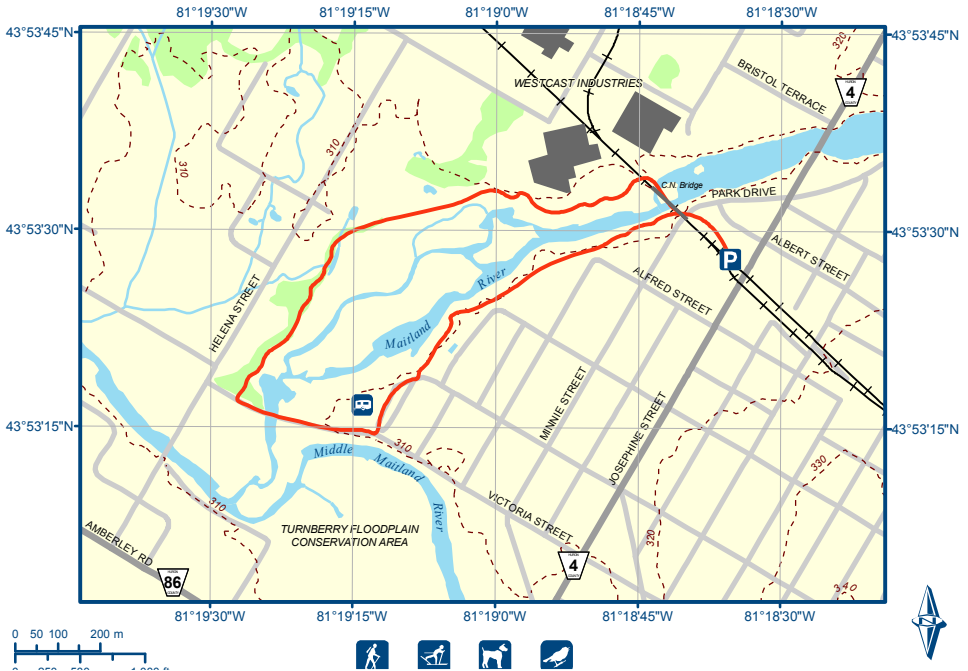
Note: All trails are used at your own risk. any trail co-ordinates are provided as an assistance for orientation and geocaching.



Print outs with aerial photos of these trails and larger versions of the maps in this guide are available at
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See page 32 for trail contact information. For a more detailed map with secondary roads, see the Huron County Vacation Guide or visit www.ontarioswestcoast.ca



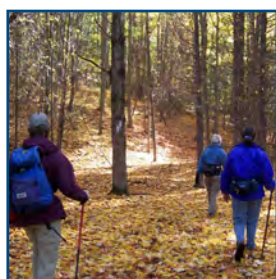
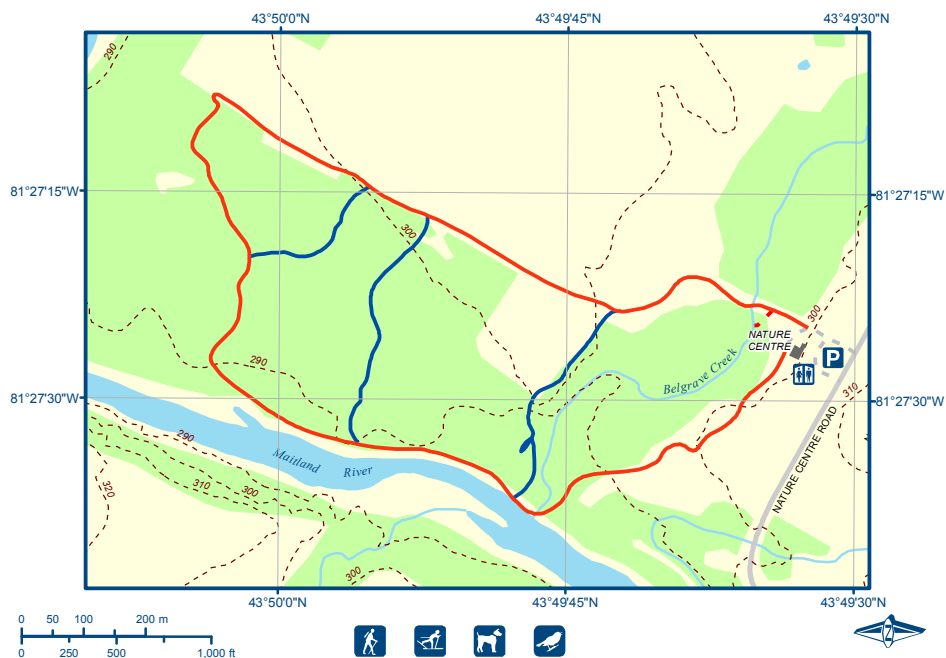
Scenic View from the CNR Bridge

The Wingham Community Trail runs from east to west, meandering along the old abandoned rail bed, crossing the Maitland River and then it makes 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. 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. North Huron Recreation Department is trail contact.



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/brick, natural surface, recycled plastic decking on bridge
Cost for Using Trail	None
Driving Directions	Several trail access points. The trail crosses the main street, Josephine Street, near the railway tracks.



Cedar Lowlands and Hemlock Forest

The Wawanosh Valley Conservation Area, location of the Wawanosh Nature Centre, 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.

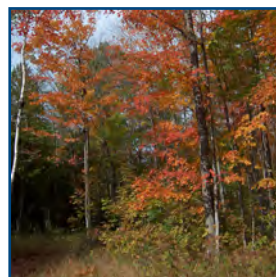
A boardwalk leads through the hemlock forest to the upland hardwoods or red pine plantation. Follow the edge of the forest back to the parking lot area. Maitland Valley Conservation Authority is the trail contact.

Distance	3 km loop
Difficulty Level	Level 2-moderate, wear comfortable, sturdy shoes
Trail Use	Walking, Skiing, Pets on leash
Trail Hazards	Poison ivy along the creek and river. Trail west of Nature Centre, bridge out November-May
Trail Surface	Natural surface, some boardwalks
Cost for Trail Use	None
Driving Directions	County Rd. #4 North of Blyth to Nature Centre Road, turn left (west). About 7 km on right.

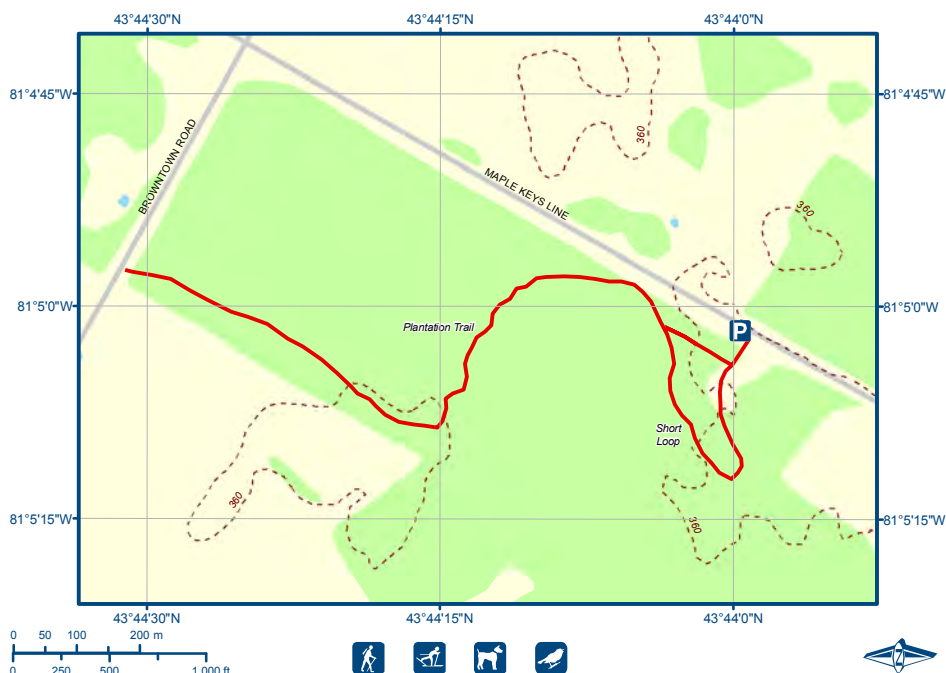


A Stone Arch and a Fisherman's Trail

The development of this trail has been a community project including a walking trail, a fitness trail, fish habitat improvement area and a butterfly garden. The trail is situated on the former CPR rail lines and runs adjacent to the Blyth Brook. Along the trail, hikers will see wood duck nesting boxes as you 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 near the butterfly gardens. The trail runs east and west of the bridge located on County Rd. #4 in Blyth. North Huron Recreation Department is trail contact.



Distance	1.37 km with 0.46 km loop
Difficulty Level	Level 1 - easy, for family with young children Level 2 - moderate, wear comfortable, sturdy shoes
Trail Use	Walking, Cycling, Skiing, Wheelchair Accessible, Pets on leash
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Natural surface, wood chips
Cost for Using Trail	None
Driving Directions	Blyth is located on County Road #4 half way between Clinton and Whingham.



A History of Maple Syrup Production

Until several years ago this was the site of maple syrup production. The loop trail leads through a maple forest and a wetland then joins the linear trail.

Where the two trails meet, a few very large, old maples stand. Follow this trail through a plantation, lowlands and upland hardwood areas.

Hunting is allowed, except between Feb 15 and April 15 each year. The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority is the trail contact.

Distance

0.8 km loop
1 km linear

Difficulty Level

Level 1- easy, for family with young children

Trail Use

Walking, Skiing, Pets on leash, Hunting (except Feb. 15 - April 15)

Trail Hazards

None evident

Trail Surface

Natural surface

Cost for Using Trail

None

Driving Directions

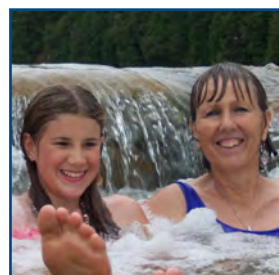
From County Road #86, east of Molesworth, turn south on Maple Keys Line for 6 km.



A Spectacular Natural Waterfall

This trail offers hiking in a beautiful natural setting along the Maitland River. The trail starts from the entrance parking lot. Follow the road past the fish pond to the start of the trail. The trail leads down the steep hill behind the wind mill and follows the wide shallow river to the scenic Benmiller Falls.

Continue on the Maitland trail (white blazes trail, then follow the blue blazes trail) back to the pond. The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority is the trail contact.



Distance	3.2 km loop
Difficulty Level	Level 2 - moderate, wear comfortable, sturdy shoes Level 3 - some hills, natural path
Trail Use	Walking, Skiing, Pets on leash
Trail Hazards	Poison ivy along the river
Trail Surface	Natural surface, Groomed ski trail (winter)
Cost for Using Trail	Day use fees posted at gatehouse
Driving Directions	From Goderich go 6 km east on Highway #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.



Former Farmland with Bluff and Beach Hiking

Point Farms Provincial Park hosts a diverse trail network. In all, 7km of trails will take you through open fields, a climax forest, down 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. No motorized vehicles are allowed on the trails. A map is available at the park office during the camping season (mid May to Thanksgiving). Point Farms Provincial Park is the trail contact: 519-524-7124.

Distance	7 km
Difficulty level	Level 1 and 2 (easy - moderate)
Trail Use	Walking, Cycling, Skiing, Pets on leash
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Natural surface
Cost for using trail	\$13/vehicle or purchase an Ontario Parks season pass.
Driving Directions	7km 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 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 on Ontario's West Coast, picnic areas, playgrounds, rest stops and the waterfowl as you take a leisurely stroll.

Tourism Goderich is the trail contact: 1-800-280-7637



Distance	1.5 km linear
Difficulty Level	Level 1-easy, for family with young children
Trail Use	Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, No bicycles or dogs permitted on boardwalk. (Dog friendly area on part of St. Christophers beach and free run area south of Rotary Cove.)
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	All boardwalk
Cost for Using Trail	None
Driving Directions	Take West Street, from The Square in downtown Goderich, to the Main Beach, St. Christopher's Beach and Rotary Cove.



Magnificent View and Heritage

The Tiger Dunlop Heritage Trail starts at the CPR Station at the Goderich Harbour. It crosses 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, it follows 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 Maitland Trail and Menesetung Bridge Associations are the trail contacts.

Distance

3.2 km linear - *links to Maitland Trail and G.A.R.T.*

Difficulty Level

Level 1-easy, for family with young children

Trail Use

Walking, Cycling, Skiing, Pets on leash; Wheelchair Accessible (from North Harbour Road parking lot to Menesetung Bridge to below Tiger Dunlop's Tomb)

Trail Hazards

None evident; do not throw items from the bridge; no fishing or swimming from Menesetung Bridge

Trail Surface

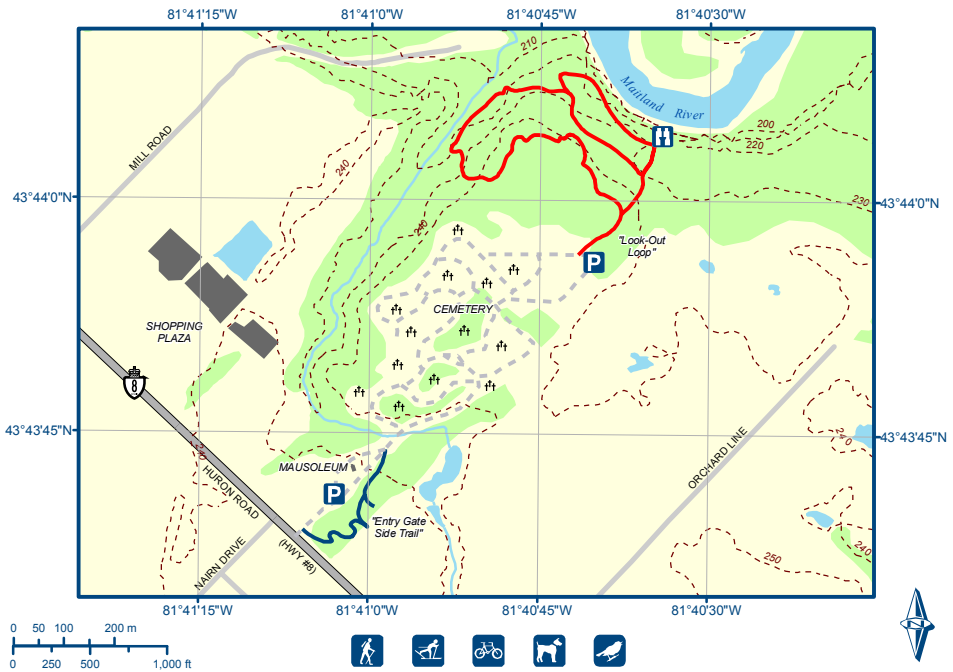
Natural surface, stone dust, wood planks on bridge

Cost for Using Trail

None; donation box on site beside map board at North Harbour Rd.

Driving Directions

Several access points. See map.

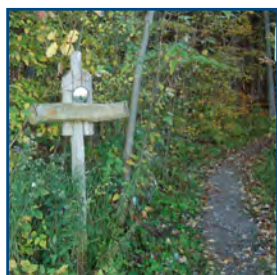
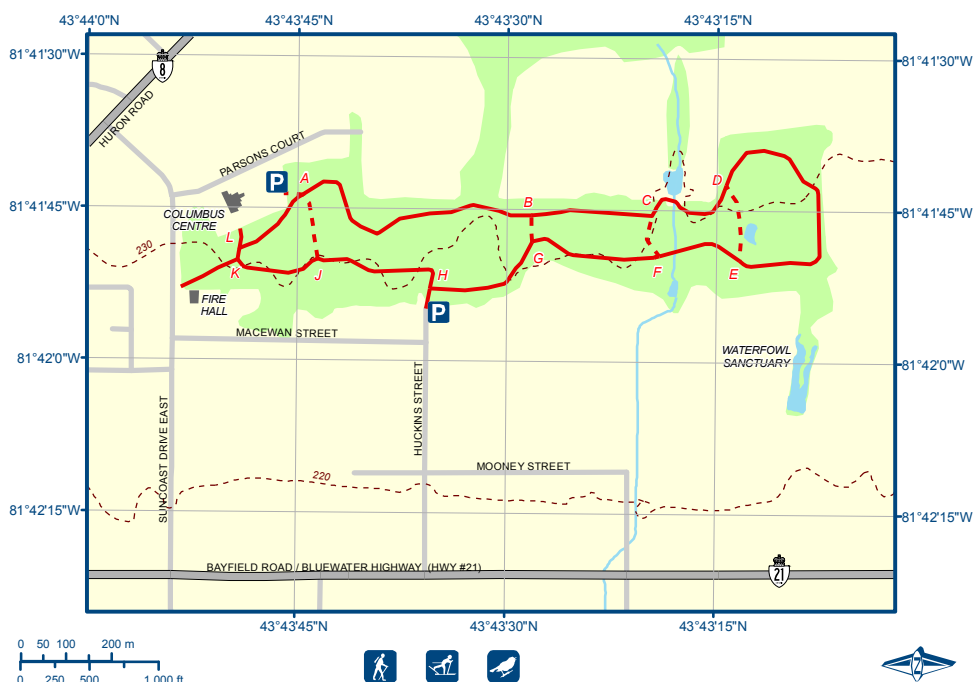


Scenic River Lookout

The 0.8 km "Entry Side Trail" winds north east from the cemetery gate through pine reforestation and maple forest before rejoining the roadway. Return to the gate by the road for a 1.3 km loop. The 2 km "Look-out Loop" starts at the back of the parking area and travels northeast down a gently sloping and uneven surface 0.3 km to a spectacular scenic look-out of the rapids at Pipers Dam and the Maitland River eighty feet below! Turn northwest and bear left at every opportunity until you return to the entrance trail in 1.4 km. (Please stay on trails, as others lead to private property).



Distance	1.3 and 2 km loops
Difficulty Level	Level 1 and 2
Trail Use	Walking, Cycling
Trail Hazards	Steep drop-off at riverbank, unmarked trail
Trail Surface	Loose natural with exposed roots and wet areas
Cost for Using Trail	None
Driving Directions	Entrance to the Maitland Cemetery is located on Highway #8, just east of the Town of Goderich between Mill Road and Orchard Line.



Serene Hiking on the South 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. The Maitland Trail Association is the trail contact.

Distance

Perimeter length = 3.3 km, with shorter loop options

Difficulty Level

Level 1-easy, family with young children (occasionally some wet areas)

Trail Use

Walking, Skiing

Trail Hazards

Poison Ivy in area near Huckins St. entrance

Trail Surface

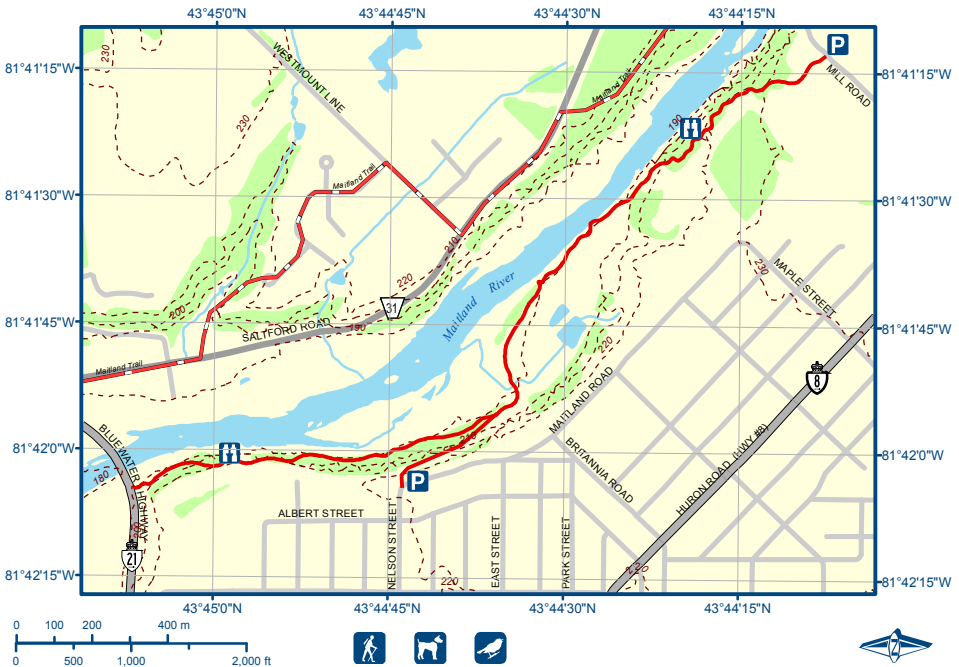
Natural surface, boardwalks and gravel surface in wet areas

Cost for Using Trail

None

Driving Directions

Main entrance off Parsons Court at the Columbus Centre. Alternative entrance at the end of Huckins St: Bayfield Road south (Hwy. #21), just past Suncoast Mall, take Huckins Street, trail entrance at end of the street. Walk in trail entrance beside Fire Hall.



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 Street 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 Street to Mill Road – This more moderate section descends into the Proudfoot Historical Tract and the extensive Maitland River Valley flood plain. Proceeding upriver, enjoy the panorama of the valley before climbing to the top of the river bank. The Maitland Trail Association or Tourism Goderich is the contact.



Distance &

Difficulty Level

Hwy. #21 to Nelson St. access - 1 km / Level 3
Nelson St. to Mill Road - 2 km / Level 2

Trail Use

Walking, Pets on leash

Trail Hazards

Trail is hilly with terracing and boardwalks; steep slopes and exposed tree roots. Stay on the marked trail and walk with caution.

Trail Surface

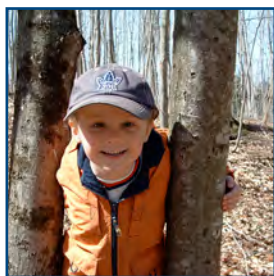
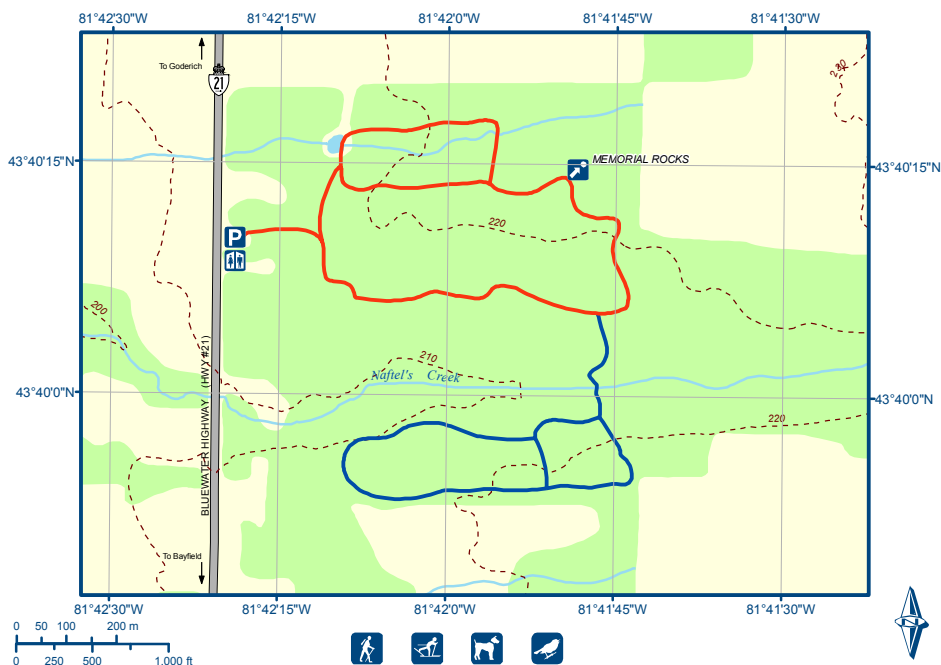
Natural surface, some boardwalks and bridges; stile at Mill Rd.

Cost for Using Trail

None

Driving Directions

Park at east end of Nelson Street or park on northwest side of Hwy. #21 Bridge over Maitland River and walk south over highway bridge to start. Alternate entrance and parking at stile on Mill Road.



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. The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority is the trail contact.

Distance

3.2 km loop

Difficulty Level

Level 2 - moderate, wear comfortable, sturdy shoes

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 for Using Trail

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 - # 79152. Between Union Rd. and Kitchigami Rd.



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. Please respect privacy where trail crosses landowners' property. The Maitland Trail Association is the trail contact.

Distance	48 km with some optional side / blue loops
Difficulty Level	Levels 1, 2, 3, & 4 - conditions vary widely depending on section.
Trail Use	Walking, Skiing (in some sections), Pets on leash
Trail Hazards	Some steep cliffs, if you stray off the trail; some road sections
Trail Surface	Natural surface
Cost for Using Trail	None (end to end badges available for purchase)
Driving Directions	Several access points. See detailed map on next page centrefold. (Call 1-800-280-7637 to purchase <i>The Maitland Trail Guide</i> with detailed maps.)

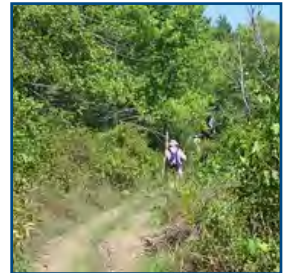
GODERICH TO AUBURN RAIL TRAIL (G.A.R.T.)

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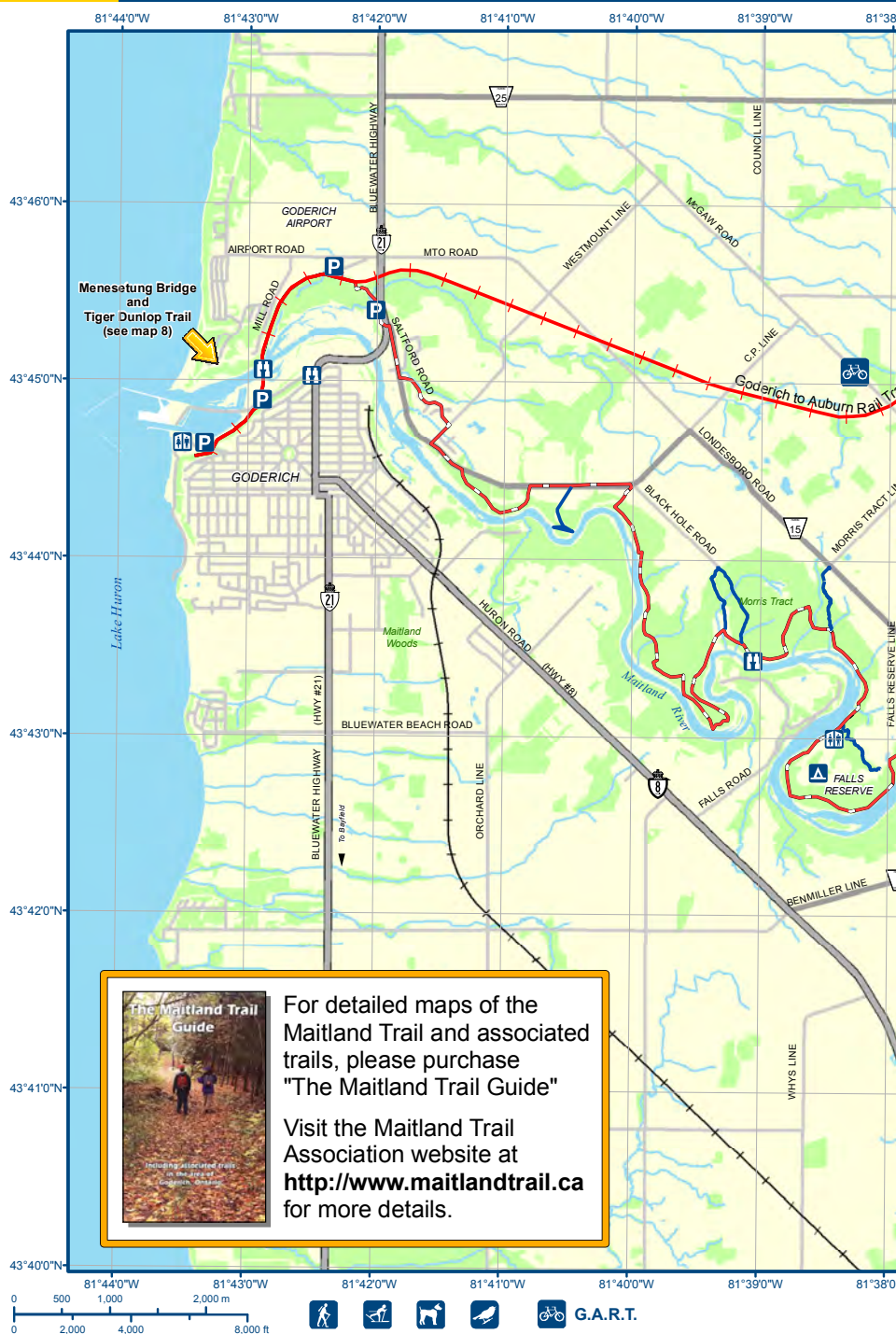
Scenic Ponds and Sharpe's Creek

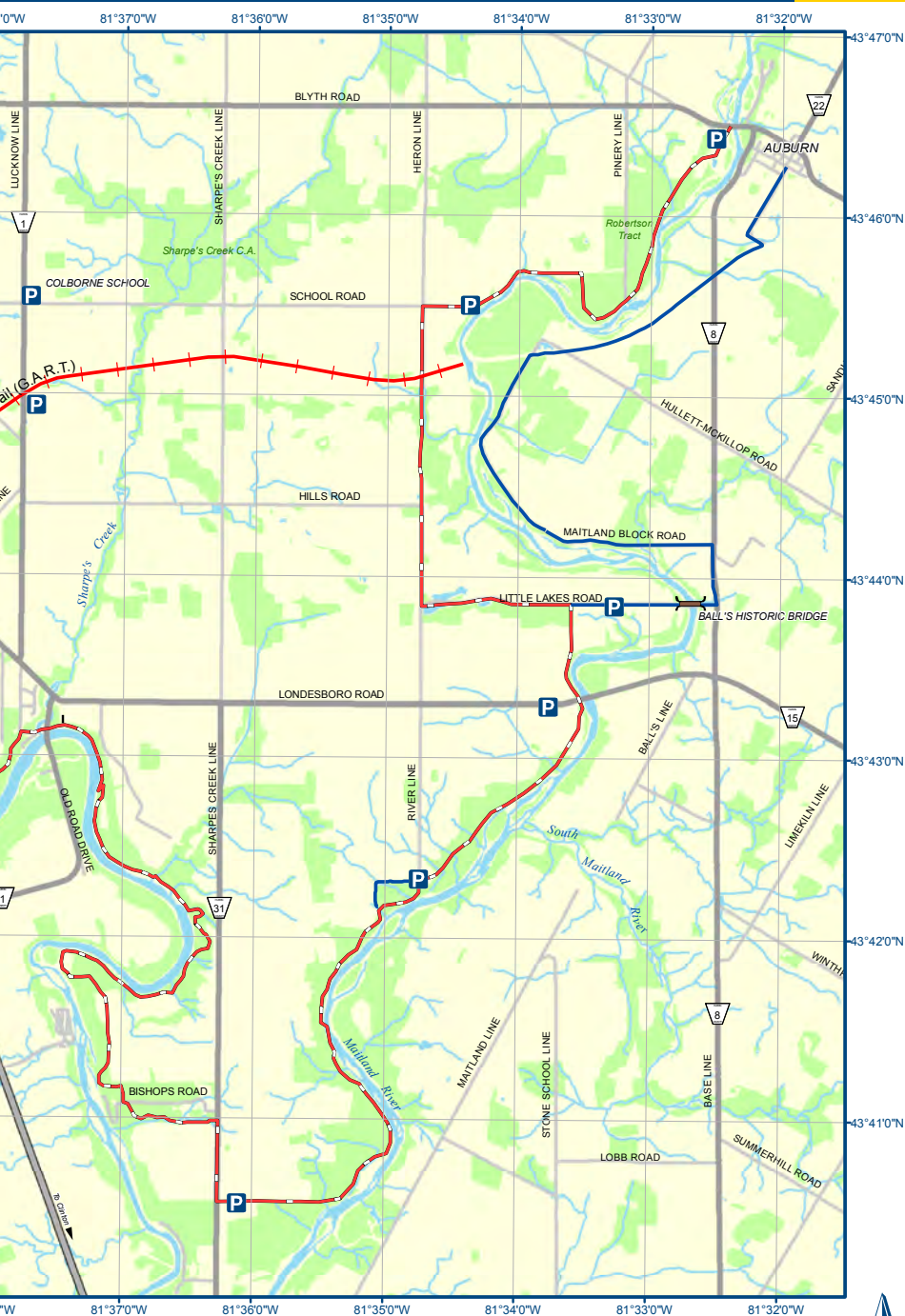
G.A.R.T. is a pastoral route through Colborne Township. It passes two scenic ponds, crosses over Sharpe's Creek and ends at the intersection of the Maitland Trail. The former rail line does extend east beyond the intersection of the Maitland Trail; however, the original railway bridge near Auburn is out - only the bridge abutments remain.

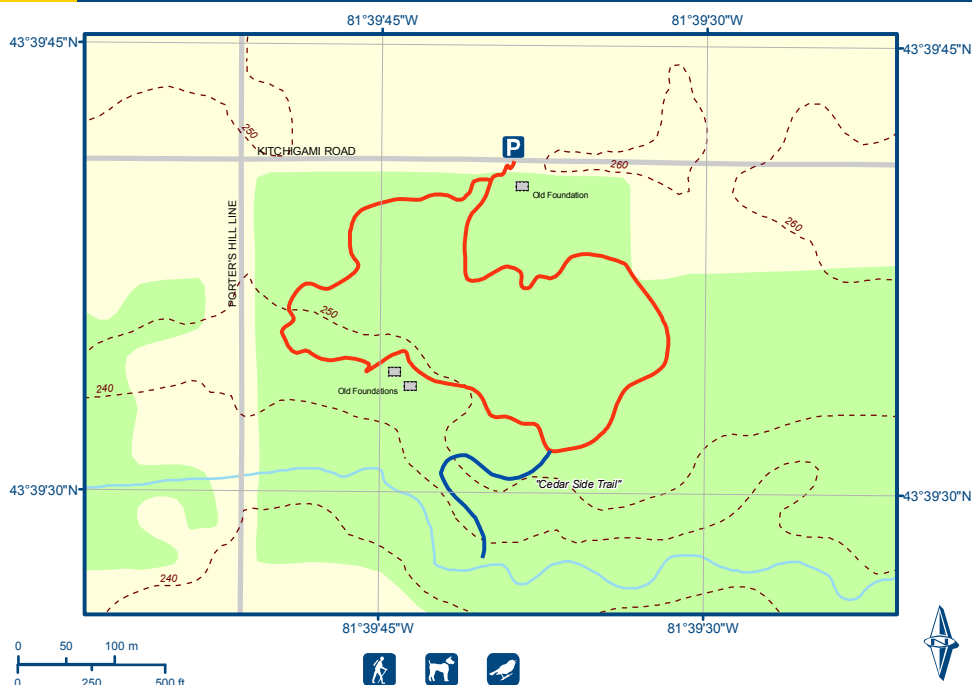
Snowmobiling is allowed on east 9km; no motorized vehicles otherwise allowed. Horseback riding is permitted along the trail. The Maitland Trail Association or North Huron Trail Grooming Inc. are the trail contacts.



Distance	13.6 km linear, Goderich to near Auburn
Difficulty Level	Level 1-easy, for family with young children
Trail Use	Walking, Cycling, Skiing, Pets on leash, Horseback riding Wheelchair accessible for the first 4 km from North Harbour Road entrance in Goderich. No ATVs or motorized bikes.
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Natural surface, stone dust. Menesetung Bridge - plank surface
Cost for Using Trail	None
Driving Directions	Several access points. See detailed map on next page centrefold.





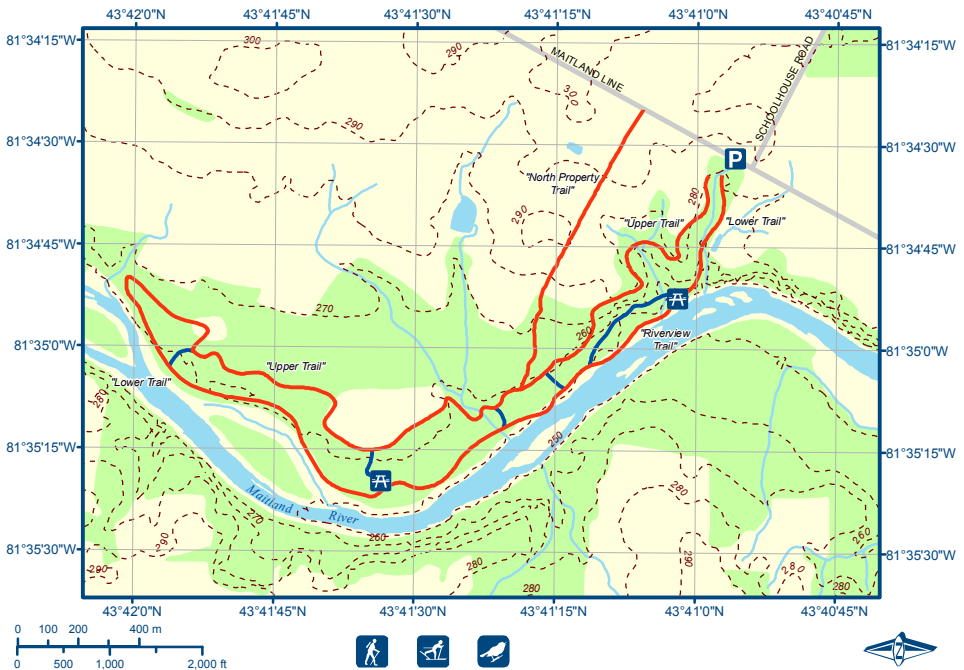


A Pine Plantation and Old Orchards

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. Parking (3 or 4 cars) is available at the access point for the trail. Ontario Nature's local rep, Tom Lobb is the trail contact.

Distance	1.3 km - white pine loop; 0.6 km cedar side trail (one way)
Difficulty Level	Level 3-some hills, natural path
Trail Use	Walking, Pets on leash
Trail Hazards	Trail and steps can be slippery. Old building foundations near trail.
Trail Surface	Natural surface
Cost for Using Trail	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.



Experience History on a Riverside Trail

The Lobb farm is a heritage property. The Lobb trail is a beautiful well-groomed trail with several river side 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

Approximately 7 km through mature woodlots with a variety of tree species.

Difficulty Level

Level 3-some hills, natural path

Trail Use

Walking, Pets on leash, Skiing, Mountain Biking, Snowmobiling and Snow Shoeing

Trail Hazards

Bridges may be slippery when wet. One steep embankment - gradual hills in two sections.

Trail Surface

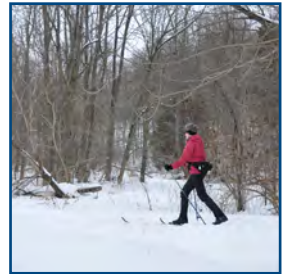
Natural surface and bridges

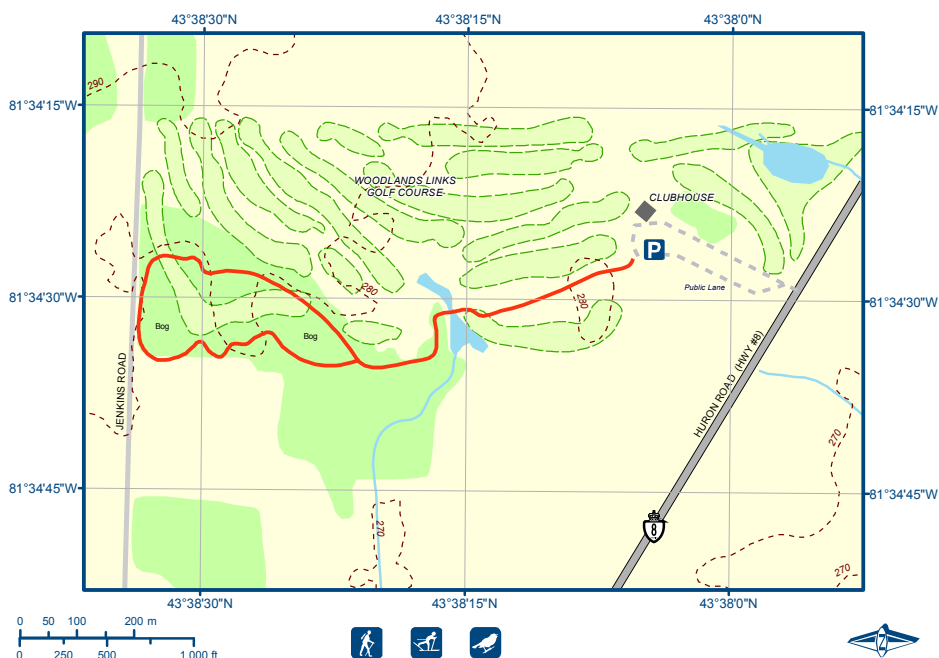
Cost for Using Trail

None

Driving Directions

Located on Maitland Line, Turn north/north east at Holmesville off of HWY#8 on to Sharpes Creek Line. Turn north/north east on to Maitland Line.; Parking at intersection of School House Rd.





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. Teachers and their students are welcome with advance bookings. Contact is Woodlands Links - (519) 482-7144.

Distance	2.5 km
Difficulty Level	Levels 1 and 2
Trail Use	Walking, Cross-Country Skiing
Trail Hazards	Use caution when crossing golf course fairways
Trail Surface	Natural surface
Cost for Using Trail	None - donations are welcome
Driving Directions	Located 3 km west of Clinton on north side of Highway #8 at the Woodlands Links Golf Course.



Hike in a Spectacular Wildlife Habitat

Strategically 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 20 km of dyke tops and 12 km of established trails are great for hiking, cycling and horseback riding. 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 ponds and wetlands. Clubs or groups are asked to coordinate their activities by calling ahead. The Friends of Hullett Inc. is the trail contact - (519) 482-7011 (Detailed Guide available).



Distance	12 km of trails / 20 km of dyke tops
Difficulty Level	Levels 1 and 2
Trail Use	Walking, Cycling, Skiing, Pets on leash; No motorized vehicles Hunting is permitted in the area in season as provincially regulated
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Natural surface; self guided, open for public day use year round
Cost for Using Trail	None - donations are welcome
Driving Directions	Several roads access the Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area off of Highway #8 and County Road #4.



Pleasant Walking and Pavillion for Reunions

The Clinton Conservation Area is located on the south side of Clinton. The trail offers a pleasant walk along the Bayfield River and through the Commemorative Woods site. Exercise stations are also available along the trail system.

A picnic pavilion provides shelter and is a popular place for families. Washroom and playground facilities are also available.

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority is the trail contact.

Distance

2 km loop

Difficulty Level

Level 1 - easy, for family with young children

Trail Use

Walking, Skiing, Pets on leash, Some Wheelchair Access

Trail Hazards

None evident

Trail Surface

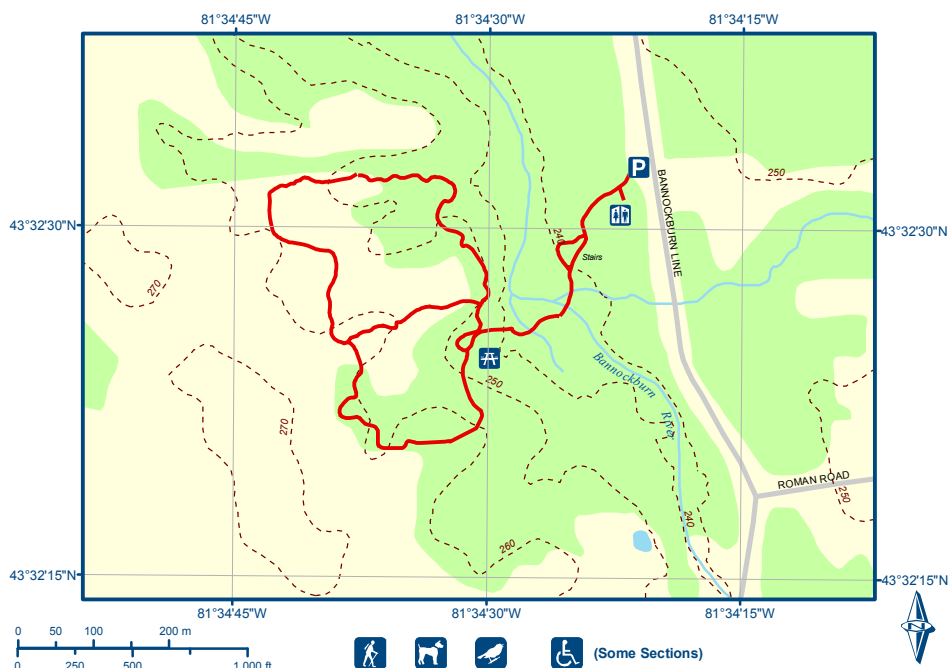
Natural surface

Cost for Using Trail

Donations accepted by the Lions Club or Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority

Driving Directions

Located on Highway #4, just south of Clinton, next to Highway bridge. (77960 London Rd.)



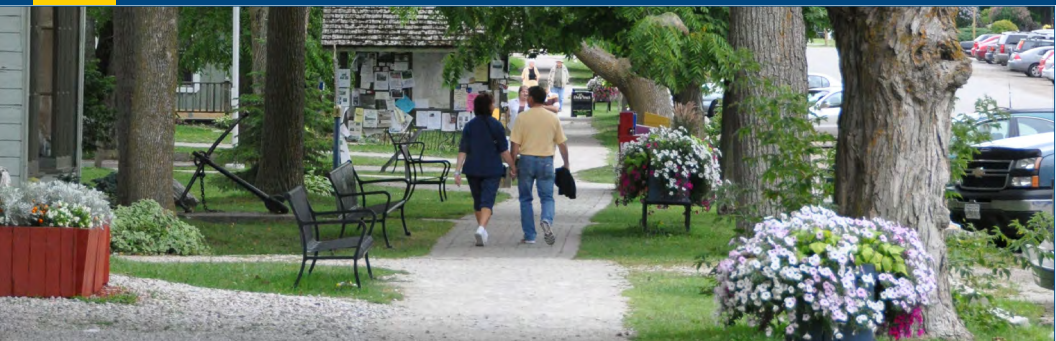
Early Morning Walks Prove Rewarding

The Bannockburn Conservation Area is located on Bannockburn Line (east of Varna). 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. Download an audio guide.

Hunting and motorized vehicles are not permitted. Partially wheelchair accessible. The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority is the trail contact.



Distance	1 km loop
Difficulty Level	Level 3-some hills, natural path
Trail Use	Walking, Pets on leash, Wheelchair access. (some sections)
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Natural surface, some boardwalks, stairs.
Cost for Using Trail	Donations accepted by Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority
Driving Directions	Located on 76249 Bannockburn Line -1st side road east of Varna off County Rd. #3 (Mill Road).



BAYFIELD

Guide tours are held every Sat. at 10 am during July and August starting from 20 Bayfield Main St. N., Bayfield. Walking tour of Bayfield's heritage district, through tree-lined streets, includes the history of homes, hotels, schools and the early settlers complete with anecdotes. Also harbour views from Pioneer Park and oldest standing log structure.

Lake Huron has always played a vital role in the history of Bayfield. In 1832 Carel Lodewijk, Baron van Tuyll van Serooskerken, a Dutch nobleman, purchased large holdings in the Huron Tract including 388 acres here which he set aside for a settlement. The settlement, named Bayfield after the nautical surveyor Henry Wolsey Bayfield, developed as a centre for the surrounding agricultural community. In the 1840's Bayfield was a busy shipping port for the export of grain. As the community prospered, hotels, stores and many fine residences were built.

BRUSSELS

Although, Brussels officially became a village in 1872, it began as the village of Ainleyville in 1855. William Ainlay, a surveyor for the Canada Company, first came to the area in 1852 and felt the waterpower provided by the Maitland River and the rich, deep, untouched soil beneath the canopy of trees made the site a good one.

The village of Ainleyville, so named after Ainlay, but misspelled by the recording clerk, began in the southeast part of the present day village. Brussels soon grew into a prosperous community with its own railway station, many local industries, several churches and community groups, and a main street of fine brick blocks. Many of the commercial blocks, which presently line its main thoroughfare, Turnberry Street, were constructed after more than one devastating fire swept through the village. We invite you to tour our quaint historic downtown and stunning residential areas. Tour map can be downloaded at: www.huroneast.com/documents/VillageofBrusselsWalk.pdf

GODERICH

Goderich is fortunate to have literally hundreds of beautiful and unique locations of natural/cultural heritage significance. Stroll the historic streets and waterfront of this port town following one or all of the Heritage Walking Tours.

The four self-guided tours in the "Heritage Walking Tour" docket take you past the unique, octagon-shaped town square; magnificent views of the harbour and river mouth; 19th and 20th century industrial and railroad buildings; two designated Heritage Conservation Districts; as well as architecturally and historically significant public and private buildings, many of which have a heritage designation. Each walk begins and ends at The Square. Explore the ports Marine past and present by following the "Marine Heritage Walking Tour."

Open year round during daylight hours. Free admission. Brochures and maps available at the Tourist Information Centre and other locations. Walking Tours also can be downloaded from www.goderich.ca/heritage using the Designated Districts page.

SEAFORTH

Seaforth is a quintessential small Ontario town, dating back to Seaforth is a quintessential small Ontario town, dating back to the Victorian period during the years 1850-1853. Anticipating the construction of the railroad, Christopher and George Sparling acquired most of the present site of Seaforth, situated along Provincial Hwy 8, also referred to as the Kitchener-Stratford-Goderich corridor.

We invite you to take a tour of Seaforth beginning at Victoria Park and circling through Town, finally ending at the Cardno Music Hall and Clock Tower on Main Street. Along the way, you will pass sixteen municipally-designated heritage properties and take in Seaforth's Downtown, one of the oldest designated Heritage Conservation Districts in Ontario. Tour map can be downloaded at: www.huroneast.com/documents/SeaforthWalkingTour.pdf



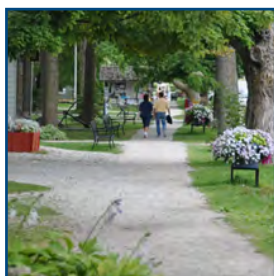
Follow the Path of the Pioneers

This walk features a range of historical and natural points of interest. Naturalists will enjoy the changing terrain, varied plant life and the telltale signs of abundant wildlife.

The trail starts out on 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. The contact for this trail is the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association.



Distance	1.67 km
Difficulty Level	Level 2
Trail Use	Walking , Pets on leashes.
Trail Hazards	None
Trail Surface	Natural surface, some boardwalks.
Cost for Using Trail	None
Driving Directions	On Highway 21, just north of the bridge in Bayfield, turn right on Old River Road and proceed ½ kilometre and turn right at Sawmill Road the first stop sign. The trail entrance is at the end of this short cul de sac.

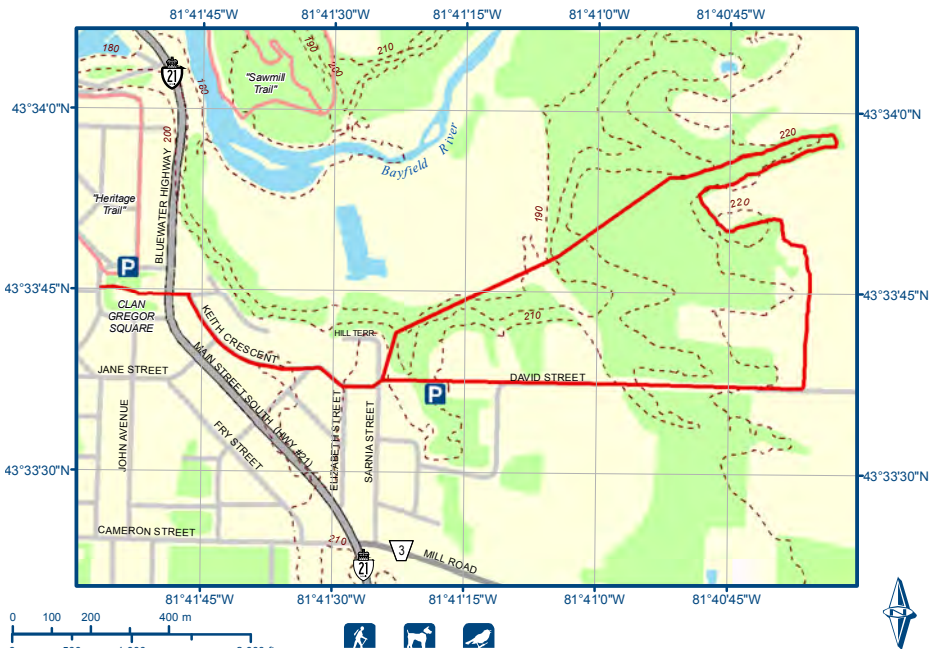


History and Heritage in a Historic Village

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.

Descend the stairs to the sandy beach and follow the shoreline and head north toward the largest and most scenic recreational boat harbour on Lake Huron's east coast. If the time is right, you may see one of the last fishing fleets on Lake Huron returning home with their catch. The contact for this trail is the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association.

Distance	2.4 km
Difficulty Level	Level 1 - (note alternate 0.3 km wheelchair route)
Trail Use	Walking, Pets on leash
Trail Hazards	None
Trail Surface	Paved (except on beach route)
Cost for Using Trail	None
Driving Directions	This trail starts in Clan Gregor Square at the heart of Bayfield on Highway 21 at the Main trail sign at the southwest corner of the Clan Gregor Square near the children's playground.



Village to Vistas

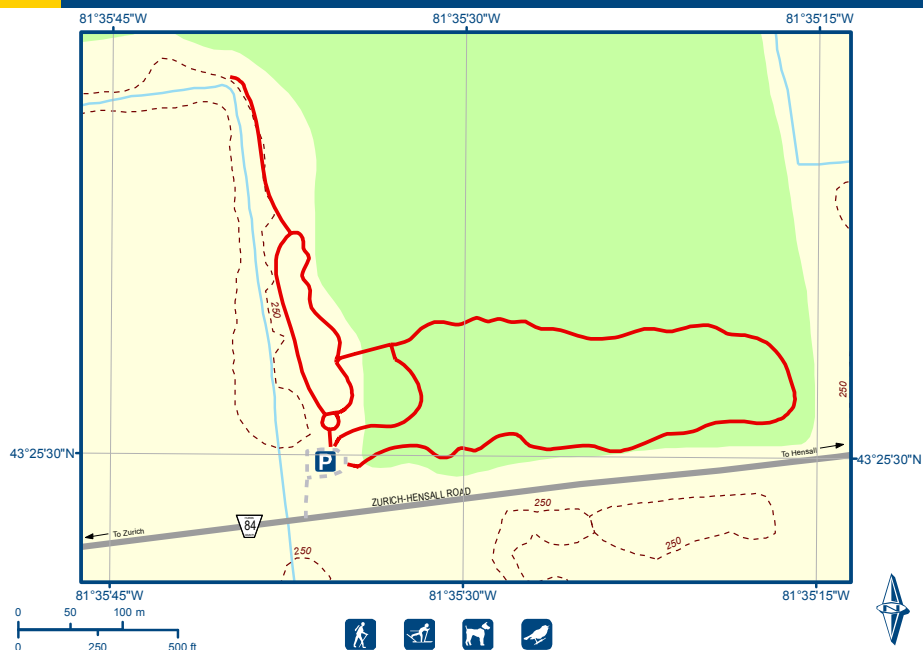
From the Main trail sign at the southwest corner of the Clan Gregor Square near the children's playground, walk east through the beautiful village green, carefully cross highway 21, follow the trail signs and stroll past churches, an old boatyard and many of the early village homes until you reach the edge of the woods at Sarnia Street.

Once in the woods, you will enjoy the scenic beauty of the ravines, old pastures and glacial hills as you walk along old gravel quarry roads, lumber paths and deer trails. The contact for this trail is the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association.



Important Note: By agreement with our landowner partners, this trail is closed during gun hunting seasons. The dates will be posted on the trail and on the main trailhead Sign in Clan Gregor Square.

Distance	5 km
Difficulty Level	Level 3
Trail Use	Walking, Pets on leashes
Trail Hazards	None
Trail Surface	Some paved, some bridges, stairs, boardwalks and natural surface
Cost for Using Trail	None
Driving Directions	This trail starts in Clan Gregor Square at the heart of Bayfield on Highway 21.



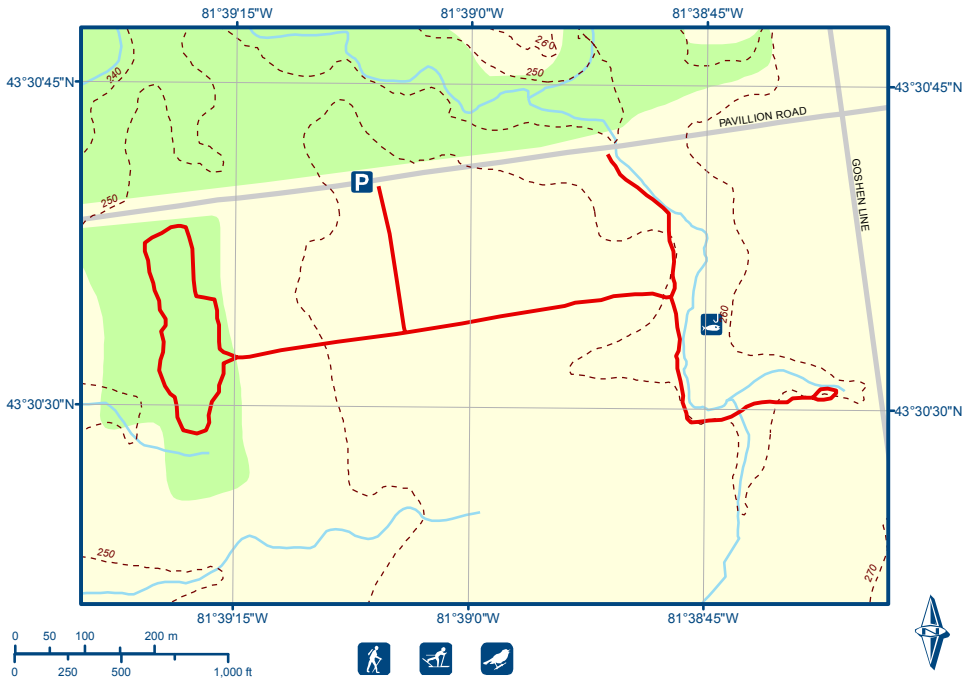
Woodland Trail

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.

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority is the trail contact.

Distance	1 km loop
Difficulty Level	Level 1 - easy for family with young children
Trail Use	Walking, Skiing, Pets on leash, Hunting
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Natural and granular surface
Cost for Using Trail	Donations accepted by Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation. Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority pass required for hunting: \$25 Individual Yearly Pass; \$40 Family Yearly Pass
Driving Directions	On County Rd. #84 between Parr Line and Babylon Line.



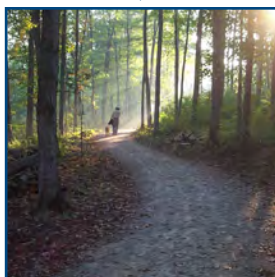
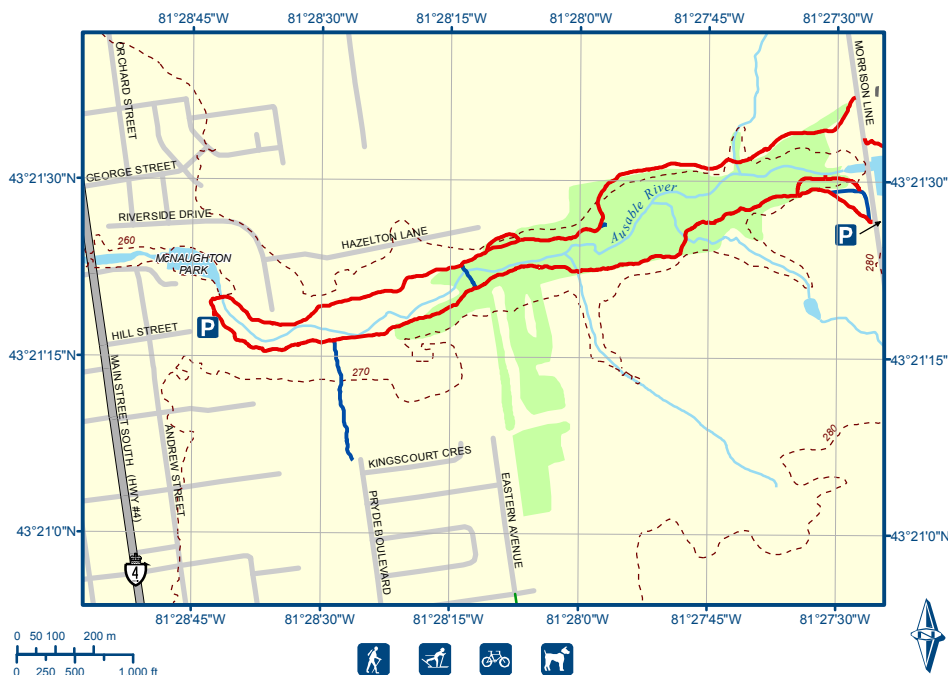
Stroll Through Scenic Areas

The trails in the 95-acre Linfield Wildlife Area use an old, tree-lined farm laneway to access a beautiful maple beech forest, babbling brook and ponds. Birds abound in the wide diversity of trees and shrubs. The high centre point of the farm is a perfect spot for a picnic with scenic vistas of the surrounding countryside and Lake Huron. Please stay to the trails and respect the cropped farmland.

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority is the trail contact.



Distance	2.3 km
Difficulty Level	Level 2
Trail Use	Hiking, bird watching, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, fishing.
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Natural surface
Cost for Using Trail	Donations accepted by Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority
Driving Directions	Located west of Pavillion Road and Goshen Line intersection, southwest of Varna and north of Zurich.

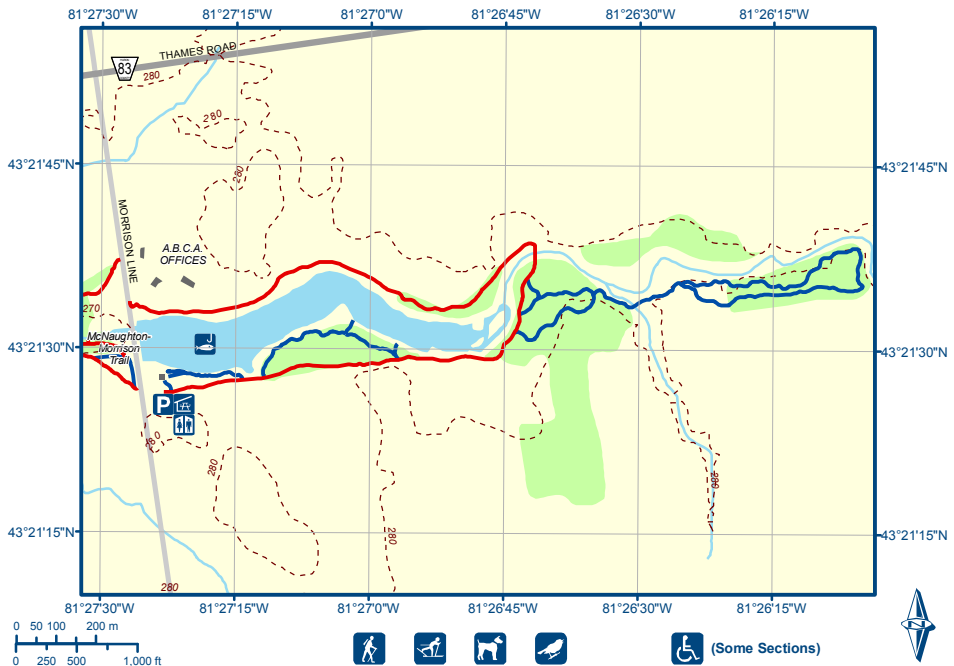


Hike Along the Ausable River

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 river, trees, birds and wildlife make this an ideal setting for a nature trail. 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.

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority is the trail contact.

Distance	4 km loop
Difficulty Level	Level 1 and 2
Trail Use	Walking, Skiing, Pets on leash, Cycling, wheel chair access (south Trail)
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Granular surface, some natural, some boardwalk
Cost for Using Trail	Donations accepted by the Exeter Lions Club and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation
Driving Directions	In Exeter, from Hwy. #4 (Main Street), turn east at Hill Street to MacNaughton Park; or, from Cty. Rd. #83, turn south on Morrison Line (entrance is across from Morrison Dam Conservation Area)

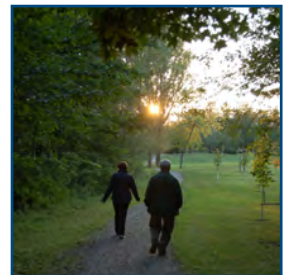


Enjoy Fishing, Hiking and Picnicking

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

Motorized vehicles and hunting are not permitted. Walking and skiing are encouraged.

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority is the trail contact.



Distance	5 km loop
Difficulty Level	Level 2 - moderate, wear comfortable, sturdy shoes
Trail Use	Walking, Skiing, Pets on leash, Wheelchair Access (some sections).
Trail Hazards	None evident
Trail Surface	Natural surface, granular surface, some boardwalks
Cost for Using Trail	Donations accepted by Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority
Driving Directions	From Exeter, take County Rd. #83 (Thames Rd.) east for 2.2 km, turn right (south) at Morrison Line - trail entrance 500 m ahead. (71042 Morrison Line)



Trail Contacts

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Ontario Nature

Phone: 1-800-440-2366 Website: www.ontarionature.org

Point Farms Provincial Park

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Township of North Huron Recreation Department

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Tourism Goderich

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Woodland Links

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protect yourself

sunscreen SPF 30 • insect repellent

fuel up

drink water • healthy snacks

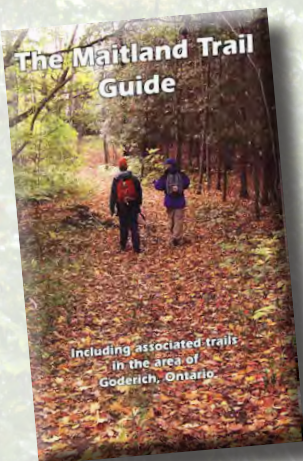
know your body

stretch • warm up and cool down



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The Maitland Trail Association



For Detailed Maps of the Maitland Trail and associated trails, please purchase

“The Maitland Trail Guide”

Since 1975, the Maitland Trail Association has been building and maintaining trails in the Goderich area: The Maitland Trail, Goderich to Auburn Rail Trail (GART), The Millennium Trail, The Sifto Loop and the Maitland Woods.

The Board of Directors and membership thank the participating land owners who have granted permission to share their properties with us.

www.maitlandtrail.ca



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