



Trails The Blue Mountains Network



Snowshoeing secret spots!



Lilies for everyone to enjoy!



The Trestle Bridge - Thornbury!

Meaford
the other big apple

The Municipality of Meaford is home to over 180km of trails! The trails network crosses a variety of lands including Municipal, County, Provincial, privately owned, and Conservation Authority lands. For further information, please refer to their website at www.meaford.ca

Grey Highlands

The Municipality of Grey Highlands plays host to a section of the awe-inspiring Bruce Trail and the expansive and meandering Beaver River. The area is naturally rich with an abundance of green space and recreational opportunities. For further recreation and trails information, please refer to their website at www.greyhighlands.ca

Collingwood

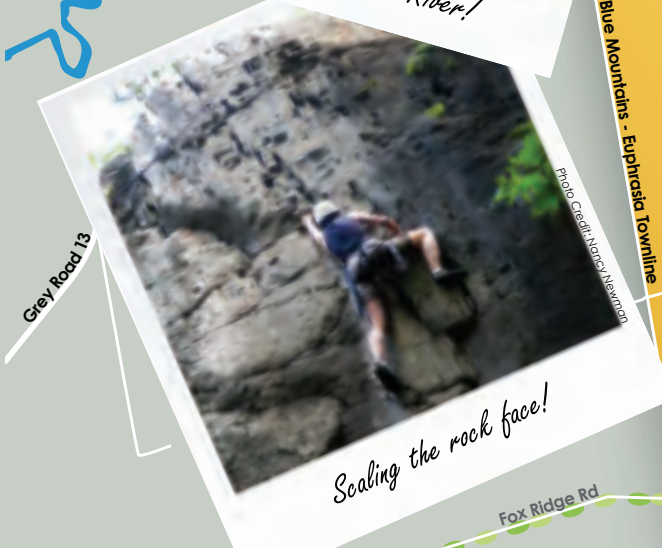
The Collingwood Trails Network boasts over 40km of beautiful trails spread throughout Collingwood. The Collingwood Trails map is available at a variety of local establishments and community locations. For more information, please refer to the Collingwood Trails website at www.collingwoodtrails.ca

Clearview

In support of an active and healthy community, the Township of Clearview has numerous trail linkages. For maps and information please refer to the Township of Clearview's website at www.clearview.ca



Paddling the Beaver River!



Scaling the rock face!

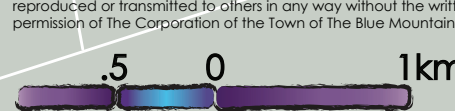


Spicing the Beaver River Trail!

Kolapore Uplands are known for the countless trails that intersect throughout the spectacular forest. It is highly recommended that one purchase a detailed Kolapore Uplands trails map, which are available at various local establishments. For more information, please refer to the Kolapore Uplands Wilderness Trails website at www.kolaporeuplands.org

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- Baseball Diamond
- Bike Lanes
- Campground

- Cemetery
- Community Centre
- Conservation Area
- Fishing

- Golf Course
- Great View
- Harbour
- Heritage Depot
- Information
- Parking

- Pioneer Cemetery
- Police
- Soccer Pitch
- Swimming Area
- Tennis Court
- Washrooms
- Wind Surfing

- Bruce Trail
- Georgian Trail
- Soft Surface Trail
- Hard Surface Trail
- Designated Bike Lanes
- Parks
- Grey County Forest
- Provincial Lands
- Crown Lands



Trails Network



Welcome!

The Blue Mountains offers a total of 260 kilometres of trails ranging from sidewalks to limestone and natural based trails. The trails offer scenic adventures along the Georgian Bay Shoreline and the Niagara Escarpment. They also link through a variety of towns and villages in The Blue Mountains.

The seamless connectivity of trails with our neighbouring communities offers an extended adventure and allows for active transportation opportunities.

Please enjoy your trail experience, and take the opportunity to explore!



Constructed on an old railway line, The Georgian Trail stretches from the Municipality of Meaford through The Blue Mountains to the Town of Collingwood. The Trail is quite flat with a base of limestone screening, making the experience for strollers, wheelchairs, and the like quite pleasant.

The Trail provides an up close and personal experience with some of the region's most beautiful and natural amenities. Rich agricultural lands, stunning views of the Niagara Escarpment and the spectacular shores of Georgian Bay just to name a few!

In Thornbury, the Trail crosses the Beaver River via an old trestle bridge, located just north of the Thornbury Fish Ladder.

Take a break and enjoy the scenery!



Trails Etiquette

Expect and respect other trail users.

Stay to the right - Pass on the left.

Please stay on the trail... Do not make new trails or use unmarked trails.

Respect neighbouring landowners by staying off private property and avoiding excess noise.

Leave the trail as you found it; whatever you pack in, pack out!

Please leave the various wildflowers and wildlife for others to enjoy.

Maintain control of your pets and "Stoop and Scoop".

Some trails are user specific. Use trails only according to the permitted uses indicated on the trail signage.

Some trails may close seasonally. Obey any trail closure signs please!

If the weather has been inclement, wet trails may be susceptible to damage. If you are leaving tracks over 1/2" deep, avoid using the trail regardless of signage.



Cycling the countryside!

Ways Bicyclists Can Improve Safety

Follow Rules of the Road
Be Predictable-Visible-Courteous!
Take Care of Your Gear and Yourself!

Ways Motorists Can Improve Bicyclist Safety

Watch for Bicyclists!
Pass with Care!
Yield to Bicyclists!

Sharing the Road in our Rural Area

Be Aware of Our Migrant Workers!
Watch for Slow Moving Farm Equipment!
Use Caution When Approaching Horses and Riders!

When everyone is careful and courteous, it's easy to share the road!

The Nipissing Ridge Trail

Nipissing Ridge Trail network is located just off the Georgian Trail along Lakeshore Road West in the Craigleith area. This limestone based trail meanders along the Niagara Escarpment's Nipissing Ridge, which is an ice-age glacial shoreline for the former Lake Algonquin, dating back approximately 4,000 - 5,500 years. Rich in cultural and historical significance, this trail network is a showcase for the Town. The Nipissing Ridge Trail also runs along and through a local subdivision connecting the natural beauty of the area to the more developed areas, including the Nipissing Ridge Park and various alpine ski areas.

For a full experience of the area's rich significant history, the historical Craigleith Heritage Depot offers in-depth information. It highlights the unique cultural, natural and industrial history of the Town. This year-round facility has a multi-generational appeal, serving both locals and visitors to the area.

Stop in and take a step back in history!



Poisonous Plants

While exploring, please be aware that some of nature's less friendly plants call The Blue Mountains home. Poison ivy and Giant hogweed are two plant species that may cause a reaction if their sap touches your skin.

The best way to avoid coming in contact is to learn how to identify them. For more facts on weeds in Ontario, refer to the Ministry of Agriculture Food & Rural Affairs website at <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/>



Poison ivy
Poison ivy leaves consist of three pointed (smooth or toothed) leaflets roughly 3-12cm long. The middle leaflet has the longest stalk. It is reddish in spring, green in the summer, and various shades of red, orange, and yellow in the fall. Cream coloured berries may also be present. It can be a single plant, a shrub, or a vine! As the saying goes, "Leaves of three... let them be!"

Giant hogweed
Giant hogweed is an invasive species that can cause severe burns. The leaves are quite large and very jagged. The stalk (stem) is coarsely hairy with purple blotches. This plant can grow to a height of 5 metres by late summer! It only flowers once during the last year of its life and the flower alone can be upwards of 1 metre wide!

Sometimes it's confused with the common plant Queen Anne's Lace. But don't be mistaken... Giant hogweed can cause serious irritation!

Contact the Town should you suspect Giant hogweed on our trails!

Hunting Season

A variety of activities occur on public lands in The Blue Mountains, including traditional hunting seasons. Hunting is allowed on most Crown lands, County lands and some private lands, with the permission of land owners.

People planning to use the trails that are in or near the forested hunting areas should take some precautions;

Be Aware - Know the hunting season dates as they vary year to year.

Be Bright - It is safest to wear a bright blaze orange vest or jacket and hat.

Be Responsible - Dogs and other pets should wear brightly coloured markers to easily identify them as your pet - not wildlife!

The Ministry of Natural Resources website provides an abundance of information regarding hunting seasons in Ontario. <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/>

Special Thanks

to the shutterbugs that explored The Blue Mountains and shared their trail photos!

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Bruce Trail - Kolapore!

The Blue Mountains is home to a gorgeous section of the Bruce Trail. The Bruce Trail is a public footpath running from Niagara to Tobermory. It is entirely built and maintained by volunteers for the purpose of raising awareness for the protection of the Niagara Escarpment, the most significant landform in southern Ontario.

Bicycles, motorized vehicles, and horses are not allowed except along road sections of the Trail and in those few areas where explicit permission is posted.

The Blue Mountains section of the Main Trail is illustrated on the opposite page. Detailed mapping (including Side Trails) and further information is available at The Bruce Trail Conservancy. <http://brucetrail.org>

Leave only your thanks... Take nothing but photographs!

PLACES

Bayview Park
60 & 106 Bay St E

Beaver Valley Community Centre
58 Alfred St W

Clendenan Dam
416870 10th Line

Fireman's Park
134 Clark St

Hillcrest Park
107 Hillcrest St

Little River Park
4 Harbour St

Lion's Park
118 Lion's Park Ln

Marsh St Centre
187 Marsh St

Moreau Park
128 Alfred St W

Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery
44 Russell St W

Thornbury Harbour
41 Bruce St N

Tomahawk Recreation Complex
417230 10th Line

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Boyer Park
101 Crossan Ct

Craigleith Community Centre
132 Lakeshore Rd E

Craigleith Heritage Depot
113 Lakeshore Rd E

Craigleith Meadows Park
157 Alexandra Way

Craigleith Provincial Park
209403 Highway 26

Heritage Park
118 Kandahar Ln

Nipissing Ridge Park
205 Blueski George Cres

Northwinds Beach
209605 Highway 26

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