



# Recreation Guide

## Winter 2025/26





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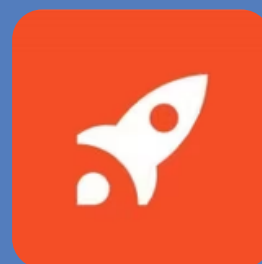
## Winter Session

The Winter session will run from December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

## Registration

Program registration begins Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5 PM

[Click Here to Register](#)



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# Message from Council

As winter envelops our beautiful Township in a blanket of snow and tranquillity, we extend our warmest greetings to you and your loved ones.

The Farmers have been busy coaxing their fields into slumber. It is a quiet time to reflect and give thanks to our hardworking farmers. We encourage everyone to join the festive celebrations in Essa Township.

- Angus Santa Claus Parade Nov. 22nd starts at 10am from Angus Peacekeeper's Park. To register float, walkers, or info, call Sandie at 705-424-6844. Refreshments to follow at the Angus Arena.
- Angus Christmas tree lighting - Dec. 5th- 6 pm at the Angus Arena, Santa, and refreshments. Have fun meeting fellow Residents.
- Thornton Gazebo Lighting Dec. 7th at 6 pm across from the Thornton Fire hall. Visit with Santa, Residents, and enjoy the fun and tasty refreshments. Bring your camera to capture a special moment. We look forward to celebrating with you.

Take time to watch and cheer on our local talented Essa Minor Hockey in Thornton and Angus.

Be sure to check out our new and ongoing Parks and Rec programs. Alex has added some new fun filled programs for all ages.

Thank you to our dedicated and supportive staff for all their hard work and commitment. Your efforts make our communities stronger. We are blessed to live in Essa where Town and Country meet.

To all our Volunteers thank you for your incredible service to Essa Township. Your selfless efforts and unwavering commitment have made a lasting impact on your communities. Whether planting trees, coaching youth sports and programs, street clean up, or lending a hand to those in need, your contributions help create a welcoming place for everyone.

Please drive the posted speeds to help keep our young children safe while out enjoying the winter day.

Essa Council and Staff will be busy working diligently to bring in a fiscally responsible budget.

Happy 175th Birthday Essa Township. From our home to yours, enjoy all the beauty that winter brings. Have a safe and healthy winter.

Warmest Regards,

Your Essa Council:

Mayor Sandie Macdonald, Deputy Mayor Mike Smith, Councillor Pieter Kiezebrink, Councillor Henry Sander & Councillor Liana Maltby

## Message from the Parks & Recreation Team

Winter is here, and our team is excited to help you stay active and connected this season! Skate Punch Passes are now available for purchase, perfect for anyone who loves to hit the ice regularly. Each pass is valid for 10 skates and can be used at both the Angus and Thornton arenas. Yoga Drop-In Classes will also be offered throughout December. While pre-registration and online payment are still required, participants can choose the sessions that work best for their schedule. The Holiday Skate Schedules have been released as well, so gather your family and friends and join us on the ice for some festive fun. Lastly, we're thrilled to introduce new Dance Programs for ages 3-12 at the Angus Recreation Centre, offering exciting ways for children to express themselves and stay active this winter. We look forward to seeing you at our facilities this season. Stay warm, stay active, and enjoy all that Essa has to offer!

Chris Rankin - Manager of Parks and Recreation



# Registered Programs

## VON SMART

### Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together

The VON SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together)® program offers group exercise classes to community members 55 years and older or any adult living with a disability who wants to improve their strength, balance and mobility through low-impact exercise. The exercise classes are facilitated by fitness instructors and/or volunteers who receive specialized training and ongoing education to deliver safe exercise programs for all levels of ability. Participants are encouraged to work at their own pace, wear comfortable clothing and supportive shoes. The exercises can be completed seated or standing. Participants can sign themselves up for group classes or be referred by a healthcare provider, family or friend. The program is fully funded, so there is no cost to participate.

**Pre-Registration with the VON Office is required prior to participating in the VON SMART Exercise Program. Please call 705-737-5044 ext 225 and leave a brief message with your name, number and class location you would like to register for (i.e. Thornton Community Centre). We will get back to you as soon as possible to complete the registration over the phone.**

**Location:** Thornton Community Centre - Meeting Room

**Price:** Free

**Age:** 55+

|     |          |      |                                            |         |
|-----|----------|------|--------------------------------------------|---------|
| MON | 10:30 AM | 1 HR | Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> - Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Ongoing |
|-----|----------|------|--------------------------------------------|---------|

No Class: Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Chair Yoga



Chair yoga is a modified form of yoga where we use a chair for support during seated and standing yoga postures. It offers the same physical and mental health benefits as traditional yoga - strengthening, stretching, flexibility and balance. It is gentle and accessible for anyone, even those with mobility concerns or anyone new to yoga. Chairs are provided. Bring some water if needed.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Gymnasium

**Price:** \$64 + HST

**Age:** 55+

|     |      |      |                                            |       |
|-----|------|------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| WED | 1 PM | 1 HR | Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8 WKS |
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## Hatha Yoga



Brought to you by Side Door Yoga, this 60 minute yoga class is designed to be accessible and beneficial for all students of all levels. We focus on movement, breath awareness, stretching and relaxation. Bring your own yoga mat, water and any yoga equipment you may use (ie, blocks, straps)

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Banquet Hall

**Price:** \$91 + HST

**Age:** 18+

|     |      |      |                                            |       |
|-----|------|------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| MON | 7 PM | 1 HR | Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 7 WKS |
|-----|------|------|--------------------------------------------|-------|

*No Class: Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

**Location:** Thornton Community Centre - Banquet Hall

**Price:** \$91 + HST

**Age:** 18+

|     |      |      |                                            |       |
|-----|------|------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| MON | 7 PM | 1 HR | Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 7 WKS |
|-----|------|------|--------------------------------------------|-------|

*No Class: Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

## Hatha Yoga December Drop-ins

Classes are run as individual drop-ins throughout December to provide flexible options during the holidays. Pre-registration and online payment are required ahead of time to secure your spot (no payment at the facility). Brought to you by Side Door Yoga, this 60-minute yoga class is designed to be accessible and beneficial for students of all levels. Each session focuses on movement, breath awareness, stretching, and relaxation to help you feel balanced and refreshed. Please bring your own yoga mat, water, and any equipment you like to use (such as blocks or straps).

**Locations:** Angus Recreation Centre - Banquet Hall & Thornton Community Centre - Banquet Hall

**Price:** \$13 + HST

**Age:** 18+

**Day:** Mondays

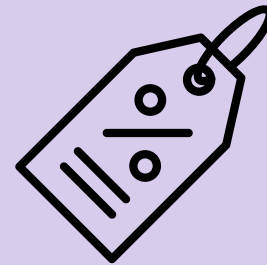
**Time:** 7 PM

**Duration:** 1 Hour

|                     |                     |                      |                      |                      |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> | Dec 8 <sup>th</sup> | Dec 15 <sup>th</sup> | Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Dec 29 <sup>th</sup> |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|

## Side Door Yoga Program Discount

**Register for more than one program provided by Side Door Yoga and receive 15% off the second class**



## Strength and Conditioning



Brought to you by Side Door Yoga, this structured high intensity interval style of workout is designed to improve overall physical fitness through a combination of cardiovascular, strength and flexibility exercises. All equipment is supplied. A yoga mat is encouraged for floor work and a water bottle is highly recommended.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Banquet Hall

**Price:** \$130 + HST

**Age:** 18+

|      |       |      |                                            |       |
|------|-------|------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| TUES | 11 AM | 1 HR | Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 24 <sup>th</sup> | 8 WKS |
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|-----|------|------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| WED | 7 PM | 1 HR | Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8 WKS |
|-----|------|------|--------------------------------------------|-------|

**Location:** Thornton Community Centre - Banquet Hall

**Price:** \$130 + HST

**Age:** 18+

|     |         |      |                                            |       |
|-----|---------|------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| WED | 7:30 PM | 1 HR | Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8 WKS |
|-----|---------|------|--------------------------------------------|-------|





Pilates 

Brought to you by Side Door Yoga, gain strength, mobility and mind-body connection with Pilates. Due to the progressive sequencing, this class is suitable for all levels. Classes will focus on abdominal, hip and spine strengthening and increasing the overall total body range of motion.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Banquet Hall

**Price:** \$78 + HST

**Age:** 18+

|      |      |      |                                             |       |
|------|------|------|---------------------------------------------|-------|
| THUR | 7 PM | 1 HR | Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 26 <sup>th</sup> | 6 WKS |
|------|------|------|---------------------------------------------|-------|

No Class: Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Zumba

Each Zumba class is a welcoming, energetic space where you can let go of stress, move freely, and reconnect with yourself through the power of dance. Once the music starts and the rhythms take over, you'll understand why our classes are often called exercise in disguise. Come for the workout, stay for the joy!

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Gymnasium

**Price:** \$70 + HST

**Age:** 18+

|      |      |      |                                            |       |
|------|------|------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| TUES | 7 PM | 1 HR | Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 24 <sup>th</sup> | 7 WKS |
|------|------|------|--------------------------------------------|-------|

No Class: Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Registration**

**Program registration opens Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5 PM.**

**Register online at [townshipofessa.perfectmind.com](https://townshipofessa.perfectmind.com)**





The Township of Essa is committed to the delivery of quality child recreation programming and is a proud HIGH FIVE® Registered Organization! HIGH FIVE is a quality assurance standard for children's recreation and sport. To learn more about HIGH FIVE® visit the website by clicking [HERE](#)

HIGH FIVE® A quality standard for recreation and sport programs. Founded by Parks and Recreation Ontario.

## Basketball Skills (5-12)

Junior Basketball participants learn the fundamental skills of basketball through fun, engaging games and drills, building essential qualities including: leadership, sportsmanship, teamwork and respect.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Gymnasium

**Price:** \$120

**Age:** 5-8

|      |      |        |                                            |       |
|------|------|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| THUR | 6 PM | 50 MIN | Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 26 <sup>th</sup> | 8 WKS |
|------|------|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Gymnasium

**Price:** \$120

**Age:** 9-12

|      |      |        |                                            |       |
|------|------|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| THUR | 7 PM | 50 MIN | Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 26 <sup>th</sup> | 8 WKS |
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## Monkeynastix (1-4)

This fun 8 week fitness movement education program designed for children ages 1-4 focuses on gross and fine motor skills, balance, coordination, spatial and body awareness utilizing a variety of safe activities with specialized equipment and music.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Gymnasium

**Price:** \$144

**Age:** 1-2 years

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|-----|------|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| WED | 5 PM | 30 MIN | Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8 WKS |
|-----|------|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Gymnasium

**Price:** \$144

**Age:** 2-3 years

|     |         |        |                                            |       |
|-----|---------|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| WED | 5:45 PM | 30 MIN | Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8 WKS |
|-----|---------|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Gymnasium

**Price:** \$144

**Age:** 3-4 years

|     |         |        |                                            |       |
|-----|---------|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| WED | 6:30 PM | 30 MIN | Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8 WKS |
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## Learn to Dance (3-12)



For toddlers ages 3-4 who love to move, they will learn introductory dance moves through creative expression and dance play. With upbeat and age appropriate moves and music. Styles to be introduced: Ballet, Jazz and Hip-Hop.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Banquet Hall

**Price:** \$60

**Age:** 3-4 years

|     |         |        |                                            |       |
|-----|---------|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| FRI | 4:30 PM | 30 MIN | Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 27 <sup>th</sup> | 8 WKS |
|-----|---------|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|

An introduction to Ballet, Jazz and Hip-Hop. Kids ages 5-6 will learn basic dance skills, movement, balance, rhythm and coordination in a fun and upbeat environment.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Banquet Hall

**Price:** \$60

**Age:** 5-6 years

|     |         |        |                                            |       |
|-----|---------|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| FRI | 5:15 PM | 30 MIN | Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 27 <sup>th</sup> | 8 WKS |
|-----|---------|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|

Kids ages 7-9 will learn beginner dance steps in Ballet, Jazz, Hip-Hop and Musical Theatre. Kids will learn to find their own style and expression in a fun and supportive class while improving coordination and flexibility.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Banquet Hall

**Price:** \$120

**Age:** 7-9 years

|     |      |        |                                            |       |
|-----|------|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| FRI | 6 PM | 50 MIN | Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 27 <sup>th</sup> | 8 WKS |
|-----|------|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|

Kids ages 10-12 will get to explore different genres of dance such as Ballet, Jazz, Hip-Hop and Musical Theatre. They will learn beginner dance moves, dance combinations and team work. They will also work to build confidence, coordination, flexibility and friendship.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Banquet Hall

**Price:** \$120

**Age:** 10-12 years

|     |      |        |                                            |       |
|-----|------|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| FRI | 7 PM | 50 MIN | Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> - Feb 27 <sup>th</sup> | 8 WKS |
|-----|------|--------|--------------------------------------------|-------|

## Registration

Program registration begins Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5 PM.

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[townshipofessa.perfectmind.com](https://townshipofessa.perfectmind.com)



# March Break Camp

## Sports Camp

In partnership with Elevation Athletics. Campers will learn the fundamentals of multiple sports including basketball, soccer, badminton and pickleball over the week. Campers will participate in skills and drills that focus on developing hand eye coordination, foot work, technique and team building skills. There will also be exciting and stimulating games, activities and crafts to make for an action packed and fun filled day!

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Gymnasium

**Age:** 6-11 years

**Dates:** March 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Price:** \$195

**Times:** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Drop Off:** 9:00 am - 9:30 am

**Pick Up:** 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

**Capacity:** 15 Campers



## Registration

Program registration begins Friday, November 7th, 2025 at 5pm.

Register online at [townshipofessa.perfectmind.com](https://townshipofessa.perfectmind.com)

# Drop-in Programs

## Pickleball Drop-in (Ages 18+)

A dynamic paddle sport blending elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, played on a compact court with a unique perforated ball, offering fast-paced fun for all adults. Paddles and balls are available.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Gymnasium

**Times:** Mondays & Thursdays (10:30 AM - 12:30 PM), Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays (8 - 10 AM)

**Exclusion Dates:** Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> & Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

## Pickleball Drop-in (Ages 11+)

A dynamic paddle sport blending elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, played on a compact court with a unique perforated ball, offering fast-paced fun for all adults and youth. Paddles and balls are available.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Gymnasium

**Times:** Mondays & Wednesdays (7:30 PM - 9:30 PM)

**Exclusion Dates:** Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> & Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

## Open Gym (11+)

Drop by during our open gym times to enjoy unstructured play and recreation. Whether you're shooting hoops or playing ball hockey this program is perfect for all ages and abilities. A variety of sports and equipment are available for use.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Gymnasium

**Times:** Tuesdays & Thursdays (2:30 - 4:30 PM)

**Exclusion Dates:** Dec 25<sup>th</sup> & Feb 17<sup>th</sup>

## Preschool Drop-in (5 and under)

Explore our preschool drop-in program, where little ones can engage in fun activities, socialize, and learn through play in a supportive environment. Free entry for parents/guardians.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Gymnasium

**Times:** Wednesdays & Fridays (10:30 AM - 12:30 PM)

**Exclusion Dates:** Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

## Drop-in Prices (Cash Only)

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ages 0-4: \$2</b>  | <b>Ages 18-64: \$5</b> |
| <b>Ages 5-17: \$3</b> | <b>Ages 65+: \$4</b>   |



*\*All drop-in times are subject to change.*

*Please refer to the schedule online for the most up-to-date schedule. Click [HERE](#) for the online schedule.*



## Inclusive Recreation Drop-in (11+)

Join our drop-in sport sessions, where residents of all abilities can connect, build community, and enjoy playing various sports together. Sports equipment is provided. Free entry for support workers.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Gymnasium

**Times:** Fridays (1 - 3 PM)

**Exclusion Dates:** Dec 26<sup>th</sup>

## Senior Walking & Exercise Group (55+)

Do you want to have fun and get a workout? The Angus & Area Seniors walking and exercise group meets every Monday and Thursday. This is a fun group that exercises to 60s music with lots of stretching, balancing, dance moves, tapping, and wall exercises, finishing up with an inside walk with fellow members. It is a great way to start your day. Sandie Macdonald has facilitated the exercise group for 23 years. We encourage everyone to join us to keep healthy and moving. This is a free program, just bring your water and indoor shoes!

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Gymnasium

**Times:** Mondays & Thursdays (8:45-9:45 am)

**Exclusion Dates:** No classes if school busses are cancelled

## Shuffleboard/Cornhole Drop-in (55+)

This is a free program that provides seniors with the opportunity to stay active, play, and build connections with their community. Equipment is available on site.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Banquet Hall

**Times:** Mondays & Wednesdays (10 - 11:30 AM)

**Exclusion Dates:** Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, Jan 26<sup>th</sup> & Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Thornton Community Centre - Meeting Room

**Times:** Mondays (1 - 2:30 PM) &

Wednesdays (10 - 11:30 AM)

**Exclusion Dates:** Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> & Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

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## Recreation Calendar

Check out our Recreation Calendar located on the Township of Essa website!  
To view the calendar click [HERE](#)

Community Calendar

< > October 2024

Week Months List Print Refresh Search Subscribe

| SUN<br>29 | MON<br>30 | TUE<br>1                                                                                         | WED<br>2                                                                                           | THU<br>3                                                                                         | FRI<br>4                                                                                           | SAT<br>5                                                                              |
|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|           |           | 10:00 am<br>Drop-in<br>Skate<br>Programs<br>Parent<br>and Tot<br>Skate -<br>State -<br>Angus     | 10:30 am<br>Drop-in<br>Skate<br>Programs<br>Parent<br>and Tot<br>Skate -<br>State -<br>Angus       | 10:00 am<br>Drop-in<br>Skate<br>Programs<br>Parent<br>and Tot<br>Skate -<br>State -<br>Angus     | 10:30 am<br>Drop-in<br>Skate<br>Programs<br>Parent<br>and Tot<br>Skate -<br>State -<br>Angus       | 10:00 pm<br>Drop-in<br>Skate<br>Programs<br>Public<br>Skate -<br>State -<br>Thornhill |
|           |           | 10:00 am<br>Drop-in<br>Skate<br>Programs<br>Parent<br>and Tot<br>Skate -<br>State -<br>Thornhill | 10:00 am<br>Drop-in<br>Skate<br>Programs<br>Parent<br>and Tot<br>Skate -<br>State -<br>Thornhill   | 10:00 am<br>Drop-in<br>Skate<br>Programs<br>Parent<br>and Tot<br>Skate -<br>State -<br>Thornhill | 10:00 am<br>Drop-in<br>Skate<br>Programs<br>Parent<br>and Tot<br>Skate -<br>State -<br>Thornhill   | 10:00 pm<br>Drop-in<br>Skate<br>Programs<br>Public<br>Skate -<br>State -<br>Thornhill |
|           |           | 10:30 am<br>Drop-in<br>Skate<br>Programs<br>Adult<br>Pickleball<br>Drop-in<br>Skate -<br>Angus   | 10:30 am<br>Drop-in<br>Skate<br>Programs<br>Adult<br>Pickleball<br>Drop-in<br>Skate -<br>Thornhill | 10:30 am<br>Drop-in<br>Skate<br>Programs<br>Adult<br>Pickleball<br>Drop-in<br>Skate -<br>Angus   | 10:30 am<br>Drop-in<br>Skate<br>Programs<br>Adult<br>Pickleball<br>Drop-in<br>Skate -<br>Thornhill | 10:00 pm<br>Drop-in<br>Skate<br>Programs<br>Public<br>Skate -<br>State -<br>Angus     |

**\*All drop-in times are subject  
to change.**

**Please refer to the schedule online  
for the most up-to-date schedule.  
Click [HERE](#) for the online schedule.**



# 55+ Shuffleboard & Cornhole Drop-in

The free 55+ Shuffleboard/Cornhole Drop-in program will provide seniors with the opportunity to stay active, play, and build connections with their community. Seniors can look forward to playing corn hole and shuffleboard in a relaxing and fun atmosphere. Whether you are an experienced player or looking to try something new, all are welcome to join in on the fun!

Please bring indoor shoes to help keep dirt and salt out of the room and protect the equipment.

## Schedule:

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025- March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Angus Recreation Centre

- Mondays (10 AM - 11:30 AM)
- Wednesdays (10 AM - 11:30 AM)

Excluding: Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, Jan 26<sup>th</sup> & Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

Thornton Community Centre

- Mondays (1 PM - 2:30 PM)
- Wednesdays (10 AM - 11:30 AM)

Excluding: Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> & Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

Ages: 55+

Cost: Free

For more information, contact the Recreation Programmer at [ajacobs@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:ajacobs@essatownship.on.ca) or (705) 424-9917 ext 107



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# Skating Drop-in Programs

**Skating programs will run from  
September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to  
March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Skating Punch Passes Available  
Now! More information on  
[Page 16](#)**

## Public Skate (All Ages)

Enjoy public skating sessions at our rink, where individuals and families can glide around the ice, have fun, and stay active together.

### **Angus Recreation Centre:**

Times: Fridays (5 - 5:50 PM), Saturdays (7 - 9 PM) & Sundays (12 - 1:20 PM)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, Mar 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Thornton Community Centre:**

Times: Tuesdays (5 - 5:50 PM), Fridays (5 - 5:50 PM), & Saturdays (1 - 1:50 PM)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, Mar 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

## Leisure Skate (18+)

Experience leisure skating at our rink, a relaxed and enjoyable activity suitable for individuals looking to go for a leisurely skate.

### **Angus Recreation Centre:**

Times: Tuesdays & Thursdays (11 - 12:20 PM)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 25<sup>th</sup> & Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Thornton Community Centre:**

Times: Tuesdays & Thursdays (11:30 - 12:50 PM)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 25<sup>th</sup> & Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

## Parent & Tot Skate (5 & under)

Parent and tot skate sessions provide a fun and supportive environment for young children and their caregivers to enjoy skating together. Caregivers must be 18+.

### **Angus Recreation Centre:**

Times: Wednesdays (11 - 12:20 PM)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Thornton Community Centre:**

Times: Wednesdays (12 - 1:20 PM)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

## Drop-in Prices (Cash Only)

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Skating:</b>            | <b>Shinny:</b>           |
| <b>5 &amp; Under: Free</b> | <b>All Ages: \$5</b>     |
| <b>Ages 5+: \$3</b>        | <b>Goalies are free!</b> |

## Children Shinny (5-10)

Shinny hockey for children ages 5-10 offers a friendly and active introduction to the sport. Full equipment is required. Parents/Guardians (18+) are welcome to support and receive free entry.

### Angus Recreation Centre:

Times: Saturdays (3:30 - 4:20 PM) & Sundays (7:30 - 8:30 PM)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> & Mar 7<sup>th</sup>

### Thornton Community Centre:

Times: Mondays (5 - 5:50 PM)

Exclusion Dates: Feb 16<sup>th</sup>



## Youth Shinny (11-17)

Youth shinny hockey for ages 11-17 provides a dynamic and inclusive environment for players to hone their skills and enjoy friendly competition. Full equipment is required.

### Angus Recreation Centre:

Times: Mondays (4 - 4:50 PM)

Exclusion Dates: Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

### Thornton Community Centre:

Times: Tuesdays (4 - 4:50 PM)

## Adult Shinny (18+)

Adult shinny hockey for ages 18 and up offers a recreational and competitive opportunity for players to enjoy the sport in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. Full equipment is required.

### Angus Recreation Centre:

Times: Saturdays (4:30 - 5:20 PM)

Exclusion Dates: Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> & Mar 7<sup>th</sup>

### Thornton Community Centre:

Times: Mondays (9 - 9:50 PM)

Exclusion Dates: Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

**\*All drop-in times are subject to change.**  
Please refer to the schedule online for the most up-to-date schedule.  
Click [HERE](#) for the online schedule.

## Equipment Rules

Helmets are mandatory for all public skate participants ages 10 and under and are highly recommended for all users.

Full equipment is mandatory for all Shinny programs.





## 2025/26 HOLIDAY SKATE SCHEDULE

### ANGUS RECREATION CENTRE



| MON<br>DEC 22 <sup>ND</sup>                      | TUE<br>DEC 23 <sup>RD</sup>                        | WED<br>DEC 24 <sup>TH</sup>                | THU<br>DEC 25 <sup>TH</sup> | FRI<br>DEC 26 <sup>TH</sup>                      | SAT<br>DEC 27 <sup>TH</sup>                         | SUN<br>DEC 28 <sup>TH</sup>                         |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Public Skate<br>(All Ages)<br>1 - 2:50 PM        | Leisure Skate<br>(Ages 18+)<br>11 AM -<br>12:20 PM | Public Skate<br>(All Ages)<br>9 - 10:50 AM |                             |                                                  | Children<br>Shinny<br>(Ages 5-10)<br>3:30 - 3:20 PM | Public Skate<br>(All Ages)<br>12 - 1:20 PM          |
| Children<br>Shinny<br>(Ages 5-10)<br>3 - 3:50 PM | Public Skate<br>(All Ages)<br>1 - 2:50 PM          |                                            |                             |                                                  | Adult Shinny<br>(Ages 18+)<br>4:30 - 5:20 PM        | Children<br>Shinny<br>(Ages 5-10)<br>7:30 - 8:20 PM |
| Youth Shinny<br>(Ages 11-17)<br>4 - 4:50 PM      | Youth Shinny<br>(Ages 11-17)<br>3 - 3:50 PM        |                                            |                             |                                                  | Public Skate<br>(All Ages)<br>7 - 8:50 PM           | Adult Shinny<br>(Ages 18+)<br>8:30 - 9:20 PM        |
| MON<br>DEC 29 <sup>TH</sup>                      | TUE<br>DEC 30 <sup>TH</sup>                        | WED<br>DEC 31 <sup>ST</sup>                | THU<br>JAN 1 <sup>ST</sup>  | FRI<br>JAN 2 <sup>ND</sup>                       | SAT<br>JAN 3 <sup>RD</sup>                          | SUN<br>JAN 4 <sup>TH</sup>                          |
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| Children<br>Shinny<br>(Ages 5-10)<br>3 - 3:50 PM | Youth Shinny<br>(Ages 11-17)<br>1 - 1:50 PM        |                                            |                             | Youth Shinny<br>(Ages 11-17)<br>3 - 3:50 PM      | Adult Shinny<br>(Ages 18+)<br>8:30 - 9:20 PM        | Children<br>Shinny<br>(Ages 5-10)<br>7:30 - 8:20 PM |
| Youth Shinny<br>(Ages 11-17)<br>4 - 4:50 PM      | Adult Shinny<br>(Ages 18+)<br>2 - 2:50 PM          |                                            |                             | Public Skate<br>(All Ages)<br>5 - 5:50 PM        |                                                     | Adult Shinny<br>(Ages 18+)<br>8:30 - 9:20 PM        |

### Drop-in Prices (Cash Only)

**Skating:**  
5 & Under: Free  
Ages 5+: \$3

**Shinny:**  
All Ages: \$5  
Goalies are free!

## 2025/26 HOLIDAY SKATE SCHEDULE THORNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE



| MON<br>DEC 22 <sup>ND</sup>                      | TUE<br>DEC 23 <sup>RD</sup>                           | WED<br>DEC 24 <sup>TH</sup>                 | THU<br>DEC 25 <sup>TH</sup> | FRI<br>DEC 26 <sup>TH</sup>                      | SAT<br>DEC 27 <sup>TH</sup>                        | SUN<br>DEC 28 <sup>TH</sup>                            |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Children<br>Shinny<br>(Ages 5-10)<br>5 - 5:50 PM | Leisure Skate<br>(Ages 18+)<br>11:30 AM -<br>12:50 PM | Public Skate<br>(All Ages)<br>11 - 11:50 PM |                             |                                                  | Children<br>Shinny<br>(Ages 5-10)<br>10 - 10:50 AM | Parent & Tot<br>(Ages 5 and<br>under)<br>10 - 10:50 AM |
| Public Skate<br>(All Ages)<br>7 - 8:50 PM        | Youth Shinny<br>(Ages 11-17)<br>4 - 4:50 PM           |                                             |                             |                                                  | Youth Shinny<br>(Ages 11-17)<br>11 - 11:50 AM      | Public Skate<br>(All Ages)<br>6 - 6:50 PM              |
| Adult Shinny<br>(Ages 18+)<br>9 - 9:50 PM        | Public Skate<br>(All Ages)<br>5 - 5:50 PM             |                                             |                             |                                                  | Public Skate<br>(All Ages)<br>1 - 1:50 PM          | Adult Shinny<br>(Ages 18+)<br>8 - 8:50 PM              |
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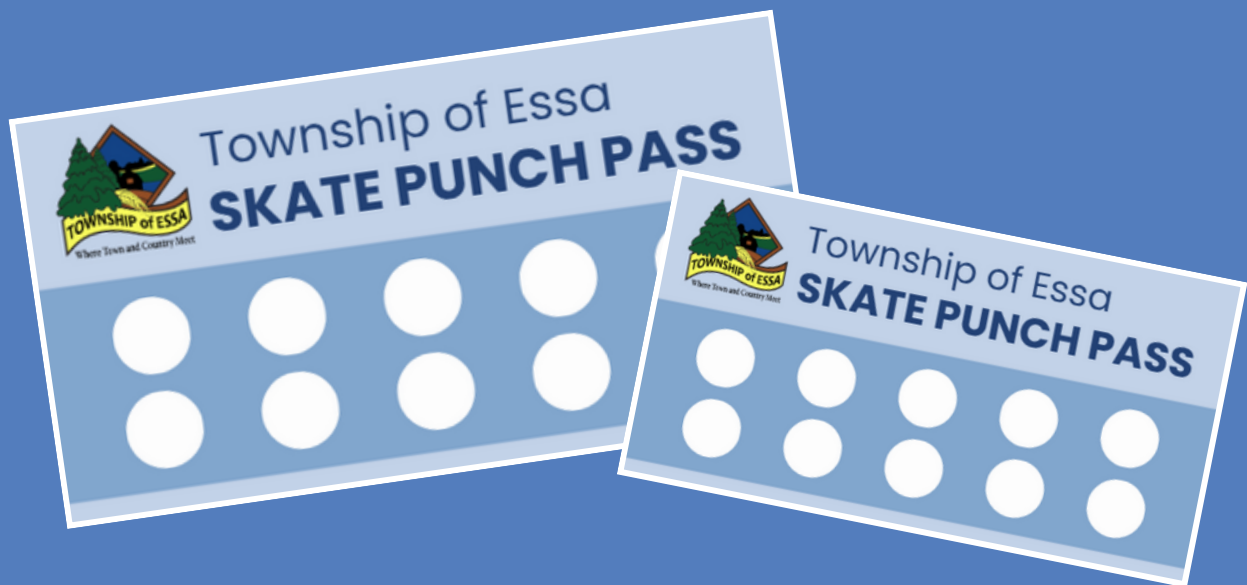
**Full equipment is mandatory for all Shinny programs.**



## Skate Punch Passes

Are you someone who frequently comes to our public skates, or are you looking for a great gift for the holidays? Enjoy 10 flexible visits to public skating at any Township of Essa facility for \$27! This means you will receive 10 skates for the price of 9!

- Step One: Go to [townshipofessa.perfectmind.com](http://townshipofessa.perfectmind.com) and create an account
- Step Two: Hover over the "Purchase" button on the top of your page and click "Products"
- Step Three: Pay for your pass and pick it up at one of our facilities
- Step Four: Skate!



Passes can be picked up within 7 days of purchasing, at the Thornton Community Centre, Angus Recreation Centre, or the Township of Essa Administration Centre. Please find a Township of Essa staff member and bring proof of purchase (email confirmation or physical receipt) when picking up your pass.

Passes are not valid for shinny programs and are non-refundable. Skating is at your own risk – helmets are strongly recommended. Schedules may change based on facility needs or weather. Check online for the up-to-date schedule at <https://www.essatownship.on.ca/play-explore/recreation-programs-events/drop-in-programs/> and follow our Facebook page for the latest updates or cancellations at <https://www.facebook.com/essatownship>.

# Facility Rentals

## Facilities

The Township of Essa offers a diverse array of facility rental options within Angus, Thornton, Baxter and Utopia. Whether you are planning a private event, family gathering, birthday party or tournament, we have the perfect venue to make your occasion unforgettable!

## Hall Rentals

All rentals with alcohol are subject to the Municipal Alcohol Risk Management Policy and Agreement.

Please click [HERE](#) to complete and submit a rental request form.

Visit the Facility Rentals webpage by clicking [HERE](#) to view the Fees Schedule and to find out more information about facility rentals.

## Rental opportunities include:

Gymnasium  
Ice & Floor Pads  
Halls & Meeting Rooms  
Pavilions & Park Spaces  
Sports Fields & Diamonds  
Outdoor Pads

## Want to Get Your Business Noticed? Advertise with us!

- Arena Rink Wall (4' x 8') - \$250.00
- Arena Rink Board (2.5' x 5') - \$400.00
- Changeroom Door (3" x 12") - \$200.00
- Ice Resurfacer - \$2,500.00
- Advertisement on Rink Surface - \$850.00
- Letter-sized, framed wall ad for Community Centres - \$100.00
- Banner for Dog Park/Sports Field (4'x10') - \$100.00

## For Rental and Advertising Inquiries Contact:



(705) 424-9917 ext. 108



[parksandrec@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:parksandrec@essatownship.on.ca)



## Angus Recreation Centre

8529 County Road 10

This multi-purpose facility features a full-sized rink, gymnasium, fully equipped hall and skatepark. From hockey, indoor soccer and fitness classes, to dances and birthday parties, the Centre can accommodate a wide variety of functions all year round.



## Outdoor Pads

Various Locations

The Township of Essa is equipped with 3 Outdoor Pads for Community use and rentals. Perfect for a game of ball hockey!



## Thornton Community Centre

246 Barrie Street

This multi-purpose facility features a full-sized rink, fully equipped hall, outdoor splash pad, ball diamond and park. This facility is perfect for all your event needs.



## Ice Pads

Angus and Thornton

Ice rentals are now available for the season from September-March. Reach out to the Parks and Recreation Department for more information on how to secure ice time.



To view more information about facilities and rentals click [HERE](#)



# Outdoor Activities

## Parks

The Township of Essa offers a diverse array of parks and open spaces for residents and visitors to utilize. With all our offerings, there's something for everyone in our parks and facilities to enjoy!

Communities within the Township of Essa have access to many enjoyable spaces and parks, including ball diamonds, soccer fields, dog parks, playgrounds, splash pads, skate parks, fishing parks, multi-sport courts used for basketball and pickleball, as well as outdoor pads. Baseball diamonds, soccer fields, playgrounds, splash pads, skate parks, and multi-sport facilities will be closed during the winter season. The park spaces, trails, and dog parks remain open, and we encourage residents to take advantage of the spaces for winter recreation activities such as playing in the snow, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, etc.



## Dog Parks

The Township of Essa is home to two dog parks located in Thornton and Angus. When visiting a dog park, please remember...

- Owners will be held liable for all actions of their dog
- Owners must be present at all times
- No other animals allowed
- All owners are responsible to **"Stoop and Scoop"** and to dispose of excrement in the appropriate waste receptacles

## Motorized Snow Vehicles

The Township of Essa is fortunate to have many beautiful natural spaces, please respect the natural environment while enjoying the recreation it offers. Under By-Law 2005-23, motorized snow vehicles are permitted to operate on designated trails and spaces.

To find local trails and keep up to date with trail conditions, visit the OFSC website by clicking [HERE](#).

For more information on By-Law 2005-23 visit the Township of Essa website by clicking [HERE](#) or see the next page.





## Trails

### Township of Essa

The following trails are maintained by the Township of Essa:

#### **Pine River Trail**

The Pine River Trail is a 1.5 km trail that meanders through the Nottawasaga Fishing Park and LeClair Park. Enjoy the picturesque Nottawasaga River while hiking this trail.

#### **Rippon Trail**

The Rippon Trail is a 1 km trail that connects Peacekeepers Park at the north end of Mill Street to the Nottawasaga Fishing Park, and the Pine River Trail.

#### **Thornton Cookstown Trail**

The Thornton Cookstown Trans-Canada Trail is a 15.6 km shared use trail between the villages of Thornton and Cookstown. This trail is a part of nearly 24,000 km of trail that goes through 13 provinces and territories. It travels through green pasture land and forest, and crosses the Cookstown Creek.



### County of Simcoe

The following trails are located in the Township of Essa but maintained by the County of Simcoe:

- **Baxter Tract of Simcoe County Forest**
- **Foster Tract of Simcoe County Forest**

The County of Simcoe provides nature and hiking enthusiasts with a plethora of trails scattered throughout Simcoe County forests.

For information on these tracts, please contact the County of Simcoe at 705-726-9300.

### Conservation Area Trails

The following trails are located in Essa and are maintained by local conservation authorities

#### **Utopia Conservation Area Trails**

The Utopia Conservation trails encompass an area of 100 acres which is used as passive green space. The conservation area is open to the public for passive recreation and features the historic Utopia Grist Mill.

#### **Tiffin Conservation Area (Tiffin Centre Loop Trail)**

The Tiffin Centre is a spectacular place for a walk or to bring your gear and bike, cross-country ski or snowshoe on 5 km of looped trails that meander through a mixture of wetlands, forests, open meadows and ancient lake beds. It is home to the Tiffin Centre Loop Trail, which is situated in the Township of Essa.

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#### **Ganaraska Hiking Trail**

The Mad River section of the Ganaraska Hiking Trail encompasses a 50.5 km section of trail that runs through Angus and Glencairn. The trail follows the Mad River in the direction of Creemore and Glen Huron, where the Ganaraska Trail meets the Bruce Trail.

This trail is maintained by the Ganaraska Hiking Trail Association. For more information about this trail, please contact the [Ganaraska Hiking Trail Association Inc.](#)

Click [HERE](#) for more information on trails in the Township of Essa.



# Maps

**Essa Township is home to a variety of trails, parks, facilities, and conservation areas. Explore where they are located below!**

## Thornton



**Burke Family Park:** 35 Kevin Crescent  
**Earl Cunningham Park:** 3 Henry Street  
**Thornton Arena Park:** 246 Barrie Street  
**Thornton Creek Park:** 91 Davis Trail

**Thornton Arena:** 246 Barrie Street  
**Thornton Arena Ball Park:** 246 Barrie Street  
**Thornton Soccer Pitches/Dog Park:** 4256 7th Line



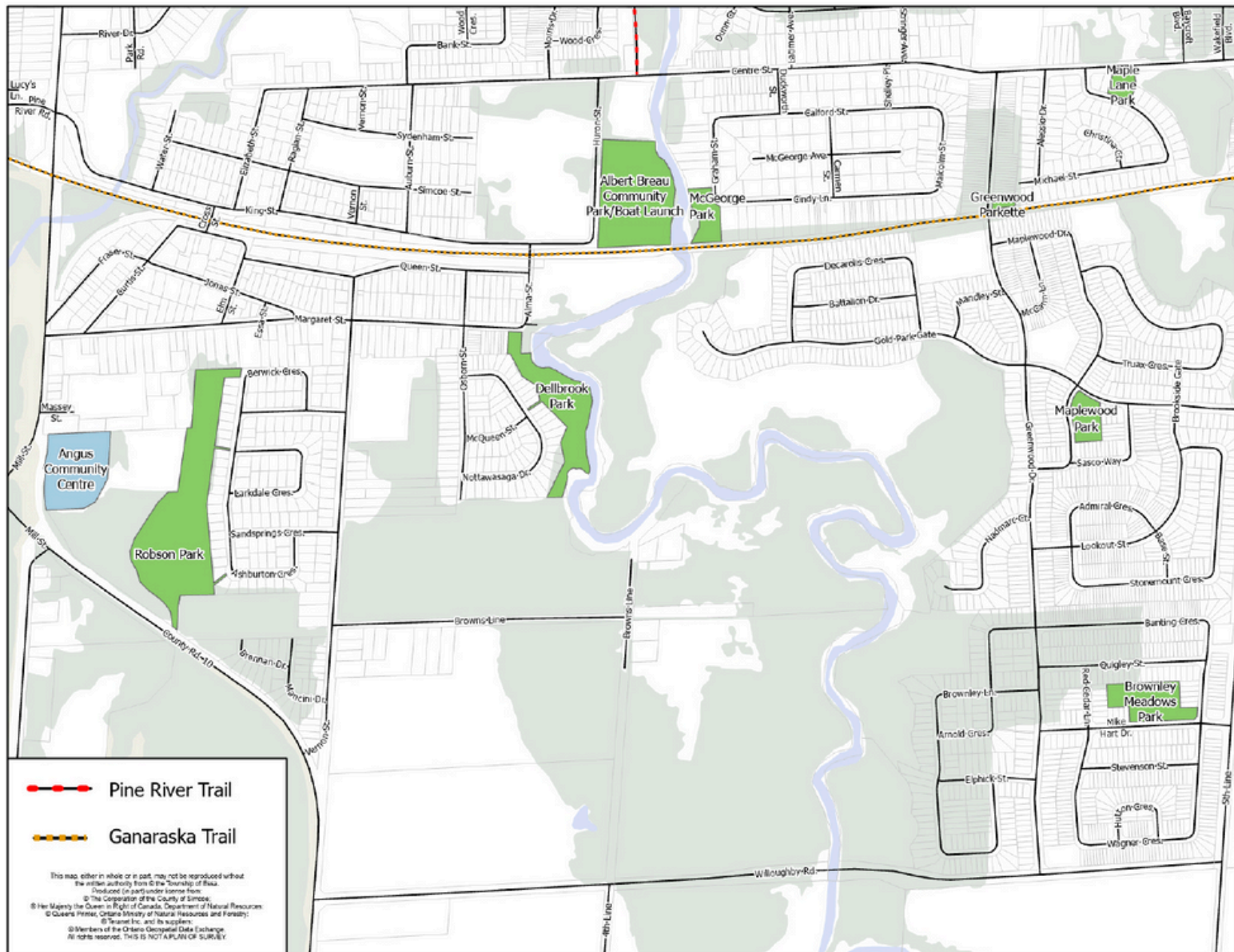


## North Angus



**Bob Geddes Park:** 147 Centre Street  
**Glen Eton/Wildflower Park/Dog Park:** 42 McCarthy Crescent  
**Lions Ball Park:** 4 Park Road  
**LeClair Park:** 54 Roth Street  
**Peacekeepers Park:** 12 Commerce Drive

## South Angus



**Albert Breau Community Park/Boat Launch: 6 Huron Street**

**Angus Community Centre: 8529 CR 10**

**Brownley Meadows Park: 60 Mike Hart Drive**

**Dellbrook Park: 240 Margaret Street**

**Greenwood Parkette: 83 Greenwood Drive**

**McGeorge Park: 107 Graham Street**

**Maplewood Park: 191 Maplewood Drive**

**Maple Lane Park: 8 Michael Street**

**Robson Park: 23 Berwick Crescent**



## Baxter



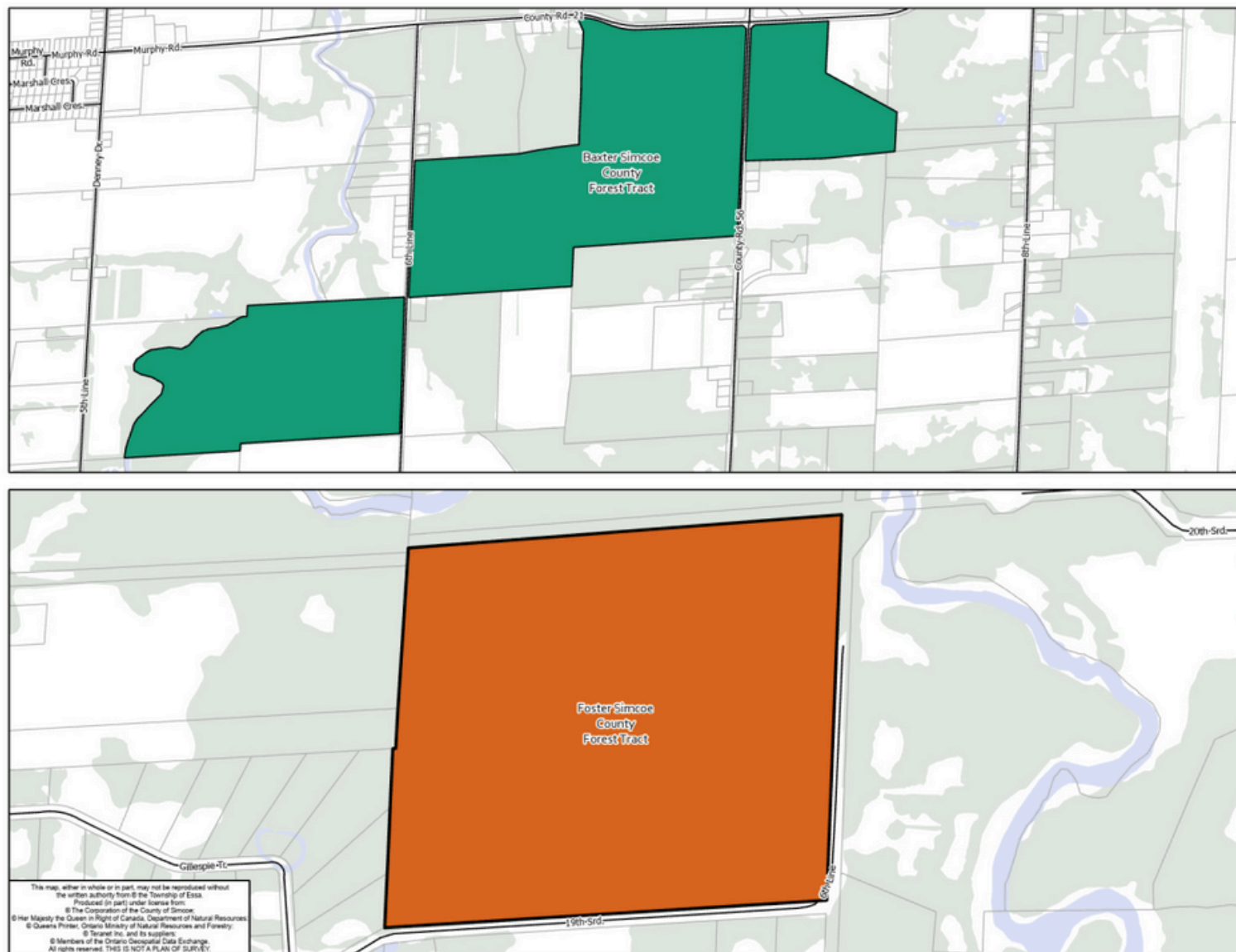
**Baxter Ball Diamond: 119 Murphy Road**  
**Marshall Park: 6 Marshall Crescent**

## Rural Parks

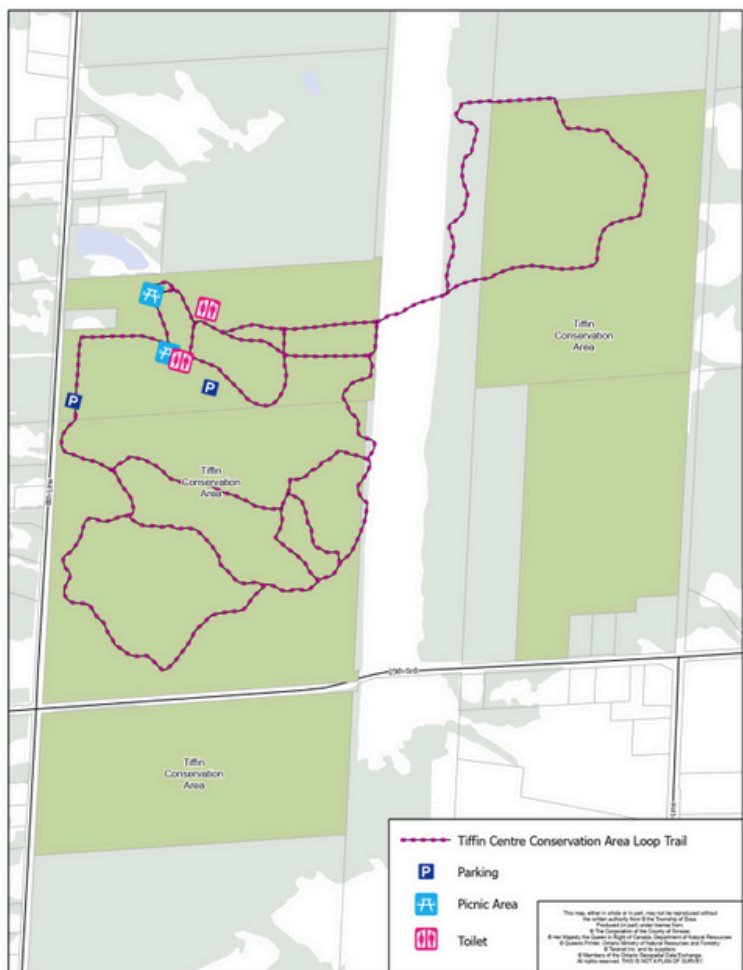


Egbert Park: 5200 10th Sideroad  
 Elmgrove Ball Park: 6580 5th Sideroad  
 Utopia Park (Soccer Pitch): 8378 6th Line  
 Victoria Ball Park: 5079 20th Sideroad





**Baxter Simcoe County Forest Tract:** Located across from the Township of Essa Administration Building (5786 CR 21)  
**Foster Simcoe County Forest Tract:** Located off of the 19th Sideroad and 6th Line



**Tiffin Conservation Area:  
8195 8th Line**

**For more information,  
click [HERE](#)**



**Utopia Conservation  
Area: 8609 6th Line**

**For more  
information,  
click [HERE](#)**





# Arts, Culture & Heritage

## Building Origins

### Thornton Community Centre

The Thornton Arena was built on land donated by the Stewart Family and the first artificial ice was installed in 1969. A fire in September 1973 led to a rebuild and reopening of a new Arena in the same spot in the fall of 1975.

### Angus Recreation Centre

In 1972 Angus residents came together to fund raise for an Arena. With the clearing of trees and debris, hard work, holding dances, raffles and soliciting for funds, the doors to the Arena finally opened in September 1977.

### Thornton Library

For many years, the Thornton Library operated out of the back of a local store. The current location of the Thornton Library opened in November 1997.

### Angus Library

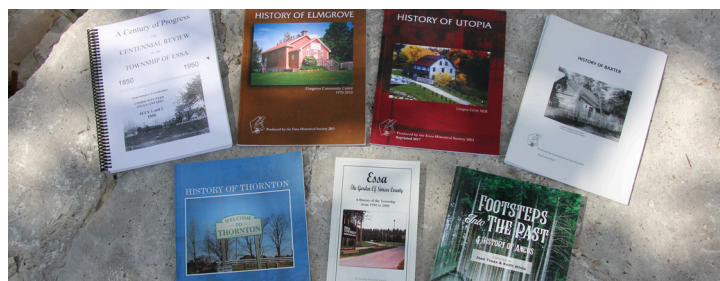
The current Angus branch building opened in 2011. The previous space was in use from 1967 to 2011.

## Historical Books

Are you interested in the history surrounding the Township of Essa?

The following books are available for purchase at the Essa Public Library or the Administration Centre:

- "Footsteps Into the Past: A History of Angus"
- "Essa: The Garden of Simcoe County"
- "History of Utopia: Utopia Grist Mill"
- "History of Thornton"
- "History of Ivy"
- "History of Egbert"
- "History of Elmgrove"



## Organizations

### Community Arts and Cultural Organizations

- Maclaren Art Centre: Hub for contemporary art and cultural programming.
- South Simcoe Arts Council: Promotes arts in the South Simcoe region.

### Cultural Enterprises and Museums

- Borden Museum: Showcases military history and the heritage of CFB Borden.
- Museum on the Boyne: Preserves the history of the Alliston area.
- Simcoe County Museum: Features exhibits on Simcoe County's history and culture.

### Cultural Heritage

- Utopia Grist Mill: Preserves milling heritage.

### Cultural Spaces and Facilities

- Essa and District Agriplex: Hosts various agricultural and community events.

### Festivals and Events

- Barrie Fair: Held at the Essa and District Agriplex.
- Essa Salmon Derby: Fishing competition held in Angus

### Natural Heritage

- Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority: Conserves natural resources of the Nottawasaga Valley.
- Peacekeepers Park: Honors peacekeepers.
- Pine River Trail & Thornton Cookstown Trail: Scenic trails for outdoor activities.

# Community Events

## Community Events

Our community events bring people of all ages with exciting activities, entertainment, and opportunities to meet neighbours and make memories. Stay active, get involved, and experience the best of what our community has to offer. Check out our upcoming events and mark your calendar!

**Do you have a community event you  
want to promote next Spring?**

**Contact**

**[parksandrec@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:parksandrec@essatownship.on.ca) to  
learn more**







# Free Public Skate

*Brought to you by the  
Thornton Area Action  
Committee*

**Date: Saturday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**Time: 1 – 1:50 PM**

**Thornton Community Centre**

**All Ages welcome**



# Community Organizations

## Community Organizations

Our community is home to a variety of organizations that bring people together, support local initiatives, and enhance the quality of life for residents of all ages. Explore some of the offerings in our community in the following pages.



Are you involved with an organization that supports the community and want to promote your services this Winter?  
Contact [ajacobs@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:ajacobs@essatownship.on.ca) to learn more

# Your digital library just got easier.



Simple navigation and mobile-friendly browsing is at your fingertips at **essalibrary.ca**



# Winter Happenings

## Drop-in programs for adults 18+

### Writers' Group

Meetings one Wednesday a month from 7-8 pm. All skill levels welcome.

Location: Angus Branch

### Hobby Circle

Meets once or twice per month. Upcoming meetings on Thursday, Nov 27 & Dec 18 @ 6-7:30 pm.

Location: Angus Branch

### Chair Yoga

Weekly on Wednesdays at 1:30-2:30 pm until December 17th.

Location: Angus Recreation Centre

## NEW

Explore more at the library on Saturdays, which will include one or more of these new programs for youth.

Songs & Stories  
(ages 2-5)

Curious Kids  
(ages 5-8)

Tween Zone  
(ages 9-13)

Sign up for newsletters to receive program announcements.





Special Olympics enriches the lives of athletes with an intellectual disability through sport training and competition

Athletes of all ages participate in volunteer-led, season-long sport programs in communities across South Simcoe

Empowering individuals through sport and community, our local programs offer athletes a chance to stay active, build confidence, and connect with others in a supportive environment



For more information on becoming involved as a volunteer or athlete, please contact:  
 Hellaina Rothenburg, Program Consultant  
[hellainar@specialolympicsontario.com](mailto:hellainar@specialolympicsontario.com) 1-888-333-5515







**NEW**  
Angus Office  
Now Open!

[Terry.Dowdall@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Terry.Dowdall@parl.gc.ca)

705-435-1809 | 162 Mill Street, Unit 3, Angus

**Contact my Angus office for assistance with:**

-  **Congratulatory Certificates**
-  **Canada Revenue Agency**
-  **Immigration, Refugees and  
Citizenship Canada**
-  **Service Canada**
  - Employment Insurance
  - Passports
  - Pensions
-  **Veterans Affairs**



# Borden Family Resource Centre

The Borden Family Resource Centre provides community based family services which support and enhance the quality of life of the CFB Borden community.



## The Centre provides support to...

- CAF Members, Veterans, DND civilian employees and their immediate families
- Families and other individuals of significance to CAF members who have died while serving
- Others who provide direct support to the CAF

## Le Centre de ressources à la famille de Borden

Le Centre de ressources à la famille de Borden offre des services communautaires axés sur les familles qui soutiennent et qui améliorent la qualité de vie de la communauté de la BFC Borden.



## Le Centre offre du soutien aux suivants...

- Membres des FAC, les vétérans, employés civils du MDN ainsi que les membres de leur famille immédiate
- Familles et autres personnes importantes pour les membres des FAC qui sont morts en service
- Autres personnes qui appuient les FAC



## Information

**Building E-182**

**56 Gibraltar Road**

**Borden, ON**

**L0M 1C0**

**705-424-1200 Ext. 3994**

**[bordenfamilyresourcecentre@gmail.com](mailto:bordenfamilyresourcecentre@gmail.com)**  
**[cfmws.ca](http://cfmws.ca)**

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TOWNSHIP**  
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

# Contact Us

## Contact Us

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Alex Jacobs

(705) 424-9917 ext. 107

[ajacobs@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:ajacobs@essatownship.on.ca)

### Parks & Facilities Bookings Coordinator

Abbey McClinton

(705) 424-9917 ext. 108

[amccclinton@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:amccclinton@essatownship.on.ca)

## Visit Us

### Township of Essa Administration Centre

5786 County Road 21, Utopia, ON

### Administration Centre

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

## Social Media



**Facebook**

[@Township of Essa](#)



**X (Formerly Twitter)**

[@essatownship](#)



**Youtube**

[@townshipofessa2377](#)



**Instagram**

[@essafire](#)