

# Your Guide to Conservation Areas In Ontario



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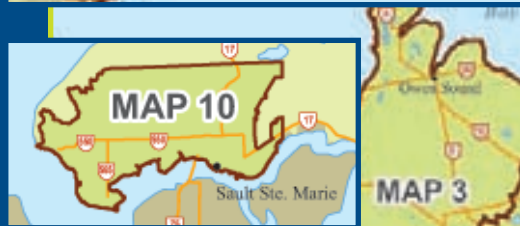


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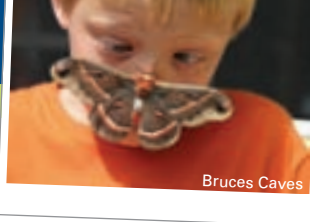
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# Step Into *Nature*

Welcome to your guide to Ontario's more than 250 Conservation Areas! Ontario's Conservation Areas are just steps away from your front door and offer unique outdoor experiences to millions of visitors each year!

Most of our Conservation Areas boast perfect spaces for family friendly activities such as hiking, picnicking, and fishing. Many also offer boating, sailing, canoeing, swimming, camping, and mountain biking to their users.

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Conservation Areas are natural lands that are owned and managed by Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities. Hidden within these natural gems are lakes, rivers, and streams as well as wetlands, sand dunes, beaches, waterfalls, caves, and forests - just waiting to be explored.

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There is never a dull moment at our Conservation Areas! They usually have packed event calendars full of activities that give you a great opportunity to learn something new about your natural environment. Grab your friends and family and attend a water or maple syrup festival, or visit a nature interpretive centre to view great displays and hands-on activities.

Don't count yourself out for the cold winter months! Many Conservation Areas are open year-round and offer full winter programming including snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, and even ice-fishing.



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Step Into Nature and check us out!



## Did You Know?

Conservation Authorities manage natural resources on a watershed basis, recognizing that our environment is interconnected.

**Each year, almost 5 million visitors attend events, participate in programs, and enjoy Conservation Areas managed by Conservation Authorities.**

# Conservation Authorities

Conservation Authorities play a critical role in protecting the environment. In Ontario, the work of Conservation Authorities began in the 1940s when the groups were established in order to manage the devastating flooding, erosion, and water supply problems that plagued the province at that time.

Today, 36 Conservation Authorities across the province protect the environment on a watershed basis. Because our land and water resources are connected and impact each other, managing these resources on a watershed basis is recognized worldwide as the best way to protect our environment.

Nearly **90 percent** of Ontario's population lives in watersheds managed by Conservation Authorities.

## What is a Watershed?

A watershed is an area of land that is drained by a river and its tributaries. These in turn empty into a larger body of water such as the Great Lakes.

Think about a local creek or river close to your house. Where does it start? What types of landscape does it travel through, and where does the water end up? This area, from start to finish, is called a watershed.

It doesn't matter if you're from the city or the country, everyone lives in a watershed.

Ontario's Conservation Authorities are one of the most significant landowners in the province. Collectively they own and protect over 143,000 hectares of Conservation Area land that contains natural features crucial for a healthy environment.



# Healthy Environment

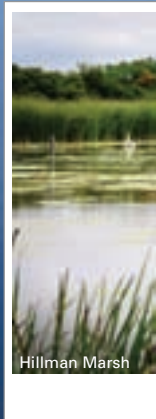


Having a healthy environment is important to our well-being and quality of life. Healthy forests, lakes, and groundwater help to clean our air and ensure that we have enough clean water to suit our needs.

Conservation Areas provide the perfect setting to enjoy the outdoors while staying fit. There are recreation opportunities available for every fitness level, so whether you want to take a leisurely stroll or you prefer higher intensity activities, Conservation

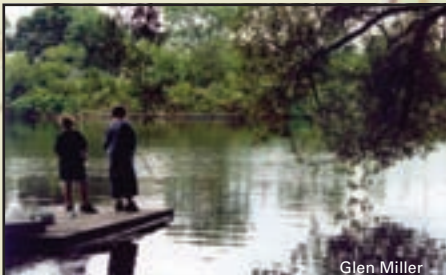
Areas have something for you! We offer activities such as hiking, biking, swimming, canoeing, sightseeing, and skiing.

The majority of our Conservation Areas are open from at least May until Thanksgiving, and many are open year-round. The areas are often conveniently located close to cities and towns and are very easy to access.



Hillman Marsh

Hazelwood Lake



Glen Miller



Crawford - Lookout



# Healthy People



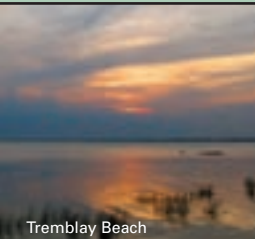
## Conservation Areas:

- ✓ Grow healthy children
- ✓ Keep older adults active
- ✓ Build healthy communities
- ✓ Provide a living classroom

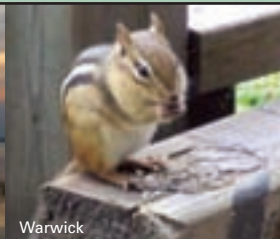
*People of all ages can enjoy conservation areas!*



# Conservation Areas Map 1



Tremblay Beach



Warwick

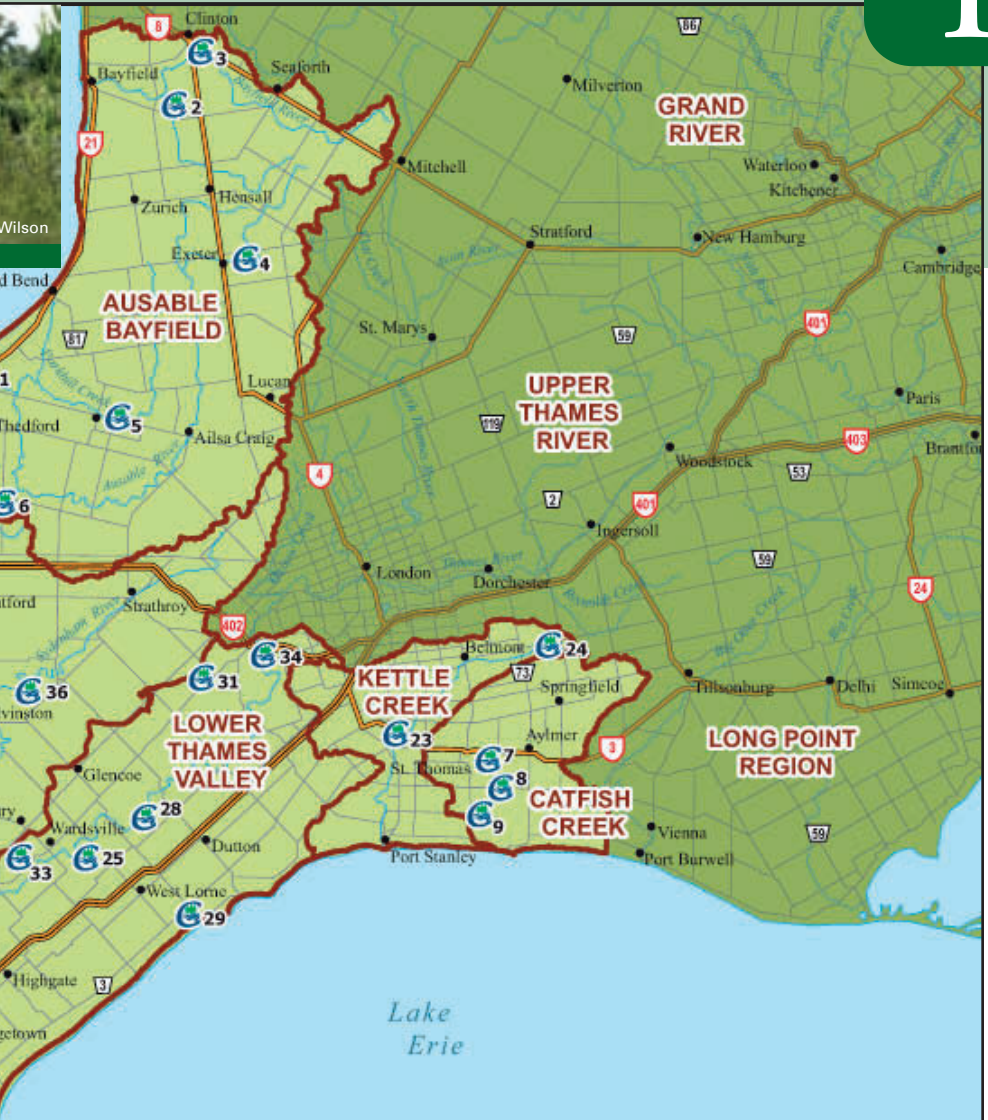


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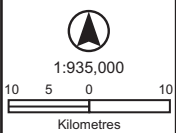
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**MAP 1: Ausable Bayfield, Catfish Creek, Essex Region, Kettle Creek, Lower Thames, St. Clair**

Legend	
	Conservation Area
	Regional Road
	Provincial Highway
	Conservation Authority Boundary



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# Conservation Areas Information 1

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Conservation Authority	Area #	Conservation Area	Unique Features
Ausable Bayfield	1	Ausable River Cut CA	Hiking trails along Ausable River Cut. Fishing & Canoeing, Carolinian forest
	2	Bannockburn	Fall hiking, fishing, boardwalks, self-guided interpretive signage, marsh, river, forest
	3	Clinton	Wooded areas, river, hiking trails
	4	Morrison Dam	Woodland, fishing, reservoir, hiking trails
	5	Parkhill	Woodland, Tree species plantations, reservoir, 10km trails
	6	Rock Glen	Fossil beds, waterfalls, museum, accessible trails, Carolinian forest
Catfish Creek	7	Archie Coulter	4kms of trails, excellent location to view rare Carolinian flora and fauna
	8	Springwater	Rare large old growth Carolinian forest, sandy beach, 8.5km of trails
	9	Yarmouth N.H.A.	Herb Keibel Wetland, 24 acres of wetland flora & fauna, 3 scenic trails
Essex Region	10	Cedar Beach	Sandy Lake Erie swimming beach
	11	Cedar Creek	Carolinian forest, Provincially Significant Wetland, bald eagles, canoe access
	12	Devonwood	Urban Carolinian Canada forest with 8 species of oak, over 4km of trails
	13	Hilman Marsh	Excellent spring birding & beach, visitor centre, 4.5km marsh trail
	14	Holiday Beach	Fall migration of hawks, campground, three story viewing tower, trout pond
	15	John R. Park Homestead	1840's classic revival home, farmstead & blacksmith's shop, wetland
	16	Kopegaron Woods	Excellent spring birding and blooming wildflowers, Carolinian forest
	17	Maidstone	Classic Carolinian forest
	18	McAuliffe Woods	Carolinian forest
	19	Ruscom Shores	Provincially Significant Wetland and prairie habitat
	20	Chrysler Canada Greenway	Joins 25 natural areas, woodland, wetlands, prairie, 50km off-road trail
	21	Tremblay Beach	Excellent spring birding, new viewing tower, wetlands
22	White Sands	1 km of sandy beach on a Detroit River Island	
Kettle Creek	23	Dalewood	700 acres, part of Yarmouth Crown Game Preserve, supervised pool, reservoir
	24	Lake Whittaker	26-acre kettle lake, 400 acres of forest, wetlands, disc golf, supervised pool
Lower Thames Valley	25	Big Bend	Thames River, boat launch, floodplain lands, archaeology site, memorial forest
	26	Big 'O'	A southwestern Ontario birding "hotspot"
	27	C.M. Wilson	Campground, memorial forest, woodlot, manmade pond, Children's Safety Village
	28	Dutton/Dunnwich	Floodplain land, fishing, day use
	29	E.M. Warwick	Rent main hall & 4 cabins, Lake Erie north shore, wooded ravine trail, day use, viewing tower
	30	Lighthouse	Outlet of Thames River, 200yr old lighthouse, 1 of 3 oldest on Gr.Lakes, day use
	31	Longwoods Road	Ska-Nah-Doht Village, group camp, pavilion, wetland, Carolinian Arboretum & Trails, outdoor ed
	32	McGeachy Pond	Major migratory bird route, wetland, north shore Lake Erie, viewing tower
	33	Mosa Forest	Major Carolinian forest, wetland
	34	Sharon Creek	Reservoir, tallgrass prairie, walking trail, memorial forest
	35	Two Creeks	Major migratory bird route, memorial forest, wooded creek system, summer theatre, trails
St. Clair Region	36	A.W. Campbell	Swimming pool, spring fed pond, playground equipment, woodlots
	37	Highland Glen	Lake Huron beach access, boat ramp
	38	Lorne C. Henderson	Swimming pool, playground equipment, wildlife ponds
	39	Warwick	Large well-treed campsites, swimming pool, playground equipment, wetland
	40	Wawanosh Wetlands	Bird watching, memorial forest, wetland

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# Everyone Lives Downstream

Water is a very important part of our everyday lives. No matter where you live, your water is affected not only by your own actions, but by the actions of your neighbours whether they are next door, across the province or around the world.

Our water can be threatened in two major ways—we can have water shortages or it can become contaminated. And, it's our activities that can make a difference. We can play a big role in protecting our water by making sure that what we do in our homes and backyards is not harming the quality or supply of water.

Within the Conservation Areas, there are a number of natural features that also help keep our lands and water healthy.

- Moraines and escarpments store our water underground and release it slowly back to the surface during the drier periods in the summer.
- Woodlands intercept and store water during rainfall and snowfall. Water slowly seeps through the forest or meadow soils and down into the ground to replenish groundwater supplies.
- Wetlands help to clean our water by filtering out contamination.

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Although it seems like Canada has a unlimited supply of water, this is simply not the case. Most of the water we use is 'recycled' through the natural water cycle.

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## The Water Cycle

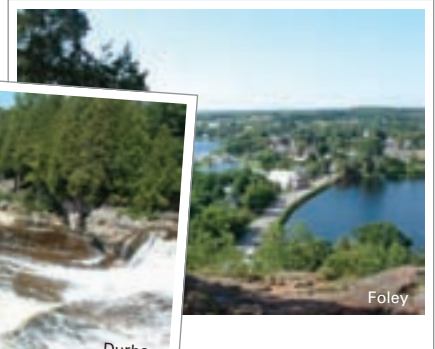
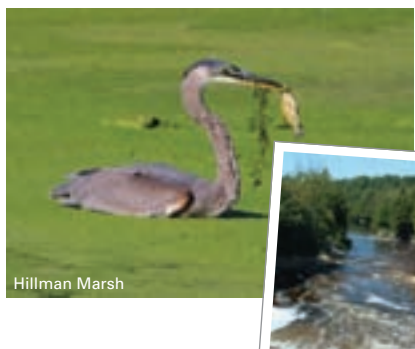


# Do You Know Where Our Water Comes From?

Our water evaporates from earth, turns into precipitation, and falls back to land where it is absorbed by plants, settles in wetlands, lakes or rivers, or seeps through the soil underground. Some of it makes its way back to the surface where it evaporates and starts all over.

If we take too much water out of this cycle before it can replenish itself, we can have low water levels and water shortages.

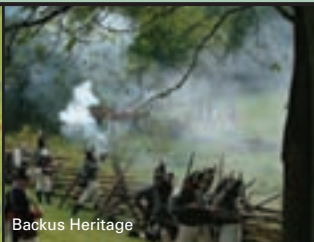
Conservation Authorities help to monitor our water resources, keeping an eye on current supplies and helping communities to plan for future needs.



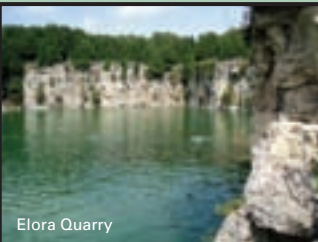
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Backus Heritage



Elora Quarry



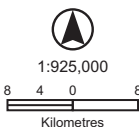
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**MAP 2: Grand River, Long Point Region, Upper Thames River**

**Legend**

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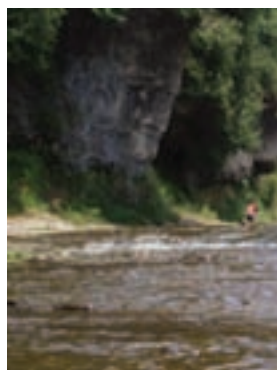
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Grand River	41	<b>Belwood Lake</b>	12km long lake with great boating and fishing
	42	<b>Brant</b>	Surrounded on 3 sides by the historic Grand River, 1.5 acre swimming pool
	43	<b>Byng Island</b>	Boat access to extensive Dunnville marshes, & Lake Erie, 2acre swimming pool
	44	<b>Cambridge - Paris Rail Trail</b>	18km trail, Follows scenic Grand River through Carolinian forest, Trans Canada Trail
	45	<b>Conestogo Lake</b>	Excellent for water sports and recreational boating
	46	<b>Elora Cataract Trailway</b>	32km trail, connects Belwood to the historic villages of Fergus and Elora
	47	<b>Elora Gorge</b>	Spectacular 70ft gorge, rapids and excellent fly fishing, river tubing
	48	<b>Elora Quarry</b>	Pristine swimming hole surrounded by 40ft cliffs
	49	<b>Guelph Lake</b>	Sailing and windsurfing heaven, great swimming, can hold major events.
	50	<b>Hamilton - Brantford Rail Trail</b>	32km trail, Canada's first entirely off-road inter-urban trail, excellent hiking & cycling
	51	<b>Laurel Creek</b>	Peace and quiet on the edge of Waterloo
	52	<b>Luther Marsh</b>	The largest wetland complex in southern Ontario
	53	<b>Pinehurst Lake</b>	A mature Carolinian forest covers most of the area
	54	<b>Rockwood</b>	Towering limestone cliffs, caves, and large glacial potholes
	55	<b>S.C. Johnson Trail</b>	11km trail, winds through Carolinian forest, linking Paris and Brantford
	56	<b>Shade's Mills</b>	Large hardwood forest with trails
Long Point Region	57	<b>Backus Heritage</b>	1798 Backhouse Mill, Heritage Village, Nature Centre, seasonal special events
	58	<b>Deer Creek</b>	80-acre reservoir with great fishing, canoe rentals, boat launch
	59	<b>Haldimand</b>	Natural beach, Lake Erie shoreline
	60	<b>Hay Creek</b>	Carolinian forest, rural countryside location, nature trail
	61	<b>Norfolk</b>	Family recreation park, beach volleyball court, Lake Erie shoreline
	62	<b>Waterford North</b>	3 freshwater lakes on site with great fishing, canoe rentals, food concession
Upper Thames River	63	<b>Fanshawe</b>	650 campsites, reservoir, camper programs, trails, day use area, splash pad, canoe rentals
	64	<b>Pittock</b>	250 campsites, boating, camper programs, trails, day use area, canoe rentals
	65	<b>Wildwood</b>	450 campsites, boating, camper programs, 30 km hiking/biking trails, day use area, canoe rentals



Waterford North



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 Education / Interpretive  
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 Wheelchair Accessible  
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 Picnic Facilities  
 Camping (regular or group)  
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# Caring for Your Land

## It's in Your Nature

Everyone's property has a unique mix of biodiversity: soil types, water features, plants, trees, and wildlife. You can protect and nurture your own backyard biodiversity by creating bird and butterfly-friendly gardens, protecting wetlands for frogs and toads, and planting native trees and plants. Stewardship is all about being a good neighbour to nature!

### What is biodiversity?

Biodiversity is all living things. It is the rich mix of ecosystems and species that make up our natural world. Biodiversity is important because it provides us with clean air and water; helps to battle pollution; prevents flooding and erosion; provides important economic and recreational services; and provides incomes which we benefit from every day.

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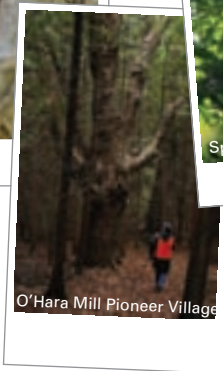
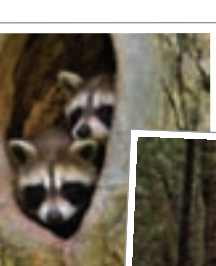
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All across Ontario, Conservation Authorities are involved in projects that monitor, protect, and restore our watersheds, ensuring a healthier home for wildlife and people.

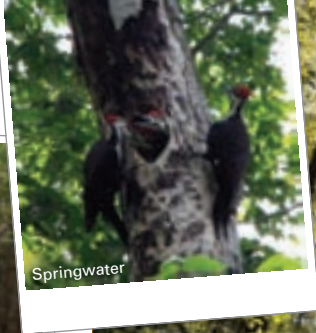
The kinds of programs that we can help you plug into include private land stewardship, clean water programs, source protection, agricultural best management practices, and tree planting. To find your Conservation Authority and their stewardship programs, visit Conservation Ontario's website:

[www.conservationontario.ca](http://www.conservationontario.ca).





O'Hara Mill Pioneer Village



Springwater



Terra Cotta

## Why Are Trees Important?

As our communities grow, we often lose trees. Healthy forests are important because they:

- provide a home for other plants and wildlife
- help to combat climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide
- help to clean our water
- control flooding and erosion
- provide great recreational opportunities such as hiking and bird watching

## Interesting Tree Spotting

- The Mount Nemo Conservation Area just north of Burlington has one of the best cliff ecosystems on Ontario's Niagara Escarpment. Crevice caves and thousand year old ancient cedars can be seen all along the meandering cliff-edge trails.
- The Ganaraska Forest is the largest forest in Southern Ontario and is located an hour's drive northeast of Toronto. It offers numerous hiking, skiing and mountain biking trails.
- Conservation Authorities plant over 2 million trees a year together with landowners and other partners.



Field Work



French Wetland - Testing

# Explore the Work Horses of our Watersheds

Wetlands are very important for a healthy environment. Wetland plants such as cattails naturally filter contaminants from our water. They help to absorb extra water during floods or extreme rainfall and they store our water, gradually releasing it back into the water cycle. Wetlands also provide an important home for many birds, fish, and wildlife.

In Ontario, we have lost up to 70 percent of our wetlands, mostly from southern Ontario, and we can't afford to lose more. Fortunately, through *the Conservation Authorities Act (1946)*, Conservation Authorities regulate activities that could interfere with Ontario's wetlands.

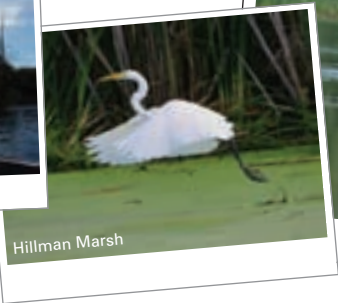
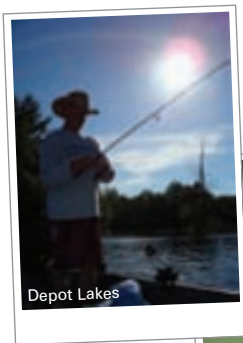
A rich mix of plants, fish, and wildlife live in wetlands...visit one and see for yourself!

## Visit a Wetland

Want to see nature at work? Wetlands provide the best opportunity. When visiting a wetland expect to see birds, wildlife, reptiles, amphibians, and a fascinating and seemingly endless variety of bug-life.

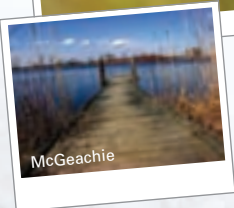
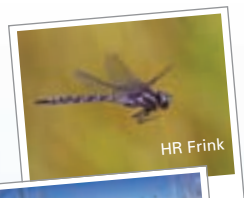
Many of the wetlands found in our Conservation Areas are featured in a special guide called *Down at the Pond*. To view this guide online or to order a brochure, please visit [www.downatthepond.ca](http://www.downatthepond.ca).

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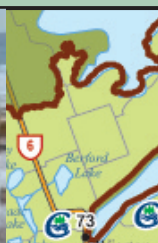
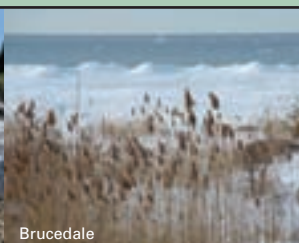
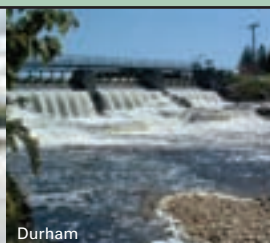
## Some of Our Wetlands You Can Visit

- **Hillman Marsh** (Essex Region Conservation Authority)
- **Sifton Bog** (Upper Thames River Conservation Authority)
- **Valens** (Hamilton Conservation Authority)
- **Minesing Wetlands** (Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority)
- **Ken Reid** (Kawartha Conservation)
- **Lynde Shores** (Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority)
- **Mac Johnson W.A.** (Catawaqui Region Conservation Authority)
- **Marks Bay** (Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority)
- **Laurier Woods** (North Bay - Mattawa Conservation Authority)



# Wetlands

## Conservation Areas Map 3







# Conservation Areas Information 3

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Grey Sauble	66	<b>Bruces Caves</b>	Caves carved by post glacial lake wave action, Bruce Trail, Niagara Escarpment
	67	<b>Eugenia Falls</b>	Ontario Hydro power site established 1915, historic plaques, 30m high falls
	68	<b>Feversham Gorge</b>	Beaver River flows through 25m rock gorge, unique ferns & mosses
	69	<b>Hibou</b>	Sand beach, change rooms, trails, Georgian Bay shoreline
	70	<b>Indian Falls</b>	15m horseshoe-shaped waterfall, ball diamond, tennis courts, rugged hiking trails
	71	<b>Inglis Falls</b>	18m waterfall, Niagara Escarpment, historic mill site
	72	<b>Pottawatomi / Jones Falls</b>	Jones Falls a 12m waterfall, Niagara Escarpment, Bruce Trail
Maitland Valley	73	<b>Spirit Rock</b>	Ruins of historical estate, spiral stairs to Georgian Bay, Niagara Escarpment, Bruce Trail
	74	<b>Falls Reserve</b>	Lower Maitland River valley, low waterfalls, special events, excellent fishing, trails
	75	<b>Naftel's Creek</b>	Mixed forest, mature cedar lowlands, extensive trail system, scenic Naftel's Creek
Saugeen	76	<b>Wawanosh Park</b>	Scenic river frontage, hiking trails, fishing pond, seasonal camping only
	77	<b>Wawanosh Valley</b>	Diverse natural habitats, Belgrave Creek, nature centre facility, seasonal programs, trails
	78	<b>Allan Park</b>	Upland forest on Horseshoe Moraine, over 160 ha hardwood forest, 12km of trails
	79	<b>Bruce Dale</b>	Lake Huron, sand beach
	80	<b>Denny's Dam</b>	Mouth of Saugeen River, dam and fishway
	81	<b>Durham</b>	Exposed bedrock and waterfall
	82	<b>Sulphur Spring</b>	87 ha of hardwood forest, springfed streams & fen, 8 kms of trails
83	<b>Saugeen Bluffs</b>	Scenic bluff look-out over Saugeen River, 100 ha mature sugar bush along the river	
84	<b>Stoney Island</b>	Mixed forest adjacent Lake Huron shoreline, 39 ha forest along the lake, 6 km of trails	



Eugenia Falls



Saugeen Bluffs

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# The Living Classroom



HR Frink



Grand River



Holiday Beach



Lynda Shores

Conservation Areas are great places for outdoor recreation, where families can enjoy the wonders of nature. But did you know that many of these areas are also places of discovery, as the sites of important environmental education programs?

Many children today are living in cities, and are disconnected from our natural world. For many, a visit to a local nature centre for a formal, instructor-led program is often their first encounter with the wonders of our natural environment.

Since today's students are tomorrow's decision makers, it is essential they understand our relationship to the environment on which their healthy future depends.

It is for these reasons that Conservation Authorities have been instrumental in delivering important outdoor education opportunities to Ontario's students for the past 30 years.



Toronto and Region

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**In learning, it is said  
that students retain  
10% of what they read,  
15% of what they hear, but  
85% of what they DO.**

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## Do You Remember Your First Visit to an Outdoor Centre?

Conservation Authorities offer 64 purpose-built outdoor education facilities - visited annually by more than 400,000 students from 59 of Ontario's 72 District School Boards.

- **Kortright Centre for Conservation**  
(Sustainable Living)  
Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
- **Mountsberg Conservation Area**  
(Birds of Prey)  
Halton Conservation Authority
- **Foley Mountain Conservation Area**  
(Children's Nature Discovery Centre)  
Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

For further information on programs at an outdoor education centre in your area, contact your local Conservation Authority, or check out the Environmental Education section of the Conservation Ontario website at [www.conservationontario.ca](http://www.conservationontario.ca)

# The Niagara Escarpment

Tobermory

In Ontario, the Niagara Escarpment is a 725 km rocky ridge – a bit like a backbone - that winds its way from Niagara Falls, around the western tip of Lake Ontario, northwest to Tobermory. It offers breathtaking views and wide vistas with a multitude of waterfalls.

Lots of outdoor activities are offered at Conservation Areas that dot the Escarpment including hiking, picnicking, bird-watching, nature photography, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and fishing.



Grey Sauble: Photo by Don Miller



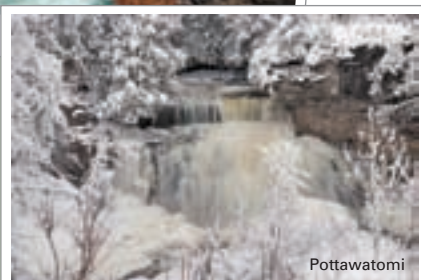
Ball's Falls



Kelso Glen Eden

Niagara Falls

# A World Biosphere Reserve



Pottawatomi

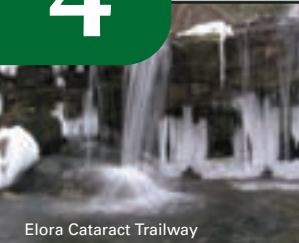
## Hiking the Bruce

The Bruce Trail, Canada's oldest and longest footpath, is found all along the Niagara Escarpment and provides the only continuous public access to the Escarpment. This trail system is a mixture of private and public lands managed by the **Bruce Trail Conservancy**, a charitable organization committed to protecting natural ecosystems while providing environmentally responsible public access.

For information on the Conservancy and trails, visit: **[brucetrail.org](http://brucetrail.org)**

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## Conservation Areas Map 4



Elora Cataract Trailway








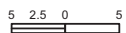
Mount Nemo



Belfountain



**MAP 4: Credit Valley, Halton, Hamilton, Niagara Peninsula**

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Fort Willow



Glen Haffy



Black Creek Pioneer Village



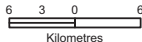
**MAP 5: Lake Simcoe Region, Nottawasaga Valley, Toronto and Region**

**Legend**

-  Conservation Area
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Credit Valley	85	Belfountain	Niagara Escarpment River Valley, suspension bridge, waterfall, cold water fishery, photography and filming
	86	Elora Cataract Trailway	47km year-round multi-use trail, non-motorized in summer. Links watersheds of Credit and Grand
	87	Island Lake	Headwaters, reservoir, year-round fishing, Pike, Bass, panfish, accessible lakeside trail, fishing derby
	88	Ken Whillans R.M.A.	Niagara Escarpment, river/pond fishing for Trout and Bass, access to Caledon Trailway
	89	Limehouse	Black Creek, Niagara Escarpment outcrops, mature forests, Bruce Trail, heritage lime kilns
	90	Meadowvale	Diverse plant life, bird watching, hiking, heritage sites, access to Culham Trail
	91	Ratray Marsh	Lake Ontario shoreline, shingle bar beach, significant wetland, bird watching, boardwalk, lookouts
	92	Silver Creek	Niagara Escarpment, mature forest, wildlife, Bruce Trail
	93	Terra Cotta	Niagara Escarpment, hardwood forest, wetland, Bruce Trail, x-country ski rentals, pond skating
	94	Upper Credit	Credit River, cold water fishery, hiking trail
Halton	95	Crawford Lake	Niagara Escarpment, meromictic lake, 15th century Iroquoian Village, interpretive programs
	96	Hilton Falls	Niagara Escarpment, waterfall and mill ruins, 16 Mile Creek, forest and wetlands
	97	Kelso/ Glen Eden	Niagara Escarpment, cliffs & slopes, beach, scenic views, camping, downhill skiing
	98	Mount Nemo	Niagara Escarpment, cliff edge with scenic views, caves and crevices, ancient cedars
	99	Mountsberg	Raptor Centre, sugar bush, bison, playbarn, reservoir with lookout
100	Rattlesnake Point	Niagara Escarpment, cliff edge with scenic views, rock climbing, camping	
Hamilton	101	Chippawa Trail	Travels through natural areas from Hamilton to Caledonia, links Mount Albion
	102	Christie Lake	Niagara Escarpment, numerous wetlands and forests, trout ponds, dam, trails
	103	Confederation Park	Wetlands, paved rec. trail, Wild Waterworks, mini-golf, go-karts, restaurants
	104	Dofasco 2000 Trail	Devil's Punchbowl, Vinemount South Swamp, boardwalk, several lookouts & historic areas
	105	Dundas Valley	Meadows, forest, vistas, Carolinian Forest zone, waterfalls
	106	Fifty Point	Lakefront with beach, woodlots & fields, marina, boat launch, restaurant
	107	Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail	Carolinian Forests, Dundas Valley, Grand River, links to Paris and Cambridge
	108	Lafarge 2000 Trail	Niagara Escarpment, drumlin field, Beverly Swamp, Fletcher Creek Swamp Forest
	109	Spencer Gorge/ Webster's Falls	Niagara Escarpment, 2 gorges / waterfalls, spectacular views
	110	Valens	Lake reservoir near headwaters of Spencer Creek, forested campground
	111	Westfield Heritage Village	35 historic buildings, pine/spruce plantation, unspoiled woodlands/meadows
	112	Wild Waterworks	Wave pool, tube slides, body slides, Eazy River and children's area, wetlands
Niagara Peninsula	113	Ball's Falls	Niagara Escarpment and Centre for Conservation- Gold LEED building, two cataracts, historical buildings, waterfalls
	114	Beamer Memorial	Niagara Escarpment, beautiful views of valley, lookout for hawk migration
	115	Binbrook	Headwaters of Welland River, 391 hectare man-made lake, spray pad, swimming beach, pavilions and boat launch
	116	Chippawa Creek	148 hectares, man-made lake, access to Welland River, pier fishing for disabled, serviced and unserviced campsites
	117	Comfort Maple	Oldest sugar maple tree in Canada (over 500 years), heritage site
	118	Long Beach	3,000 feet of sandy shoreline along Lake Erie, serviced & unserviced campsites
	119	Mud Lake	Marshland, trails, migratory birds, located along old Welland Canal
	120	St. Johns	Only cold water stream in the Niagara Peninsula, Bruce Trail, accessible boardwalk/piers
	121	Stevensville	Black Creek, nature trails
	122	Wainfleet Bog	Class 1 wetland, rare peatland community, endangered/ rare plants & wildlife
	123	Wainfleet Wetlands	Class 1 wetland, unique fossil remains
	124	Woodend	Niagara Escarpment site, Bruce Trail access, unique flora/fauna

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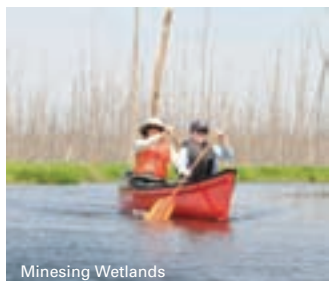
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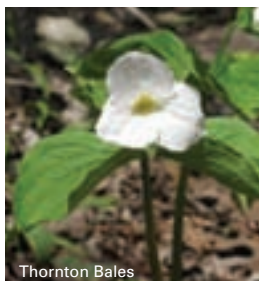
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Lake Simcoe Region	125	Mabel Davis	Holland River, Nokiidaa/Tom Taylor Trail
	126	Rogers Reservoir	Holland River, wetlands, Nokiidaa Trail, historical site: locks, canal, swing bridge
	127	Scanlon Creek	Trails and boardwalk through forests and wetlands, off-leash dog park, Discovery Play Garden
	128	Sheppard's Bush	Holland River Valley, sugarbush, trails linking to Oak Ridges Trail
	129	Thornton Bales	Rugged natural area along the Oak Ridge Moraine, Koffler-Bales Side Trail (ORT)
	130	Whitchurch	Wooded area, pond, birding, picnic pavilion, connected to York Region Forest
	131	Willow Beach	Lake Simcoe shoreline, sandy beach
Nottawasaga Valley	132	Edenvale	Edenvale Moraine, site of historic Glengarry Landing, boat ramp, pavilion
	133	Fort Willow	Borders world renowned Minesing Wetlands, strategic military outpost during the War of 1812
	134	Glencairn	Natural area, old growth cedars, Mad river
	135	Minesing Wetlands	World-class wetland, many forest types, major waterfowl staging area
	136	New Lowell	40 acre reservoir with dam, old growth cedars
	137	Nottawasaga Bluffs	Scenic area, conifer plantation and hardwood forest, wild flowers, caves in limestone bluffs
	138	Osprey Wetlands	Supplies base flow to Mad, Saugeen, Grand, Beaver rivers, natural area
	139	Petun	Niagara Escarpment, Bruce Trail, fish hatchery, environmental classroom
	140	Tiffin Centre	Educational learning centre, accessible trails, Syrup Festival, low ropes course, special events
	141	Tottenham	Forested hiking trails on Oak Ridges Moraine, large reservoir, rich waterfowl
142	Utopia	Large pond, old mill, water control structures, fish ladder, 20-acre pond	
Toronto and Region	143	Albion Hills	Caledon Hills, Humber River/ Centreville Creek, Bruce Trail, Pool & Splash Pad.
	144	Black Creek Pioneer Village	Restored buildings, water-powered grist mill, meeting rooms
	145	Boyd	Scenic Humber River Valley, 19 picnic areas, shelters, woodland trails
	147	Clairville	Claireville Dam & Reservoir, Hiking and Nature Viewing
	146	Bruce's Mill	Historic mill, maple syrup festival, driving range, swimming, picnic areas
	148	Glen Haffy	Stocked trout ponds, tackle, no fishing license required, Niagara escarpment, Bruce Trail
	149	Glen Rouge Campground	Only campground within the city of Toronto, nestled on the banks of the Rouge River, adjacent to Rouge Park
	150	Heart Lake	Fishing and boat rentals, no license required, swimming, picnic areas
	151	Indian Line Campground	Humber River, Claireville Reservoir, camping close to Toronto, good highway access
	152	Kortright Centre	Humber River, sugarbush, large education centre, exhibits, many special events
153	Petticoat Creek	Petticoat Creek, Lake Ontario, waterfront bluffs & trail, swimming pool & splash pad opening summer 2012	



Minesing Wetlands



Thornton Bales



Tiffin Centre

**Phone Number**

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 Lake / River / Reservoir  
 Education / Interpretive  
 Heritage / Museum  
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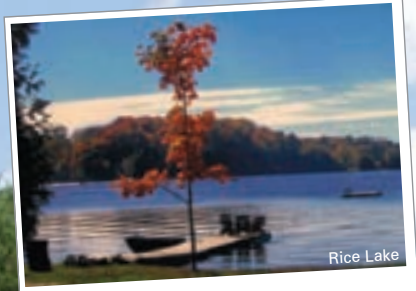
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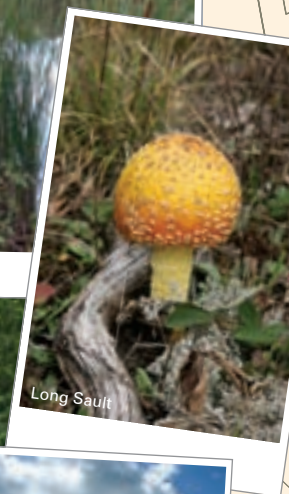
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Port Hope

# Oak Ridges MORaine

Ganaraska Forest



## You can explore one of Ontario's most unique natural features – The Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM)

Located in central Ontario, the Moraine stretches 160 km west to east, from the Niagara Escarpment to the Trent River. Beneath its rolling hills, clear lakes, and green river valleys, are hundreds of meters of glacially deposited sand and gravel. These sediments act as an ideal filter and storage container for a good portion of Ontario's drinking water.

More Information:

[www.moraineforlife.org](http://www.moraineforlife.org)

Providing a hidden supply of groundwater, the Oak Ridges Moraine is a source for 65 streams and provides drinking water to about 250,000 people. This unique natural feature runs across nine Conservation Authorities. A number of Conservation Areas are located here offering many opportunities for you to explore the hills, lakes, rivers, wetlands, wildlife, forests, and plants of the Moraine.

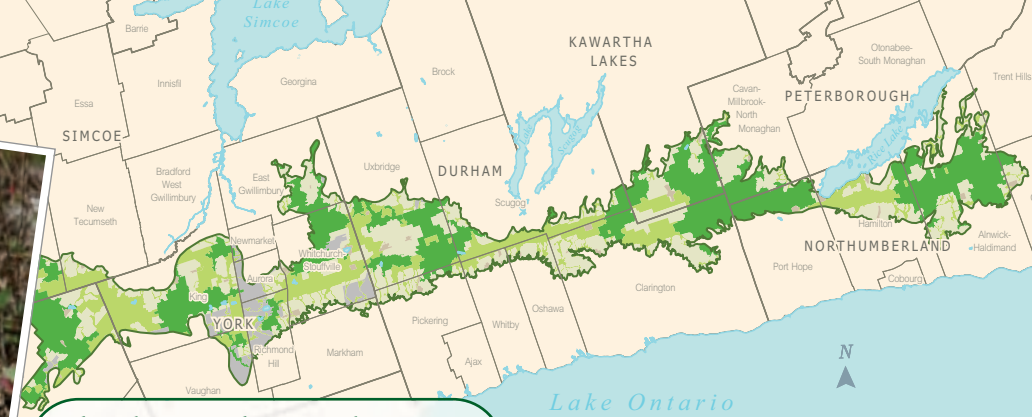
## Conservation Authorities Moraine Coalition

Together, nine Conservation Authorities own five per cent of the Moraine. This makes them responsible for the largest and most strategically located tracts of land protecting the headwaters of the 65 river systems originating on the Moraine.

These Conservation Areas include both environmentally significant and publicly accessible recreation lands.

More Information:

[www.trca.on.ca/protect/conservation-authorities-moraine-coalition.dot](http://www.trca.on.ca/protect/conservation-authorities-moraine-coalition.dot)



## Check Out the Trails on the Moraine

- Oak Ridges Trail
- Bruce Trail
- Ganaraska Trail

[www.oakridgestrail.org](http://www.oakridgestrail.org)  
[www.ontariotrails.on.ca](http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca)

## Information Centres

Located in the middle of the largest forested area on the Oak Ridges Moraine, the Ganaraska Forest Centre is home to the Eastern Oak Ridges Moraine Information Centre.

The Centre provides a local information hub and includes interactive displays about the geology of the moraine, educational videos, interpretive panels with quick facts, take-away materials including brochures for funding and technical assistance programs, as well as a resource library.

In the west, lies the second of two centres funded by the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation, the Oak Ridges Eco-Center in Richmond Hill. Here visitors can find information about the Moraine, changing exhibits and displays, and a trailhead to the Oak Ridges Moraine trail system and near-by protected natural areas.

## Did You Know? Formation of the Moraine

The Oak Ridges Moraine was formed about 12,000 years ago as the glaciers melted during the last ice age. It is made up of glacial deposits that act as a giant sponge absorbing rainwater and snowmelt, storing it deep underground and then slowly releasing it through springs or other areas that feed a number of rivers and streams.



Photo by Telfer Wegg

## Hiking the Trails on the ORM

The Oak Ridges Moraine Trail provides 200 km of hiking trails. In the west, it links up with the Caledon Trailway located near Palgrave and runs all the way to Gores Landing on Rice Lake in the east. It is growing every year and many parts of the trail are found within Conservation Areas.

# Conservation Areas Map 6



Lynde Shores



Gut



Trenton Greenbelt



Warsaw







**MAP 6: Central Lake Ontario, Crowe Valley, Ganaraska, Kawartha, Lower Trent, Otonabee**

**Legend**

-  Conservation Area
-  Regional Road
-  Provincial Highway
-  Conservation Authority Boundary



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# Conservation Areas Information 6

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Conservation Authority	Area #	Conservation Area	Unique Features
Central Lake Ontario	154	<b>Bowmanville/Westside Marshes</b>	Provincially Significant coastal wetlands on Lake Ontario, connects to waterfront trail
	155	<b>Crow's Pass</b>	Enjoy a 3km trail on the crest of the Oak Ridges Moraine. Roadside Parking Only
	156	<b>Enniskillen</b>	Headwaters of Bowmanville Creek, mixed forest, Oak Ridges Moraine, boardwalk, ponds, trails
	157	<b>Heber Down</b>	Provincially Significant Wetland, mixed forest, fishing pond, 7.5 kms of trails
	158	<b>Long Sault</b>	Headwaters of Bowmanville Creek, mixed forest, 18 km trails, connects Oak Ridges Trail
	159	<b>Lynde Shores</b>	Provincially Significant coastal wetlands, Lake Ontario shoreline, connects to Waterfront Trail
	160	<b>Purple Woods</b>	Spring maple syrup festival, 1.8 kms of hiking trails, connects to Oak Ridges Trail
	161	<b>Stephen's Gulch</b>	Forested Soper Creek valley and 3kms of hiking trails
Crowe Valley	162	<b>Callaghan's Rapids</b>	Limestone bedrock, caves, sink holes, rapids
	163	<b>Crowe Bridge</b>	Limestone bedrock river, caves, sink holes, rapids
	164	<b>Gut</b>	Gorge, trails, scenic lookout
	165	<b>McGeachie</b>	Breath taking scenic gorge, trails, lookout
Ganaraska Region	166	<b>Ganaraska Forest Centre</b>	Oak Ridges Moraine, newly developed outdoor education centre, 100's of km of multi-use trails, first Canadian watershed to be studied, hardwood forest
	167	<b>Ganaraska Millennium</b>	Ganaraska River and wetland, interpretive and hiking trail, demonstration sites
	168	<b>Garden Hill</b>	Headwaters of Ganaraska River, Oak Ridges Moraine, spring fed pond
	169	<b>Port Hope</b>	Ganaraska River, fish ladder
	170	<b>Rice Lake</b>	Oak Ridges Moraine, Rice Lake, class 2 wetlands, natural area ESA
	171	<b>Richardson's Lookout</b>	Great view of Oak Ridges Moraine and Lake Ontario
Kawartha	172	<b>Sylvan Glen</b>	Ganaraska River, natural area
	173	<b>Durham East Cross Forest</b>	Headwaters of East Cross Creek, Oak Ridges Moraine Natural Core Area
	174	<b>Fleetwood Creek N.A.</b>	Fleetwood Creek headwaters, lowland forests, meadows, steep valley slopes, scenic lookout
	175	<b>Ken Reid</b>	Sturgeon Lake, beach, McLaren Creek Wetland, osprey nest, mix of forest and meadow
	176	<b>Pigeon River Headwaters</b>	Mix of mature hardwood forests, open meadows, wetlands, river
Lower Trent	177	<b>Windy Ridge</b>	Pigeon River and Fleetwood Creek, wetland, view of Omeme Esker and Oak Ridges Moraine
	178	<b>Bleasdel Boulder</b>	Site of one of the largest glacial erratics in North America
	179	<b>Glen Miller</b>	Access to Trent River shoreline, boat launch
	180	<b>Goodrich-Loomis</b>	Cold water stream, prairie remnants, oak savannah, bluebird population
	181	<b>Haldimand</b>	View & access to Lake Ontario
	182	<b>King's Mill</b>	Site of former grist mill, mill still standing, Squire Creek and wetland
	183	<b>Proctor Park</b>	Proctor House Museum, mature maple/beech forest & cedar swamp, cold water stream
	184	<b>Sager</b>	Drumlin is one of the highest points in the area, scenic lookout tower
	185	<b>Seymour</b>	Woodland, stream, swamps on limestone plain, limestone quarry
	186	<b>Trenton Greenbelt</b>	Waterfront trail, access to Trent River shoreline, boat launch
	187	<b>Warkworth</b>	Warkworth Flood Control Dam, Mill Creek
Otonabee	188	<b>Hope Mill</b>	Circa 1835 operational water-powered sawmill, woodworking tool collection, workshop, lumber
	189	<b>Imagine the Marsh</b>	Provincially significant wetland along Lakefield Trail; boardwalk, viewing tower
	190	<b>Jackson Creek Kiwanis Trail</b>	4km walking/cycling trail, part of Trans Canada Trail, through wetland/woodland
	191	<b>Miller Creek W.A.</b>	Provincially Significant Wetland, viewing tower, discovery trail
	192	<b>Selwyn</b>	Sandy beach, picnic areas, boat launch, group camping, access to Chemong Lake
	193	<b>Squirrel Creek</b>	Access to Otonabee River (Trent-Severn Waterway), boat launch, sports fields, picnic areas
	194	<b>Warsaw Caves</b>	Hiking trails feature limestone caves, kettles, scenic lookout; family camping, comfort station

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# Geocaching



Are you looking for a new recreation activity that's exciting and interesting for your whole family? Why not try Geocaching?

Geocaching is a worldwide game of hide and seek that incorporates GPS (Global Positioning System) technology to help participants hunt down hidden items called 'caches'. Sound complicated, or too 'high-tech'? It's not! Handheld GPS devices are easy to use, and geocaching can be done anywhere... even in Conservation Areas!

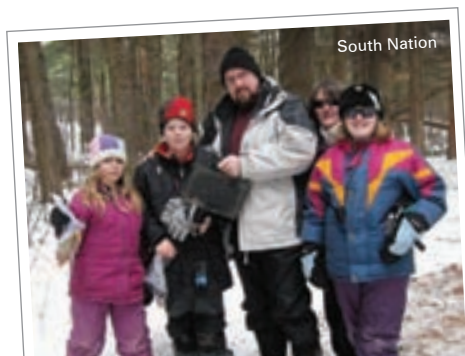
## GETTING STARTED

Geocachers place a waterproof container (cache) in a hidden spot and mark the position with their GPS device. Caches always contain a log book, and often have simple and fun treasures such as charms, coins, CDs, or other objects. Then, the Geocacher posts the coordinates of the cache on the internet (geocaching.com) for others to find. If another Geocacher is interested in finding the cache, they enter the coordinates into their own GPS device and head out in search of the container. When they find the cache, they date and sign the logbook with their account name from Geocaching.com and may exchange the treasure they find for an item of their own. They then place the container back into its hidden spot and log their visit online.

## GEOCACHING IN CONSERVATION AREAS

Some Conservation Areas already offer programs that support geocaching, and we anticipate that as the activity becomes more popular additional Conservation Areas will follow suit. Conservation Area staff frequently find hidden caches of treasures on our lands, and encourage visitors to abide by a few simple rules in order to protect the rare and delicate ecology within these natural areas:

1. It is very important that geocachers get permission from the Conservation Authority before hiding a cache in order to make sure you are placing the cache in a safe place. The location must not be a risk to park visitors or cause ecological damage.
2. Caches should be hidden in natural crevices created by rocks, stumps & trees. They can be camouflaged to look like branches, stumps, squirrel & bird nests or birdhouses.
3. Directions to the cache must follow established trails. Do not hike off the trails.
4. Respect our environment. Practice 'Cache-In, Trash-Out' methods by taking your trash out and collecting any litter you may see along the way.



For more information, visit [www.geocaching.com/](http://www.geocaching.com/) or visit the Ontario Geocaching Association [www.ontgeocaching.com/](http://www.ontgeocaching.com/)

# Species at Risk

Photo by Telfer Wegg

A healthy environment depends greatly on having a rich mix of wild plants, animals, and habitats such as forests, wetlands, and meadows.

Unfortunately, many species become “at risk” which means that they are listed as extinct, extirpated, endangered, threatened, or special concern.

The greatest risk to our plants and wildlife are population growth, pollution, and climate change.

The battle for biodiversity will be won – or lost – in the backyards, farm fields, and green spaces of Ontario by caring people teaming up to give habitat a hand.

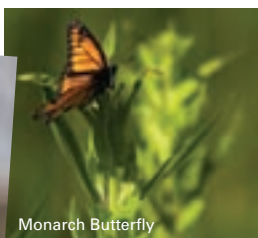
Conservation Authorities are already working with landowners and community groups to improve, restore, and secure natural habitat for species at risk.



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Barn Owl



Monarch Butterfly



Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake

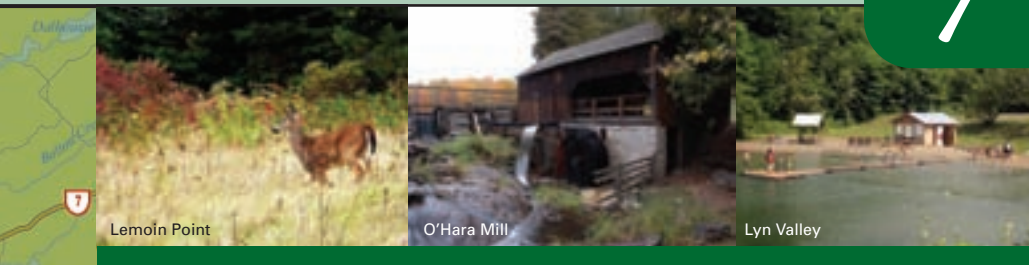
Easy stewardship activities that you can do to improve natural habitats:

- Plant more vegetation along streams, rivers, and lakes
- Protect your wetland areas
- Restore streambanks to create healthy fish habitat
- Plant living fences

For more information on what Conservation Authorities are doing about Species at Risk, please visit our website

## Conservation Areas Map 7





Lemoin Point

O'Hara Mill

Lyn Valley



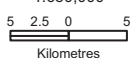
MAP 7: Cataraqui Region, Quinte

## Legend

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Conservation Authority	Area #	Conservation Area	Unique Features
Catawaqui Region	195	Gould Lake	Rugged Canadian Shield, old mica mines, small lake for canoeing and fishing,
	196	Lemoine Point	Over 2000 feet of Lake Ontario waterfront, wildflowers
	197	Little Catawaqui Creek	Sugarbush, Outdoor Education Centre, summer day camp, wetland, moraines
	198	Lyn Valley	Great local swimming hole located in a worked-out gravel pit
	199	Mac Johnson W.A.	Activity and educational centre, large wetlands, trumpeter swans
	200	Parrott's Bay	Class 3 wetland, scenic views of bay
Quinte	201	H.R. Frink O.E.C.	Provincially significant wetland with boardwalk, 13 km trails, Moira River, drumlin
	202	O'Hara Mill Pioneer Village	9 pioneer buildings, 1850s sawmill, historic mill pond, picnic tables, Deer Creek
	203	Price	Remains of old mill dam, picnic tables, Skootamatta River
	204	Quinte	Bay of Quinte, Potter Creek, 6 km of trails, office of Quinte Conservation
	205	Sheffield	Scenic area of Canadian Shield, 5 lakes, 4 km of rugged trails, 1000 acres, seasonal parking
	206	Vanderwater	Series of small steps rapids, Moira River, 15 km of trails
	207	Depot Lakes	Fishing, interior and seasonal camping, 3,000 acres, 9 km of trails, 3 lakes, significant bog
	208	Napanee	Napanee River, access to Bay of Quinte, overnight boat docking, seasonal swimming pool
	209	Portland	56 scenic acres, picnic shelter, seasonal parking, portage to Hambly Lake
	210	Beaver Meadow W.M.A.	Wetland woodland, wildlife management area, water control weir built in 1982
	211	H.J. McFarland	183 m shoreline on Picton Bay, boat launch, seasonal parking, washrooms
	212	Harry Smith	Surrounded on 3 sides by 25 m escarpment
	213	Little Bluff	18 m bluff, pebble beach, 915 m on Prince Edward Bay, remains of 1860s-90s grain bin
	214	Macaulay Mountain	Lowland, stand of hemlock, steep escarpment, alvar, mixed forest
	215	Massassauga Point	1,200 metres of shoreline fronting on the Bay of Quinte, alvar, bur oak savana, boat launch
	216	Rutherford-Stevens Lookout	Panoramic Scenic lookout of Smith's Bay and Waupoos Island



Sheffield



Parrott's Bay



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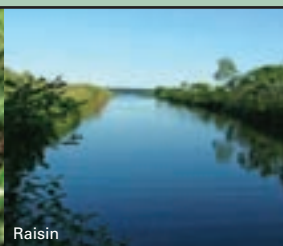
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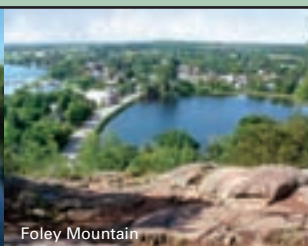
# Conservation Areas Map 8



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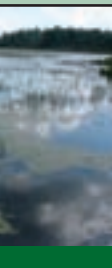


Foley Mountain



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**MAP 8: Mississippi Valley, Raisin Region,  
Rideau Valley, South Nation**

**Legend**

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Mississippi Valley	217	Mill of Kintail	Museum/historical building, McKenzie/Naismith collection, Indian River, mature maple woodlot
	218	Morris Island	Picturesque islands and bays on the Ottawa River, fishing platforms, trails
	219	Purdon	16,000 Showy Lady Slipper Orchids, nature and biology wetland tours,
Raisin Region	220	Charlottenburgh Park	Provincially Significant Wetland, lake, mixed forest, meadows, beach
	221	Cooper Marsh & Visitors Centre	Provincially Significant Wetland, Lake St. Francis, mixed forest, meadows
	222	Gray's Creek & Marina Complex	Access to Grey's Creek/St. Lawrence River, marina, winter activity centre
Rideau Valley	223	Baxter	Nut Grove, energy education, beach, picnic areas, floodplain, Rideau River
	224	Chapman Mills	Boardwalk trail through wetland and shoreline along the Rideau River
	225	Foley Mountain	Interpretive mountain trails & breathtaking lookouts, sandy beach, hiking trails
	226	Meisel Woods	Forested trail around secluded lake with scenic lookouts
	227	Mill Pond	Trails through managed forest area around Mill Pond, seasonal sugarbush
	228	Perth Wildlife Reserve	Interpretive trails through wildlife management areas and view of Tay Marsh
	229	Portland Bay	Big Rideau Lake waterfront, roadside park and picnic area
	230	Rideau Ferry Yacht Club	Lower Rideau lake, clean water, sandy beach, picnic area, boat ramp
	231	W.A. Taylor	Rideau River waterfront, boat launch on Rideau River, picnic area
South Nation	232	Cass Bridge	South Nation River, dock, picnic tables
	233	High Falls	South Nation River, dock, picnic tables, children's play structure, geocache, ice cream shop
	234	J. Henry Tweed	Nearby paved cycling path, dock, picnic tables, great fishing spot, geocache
	235	Jessups Falls	South Nation River, geocache, trilliums and crocuses, raspberry and blackberry bushes
	236	Oak Valley Pioneer Park	South Nation River, Fishing derbies, nature trails, geocache
	237	Robert Graham Trail	South Nation River, pine forest, nature trails, geocache
	238	St. Albert	Boat ramp and wooden dock for South Nation River Access
	239	W.E. Burton	Picnic Shelter, scenic viewing area overlooking the Russell Dam, 1km of trails
	240	Warwick Forest Trail	Extensive trails, horseback riding, geocaches



Perth Wildlife Reserve



Foley Mountain

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Purdon



Dickinson Square

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## Conservation Authorities:

- forecast where and when flooding is likely to occur
- issue flood alerts to warn residents and municipalities



## Conservation Authorities prevent over \$100 million dollars in flood and erosion damages each year.

Conservation Authorities protect people and their property from flooding and erosion in partnership with municipalities, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, and Environment Canada.

Conservation Authorities monitor watershed conditions including snowfall and other precipitation, as well as stream flows and water levels.

In order to reduce and prevent the impact of flooding and erosion, Conservation Authorities operate flood control structures, regulate development in risky areas in order to keep us out of harm's way and help to develop emergency response plans.

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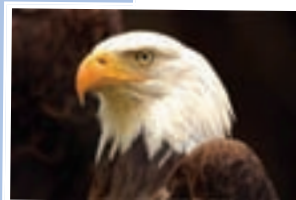
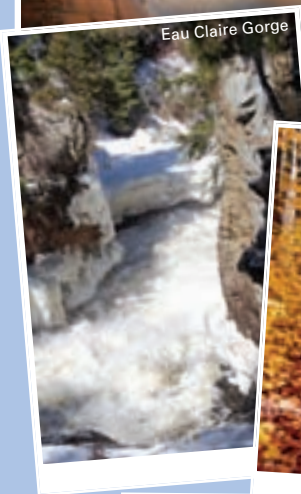
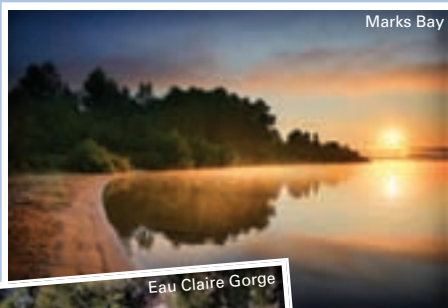
# Enjoy the Spectacular NORTH

Nothing can match the beauty of northern Ontario's Conservation Areas. They are as diverse in their landscapes as in the activities they have to offer.

Breathtaking Boreal Forest, dramatic waterfalls, scenic views, rivers, lakes, marshes, beaver dams, beaches, bluffs, and boardwalks- the unique features of northern Ontario's Conservation Areas offer something to love for nature enthusiasts of all ages.

While some of the northern Conservation Areas are situated in secluded locations, others are found within city limits, making it easy to choose an area based on your comfort level. They also offer a wide range of facilities such as multi-purpose buildings, picnic facilities, interpretive signs, sports fields, children's playgrounds, educational programming, and wheel chair accessible trails. The northern Conservation Areas are full of history and offer unique wildlife spotting opportunities! Keep your eyes peeled for species like Bald Eagles and Moose... and if you're lucky, you may even spot an elusive Lynx.

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There are 25 Conservation Areas in the north, centered around Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, Sudbury, and Timmins. They offer year-round activities that include hiking, swimming, boating, fishing, bird-watching, cycling, downhill and cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing, to name just a few.

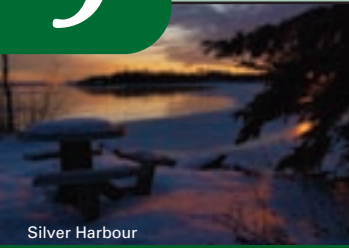
**Step outside today and discover what the north has to offer!**

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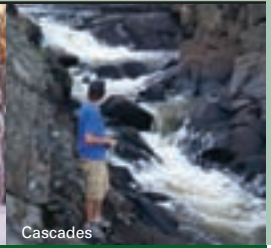
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Silver Harbour



Mission Island Marsh



Cascades



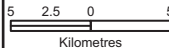
**MAP 9: Lakehead Region**

**Legend**

-  Conservation Area
-  Regional Road
-  Provincial Highway
-  Conservation Authority Boundary



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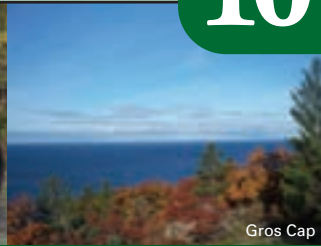




Fort Creek



Hiawatha Highlands



Gros Cap



**MAP 10: Sault Ste. Marie Region**

**Legend**

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-  Regional Road
-  Provincial Highway
-  Conservation Authority Boundary



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Conservation Authority	Area #	Conservation Area	Unique Features
Lakehead Region	241	Cascades	Current River, kilometre-long rapids, rock outcrops, poplar and birch forest
	242	Hazelwood Lake	Hazelwood Lake Centre, rolling hills, mixed forest, fishing, canoeing
	243	Hurkett Cove	Shallow water bay of Lake Superior, sandspit, wetland, excellent birding, seasonal only
	244	Little Trout Bay	Sheltered bay on Lake Superior, lookout and trail, fishing, launch, seasonal only
	245	Mission Island Marsh	Lake Superior, large shoreline wetland, scenic lake view, bird rarities & migration
	246	Silver Harbour	Lake Superior, scenic view, old quarry, boat launch, fishing

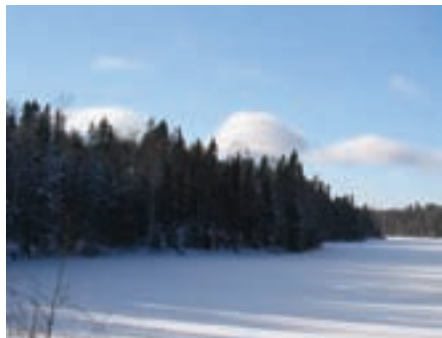
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Conservation Authority	Area #	Conservation Area	Unique Features
Sault Ste. Marie Region	247	Fort Creek	Fort Creek Dam and reservoir, tobogganing, Algonquin terrain, Korah Bench, multi-use hub trail
	248	Gros Cap	Gros Cap Batholith, Lake Superior shoreline
	249	Hiawatha Highlands	Red Pine Plantation, Crystal Creek Wetlands, Canadian Shield, pioneer farm
	250	Marks Bay	St. Marys River Shoreline, wetlands, rare plants, old growth Red Pine forest
	251	Shore Ridges	Nipissing Ridge, St. Marys River shoreline, Provincially Significant Wetland on migratory bird path



Silver Harbour



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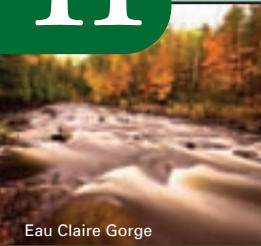
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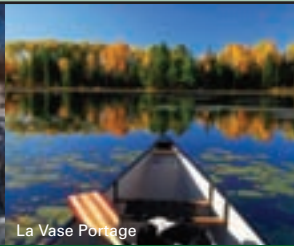
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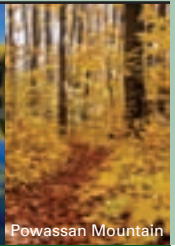
Eau Claire Gorge



Laurentian Escarpment



La Vase Portage




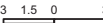
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**MAP 11: North Bay - Mattawa**

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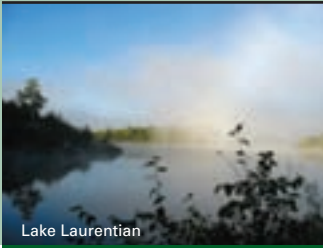
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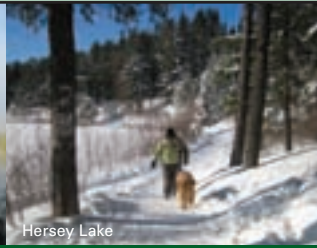
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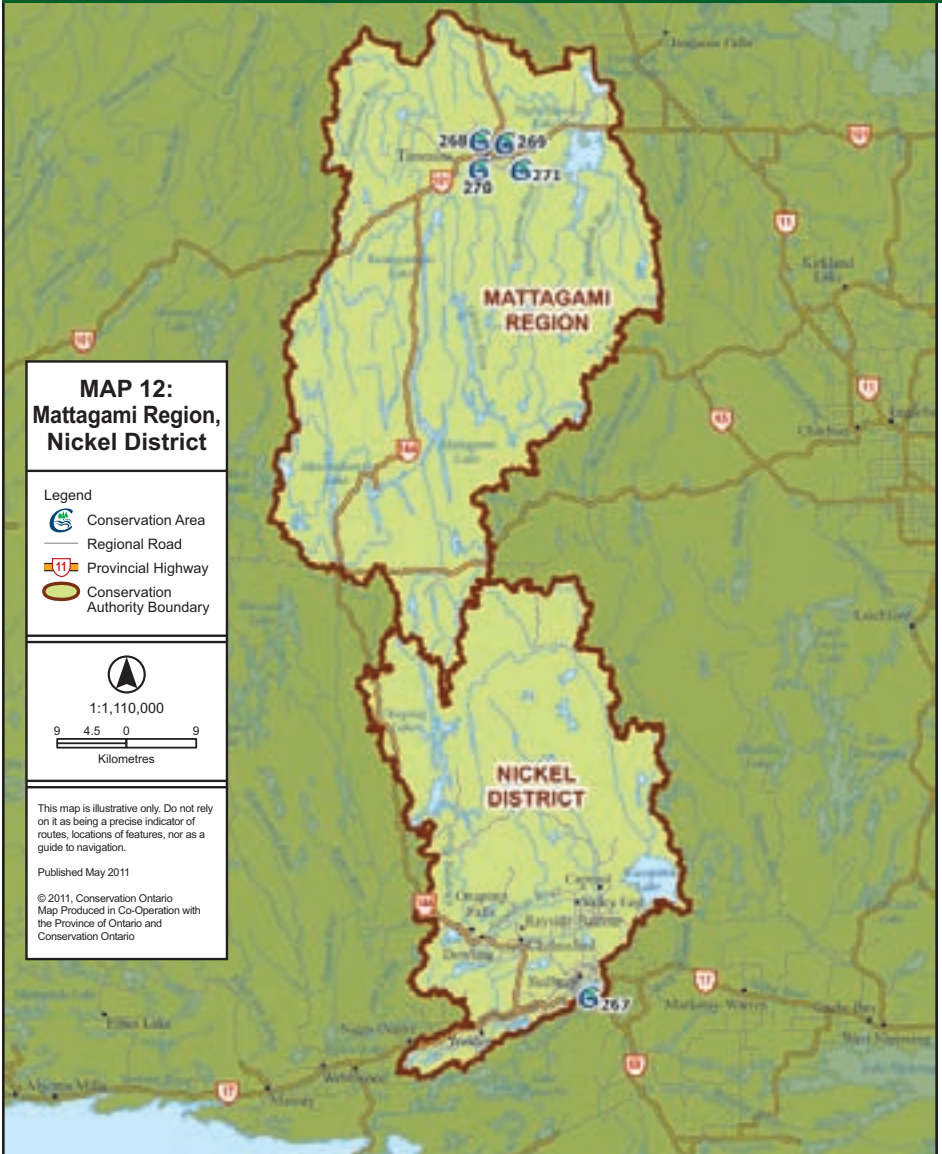
Lake Laurentian



Hersey Lake



Gilies Lake



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North Bay - Mattawa	252	Corbeil	La Vase River headwaters, mixed forest, wetlands
	253	Eau Claire Gorge	Eau Claire Gorge, Amable du Fond River, historical logger's shanty
	254	Elks Lodge Family Park	South shore of Dugas Bay, access to Trout Lake, historical portage route
	255	Eva Wardlaw	Set on Lake Nipissing shore with entrance to Parks Creek
	256	J.P. Webster	Natural state
	257	Kate Pace Way	12km multi-use trail, along North Bay waterfront to Callander, named after local Olympic skier Kate Pace
	258	Kinsmen Trail	5 km follows creek greenbelt through heart of North Bay; part of Trans Canada Trail; home to Chippewa Creek Eco Path; links to Kate Pace Way
	259	La Vase Portage	Provincially Significant Wetland, historical portage route
	260	Laurentian Escarpment	Downhill skiing, snowboarding, mountain biking, Natural Classroom
	261	Laurier Woods	Wetland and trails located within the city, birdwatching
	262	Mattawa Island	Natural Recreation Area on Mattawa River, finish of Mattawa River Canoe Race
	263	Papineau Lake	Public access to Papineau Lake
	264	Powassan Mountain	Scenic views & adjoining trail system (The Pines)
	265	Shields-McLaren	Informal trails, 151 acres; provides natural & historic features of Shields Point
266	Shirley Skinner	49 Acre Memorial Nature Preserve, no formal trails	

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Nickel District	267	Lake Laurentian	Wetland, lookouts, 4-season trails, 950 hectares, environmental education
Mattagami Region	268	Gillies Lake	Large urban lake, parkland, trails, beach, marshlands
	269	Hersey Lake	Kettle lakes, sandy uplands, bog ecosystems, beach, extensive trail system
	270	Mountjoy Historical	River views and access, parkland, trails, picnicking
	271	White Waterfront	Lake access, extensive marshlands, parkland, picnicking, beach, wildlife viewing



Lake Laurentian



Gillies Lake

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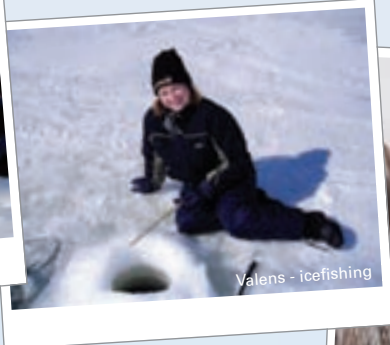
Laurentian



White Waterfront



Cataragui Region - ski race



Valens - icefishing



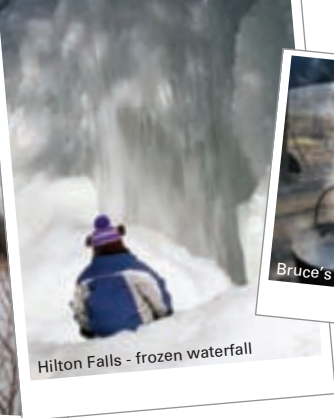
Wawanosh - skating

# Winter FUN



Glen Eden - snowboarding

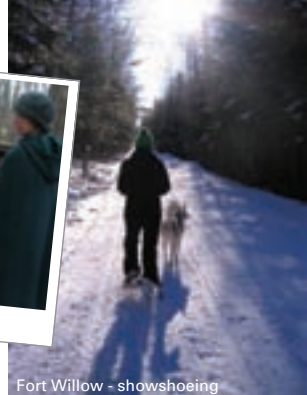




Hilton Falls - frozen waterfall



Bruce's Mill - maple syrup



Fort Willow - snowshoeing

## Hit the Slopes!

There's nothing like a steep slope in winter to get your adrenaline pumping. Two Conservation Areas offer downhill skiing facilities: Laurentian Escarpment Conservation Area in North Bay and Glen Eden in Milton.

## Explore the Trails!

At over 100 Conservation Areas across the province, cross-country beginners and enthusiasts can enjoy endless kilometres of ski trails. Check with your favourite Conservation Areas to see which offer ski rentals, groomed trails, and rest stops. Over 90 Conservation Areas also allow snowshoeing on their trails, and some offer snowshoe rentals. What better way to enjoy the winter than to get outside with family and enjoy nature?

## Relax on the Pond!

Enjoy an afternoon on the rink followed by a delicious hot chocolate around a bonfire. Several Conservation Areas maintain skating rinks on their ponds and lakes when the weather permits.

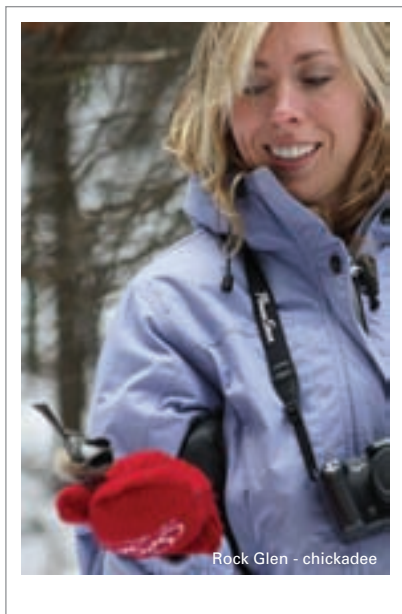
## Learn Something New!

Are you interested in how animals survive the winter or how to identify trees in winter? Conservation Areas in Ontario offer school programs in the winter as well as in the warmer months. Plan a class trip, enjoy a hike, and learn a little along the way!

## Check out a Special Event!

Winter is a time to celebrate, and many Conservation Areas offer special events to mark the season. From family fun days, to guided hikes, and holiday events at our heritage villages, there is always something new to see and do.

When the temperature begins to rise, and the sap begins to run, it's a great time to enjoy a maple syrup festival. Several Conservation Areas offer maple syrup demonstrations and related events beginning in March. If you're lucky you might even get a taste!



Rock Glen - chickadee

# Just Add Water!

## Children's Water Festivals



Each year across Ontario, thousands of students are educated about the importance of water conservation, protection, technology, and ecology at Children's Water Festivals. There are 22 Children's Water Festivals hosted annually across the province, and 31 Conservation Authorities either host, or partner with other organizations to host Water Festivals.

The goal of Water Festivals is to educate our youth to respect our water sources, and preserve it for future generations through greater awareness and appreciation. Since the first Water Festival held in Milton in 1994, over 200,000 students have broadened their understanding of water at a local festival.

Most Water Festivals run for 5 days and educate up to 1000 students per day. Students who attend the festivals participate in hands-on water themed activities that are linked to the Ontario curriculum and emphasize the importance of surface and groundwater in their communities and in their everyday lives. The fun and interactive nature of the festivals ensures that students enjoy learning about the value of this critical resource and through their learning, ensure a continuation of a reliable water supply for years to come.

To learn more about Children's Water Festivals and how to start one in your community, visit The Children's Water Education Council

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