

Walkability Checklist

How walkable is our community?

Take a walk and decide if we have a walkable community

Everyone benefits from walking. The benefits include: improved fitness, cleaner air, reduced risks of certain health problems and a greater sense of community. But walking needs to be safe and easy. Take a walk, by yourself, with your family, or with a group of friends or colleagues and use this checklist to decide if your neighbourhood is a friendly place to walk. Please let the Town know if you find problems. The Town wants to hear from you.

Getting started:

First, you'll need to pick a place to walk, like the route to school, a friend's house, a bit of an adventure or just somewhere fun to go. The second step involves the checklist. Read over the checklist before you go, and as you walk, note the locations of issues you want to highlight. At the end of your walk, give each question a rating. Then add up the numbers to see how you rated your walk overall. After you've rated your walk and identified any problem areas, the next step is to submit your checklist to the Town and staff can figure out how best to improve the score.



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Step 1 – General Information

1. Name: _____

2. Email or best contact information: _____

3. Are you a: Full Time Resident

How long have you lived in The Blue Mountains: _____

Part Time Resident

How often are you in The Blue Mountains: _____

Visitor

How long was your stay in The Blue Mountains: _____

4. What area of the Town was your walk in?

Lora Bay Area

Craigleith Area

Thornbury/Clarksburg Area

Blue Mountain Village Resort Area

Camperdown Area

Georgian Trail

Rural Area (Ravenna, Heathcote, etc.)

5. Where did you start your walk (closest intersection or street address)?

6. What is this location to you?

Home

Shop/Restaurant

Park/Parking Lot

Library

Work

School

Medical Centre


Municipal Building

Bank

Post Office

Other: _____

7. Where did you walk to? _____

8. Was your trip a:
- One way trip
 - Return Trip
 -  Looped route
 - Same route there and back
 - Combination (looped and backtracking)

9. When was your walk? Date _____ Approximate Time _____

10. Weather conditions:

- Rain Snow Clear Cold Hot Comfortable

Step 2 – Audit

1. Did you have room to walk?

- YES SOME PROBLEMS
- Sidewalks or paths started and stopped
 - Sidewalks were broken or cracked
 - Sidewalks were blocked with poles, signs, shrubs, dumpsters, etc.
 - No sidewalks, paths or shoulders
 - Too much traffic
 - Something else: _____
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Room to Walk Rating

Please circle the appropriate rating below.

1 2 3 4 5
Poor Neutral Outstanding

2. Was it easy to cross streets?

YES

SOME PROBLEMS

- Road crossing was too wide
- Traffic signals made us wait too long or did not give us enough time to cross
- Needed striped or lined crosswalks or traffic signals
- Parked cars blocked our view of traffic
- Trees or plants blocked our view of traffic
- Needed curb ramps or ramps needed repair
- Something else: _____

Crossing Street Rating

Please circle the appropriate rating below.

1 2 3 4 5
Poor Neutral Outstanding

3. Did drivers and riders obey traffic laws and use proper etiquette?

YES

SOME PROBLEMS

- Drivers backed out of driveways without looking
- Drivers did not yield to people crossing the street
- Cyclists did not yield to people crossing the street
- Drivers turned into people crossing the street
- Cyclists turned into people crossing the street
- Drivers drove too fast
- Cyclists rode too fast
- Something else: _____

Other Road Users Rating

Please circle the appropriate rating below.

1 2 3 4 5
Poor Neutral Outstanding

4. How safe did you feel on your walk?

- Was there sufficient lighting?
 YES NO NOT APPLICABLE
- Did you feel threatened in any way during your walk?
 YES NO
- Did you encounter any animals or wildlife that made you feel uncomfortable?
 YES NO NOT APPLICABLE
- Did you feel comfortable walking on roadways with no sidewalks?
 YES NO NOT APPLICABLE

- Something else: _____

Safety Rating

Please circle the appropriate rating below.

1 2 3 4 5
Poor Neutral Outstanding

5. Was your walk pleasant?

YES

SOME PROBLEMS

- Needs more of a natural feel
- Scary dogs or pets along the route
- Hills are hard to walk up and or down without railings
- Not well lit
- Garbage and litter present
- Need benches along the route to add rest areas
- Need interpretive or interesting theme along the route
- Something else: _____

Pleasantness Rating

Please circle the appropriate rating below.

1 2 3 4 5
Poor Neutral Outstanding

6. How was the connectivity?

- Are sidewalks and paths on both sides of the road?
 YES NO NOT REQUIRED
- Is the neighbourhood connected to key destinations like shopping and services?
 YES NO NOT REQUIRED
- Do streets in the neighbourhood have a ‘grid pattern’ with short blocks that make routes more direct?
 YES NO NOT REQUIRED
- Are cul de sacs and other more circular streets linked by pedestrian walkways?
 YES NO NOT REQUIRED
- Does the neighbourhood have a good mix of homes, businesses, stores?
 YES NO NOT REQUIRED
- Is it important to you that amenities (such as stores) are located within walking distance from your home, work or other amenities of interest to you?
 YES NO NOT REQUIRED
- What is a comfortable distance/time for you to walk to a destination?

<input type="radio"/> 0.5 kms	<input type="radio"/> 5 minutes
<input type="radio"/> 1.0 kms	<input type="radio"/> 15 minutes
<input type="radio"/> 1.5 kms	<input type="radio"/> 30 minutes
<input type="radio"/> 2.0 kms	<input type="radio"/> 45 minutes
<input type="radio"/> 2+ kms	<input type="radio"/> 1 hour or more

Connectivity Rating

Please circle the appropriate rating below.

1	2	3	4	5
Poor	Neutral		Outstanding	

Thank you for completing this Walkability Checklist. Completed checklists can be delivered to the Town Office (32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON) or scanned and emailed to Community Services Staff at: recinquiries@thebluemountains.ca.