



HIKING & SAFETY TIPS

1. Stay on Designated Trails

To protect yourself & the environmentally sensitive area of the Niagara Escarpment, do not make new trails or use unmarked trails.

2. Know Your Surroundings

Be aware of the changing conditions of the trails and use them at your own risk. Always supervise young children.

3. Stay Connected

Let others know where you're planning on hiking and bring a charged cell phone. Download the **What3Words** app so you can share your location in case of an emergency. **Note:** not all areas in the Town have reliable cell service.

4. Be Prepared

When using the trail systems, bring water, snacks and adequate footwear for the terrain. Leave nothing but footprints and dispose of garbage in a proper location.

5. Respect Nature

The Blue Mountains is home to a variety of wildlife species. Keep your distance and avoid feeding wild animals. Pets should be leashed at all times.



For more information, please visit:
www.exploreblue.ca

MUST-SEE PLACES

Looking for the best views in The Blue Mountains? Visit these must-see locations, and don't forget your camera!



METCALFE ROCK



LOREE FOREST LOOKOUT



CRAIGLEITH PROVINCIAL PARK

THE BRUCE TRAIL



What You'll Like

The oldest and longest marked hiking trail in Canada, the Bruce Trail winds through The Blue Mountains, offering scenic views of the Niagara Escarpment as you traverse across forests, cliff faces and open fields.

Good to Know

Bicycles, motorized vehicles and horses are not allowed on the Trail except where explicit permission is posted. Detailed mapping (including side trails) and more information is available online at bruce-trail.org



TRAIL MARKERS



Straight

Right Turn

Left Turn

Side Trail

Side Trail Ends

Bruce Trail markers (blazes) are two colours: blue and white. The main trail is marked with white blazes and the side trail is marked with blue blazes. Trail markers can be found on trees, fence posts, t-bar posts, stiles, bridges, rocks, hydro poles, etc.



THE BEAVER RIVER

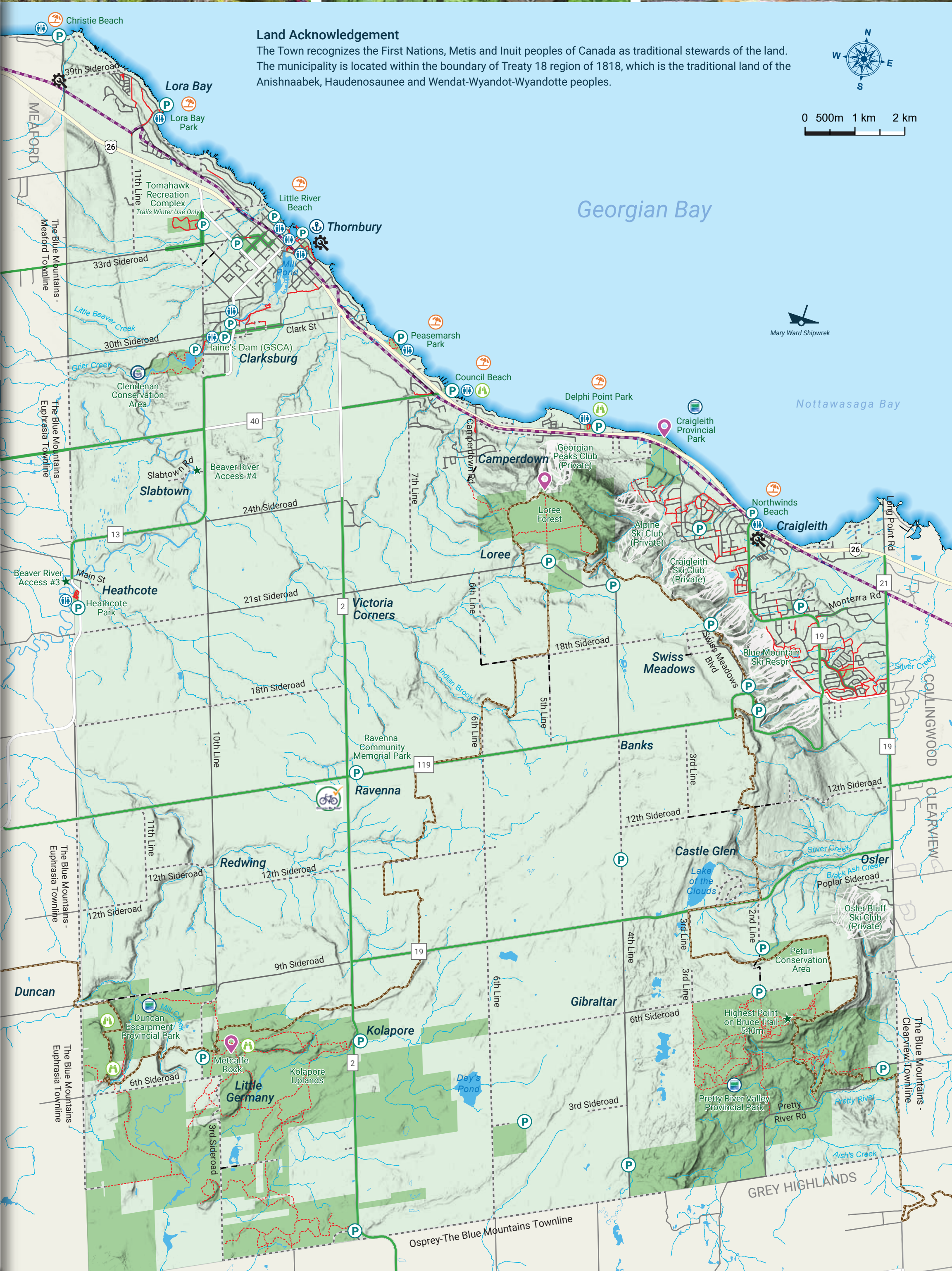


What You'll Like

The Beaver River meanders through the heart of the Beaver Valley and is a great route for beginner paddlers. Formed by a much larger pre-glacial river, Beaver Valley cuts into the Niagara Escarpment for a full 40 km and is home to a variety of wildlife.

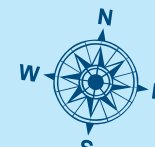
Access Points

Put-ins are available at three access points: Grey Road 13 north of Kimberley, on the Epping Side Road and at Heathcote Park, allowing you to vary your route from 6 to 15 kilometres. There is no public parking at Slabtown River access.



Land Acknowledgement

The Town recognizes the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples of Canada as traditional stewards of the land. The municipality is located within the boundary of Treaty 18 region of 1818, which is the traditional land of the Anishnaabek, Haudenosaunee and Wendat-Wyandot-Wyandotte peoples.



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PRETTY RIVER VALLEY PROVINCIAL PARK



What You'll Like

Enjoy geological features related to glacial and post-glacial processes, some of the highest points along the Niagara Escarpment and over 400 species of plants.

Access Points

This park is non-operating and does not have washroom facilities or permit camping. Parking on Pretty River Road is not permitted. Please use designated parking areas. www.ontarioparks.com/park/prettyrivervalley



These trails are not maintained by the Town. For maps and additional information, please scan the QR code to open the third-party app Trailforks.

CRAIGLEITH PROVINCIAL PARK & FOSSILS



What You'll Like

Located on the southern shore of Georgian Bay, the park offers seasonal overnight camping sites suitable for both tents and RVs. The shoreline features fractured plates of shale where you can find fossils that are 450 million years old.

Fossils

Enjoy searching for fossils, but remember it's illegal to remove fossils from a Provincial Park. Instead, bring paper to take rubbings with a crayon or pencil.



MAP LEGEND

	Parking		Town Trails
	Harbour		Natural Trails
	Washroom		Georgian Trail
	Beach		Bruce Trail
	Scenic Lookout		Town Road
	Provincial Park		Paved Shoulder
	Conservation Area		Gravel Road
	Conservation & Park Land		Winter Only
	Bicycle Repair Station		County Road
	River		Provincial Highway
			Body of Water

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WELCOME TO THE BLUE MOUNTAINS!

The Blue Mountains is pleased to provide the second edition of the Town's trail map. This brochure provides trail users with maps that identify all formal Town owned and managed trails. It also identifies trails managed by others, such as the Bruce Trail. The Blue Mountains is home to two Provincial Parks and offers over 285 kilometres of trails ranging from sidewalks to limestone and nature-based trails. The trails offer scenic adventures along the Georgian Bay Shoreline and the Niagara Escarpment.

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!

GEORGIAN TRAIL

What You'll Like

Constructed on an old railway line, the Georgian Trail stretches from Meaford through The Blue Mountains to the Town of Collingwood. The trail is relatively flat, providing an accessible experience for users with strollers or wheelchairs.

Trail Etiquette

The Georgian Trail is a multi-use trail where pedestrians always have the right of way. Cyclists and e-bike users must ring a bell or give a verbal warning when approaching others and pass on the left. Motorized vehicles, gas-powered machines, and horses are prohibited; keep speeds below 20 km/h and travel courteously and predictably. Dogs must be leashed and owners are required to clean up after their pets. Smoking or vaping are not permitted on the trail.

ADDITIONAL TRAILS

Kolapore Trails

Challenging trails through escarpment and forest. A detailed map is recommended at kolaporetrails.org.

Duncan Crevice Caves

Explore forests, fields, crevices and caves shaped by unique microclimates—ideal for hiking and nature appreciation.

Three Stage

Advanced singletrack trails in Pretty River Provincial Park make this a top destination for experienced mountain bikers.

Great Lakes Waterfront Trail

Spanning 3,600 km along the Great Lakes, this trail links 170+ communities and First Nations, with scenic routes for recreation. waterfronttrail.org



POISONOUS PLANTS

While exploring Town trails stay aware of Poison Ivy and Giant Hogweed, which can cause skin reactions. Learn to identify them:

Poison Ivy

Features three pointed leaves (3-12 cm). Reddish in spring, green in summer, red/orange/yellow in fall. "Leaves of three, let them be."

Giant Hogweed

An invasive species that causes severe burns. Large, jagged leaves and hairy stalks with purple blotches. Grows up to five meters tall, often mistaken for Queen Anne's Lace but highly irritating if touched.

Report sightings of Giant Hogweed on local trails to the Town.



CYCLING SAFETY

Cycling in The Blue Mountains offers routes for all levels, from challenging climbs to flat gravel paths and technical trails. Find routes on the map or for more details, scan the QR code or visit: www.exploreblue.ca/cycling



Share The Road

Bicycles are considered vehicles under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act and have the same rights and responsibilities on public roadways as motorists.

In this rural area, roads are often two-lane, shared by cyclists, drivers, agricultural equipment, horses and pedestrians. Everyone should drive with care and courtesy to ensure a safe, enjoyable experience for all.



WINTER OUTDOORS

There are plenty of reasons to explore The Blue Mountains during the winter season! Grab your gear, bundle up and enjoy a mix of public and private ski resorts and countless trails for snowshoeing, hiking and cross-country skiing.

When conditions permit, the Town grooms both the Georgian Trail and the Loop Trail at the Town's Recreational Complex located on the 10th Line. The daily grooming provides hard-packed trails for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

To learn more visit exploreblue.ca/winter



MUNICIPAL RECREATION COMPLEX

What You'll Like

The Recreation Complex features a public golf course, regulation-sized soccer fields and four pickleball courts. In the winter, the trails are groomed to provide cross-country skiing and snowshoeing opportunities.

Good to Know

The golf course is an 18-hole, par 3 course. Tee times can be booked up to five days in advance by calling (519) 599-3131 ext. 350. Three of the pickleball courts are available for rental, with the fourth court available on a first-come-first-served basis for public use.



PARKING

The Town actively enforces illegal parking on public and private property, including many of the recreational areas outlined in this map. All paid parking locations are identified with signs. Residents of The Blue Mountains can park for free at all paid parking locations by registering their licence plate with the Town.

Paying for parking is easy. Find the Honk Mobile App and download it to your phone. Find the locations that you are at within the app. Signs are in each of the parking lots which have a QR code. Just hold the camera from your phone over the code and follow the steps provided.



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