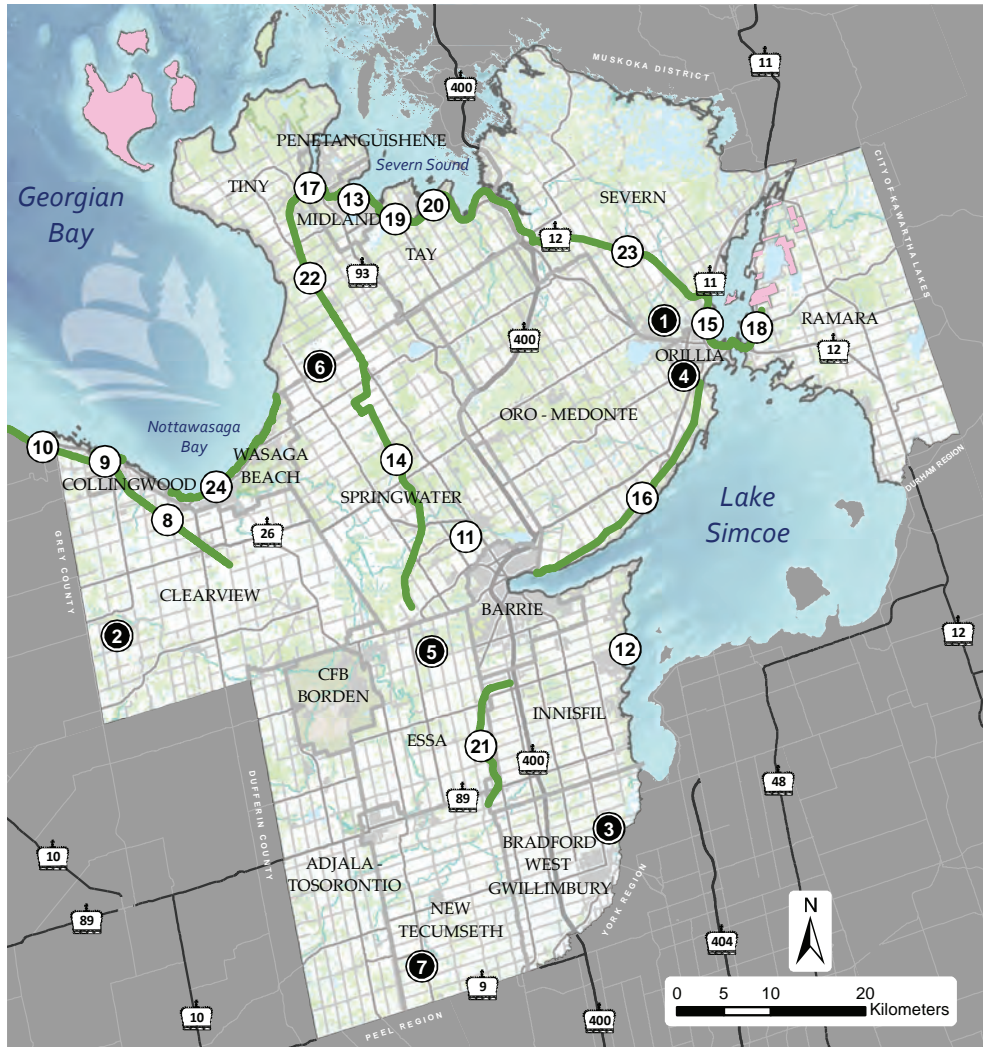


Simcoe County Trails

# TRAIL GUIDE

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**Features**

- # Point of Interest
- 🚶 Access point
- 🏖 Beach; Swimming
- 🚤 Boat Launch
- 🌉 Bridge
- 🚰 Drinking Water
- 🍴 Food
- 🌿 Garden
- 🏠 Hill
- 📍 Information
- 🗺 Interpretive Sign
- P Parking
- 🚗 Picnic Spot
- 🚌 Public Transport
- 🚻 Restroom
- 🌊 Splash Pad
- 🏞 Scenic Lookout
- ☎ Telephone

**Trails**

- 🟢 Main Trail
- 🟡 Other Trail

**Roads**

- 🛣 Freeway/Highway/Major Arterial Road
- 🛤 Local Road
- 🛤 Private/Unassumed/Seasonal Road

**Other Features**

- 📏 Contour
- 🌊 Stream or River
- 🌿 Wetland
- 🌊 Lake / Pond
- 🏠 Building
- ⚾ Baseball Diamond
- ⚽ Soccer Field
- 🎾 Tennis Court
- 🏖 Beach
- 🌿 Conservation Area
- 🌳 Local Park
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# Simcoe County Trails

|   | Length (km)                       |        | Difficulty |      | Surface  |  |           |       | Surface |       | Additional Usage |          |         |           |                          | Parking         |      | Washrooms |          |        |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------|------------|------|--|--|-----------|-------|---------|-------|------------------|----------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------|------|-----------|----------|--------|
|   | Main                              | Second | Easy       | Mod. | Natural<br><i>Rock, Grass,<br/>Sand, Earth</i> | Gravel/<br>Crushed<br>Stone/<br>Woodchip | Boardwalk | Paved | Level   | Hilly | Accessible       | Stroller | Cycling | Horseback | Cross-<br>Country<br>Ski | Snow-<br>mobile | Free | Paid      | Seasonal | Annual |
| ① | Grant's Woods Loop Trail          | 1.5    |            | *    | *  |  |           |       | *       |       | #                |          |         |           |                          |                 | *    |           | *        |        |
| ② | Nottawasaga Bluffs Loop Trail     | 3.5    |            |      | *  | *  |           |       |         |       |                  |          |         |           | *                        |                 |      | *         |          | *      |
| ③ | Scanlon Creek C.A. Loop Trail     | 3.5    |            |      | *  | *  |           |       |         |       |                  | *        |         |           | *                        |                 |      | *         |          | *      |
| ④ | Scout Valley Loop Trail           | 2      | 2          |      | *  | *  |           |       |         |       |                  | *        |         |           |                          |                 | *    |           | *        |        |
| ⑤ | Tiffin Centre C.A. Loop Trail     | 3.5    | 5          | *    | *  | *  | *         |       | *       | *     |                  | *        |         |           | *                        |                 | *    |           |          | *      |
| ⑥ | Tiny Marsh Loop Trail             | 1.3    |            | *    |  | *  | *         |       | *       |       |                  | *        | *       |           |                          |                 | *    |           | *        |        |
| ⑦ | Tottenham C.A. Loop Trail         | 2.2    |            | *    | *  | *  | *         |       | *       | *     |                  | *        |         |           | *                        |                 | *    | *         | *        |        |
| ⑧ | Clearview-Collingwood Train Trail | 14     |            | *    |  | *  |           |       | *       |       |                  | *        |         |           | *                        | *               | *    |           |          | *      |
| ⑨ | Collingwood Waterfront Trail      | 4.3    |            | *    |  | *  | *         | *     | *       |       | *                | *        | *       |           |                          |                 | *    |           | *        |        |
| ⑩ | Georgian Trail                    | 33.6   |            | *    |  | *  | *         |       | *       |       | *                | *        | *       |           |                          |                 | *    |           |          |        |
| ⑪ | Hickling Trail                    | 1.6    |            | *    |  | *  |           |       | *       | *     | *                | *        | *       |           |                          |                 | *    |           |          |        |
| ⑫ | Innisfil Beach Park Trail         | 1.5    |            | *    |  |  |           | *     | *       |       | *                | *        | *       |           |                          |                 | &    | *         | *        |        |
| ⑬ | Midland Rotary Waterfront Trail   | 8      |            | *    |  |  |           | *     | *       | *     | *                | *        | *       |           |                          |                 | *    |           | *        |        |
| ⑭ | North Simcoe Rail Trail           | 31.7   |            | *    |  | *  |           | *     |         |       |                  | *        | *       | *         | *                        | *               | *    |           | *        |        |
| ⑮ | Orillia Millennium Trail          | 9.5    |            | *    |  | *  |           | *     | *       |       |                  | *        |         |           |                          |                 | *    |           |          | *      |
| ⑯ | Oro-Medonte Rail Trail            | 28     |            | *    |  | *  |           | *     |         |       |                  | *        | *       |           | *                        | *               | *    |           | *        |        |
| ⑰ | Penetanguishene Trail             | 5.5    |            | *    |  |  |           | *     | *       | *     | *                | *        | *       |           |                          |                 | *    |           |          |        |
| ⑱ | Ramara Trail                      | 5      |            | *    |  | *  |           | *     |         |       |                  | *        | *       |           | *                        | *               | *    |           |          |        |
| ⑲ | Route Champlain                   | 45     |            | *    | *  | *  |           | *     | *       |       |                  | *        |         |           |                          |                 | *    |           | *        | *      |
| ⑳ | Tay Shore Trail                   | 16     |            | *    |  |  |           | *     | *       |       | *                | *        | *       |           |                          |                 | *    | *         | *        |        |
| ㉑ | Thornton-Cookstown Train Trail    | 15.6   |            | *    |  | *  |           | *     | *       |       |                  | *        | *       | *         | *                        | *               | *    |           |          | *      |
| ㉒ | Tiny Trail                        | 23     |            |      | *  | *  |           | *     | *       |       |                  | *        |         |           |                          |                 | *    |           | *        |        |
| ㉓ | Unthoff Trail                     | 22     |            | *    |  | *  |           | *     |         |       |                  | *        |         | *         | *                        | *               | *    |           |          | *      |
| ㉔ | Wasaga Beach Shore Lane Trail     | 11.5   |            | *    |  | *  | *         | *     | *       |       |                  | *        |         |           |                          |                 | *    |           |          |        |

# seasonal accessibility

& Only free parking to Town Residents with vehicle tag



Simcoe County Trails

# LOOP TRAILS





# Grant's Woods Loop Trail

## Severn Township

**Main Trail:** 1.9 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** Grant's Woods: 1485 Division Rd W, Severn Township

Old growth forests are wooded areas that have been allowed to mature relatively undisturbed. Within Grant's Woods many trees are up to 200 years old.

This property was donated to the Couchiching Conservancy in 2002, and is

now the home base of the non-profit land trust.

You can find this rare wonder just outside of Orillia, at 1485 Division Road West, between Fairgrounds Road and Uthhoff Line.

### Points of Interest

1. Beech: These trees can grow to 200 years of age with a diameter of more than 100 centimetres.
2. Bridge: Built using an old television tower and wood composite.
3. Pit Mound: Caused by an uprooted tree due to high winds and snowstorms; a common feature to old growth forests.
4. Local Ground Water: The headwater area such as Grant's Woods, clean good groundwater emerges to feed streams.
5. Climbing Vine: The climbing bittersweet vine has taken advantage of the strength of the maple trees.
6. Three Sisters: One on your right, two on your left are examples of some of the forest's largest and oldest trees.

### Vista Points

1. Selective harvesting in forests such as the logging on our neighbour's property partly emulates the natural process of regeneration.
2. Beautiful creeks flow throughout Grant's Woods. Take a moment to observe the peaceful flow, before the creeks hide beneath the ground again.

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# Nottawasaga Bluffs Loop Trail

Township of Clearview

**Main Trail:** 3.5 km **Difficulty:** Moderate **Parking:** 8861 Sideroad 15 & 16 Nottawasaga, Glen Huron

This 400-acre conservation area offers a full day of exploration and adventure, with breathtaking vistas of the surrounding countryside and glimpses of the area's history.

See where pioneers once toiled to cut a living out of the wilderness. Timber and limestone proved to be big businesses for this area, resulting in the establishment of nearby communities like Singhampton and

Glen Huron.

Connect with the Bruce Trail as it makes its way through the property or venture down one of its side trails to catch a variety of unique features. Hike the Simcoe County Trail and discover traces of an old stagecoach road and limestone kiln.

Signs of an original homestead are visible with rhubarb still thriving.

## Points of Interest

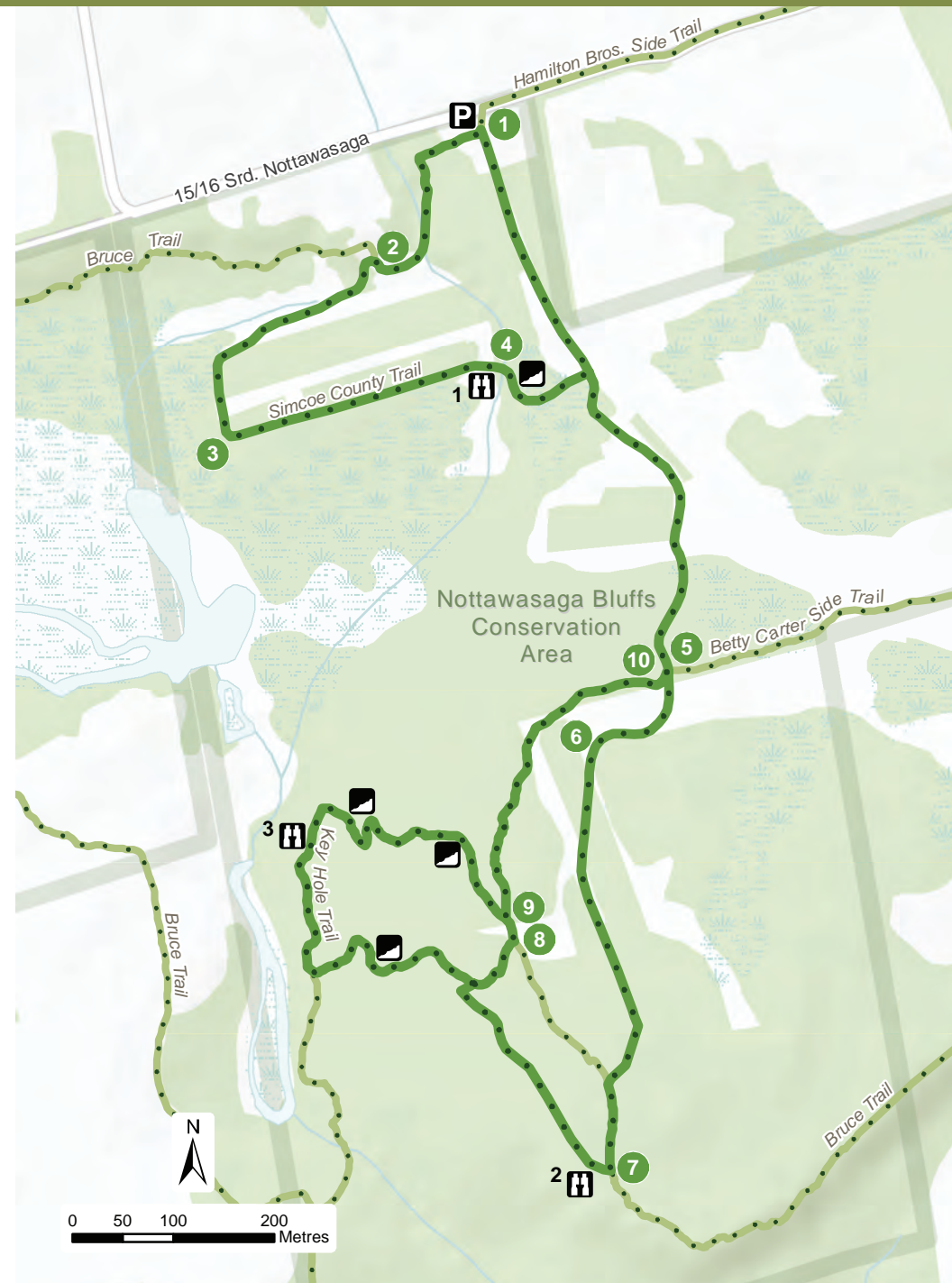
1. From the parking area, turn right in front of the Ian Lang Memorial and follow the red arrows.
2. Kilns: interpretive sign. Keep left to follow the Simcoe County Trail.
3. Lichens: grow well on these old dead trees.
4. After crossing the creek, climb up the path on the limestone shale.
5. Go straight. (Betty Carter Trail, blue blazes and Bruce Trail, white blazes).
6. Flora & Fauna: interpretive sign. Discover the official flower of Simcoe County.
7. Turn left to go to the lookout.
8. Bruce Trail kiosk.
9. Camp Site: Reserved for Bruce Trail hikers (no walk-ins allowed)
10. Turn left to go back to parking.

**Note:** The Nottawasaga Bluffs is a Natural Hazard Area. It contains fissures, crevices and cliffs, all of which are dangerous and may be hidden. Stay on the marked trail at all times.

## Vista Points

1. Creek Crossing and Limestone Shale.
2. Nottawasaga Bluff Lookout.
3. Key Hole Side Trail: optional 500 m loop. Follow the blue blazes to the start.

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# Scanlon Creek C.A Loop Trail

Town of Bradford-West Gwillimbury

**Main Trail:** 3.5 km **Difficulty:** Moderate **Parking:** 2450 9th Line, Bradford

In September 1823, Mark Scanlon and his wife Ann immigrated to Canada from Ireland and acquired approximately 1,000 acres from the Upper Canada Land Company.

In 1826, Mark Scanlon and his wife's uncle, John Thorpe, built a grist mill on what became known as Scanlon Creek. Mark Scanlon later built two sawmills on Scanlon Creek, the first in 1832.

Scanlon Creek Conservation Area is a hikers' haven, a picnicking paradise, a birder's delight and a photographer's dream. Explore the forests, marshlands

and glacial erratics that this area has to offer. Enjoy spring wildflowers or the vibrant fall leaves while seeing plenty of birds and other wildlife as you hike the expansive trail system covering most of this 286-hectare greenspace.

Serving both environment and recreational needs, the park is a nature preserve for flora and fauna. Don't forget to visit the Discovery Play Garden – a popular playground for the young and young-at-heart to get in touch with nature.

Scanlon Creek is a place to spend a few hours or an entire day!

## Points of Interest

1. From the parking spot, walk east across the road by picnic area to the Main Trail (red arrow) at the top of the incline.
2. Trail junction, take right turn.
3. Discovery Play Garden, picnic tables and pit toilets.
4. After descending hill, trail turns sharp left going past wetland.
5. Trail turns left over Scanlon Creek
6. Turn right on bridge over Scanlon Creek.
7. Boardwalk.
8. End of loop trail returns you to the parking area.

## Vista Points

1. View over Holland Marsh.
2. Viewing platform and bench overlooking Holland Marsh towards Keswick.
3. Wetland viewing platform

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# Scouts Valley Loop Trail

City of Orillia

**Trails:** 2 km / each **Difficulty:** Moderate **Parking:** 15th Line N, Orillia

The City of Orillia donated this conservation easement to the Couchiching Conservancy in 2007. Encompassing 228 acres, Scout Valley is a trail system that winds through the park's natural landscape of forest and streams making it a popular destination for passive recreation.

The property contains a variety of

habitats and is also important as habitat for a variety of animals, including interior forest songbirds.

Three loop trails are located on the Scout Valley property – Algonquin Trail, Sugarbush Trail and Homestead Trail. Each 2 kms in distance and starting in separate locations.

## Points of Interest

### Algonquin Trail:

1. Trail head is at the SE corner of the north parking lot off Old Barrie Road.
2. Follow trail up to top of shoreline ridge and turn right to reach the viewing platform, or stay to the left and proceed down the hill to reach the connecting side trail (#3).
3. Proceed straight to cross the bridge on the connecting Sugarbush Trail or turn right to complete loop back to the parking lot.

### Sugarbush Trail:

4. This trail starts from the west parking lot with a short link to the main loop.
5. Turn right at junction to start loop.
6. Once you meet up with Homestead Trail, turn left. Homestead trail turns right at number 13.
7. Watch for the sharp left turn at the junction of another trail.
8. Sugarbush Trail meets up with the connecting side trail to Algonquin Trail across the bridge over the creek. Turn left to complete the loop, which leads to the west parking lot.

### Homestead Trail:

9. This trail starts from the south parking lot with a short link to the main loop.
10. The trail turns left up a hill.
11. Turn right onto the start of the loop. Watch for the remains of a log building on the left.
12. The trail proceeds left up the hill.
13. Turn left to complete the Homestead Trail or right to complete the Sugarbush Trail.
14. The Sugarbush Trail turns right, but turn left to loop back to the start.
15. Return to the parking lot and when entering number 11, follow the same short connecting trail that was used to enter the trail.

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# Tiffin Centre Loop Trail

Township of Essa

**Main Trail:** 5 km **Short Trail:** 3.5 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** 8195 8th Line, Utopia

The Tiffin Centre is home to the NVCA's Environmental Education Program for school, daycare and community groups, the Camp Tiffin summer day camp program, the annual Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival, Family Day and March Break activities and other family-friendly events throughout the year.

The Tiffin Centre is a spectacular place for a walk (leashed canine visitors welcome!) 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.

Tiffin provides protection for these features, but at the same time serves as a living example of conservation of natural resources.

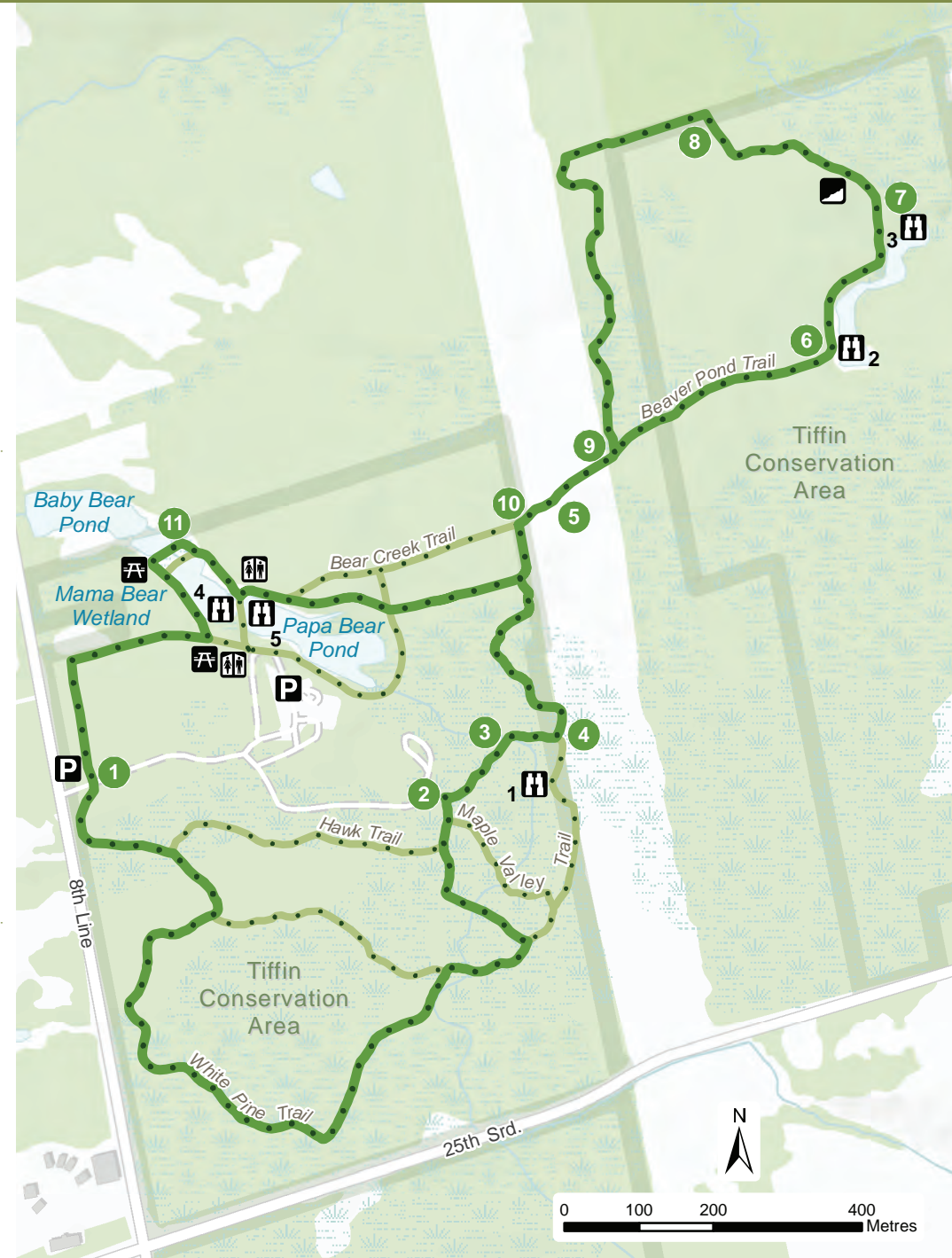
## Points of Interest

1. From the parking lot at entrance gate, walk across entrance road to trail head.
2. View of the John L. Jose Centre.
3. Bridge.
4. Turn left and follow the trail to the T-intersection. Turn right towards hydro corridor. Turn left and follow the fence to the gate and step over the pedestrian gate.
5. Cross the hydro corridor.
6. Bear Creek and wetland.
7. Bear Creek embankment.
8. Turn Left.
9. Turn right and cross the hydro corridor again.
10. Step across pedestrian gate and immediately turn left.
11. Boardwalk through Baby Bear Pond.

## Vista Points

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Bench – view over stream | 4. Viewing platform |
| 2. Beaver Pond              | 5. Viewing platform |
| 3. Bear Creek               |                     |

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# Tiny Marsh Loop Trail

Township of Tiny

**Main Trail:** 1.3 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** 500 Tiny Flos Townline, Elmvale

Tiny Marsh is Ontario's first provincially owned and managed wetland. It is one of approximately 1,200 Important Bird Areas that are recognized in Canada.

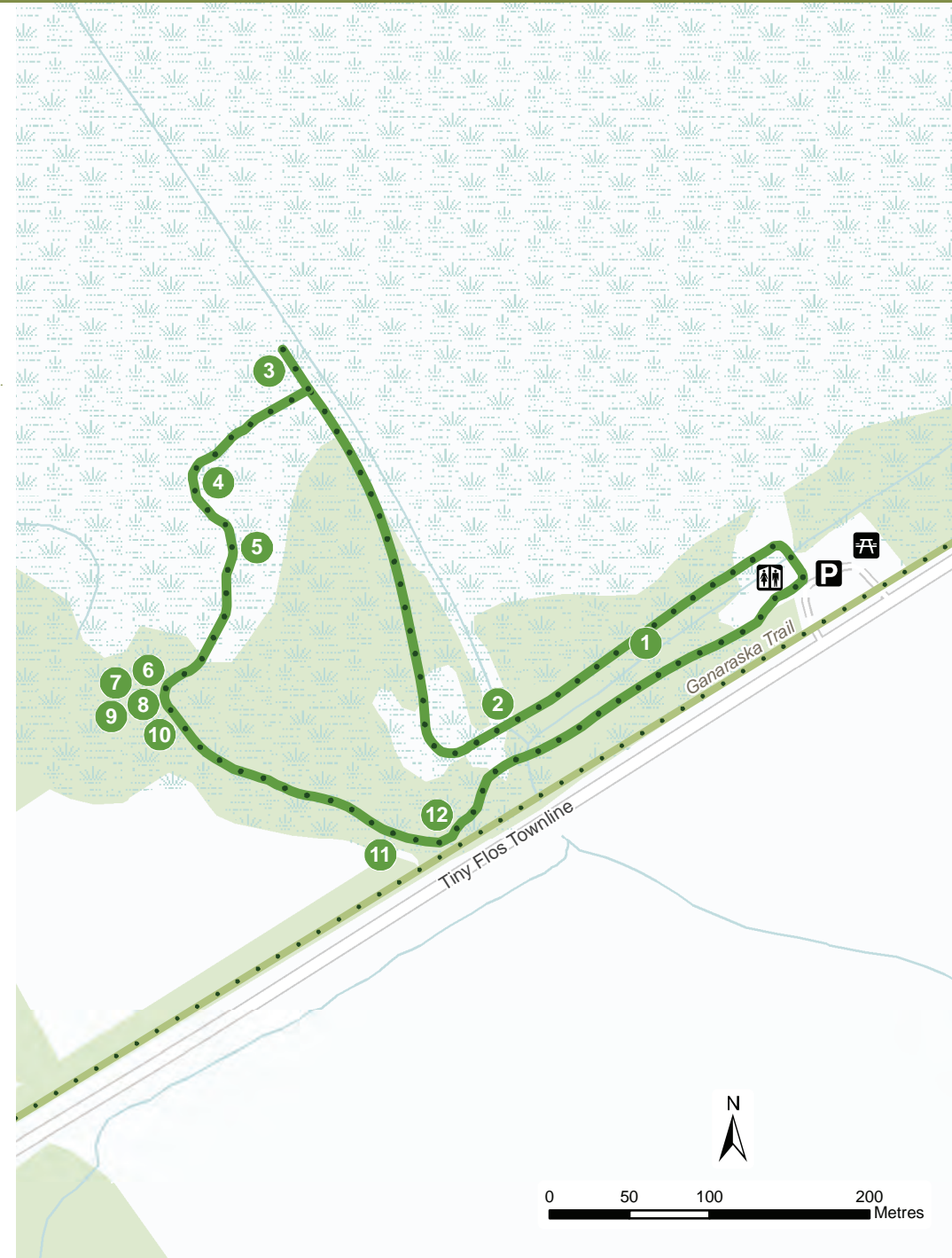
It offers the visitor year-round use of 600 hectares of marsh and 300 hectares of field and forest.

There is an interpretive centre with displays and a theatre open to the public during spring and summer.

Fifteen kilometres of trails feature a companion self-use trail guide, two observation towers, a marsh viewing mound, a wildlife blind and a boardwalk.

## Points of Interest

1. Bird House: In the summer it is used by swallows, house wrens, or chickadees. In the winter, mice may use it.
2. Series of Dams: The dams are an important management technique in Tiny Marsh as they provide a stable habitat.
3. Lookout Tower: This is located between a marsh and a swamp.
4. Boardwalk: Watch for signs of wildlife!
5. Large Birdhouse: This birdhouse is attached to a tree, and is used by wood ducks.
6. Groundcover & Vegetation: Low variety and sparse density of the ground cover in this area.
7. Clearings: By removing part of the overhead forest canopy, sunlight is allowed to reach the forest floor so that grasses, flowers, and young trees can grow.
8. Fields: These are of great importance to waterfowl such as mallards and blue-winged for nesting.
9. The Edge: The most productive area of any habitat, this is the zone where two plant communities meet (i.e. field & forest).
10. Succession: This area used to be a crop field but once abandoned, quickly grew grasses and wildflowers.
11. Shrub Planting: The dense foliage and low branches give cottontail rabbits and small birds shelter.
12. Management Techniques: Providing good habitat for a wide variety of wildlife is the main objective at Tiny Marsh.



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# Tottenham C.A. Loop Trail

Town of New Tecumseth

**South Trail:** 2.2 km **Difficulty:** Small hills **Parking:** 6787 4th Line, Tottenham

Tottenham Conservation Area offers something for everyone – wetlands, pond, fishing, beach, swimming, open fields, campsites, picnic areas, beautiful trees, natural grass areas, and heavy bush. It is ideal for naturalists and photographers.

The park is also a wonderful location in the winter for cross-country skiing, walking and tobogganing.

Tottenham C.A. is also home of the Tottenham Bluegrass Festival held annually at the end of June.

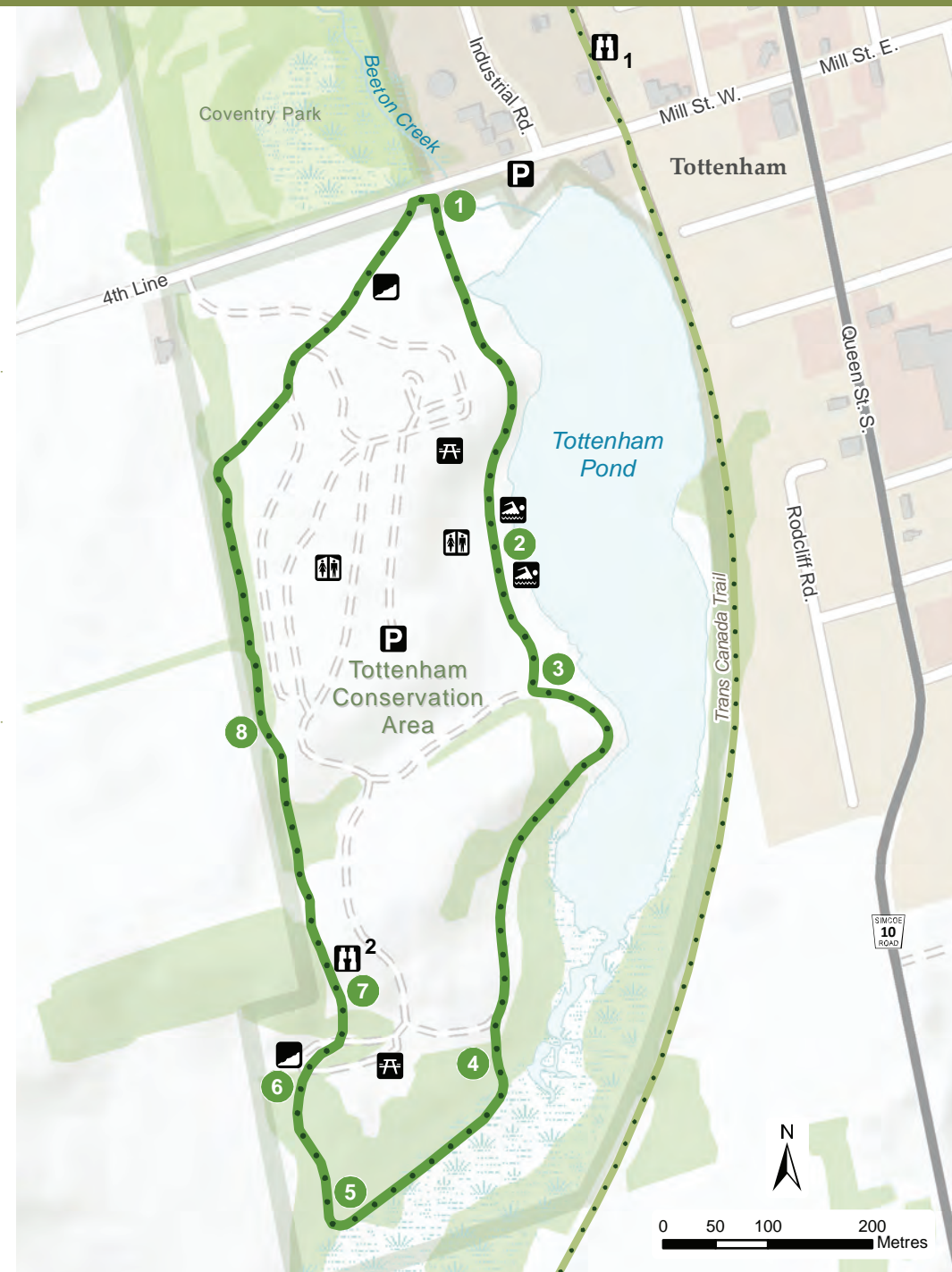
## Points of Interest

1. From Mill Street, turn left onto the track.
2. Beach and swimming area.
3. Join vehicle track.
4. Enter forest and follow twist and turns of the trail.
5. Follow the trail to the right.
6. Leave forest open for grassland, follow the tree line while climbing the hill.
7. View across to Tottenham Road.
8. Proceed through a small pine forest area.

## Vista Points

1. Steam Railway.
2. View towards Tottenham Pond.

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# LINEAR TRAILS





# Clearview Collingwood Train Trail

Township of Clearview, Town of Collingwood

**Main Trail:** 14 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** Station Museum, Gideon St. & Brock St. (Stayner)

Spanning from Collingwood to Stayner, the Clearview Collingwood Train Trail is a crushed gravel, linear trail connecting to the Collingwood Train Trail.

It follows an abandoned rail line which used to be part of the Ontario Simcoe and Huron Railway system connecting Collingwood to

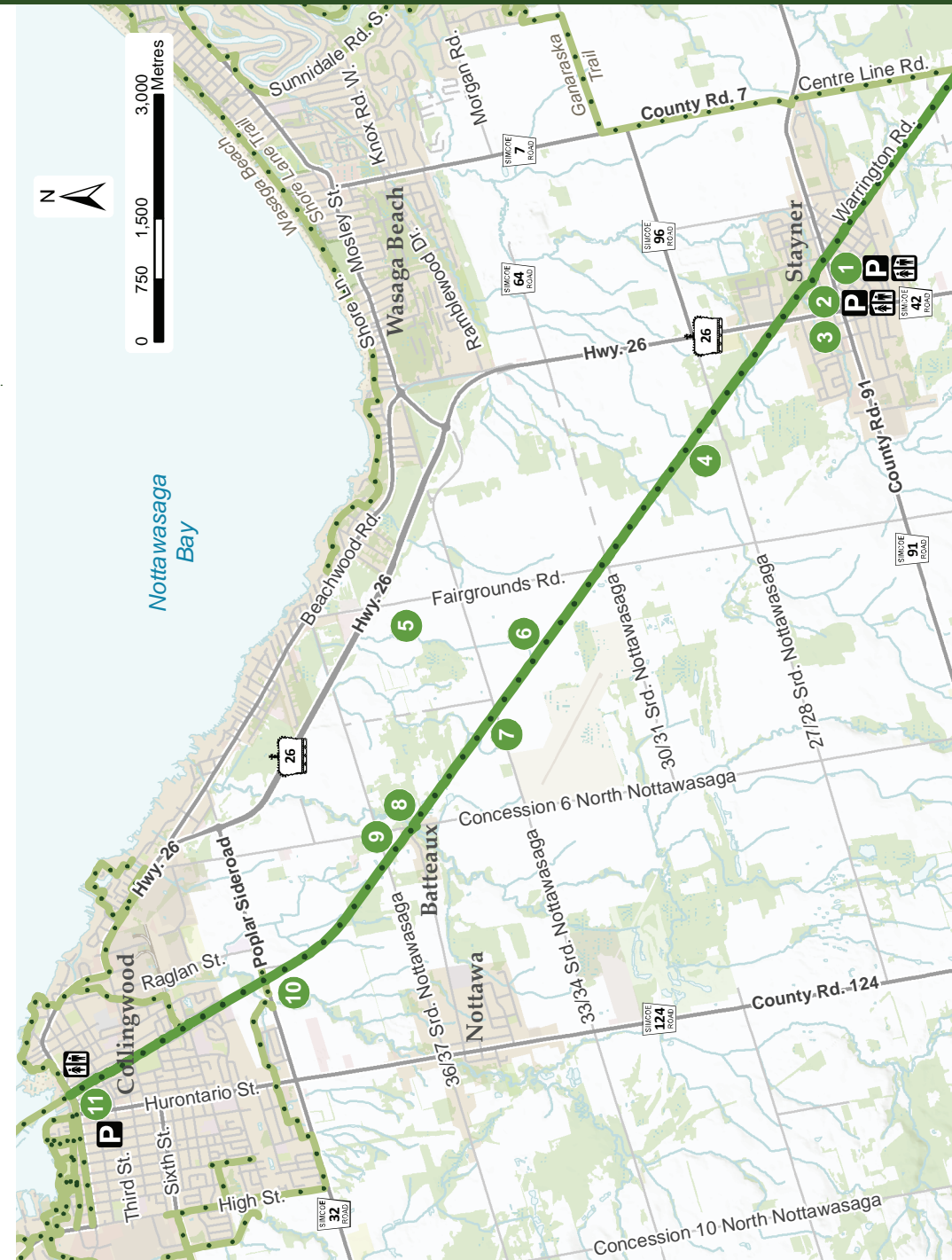
Toronto. Prior to its abandonment in 1960, passengers enjoyed views of the tranquil landscape along the way.

Now used as a multi-use trail, hikers and bikers can enjoy this flat railbed, stopping in either Stayner or Collingwood for lunch or a break.

## Points of Interest

1. Station Park: The trail starts or ends here in the park, home of the old Nottawasaga Station which was built in 1904. At its peak, up to four passenger trains came through the station.
2. Centennial Park: From the park you will have to take caution as the trail crosses a busy section of Highway 26. With forested trails and a babbling brook, this park features lots of green space and play equipment. Washrooms are available in the summer months.
3. Reinharts Food: Depending on the time of year, you can smell the aroma of vinegar or cherries manufactured at Reinharts' Ontario facility.
4. Forested Area: Dense coniferous forest provides shade along the trail.
5. GNE Fairgrounds: Located only one concession north of the trail, the Great North Exhibition stretches along Fairgrounds Road.
6. Cattle Pastures: Beef cattle can be seen right next to the trail grazing or bathing in a small pond to keep cool. This part of the trail is open; you will need sunscreen as it gets quite hot in the summer.
7. Harness Racing Ovals: Drivers and their horses can be seen training.
8. The Batteaux: The trail takes a sharp detour away from the abandoned rail line down to the river, then up to the road and across the car bridge to rejoin the rail line again.
9. Lilac Stands: Take a moment here to rest and enjoy the strong aroma from the lilac stands. Also visible is the old train bridge, a testament to the area's reliance on the rail line in the 1900s.
10. Collingwood Train Trail: Start or end your trip here by connecting to Collingwood's elaborate trail system. Destinations include Collingwood's historical downtown, its museum and Georgian Bay.
11. Station Museum: Explore Collingwood's history and gather tourism information for the area.

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# Collingwood Waterfront Trail

Town of Collingwood

**Main Trail:** 4.3 km **Difficulty:** Easy

**Parking:** Station Museum, Sunset Point Park, Harbourview Park, Whites Bay Park

Historically, the waterfront has been a focal point for the shipbuilding industry. Today, a series of interconnected waterfront trails offer a fascinating walk displaying the history of Collingwood through wetlands, parks and an arboretum (part of the Heather

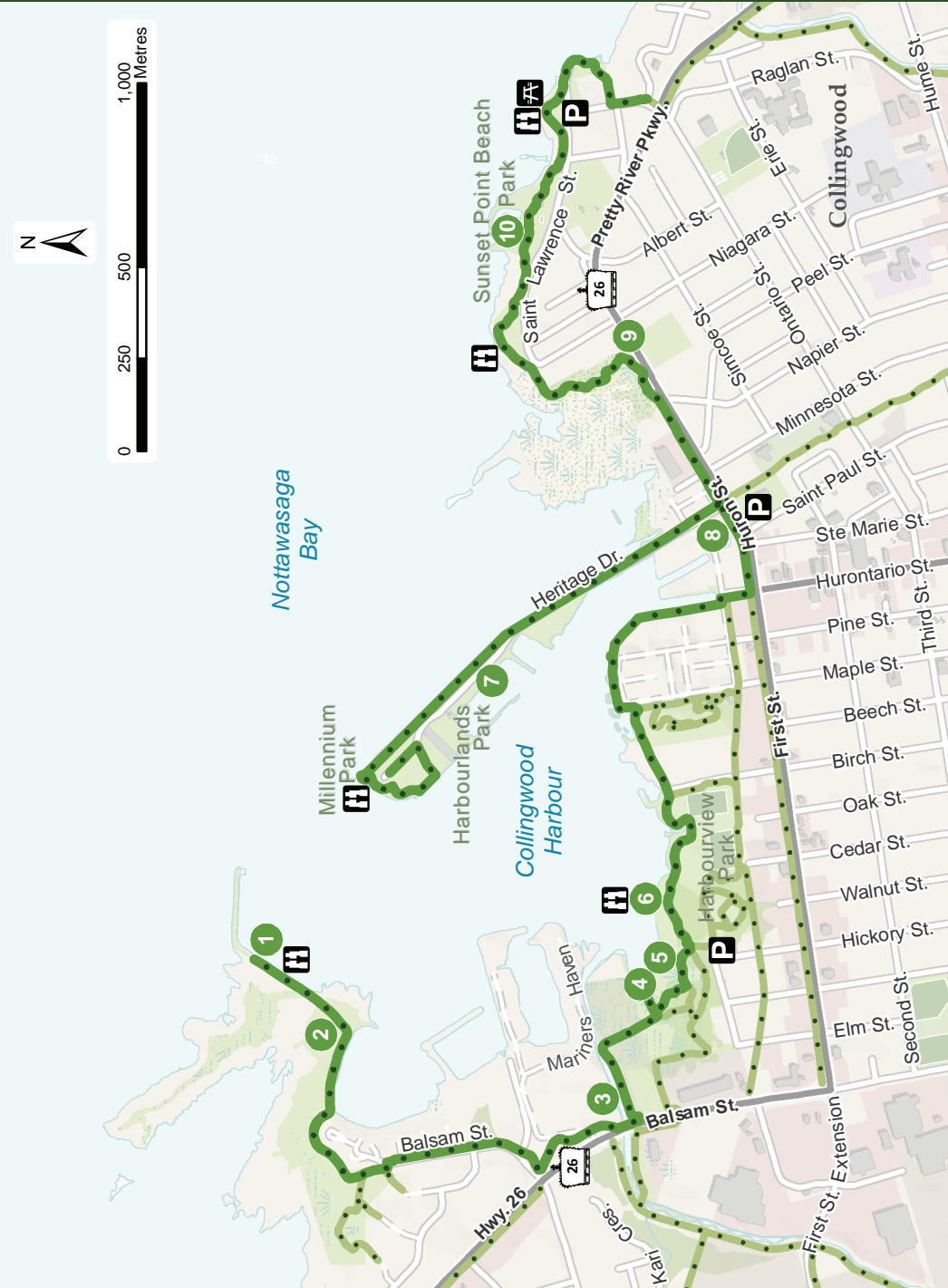
Pathway). Enjoy the views over Georgian Bay and of the Blue Mountains on the other side.

The waterfront trails are connected to a myriad of other trails and bike routes in the Town of Collingwood and with the Georgian Trail to Meaford.

## Points of Interest

1. Hen & Chickens Boardwalk: Built with community labour, this enables people to walk across the large boulders at the harbour entrance.
2. End of Hen & Chickens Boardwalk: This area had been exposed as the water level has dropped over the past few years.
3. Boardwalk Trail: The trail runs alongside Black Ash Creek on its way to the harbour. Black Ash Creek can be followed by using the Black Ash Creek Trail.
4. Check out the gazebo that extends over the wetland and provides an excellent view of Collingwood Harbour.
5. The main boardwalk winds through trees ending at Harbourview Park, a beautiful arboretum and the Collingwood Labyrinth.
6. There is a short path to a small beach. Swans may be visible from this location.
7. Over a 35-year period that started in 1850, Reg Watts built a single steel hull pleasure craft inside the Watts Boat House. The boat was named after Reg's father, F.C Watts.
8. The Heritage Trail leads to the Collingwood Terminals and Millennium Park, and passes through the marina, launching ramp and yacht club.
9. Sunset Point Trail: This leaves the main road as it winds its way through trees along the edge of the waterfront lands.
10. Inukshuk: This location includes a picnic area and stony beach. A beautiful waterfront featuring: canteen, washrooms, watersport access, and Enviropark.

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# Georgian Trail

Town of Collingwood, Town of the Blue Mountains, Municipality of Meaford

**Main Trail:** 33.6 km (both ways) **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** Harbourview Park, Collingwood

From Collingwood to Meaford, the trail runs near Hwy. 26 West with numerous access points along the way.

If you are looking for the most scenic waterfront trail in the area, the Georgian Trail has it.

Running along the south shore of beautiful Georgian Bay, the Georgian Trail has ample

opportunity to stop, rest and swim during the summer months.

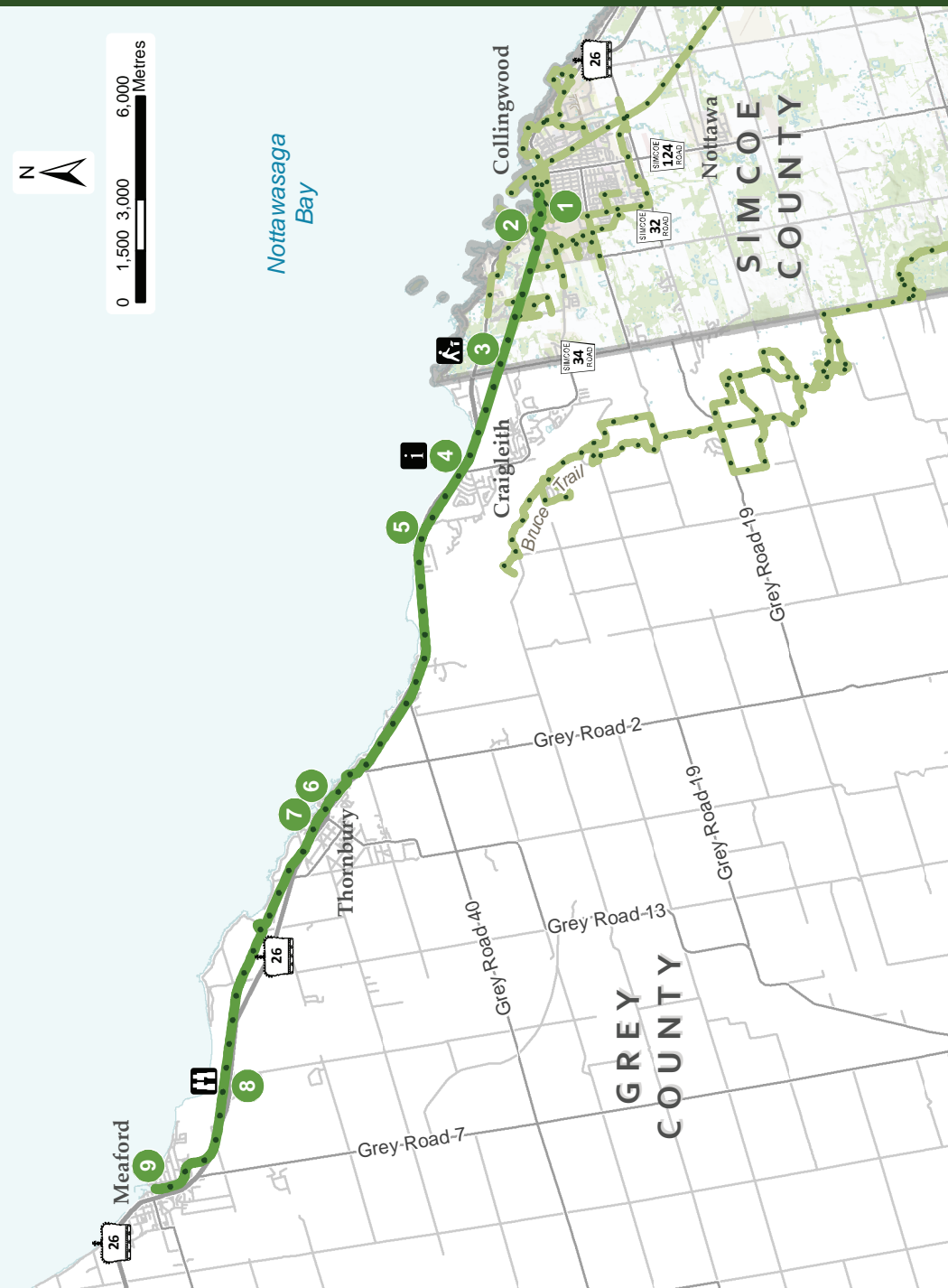
The Georgian Trail is a fantastic way to commute around South Georgian Bay and is safe, accessible and fun for the whole family.

For more information on the trail network or to view a map, please visit: [collingwood.ca/trails](http://collingwood.ca/trails).

## Points of Interest

1. Harbourview Park: Visit the arboretum featuring a large variety of tree species.
2. Collingwood Labyrinth: Based on the 800-year-old stone floor labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral in France, the labyrinth is a spot for quiet reflection.
3. Silver Creek: Read up on this provincially significant coastal wetland at the interpretive sign mounted beside the trail.
4. Craigeleith Heritage Depot: Originally the Craigeleith train station, now a museum and tourist information centre, showcasing a variety of local history displays.
5. Craigeleith Provincial Park: Offers camping facilities and spectacular sunsets.
6. Cedar Grove Labyrinth: A place for quiet reflection adjacent to Bayview Park in Thornbury.
7. Thornbury Trestle Bridge: Former rail bridge spanning the Beaver River and overlooking the dam and adjacent fish ladder.
8. St. Vincent Trail: 1km trail traversing a conifer plantation and a forest of lowland hardwoods leading to a Georgian Bay lookout.
9. Meaford Harbour: At the western terminus of the Georgian trail. See the retired Canadian Coast Guard search and rescue vessel mounted near the shoreline.

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# Hickling Trail

Township of Springwater

**Main Trail:** 1.5 km **Difficulty:** Easy

**Parking:** South entrance at Carson Road, or 1177 Snow Valley Rd, Midhurst

Formerly farmed by the Hickling Family, the Hickling Tract was acquired as an addition to the Simcoe County Forest in 1948.

Funded by Hydro One, County of Simcoe, Trans Canada Trail and Government of Canada, the Hickling Trail is one of five sections that will connect an 11-

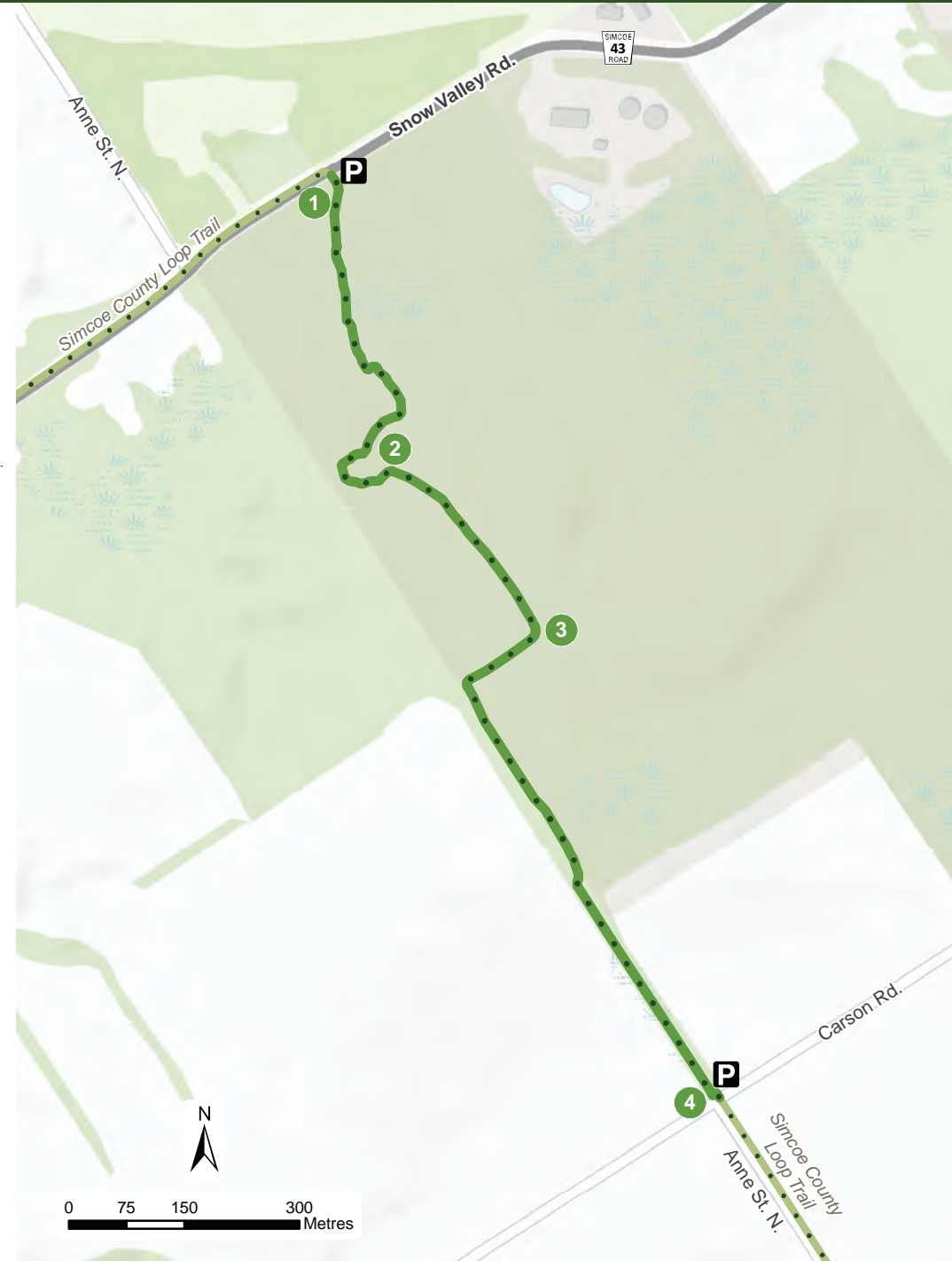
km gap in the Trans Canada Trail between Springwater and Barrie and help form part of the 165-km Simcoe County Loop Trail.

The Hickling Recreational Trail is 1.5km in length, has an average width of 3 metres, and is designed to be accessible. With a firm gravel surface with screenings, it is for non-motorized uses only.

## Points of Interest

1. Cycle Simcoe Outdoor Repair Station: The County of Simcoe has installed a locally built, outdoor repair station for cyclists to make minor repairs to their bikes.
2. Hickling Switch Back Climb: The Hickling switch back climb was built to meet accessibility standards and offers a stunning view of the red and white pine.
3. Red and White Pines: The majority of the property was planted primarily with red and white pine in 1949 – 1950. Periodic selective harvesting since that time has been conducted to keep the forest healthy and growing.
4. Carson Road Entrance: Secondary entrance at north side of Carson Road at Anne Street intersection. Limited parking spaces available.

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# Innisfil Beach Park Trail

Town of Innisfil

**Main Trail:** 1.5 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** 676 Innisfil Beach Rd, Alcona, Innisfil

Overlooking Lake Simcoe, this is a busy little park in the summer. It has a lovely view along the waterfront and is a great place for a short family walk.

## Points of Interest

1. Trail head: Start from the beach parking lot. Walk to the waterfront and locate the trail signs past the boat launching ramp.
2. BBQs: Three BBQs are available for public use and found throughout the park and along the trail.
3. Beach areas: The Town of Innisfil maintains five beaches along Lake Simcoe.
4. Soccer fields: Managed by the Town of Innisfil, soccer fields are available for booking throughout the summer.
5. Tennis courts: Managed by the Town of Innisfil, the tennis courts are open throughout the summer months and no booking is required.
6. Baseball diamonds: Managed by the Town of Innisfil, baseball diamonds are available for booking throughout the summer.

## Vista Points

1. Waterfront view



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# Midland Rotary Waterfront Trail

Town of Midland

**Main Trail:** 8 km **Difficulty:** Easy

**Parking:** Pete Pettersen Park, Town Dock, Midland Bay Landing Park, Ste. Marie Park

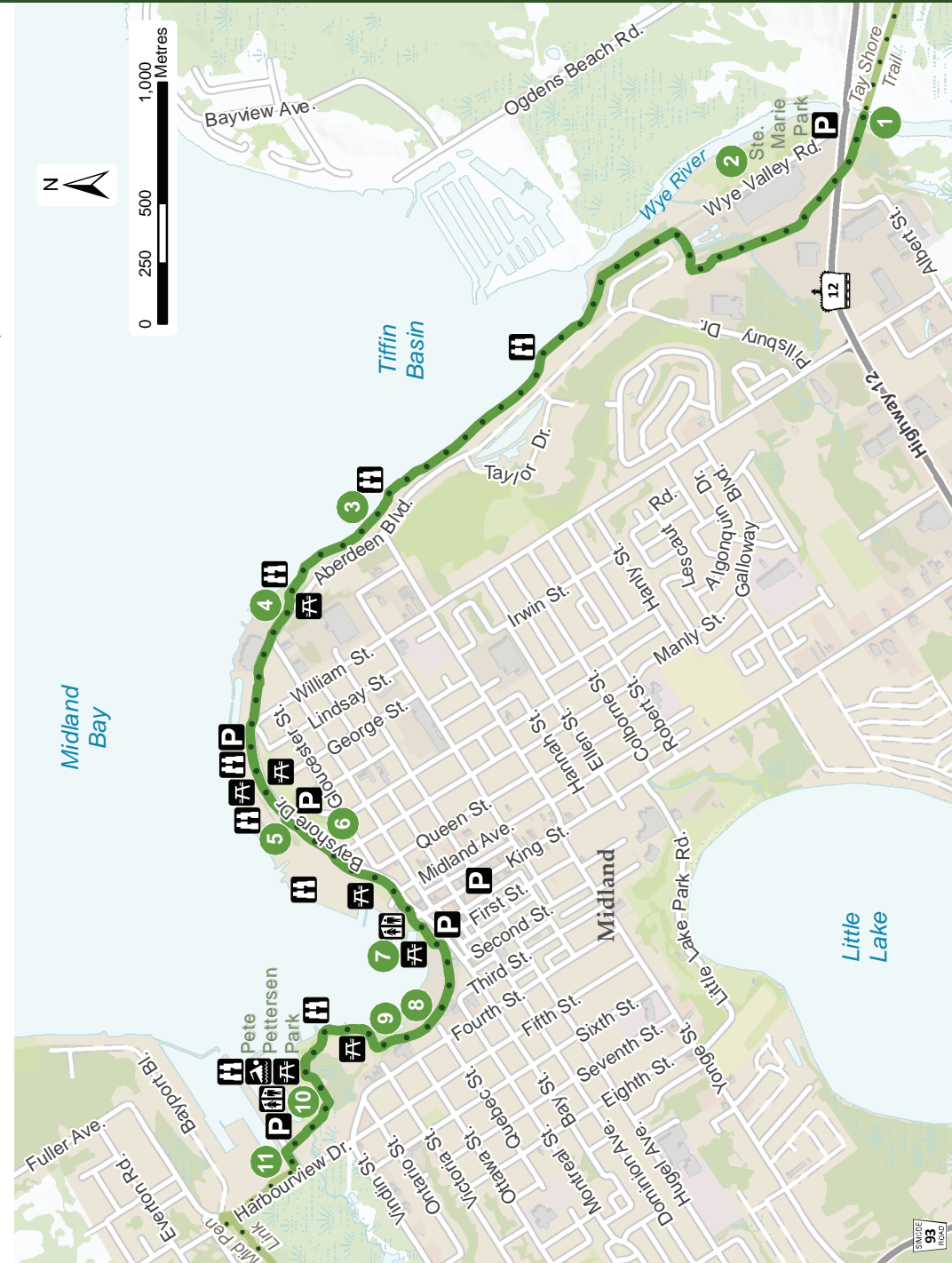
The Midland Rotary Waterfront Trail connects the Tay Shore Trail from Ste. Marie Among the Hurons in the south through the Ste. Marie Park and along the residential

waterfront to the Midland Town Dock and downtown core and on through recreational lands and private marinas to the Mid Pen link in the north.

## Points of Interest

1. Wye River: Flowing past Ste. Marie Among the Hurons, you can explore this recreated, 17th century French Jesuit mission headquarters and experience the interaction of the French and native Wendat Huron nation.
2. Ste. Marie Park: A view of Martyrs' Shrine, a church which honors the eight Jesuit saints who lived, worked and died here over 350 years ago.
3. Gazebo: Overlooking the marina and Georgian Bay, this provides a viewpoint where you can watch boats sail by, enjoy a stroll along the promenade, or view glorious gardens.
4. Veterans Park: A Boy Scout arboretum hosting a tree species from all of Canada's provinces and territories.
5. Edgehill Park: 7 acres of land overlooking the waters of Georgian Bay. See boats on their way to Midland Town Dock.
6. Harbourside Park: Called the Garden of Natural Species, this park was built by the Midland Parks staff which exhibits plants that are native in this area.
7. Midland Town Dock: The protected deep water harbour of Midland Bay is pertinent to the Town's waterway transportation and includes a tourist information centre, washrooms and a restaurant.
8. Old Rail Museum Relics: The Midland Railway was constructed from the community of Port Hope on the shores of Lake Ontario, which stretches to the southern reaches of Georgian Bay in Midland.
9. View of big ship dock at grain elevators. Grain is shipped here from Thunder Bay.
10. Pete Pettersen Park: Named after a local ski jump builder/promoter, this 24-acre park is equipped with a baseball diamond, an outstanding view of Georgian Bay, a swimming and play area, and access to the Rotary Waterfront Trail.
11. Trail terminus: Located at Gawley Park, the trail meets up with the Mid Pen Link and continues to Penetanguishene.

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# North Simcoe Rail Trail

Township of Springwater

**Main Trail:** 31.7 km **Difficulty:** Easy

**Parking:** Pinegrove Rd., Fort Willow, George Johnson Rd., Minesing Station Park, Hendrie

The North Simcoe Rail Trail follows the route of the North Simcoe Railway, which was built in 1878 and primarily served for the lumber business on Georgian Bay.

The trail now offers stunning views over

the Minesing Wetlands and the Mayer's Marsh, both excellent birding spots.

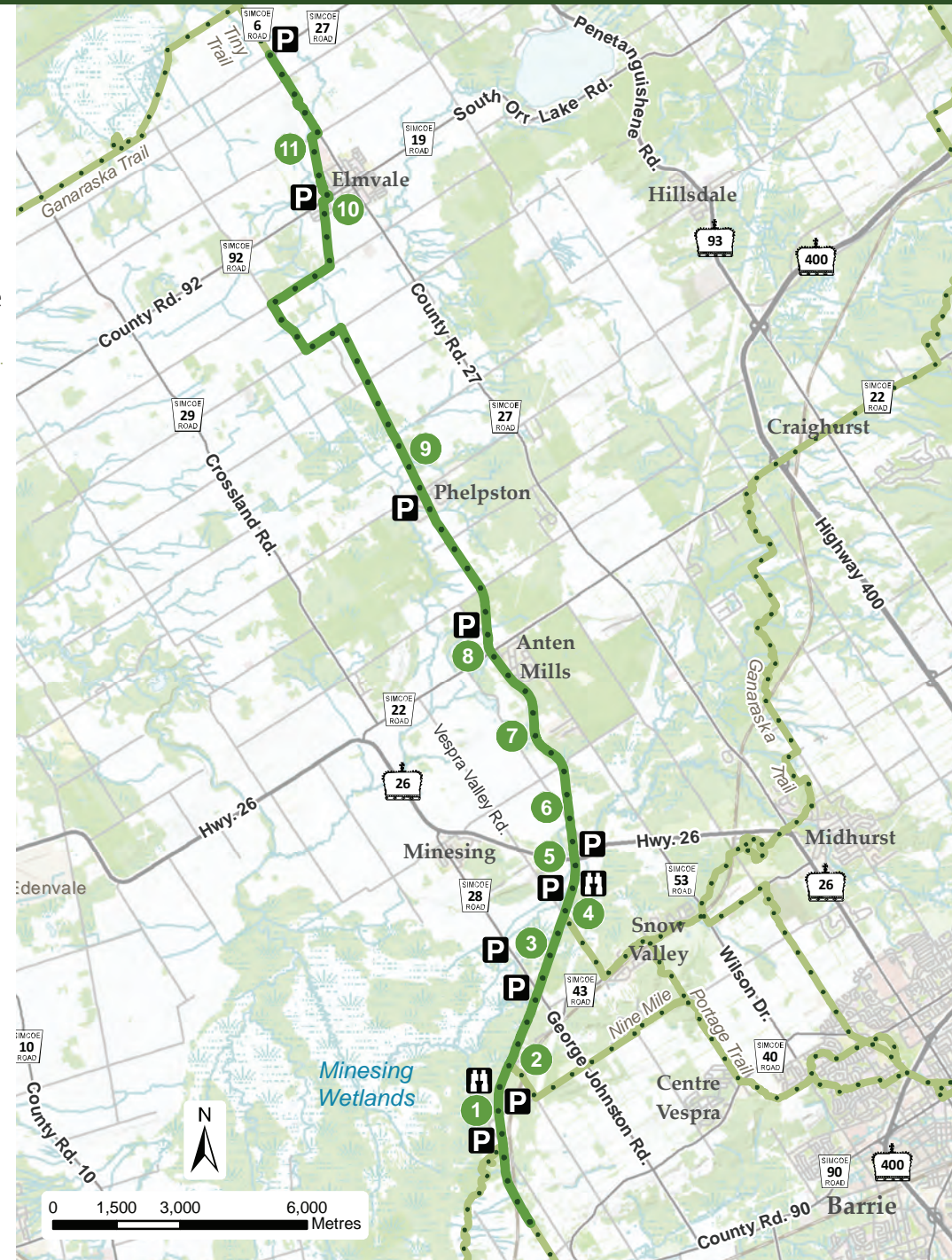
The trail connects the Tiny Trail in the north, with the Ganaraska Hiking Trail in the south.

## Points of Interest

1. Minesing Wetlands: Take a rest on one of the 4 benches and enjoy the view of Ontario's largest remaining wetlands. It is an internationally significant complex of swamps, marshes, bogs, and fens.
2. Fort Willow: Walk up and explore this historic site (part of Nine Mile Portage) where hundreds of tons of military supplies and trade goods were stored during the War of 1812.
3. Josephine: Ruins of an old rail town settlement.
4. Mayer's Marsh Viewing Platform: This small side trail follows the embankment of Willow Creek from the Harry Adams Bridge to Vespra Valley Road and is for pedestrian use only.
5. Minesing Station Park: This pavilion provides shelter and an excellent picnic spot as well as ample parking for snowmobile and horse trailers. The pavilion serves as a memorial to Paul Gleason, a founding member of the North Simcoe Rail Trail.
6. Dairy Farm: The Holstein Dairy Cattle.
7. Springwater Golf Course: Golf carts cross the trail. Please do not trespass onto the course.
8. Hendrie Station: This used to be the site of an old railway station and now provides storage for snowmobile groomers and parking.
9. Dense Hardwood Forest: The trail is particularly scenic as it passes through forest and swampland, making it an excellent bird-watching spot!
10. Heritage Park, Elmvale: This park has a beautifully landscaped greenspace, an amphitheatre, parking, and washrooms. Explore the many quaint stores, tearooms and restaurants, a hardware store, gas stations and a grocery store in downtown Elmvale.
11. Flos Road 10: Detour east, then north on Cty. Rd. 27 to Cty. Rd. 6 where you will pick up the trail again for another 2 concessions to the Tiny/Flos Townline.

**Note:** Horses are allowed on NSRT from May 15- Nov. 15, but must walk beside trail. In Mayer's Marsh, walk in centre to protect turtle nests.

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# Orillia Millennium Trail

City of Orillia

**Main Trail:** 9.5 km **Difficulty:** Easy

**Parking:** Narrows Bridge, J.B Tudhope Memorial Park, Couchiching Beach Park

Visualize a four-metre wide ribbon of pavement stretching from one end of the city to the other.

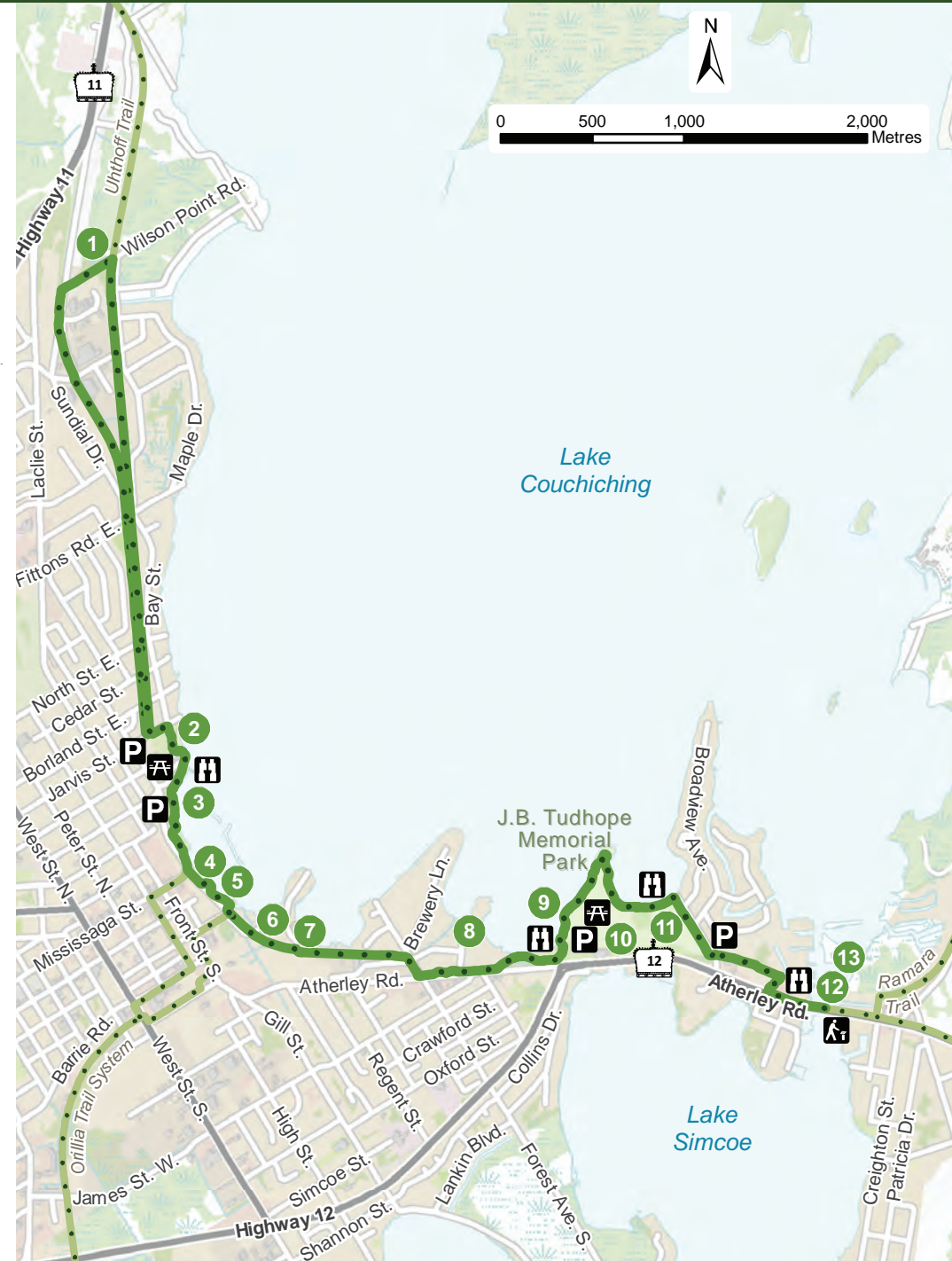
Imagine the enjoyment of being able to in-line skate, bicycle or walk from Wilson's

Point to the Narrows. Picture the pleasure of a wheelchair user being able to travel independently and safely from Couchiching Beach Park to J.B Tudhope Memorial Park to watch a baseball game.

## Points of Interest

1. Uhthoff Trail Junction: at Wilson Point Road.
2. Couchiching Beach Park: This park features an aqua theatre, ball diamond, beach, outdoor rink, picnic shelter, playground, toilets, water fountain, and change rooms.
3. Centennial Park: Home to the Port of Orillia, Government Pier, barbeque, picnic tables, toilets and water fountain and boat launch.
4. Veterans' Memorial Park: Featuring picnic tables, pergola, skateboard park, and pier.
5. Hunter Boat Works: This old boat-building business was commissioned to build the Canadian Fairmile, a small wooden warship used for anti-submarine patrols.
6. Ribbons of Steel: refers to the building of the railroad.
7. Mnjkaning First Nation Reserve.
8. Stephen Leacock Museum and National Historic Site: This site was once the summer home of Stephen Leacock and is now reconstructed to serve as a boathouse and visitor's centre.
9. History of Ice Industry: Ice was cut from the lake and stored in insulated barns. It was later shipped by rail to the United States.
10. J.B Tudhope Memorial Park and Barnfield Point Recreation Centre: This park offers a beach, splash pads, a washroom and change rooms, a picnic area and ball diamonds.
11. Couchiching and Sturgeon Point Hotels: The latter, a stately 40-room, three-storey frame hotel opened on June 15, 1867. Later, the hotel complex was expanded to include a dance hall, shuffle board courts and bath houses.
12. Narrows Bridge: This swing bridge carried railway traffic but is now welded in the open position to allow boats to pass through the Narrows between Lake Simcoe on the right and Lake Couchiching on the left.
13. Mnjkaning Fishing Weirs: This fish fence became a meeting place for aboriginal people.

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# Oro-Medonte Rail Trail

Township of Oro-Medonte

**Main Trail:** 28 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** 1/First Line South, 2/ Shanty Bay Rd., 3/15<sup>th</sup> Line

The last CN train passed through in September 1996. The abandoned rail line was turned into a trail, giving users the opportunity to explore beautiful Oro-Medonte along the way.

Embrace the outdoors; from active osprey nests to busy beavers in their beaver pond, to quiet wetlands and great blue herons; the flat and crushed gravel route, Lake County Oro-

Medonte Rail Trail, linking the cities of Barrie and Orillia, definitely has something for those looking to connect with nature.

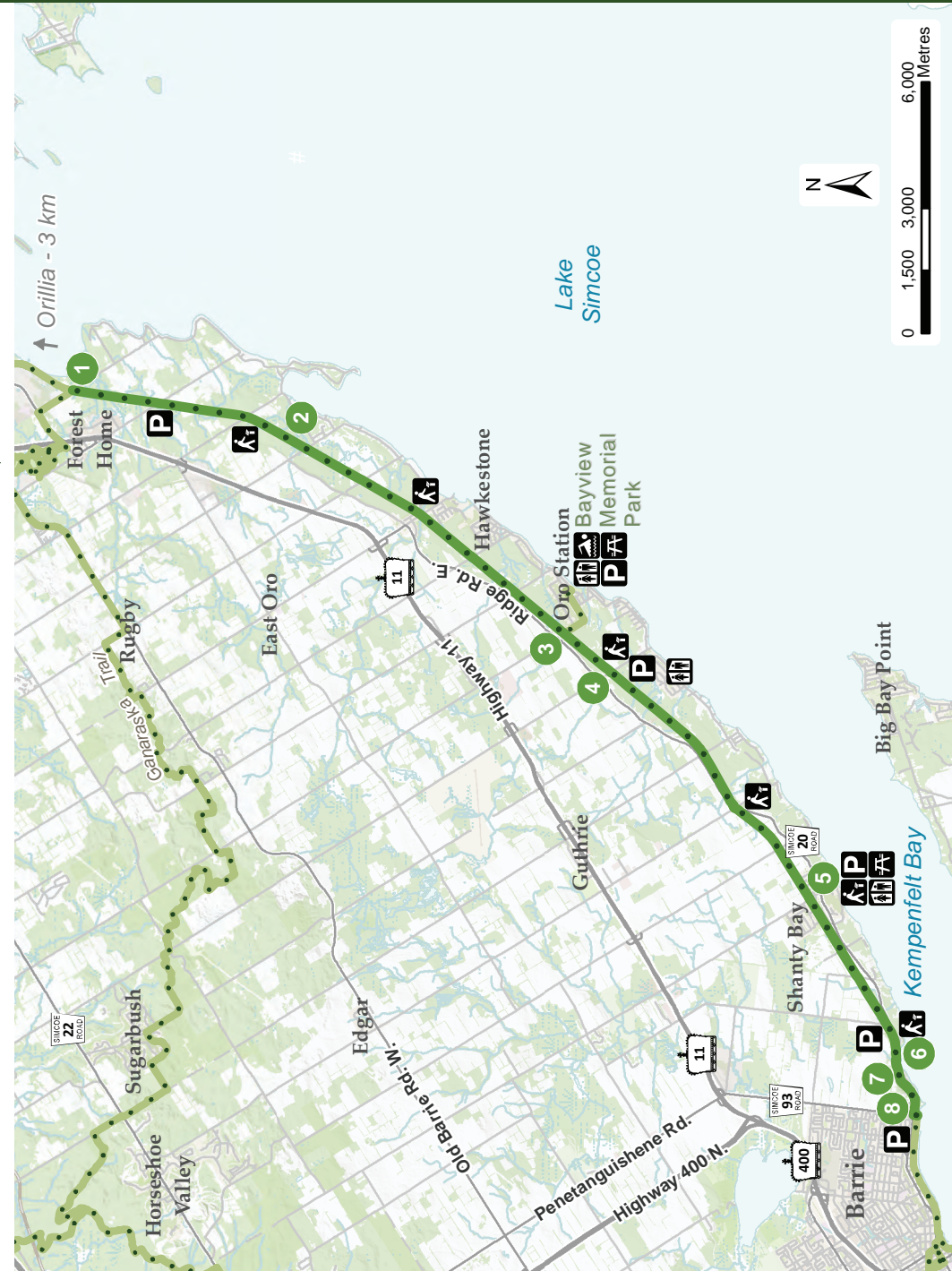
And for those needing to cool off, take a quick detour to any one of our beaches and enjoy some of the cleanest waterfronts on Lake Simcoe.

For more information on the trail network or to view a map, please visit: [oro-medonte.ca](http://oro-medonte.ca).

## Points of Interest

1. Woodland Drive: Watch for the osprey nests on the top of the hydro poles. This is the northern boundary of this trail.
2. Carthew Bay Nature Reserve: This provincially-significant wetland is home to an active beaver pond that supports great blue herons, green herons, and other wildlife.
3. Side Trail: This trail leads to Rail Trail Drive. To access the swimming beach and washrooms, follow the road to Bayview Memorial Park.
4. Oro Station: This is a historic community centred northeast of the trail. The convenience store is open from 7:30 am to 10 pm. You can access the waterfront, which is also used as a boat launch ramp.
5. Brewis Park.
6. Thunder Bridge: The interpretive signs tells the story of the railway and bridge.
7. There is no visible trail from Line 1 South to Penetanguishene Road, a distance of 1.4 km. Follow Line 1 South to Ridge Road, which then becomes Shanty Bay Road. Follow Shanty Bay Road to Penetanguishene Road, then turn south and you will meet up with the Barrie North Shore Trail.
8. Penetanguishene Road: This road marks the southern boundary of the trail where it joins the Barrie North Shore Trail, taking you into the downtown area.

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# Penetanguishene Waterfront Trail

Town of Penetanguishene

**Main Trail:** 5.5 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** Town Dock, Arena, Rotary Washrooms

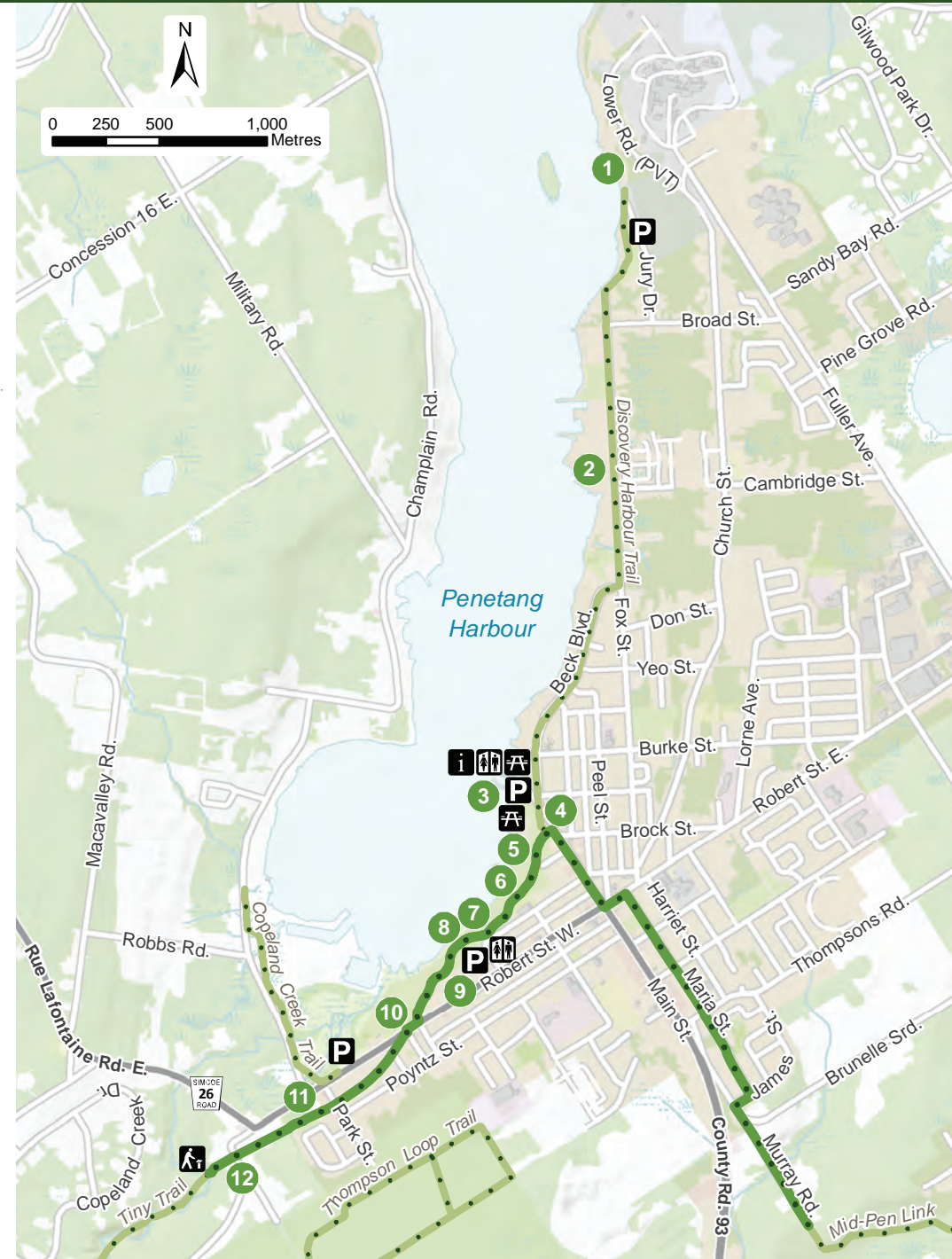
A vital Trans Canada Trail link between Tiny Trail and the Midland Rotary Waterfront Trail. Two other trails also branch from the main trail including the Copeland Creek Trail and the Discovery Harbour Trail. Penetanguishene's trails lead to points of interest along the waterfront and are never

far from amenities. Trans Canada Trail begins at the border of the Township of Tiny in the west along the waterfront of Penetanguishene, connecting with the Town of Midland. The trail consists of limestone, asphalt, and paved sidewalk sections with a total length of 2.5 km.

## Points of Interest

1. Discovery Harbour: A re-creation of a British Naval base built around 1817.
2. Discovery Harbour Trail: 3 km starts from the Historic Port of Penetanguishene.
3. Historic Port of Penetanguishene: There is a picnic shelter beside the town dock. The waterfront used to be a focal point for industry and logging but it is now a marine recreational centre. Sit and enjoy views of the harbour before starting out on a trail. This is also the location of the Tourist Information Centre.
4. The trail follows the historic streets of Penetanguishene meeting up with the Mid Pen Link that joins the Midland Trail system.
5. Regeneration Area: As part of the revitalization of the waterfront, this storage pond was created which is now a natural habitat area with a viewing platform.
6. Views of Penetanguishene Bay: See shoreline areas that were naturalized to prevent Canada Geese polluting the area.
7. Rotary Champlain Wendat Park: This beautiful and vast open space contains a variety of recreational facilities.
8. Beach volleyball court and basketball courts.
9. Skateboard Park: adjacent to the beach, playground, picnic shelter and washrooms.
10. Robert Street West: The trail crosses and follows the abandoned rail line through a residential area, passing an open park with playground.
11. Copeland Creek Trail: Trail starts at west end of rest area – 1.25 km partly on board walks meandering through marshland.
12. Overhead Bridge Road Tunnel: The trail goes through a tunnel and joining a beautiful section of trails going through a mixed forest before meeting with the Tiny Trail. This is marked with an interpretive sign and bridge crossing Copeland Creek.

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# Ramara Trail

## Township of Ramara

**Main Trail:** 5 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** Adjacent to Crother's Marina by the Narrows

The trail starts in the south at the historic fish weirs that were built by the Mnjikaning First Nation people. "Mnjikaning" is an Ojibway word meaning "the place of the fish fence".

The trail follows the abandoned CN rail line through pastoral countryside, crossing the Rama Road/Monck Road intersection, along

Monck Road to the trail sign and extending to Mara Rama Boundary Road.

If you are coming from the City of Orillia, stop off at Casino Rama for some fun and excitement.

If you are already staying at the Casino, be sure to take the trail in to Orillia and explore the beautiful downtown.

### Points of Interest

1. Fish Weir at the Narrows: Consisting of closely spaced stakes driven into the bottom, perhaps with interlaced material, and extending almost completely across the Narrows. The weir directed fish to small openings where they were captured with nets.
2. Swing Bridge: An iron swing bridge in the Atherley Narrows is slow development of a pedestrian and snowmobile connection between the City of Orillia and the Township of Ramara. The bridge was once part of the thriving rail network but is now currently locked in the "open" position.
3. Samuel de Champlain: During the fall of 1615, a French explorer in the company of a Huron raiding party passed near the small narrows separating Lake Couchiching and Lake Simcoe.
4. CN Rail Line: Closed on September 21, 1996, this rail line handled Canadian National's daily freight trains between Toronto and North Bay, as well as VIA's Canadian on its run between Toronto and Vancouver.
5. Rama Road: The trail follows along the west side of Rama Road, then crosses Rama Road at the traffic lights.
6. Monck Road: Named to honour Charles Stanley Monck, Governor-in-Chief of the Canadian province from 1861. The road extended 160 kilometers east to the Hastings Road at Bancroft where it joins other roads to Ottawa.
7. Trail Extension: The trail currently ends at Mara Rama Boundary Road.

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# Route Champlain

Township of Tay, Town of Midland, Township of Tiny

**Main Trail:** 45 km **Difficulty:** Easy to Moderate **Parking:** see nearest towns

Since 2009, the 12 plaques of the Champlain Trail dot the landscape of Simcoe County's most popular parks and trails. The plaques were selected as a snapshot of the location, facts and historical players and events from 1600 to 1650. They

commemorate the 40th anniversary of the arrival of the great explorer Samuel de Champlain. Head out on an adventure to find the plaques!

On foot or by bike, enjoy the area's magnificent vistas and natural beauty.

## Points of Interest

1. Wendake: The traditional homeland of the Huron-Wendat People. Wendake means "in separate lands".
2. Ossossane: This was the capital town of Huronia, the place where the most important councils were held.
3. Pétun Peoples: Pétun is a 17th century French term for Tobacco. Champlain chose this name for these people because of the crops they were preparing to grow when he visited them.
4. Carhagouha: In August 1615, Champlain stayed in Carhagouha, one of the two Huron villages.
5. Point People/Landing Sites: The mouth of Penetanguishene Bay is the celebrated landing place of Samuel de Champlain as the governor of New France in August 1615.
6. Étienne Brulé in Huronia: Brulé was the first European to explore and witness to what is now known as Ontario. After several years of impressive reports from Brulé, Champlain agreed to visit this region.
7. Samuel de Champlain: Landing in the Penetanguishene Peninsula, Champlain visited 14 of the 18 major Huron villages located between Georgian Bay and Lake Simcoe.
8. Huron-Wendat Diaspora: Southern Georgian Bay was the homeland of the Huron-Wendat First Nation.
9. Ste. Marie Among the Hurons: 17th century French Jesuit mission headquarters.
10. St-Louis: A Huron-Wendat village named by the Jesuits.
11. People of the Bog – "Ataronchronon": A segment of the largest nation of the Huron-Wendat League.
12. St-Ignace: This village was moved in the fall of 1647 due to fears of an impending Iroquois invasion.

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# Tay Shore Trail

Township of Tay

**Main Trail:** 16 km **Difficulty:** Easy to Moderate

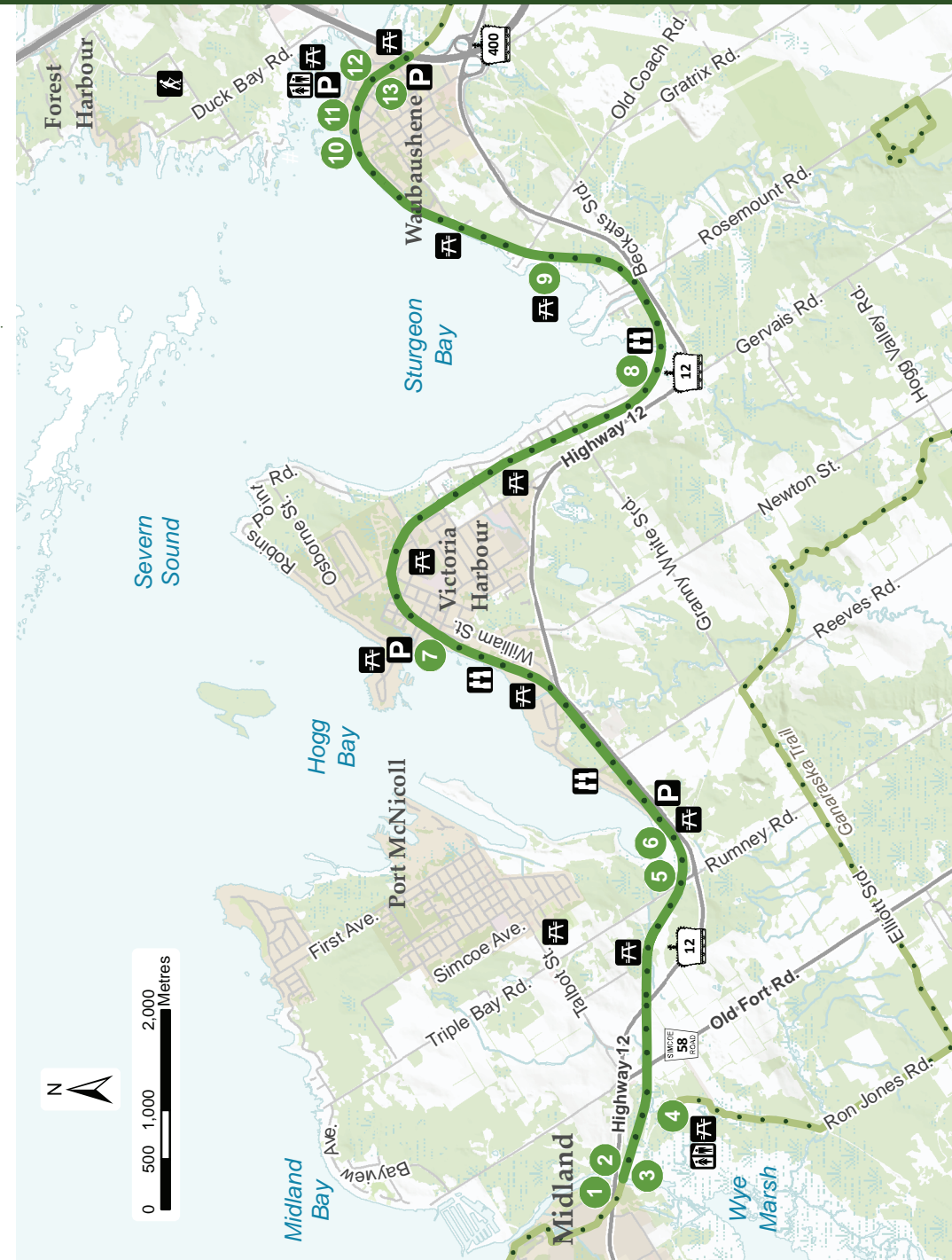
**Parking:** Ste. Marie Park, Trestle Park, Waubaushene, Government Dock, Victoria Harbour

A fully paved rail trail winding its way along the southern shore of Georgian Bay from Midland to Waubaushene with a spur to Port McNicoll. Some great vistas and a ride through history with interpretive nature signs along the route. This multi-use trail is part of the Trans Canada Trail and perfect for the whole family.

## Points of Interest

1. Midland Rotary Waterfront Trail: Conjunction
2. Martyrs' Shrine: The Shrine honours the eight Jesuit saints who lived, worked and died here more than 350 years ago.
3. Ste. Marie Among the Hurons: From 1639 to 1649 this land was home to a French Jesuit settlement in Wendake, the land of the Wendat. A reconstruction of the mission now operates as a living museum. Note: no parking for trail users.
4. Wye Marsh: This wetland is home to an amazing diversity of bird species and also provides nesting habitat to uncommon species such as the Least Bittern, Black Tern and the Trumpeter Swan. Wye Marsh is open from 9 am to 5 pm, and entry is \$10 per person, \$6.50 for seniors. Parking for trail users allowed but note that the gate closes at 5 pm.
5. Trestle Trail: This a paved trail leads into Port McNicoll by following Hogg Bay to Ney Avenue.
6. View of Hogg Bay: Wetland area and trestle bridge sign.
7. Victoria Harbour: Can be accessed from where the trail crosses Albert Street. There are a few stores and parking in this location.
8. Sturgeon Bay: You can view the bay as the trail swings east, then northeast.
9. Tanners Beach: A pathway leads to the beach from the trail to the swimming and picnic area.
10. Waubaushene Beaches Provincial Nature Reserve: The park is in a region of diverse forest types and other biotic communities, but overgrown with poison ivy.
11. Christ Church: Also known as Waubaushene Memorial Church, this was built in 1881 by the Georgian Bay Lumber company in memory of its general manager, Theodore W. Buck, who had died earlier that year.
12. Willow Street: This street leads to the waterfront, where you can find a government dock, picnic area, parking and washrooms.
13. Coldwater Road Parkette: This location includes parking and a picnic area.

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# Thornton-Cookstown Train Trail

Township of Essa, Town of Innisfil

**Main Trail:** 15.6 km **Difficulty:** Easy

**Parking:** Victoria St., Antique Market, Essa 5<sup>th</sup> SR, Cty. Rd. 27 and Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil 5<sup>th</sup> SR

The Township of Essa boasts a variety of trails within its boundaries, and continues to work towards providing residents with a healthy lifestyle by focusing on further developing trail connections.

This 14-km trail runs between the villages of Thornton and Cookstown and travels through green pasture land and forest and cross the Cookstown Creek.

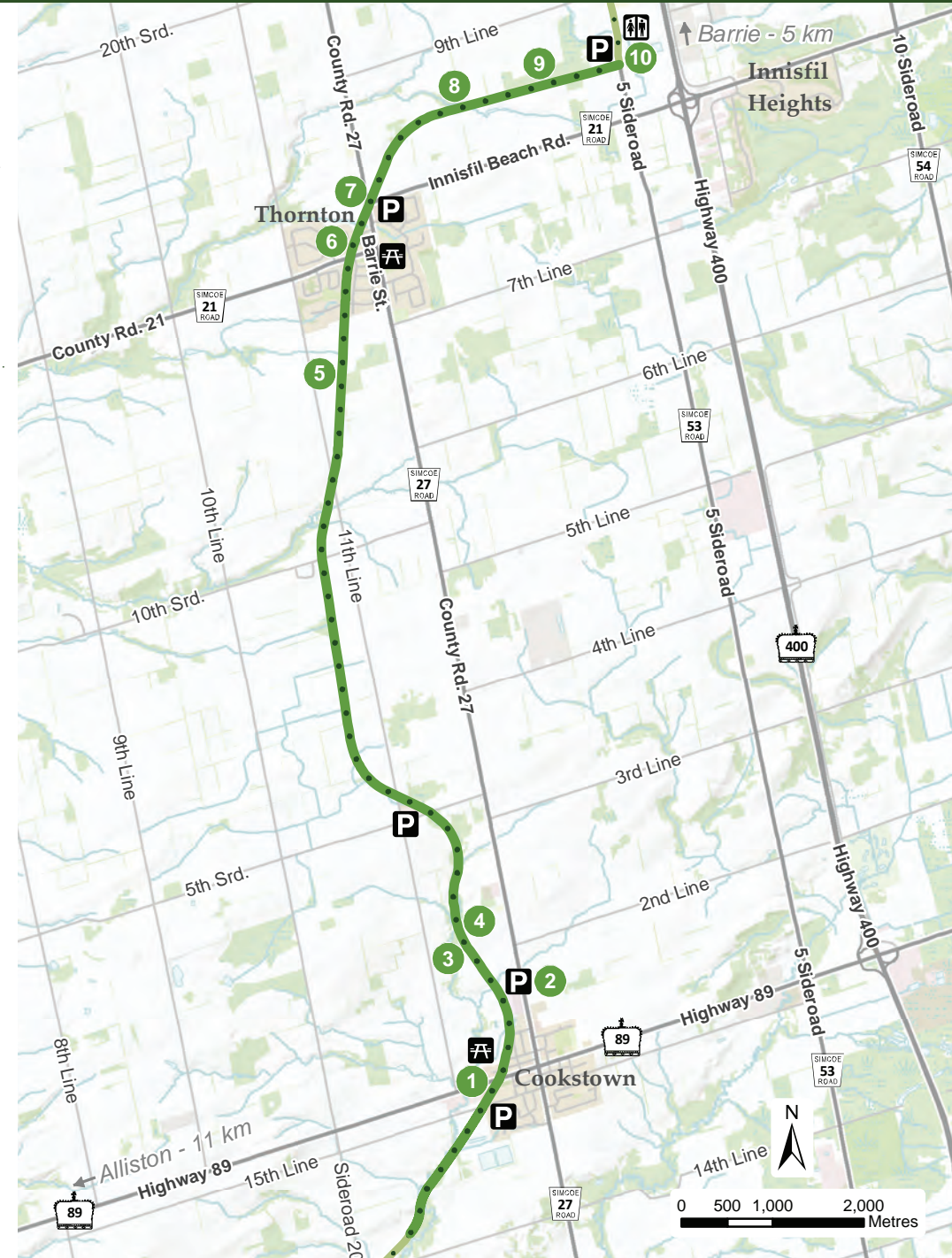
## Points of Interest

1. Tree Spirit: In Cookstown, the trail can be accessed at the pavilion on the south side of Hwy. 89. Look for the “tree spirit”, courtesy of local carver, Colin Patridge.
2. Cookstown Antique Market: The Cookstown Antique Market is adjacent to the trail just north of Cookstown. The market offers free parking behind the barn.
3. Accessible Trail: Starting from Wellington Street in Cookstown, the accessible section of the trail loops back on itself just south of the first bridge, north of Cookstown.
4. Trestle Bridges: One of six trestle bridges offering stunning views of the creek as it meanders its way through the scenery. In the winter, the trail is groomed and patrolled for snowmobile use. Walkers and cross-country skiers are reminded to be alert for snowmobile traffic and to step aside to allow them to pass.
5. Horse Farm: View a horse farm nestled in the rural pastures of Essa.
6. Tree Spirit: At the trail entrance on Robert Street in Thornton, look for another artistic “tree spirit”.
7. Thornton: The trail crosses County Road 27. Cross at traffic lights.
8. Agriculture: Pasture lands, fields of corn, wheat and other crops can be seen.
9. Big Dipper: The big dipper is the location of a huge rail bed washout in the '90s.
10. Georgian Downs: This is where the race track and OLG slots are located.

**Horse Note:** Horses are permitted on the Innisfil section of the trail, i.e. north of Thornton, and through Cookstown.

**Note:** There are two more trestle bridges south of Cookstown.

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# Tiny Trail

## Township of Tiny

**Main Trail:** 23 km **Difficulty:** Moderate

**Parking:** Wyevale, Perkinsfield, Penetanguishene Pk., Con. 4 & Cty Rd. 6, Con. 12 (Summer)

A railway park in a natural setting. A partially paved, partially crushed gravel multi-use trail that links the North Simcoe Rail Trail to the Town of Penetanguishene's Waterfront Trail.

Meanders across Colepand Creek and the Wye River requiring some of the 16 historic railway bridges.

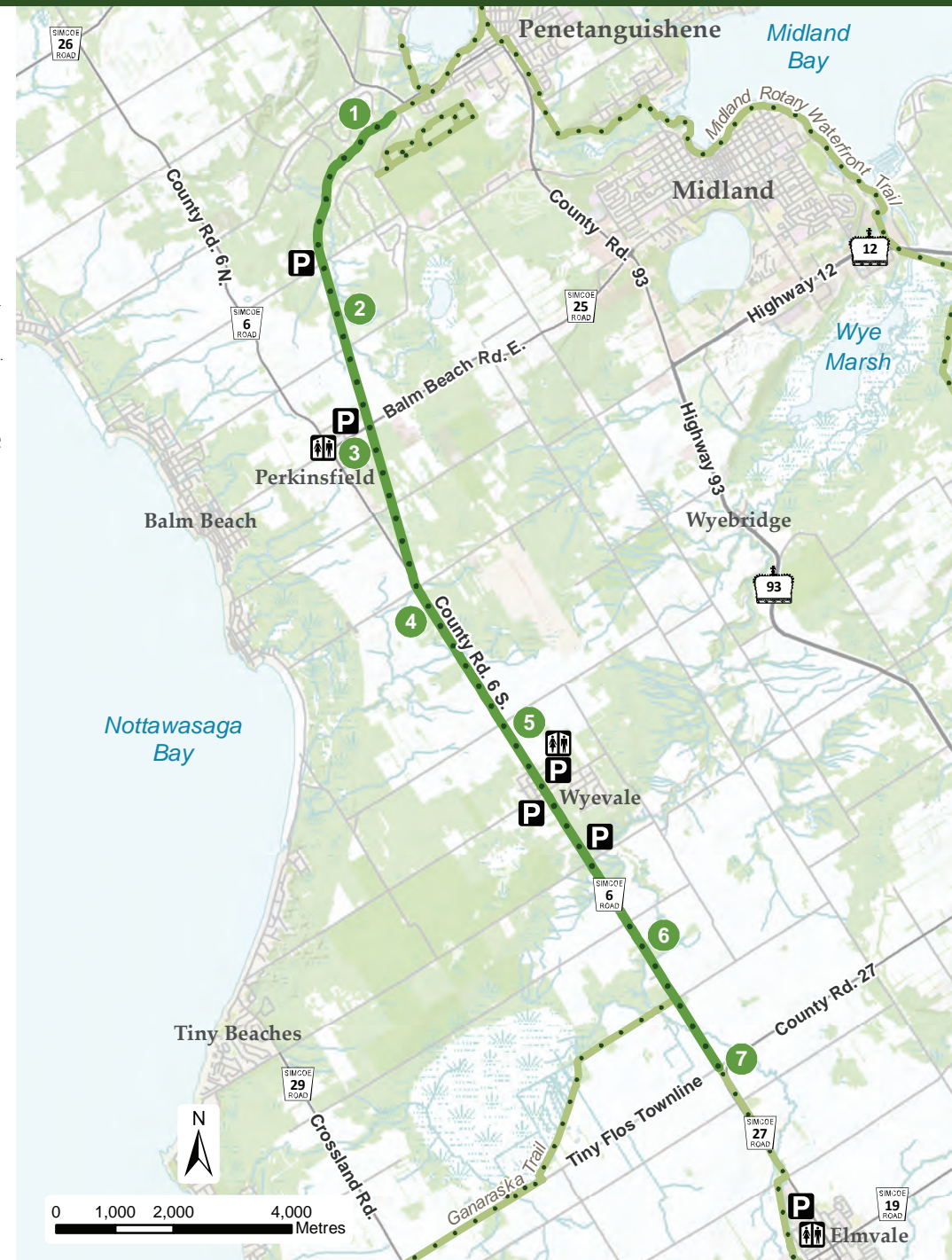
The Tiny Trail offers many points of interest along the way, including views of wildlife and a historic burial ground.

Meanders across Colepand Creek and the

### Points of Interest

1. Copeland Creek Bridges: There are 14 historic bridges on the Tiny Trail of which 11 can be found between the start of the trail at Penetanguishene and Concession Road 12. Each bridge has a descriptive sign about the history of the bridge. Be aware that the bridges can be very slippery. We recommend that you slow down or dismount.
2. Golf Course: East of the trail is the Balm Beachway Golf Club.
3. Perkinsfield: A replica of The North Simcoe Railway historic station.
4. Huron Ossary: Father J. Brébeuf witnessed a mass burial of more than 1,000 individuals near the Huron Village of Ossosane in 1636. The site is located just south of Perkinsfield on the west side of County Road 6, where a wooden sign marks the spot.
5. North Simcoe Railway: In 1847, stagecoaches used to run between Barrie and Penetanguishene with a tavern every 2 km for passengers to rest. The North Simcoe Railway Line was built in 1978 to replace the stagecoach service, much to the annoyance of the 37 tavern owners. The Tiny Trail follows the route of the abandoned North Simcoe Railway.
6. Three More Bridges: These bridges can be seen between Concession Road 3 and the southern terminus of the trail.
7. Southern Terminus: At Tiny Flos Townline.

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# Uthhoff Trail

Township of Severn

**Main Trail:** 22 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** Coldwater Arena, Burnside Line, Division Road

Your journey on the Uthhoff Trail will take you through scenic wooded areas, over wetlands, crossing many streams. Observe the many varieties of barns.

The trail is open to the public year round. It is used by hikers, cyclists, naturalists, skiers, snowmobilers and equestrians.

The trail, which is 30 km long, extends from Wilson Point Road in Orillia to Waubaushene and is part of the Trans Canada Trail.

The surface is mainly crushed limestone with a small paved portion in Coldwater. There are some beaches along the trail.

## Points of Interest

1. Coldwater & District CC: Washrooms, playground and parking area are available.
2. This section of the trail runs parallel to the abandoned CP Rail line at Southorn Road, crossing the CN line at Dunns Line. The rest of the trail was originally a CPR line used to transport grain from the prairies to markets in Europe. Trains would run from Port McNicoll to Orillia and to Halifax. The last train ran in 1985.
3. Seat with view of gambrel-roofed barn.
4. Farm crossing. Watch for the electric fence that the farmers sometimes put across the trail when moving cattle to an adjoin field.
5. Foxmead Road: Barn with tin roof.
6. Wetland and Purbrook Creek: Seat with a view. Wetlands encompass many different habitats, including ponds, marshes, swamps and peatlands. Plants and animals present in these wetlands are from land and water habitats, making them highly productive environments.
7. Bridge over North River: The North River meanders around the Township of Severn, eventually spilling out into Matchedash Bay, then flows into Georgian Bay.
8. Bridge over Silver Creek: Sit on a bench built by the 9th Orillia Scouts in April 1992. Silver Creek flows into the North River.
9. Wilson Point Road: This marks the end of the Uthhoff Trail and the start of the Orillia Millennium Trail.

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# Wasaga Beach Shore Lane Trail

Town of Wasaga Beach

**Main Trail:** 11.5 km **Difficulty:** Easy

**Parking:** Prov. Park – Beaches 1-6 (Permit Required), Town Parking at 18<sup>th</sup> St. and Dunkerron

This waterfront trail extends the length of Wasaga Beach and connects the eight Wasaga Beach Provincial Park beaches, from Allenwood Beach to Beach Area 6 and beyond, providing over 14 kilometres of linear trail which winds along the waterfront using quiet local streets to link each beach.

A variety of shoreline residences – from rustic cottages to palatial estates – can be

viewed along the way. If you are looking for more sand between your toes, walk along the sandy shoreline from Beach Area 1 to 6. In the winter discover the dramatic shoreline, sculpted by frozen waves.

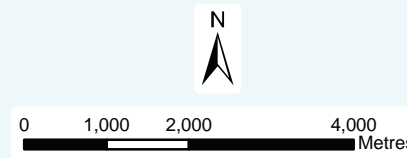
There are many opportunities for picnicking, stopping for a swim and renowned sunset viewing along the world's longest freshwater beach!

## Points of Interest

1. Provincial Park Beach Areas: Part of this beach is a nature reserve for the endangered piping plover.
2. The HMS Nancy: this schooner was destroyed in the Nottawasaga River by American Forces. The remains of the hull now rest in a museum on the island to mark the site of the Nancy's demise during the war of 1812.
3. Start of trail on Francis Street.
4. 1934 Historical Flight: an event of national significance took place at Wasaga Beach. The first successful overseas flight from Canada to England took off from Wasaga's long, straight beach, which served as a perfect, natural runway.
5. Beach Area 3: With washrooms, parking and picnic tables.
6. Beach Area 4: With washrooms, parking and picnic tables.
7. Schoonertown: is a 10 minute walk south along 27th Street and across the bridge over the Nottawasaga River. In 1815 the Schoonertown site was selected by the British Navy as a "temporary establishment on Lake Huron".
8. Beach Area 5: With washrooms, parking and picnic tables.
9. Wasaga Beach Rec Plex: Community Centre with a YMCA, swimming pool, washrooms and Oakview Woods trail connections to the waterfront trail.
10. Beach Area 6: With washrooms, parking and picnic tables.

**Note:** The Shore Lane Trail now runs for 6.2 km to Archer Road in the east end, and is extended in the west end by another 3 km to Fairgrounds Road (Nottawa #4 sideroad).

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Simcoe County Trails

# TRAIL USAGE



# County Forest Recreational Policy

Established in 1922, the Simcoe County Forest (SCF) has become the largest municipally owned forest in Ontario. There are currently more than 130 individual tracts of forest covering more than 32,000 acres. These forests provide a host of environmental, social, and economic benefits to the County including protection of wildlife habitat and water resources, public education and recreation, scientific research and the production of wood products. County Forests also provide for a range of recreational pursuits for County residents and tourists alike.

The recreation policy and associated bylaws are posted on the County's website at [www.simcoe.ca/forestry](http://www.simcoe.ca/forestry). The policy is in place to ensure that all responsible users of the forest are able to continue to enjoy their recreational pursuits.

## Recreation Policy Summary

### Activities Permitted:

- Walking, hiking
- Cross country skiing, snowshoeing, dogsledding
- Geocaching, orienteering and nature appreciation
- Mountain biking, horseback riding
- Dog walking - pets must be under control or on a leash at all times
- Off-road vehicles are permitted only with a valid permit on designated trails
- Hunting is permitted in accordance with provincial regulations to members of the OFAH except on tracts which are in closer proximity to urban areas. The list of these properties can be found on the forestry website

### Activities NOT Permitted:

- Operation of unauthorized motor vehicles
- Open fires, camping, and consumption of alcohol
- Littering, dumping or disposal of any foreign material, including yard waste
- Cutting, pruning, digging or gathering of trees, shrubs, ground-cover or firewood
- Target practice, paintball
- Construction of unauthorized structures
- Placement of unauthorized signs or permanent tree stands

Enjoy your visit to the Simcoe County Forest. Please respect the environment, other users, and neighbouring properties. All designated trails are maintained by volunteers. Please consider supporting a local club.



## Local Club Directory:

- **Ganaraska Hiking Trail Association**  
[www.ganaraska-hiking-trail.org/](http://www.ganaraska-hiking-trail.org/)
- **Simcoe County Mountain Bike Club**  
[www.scmcbc.ca](http://www.scmcbc.ca)
- **Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs**  
[www.ofsc.on.ca/](http://www.ofsc.on.ca/)
- **Central Ontario ATV Club**  
[www.coatv.ca](http://www.coatv.ca)
- **Simcoe County Off Road Riders Association**  
[www.scorra.ca](http://www.scorra.ca)



## Invasive Species

Invasive species are those plants and animals that are not only 'non-native' to their new home but also those that have an ability to out compete native vegetation and really 'invade' an area. The most concerning issue with these invasive species is their ability to disrupt ecosystems and their natural functions due to a lack natural controls in their new homes.

Trail users should be reminded that their activity could move seeds or fragments of the plant, starting new colonies. To prevent this from happening always stay on the established trail, and clean mud off pets, footwear, and equipment before leaving, or in a safe location before venturing into any natural area.

More information about invasive species can be found through the Ontario Invasive Plant Council at [www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca](http://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca).

### Giant Hogweed

Giant Hogweed is an invasive plant which is of particular concern to trail users as its clear sap can cause painful blistering and dermatitis if it contacts skin or permanent blindness if the sap comes in contact with the eyes. If you think you have come into contact with this plant:

- Cover up affected areas and keep them out of direct sunlight.
- Wash affected areas immediately with soap and cold water.
- Seek medical attention as soon as possible.

You may see Giant Hogweed on the trails of Simcoe County. If you do, make sure that other trail users in your group know to avoid the plant. While there are some similar looking native species which are harmless, it is better to be safe than sorry.

### Poison Ivy

*Leaves of three, let them be...*

Poison ivy grows vigorously throughout much of Simcoe County. It is a woody vine that is well-known for its ability to produce urushiol, a skin irritant that may cause an itching rash for some people. To humans, poison ivy can be poisonous year round, including the berries in the winter.

It usually grows as a groundcover 10-25 centimetres (4-10 in) high or sometimes as a shrub up to about 1.2 metres (4 ft) tall. The leaves are compound with three almond-shaped leaflets, giving rise to the mnemonic, "leaves of three, let it be". The colour of the leaves ranges from light green (usually the younger leaves) to dark green (mature leaves), turning bright red in the fall. The leaflets are 3-12 cm long, rarely up to 30 cm. New leaves are shiny, older leaves are duller. Some leaves



are notched. Some leaves are not. When poison ivy grows near the beach it tends to have curly, waxy looking leaves. The berries (actually drupes) are a grayish-white colour and are a favourite winter food for some birds and deer.

For more information, see [www.poison-ivy.org](http://www.poison-ivy.org).

### Dog-Strangling Vine

Dog-Strangling Vine threatens our natural ecosystems by forming dense colonies which "strangle" other plants and small trees. It also interferes with reproduction of Monarch butterflies. Dog-Strangling vine is very difficult to eradicate once established, so prevention is key.

### Garlic Mustard

Garlic Mustard can quickly invade and dominate the forest floor, limiting or eliminating the growth of native species such as trilliums and other spring ephemerals.

Trail systems can be a major vector in its spread through a natural area. Many garlic mustard infestations have been observed near parking areas and trail access points. It is apparent that garlic mustard seeds are inadvertently being carried by trail users along the trail system and being introduced to previously unaffected areas.

# Be Safe, Be Seen

## Safety tips for trail users during hunting season

Trail users and hunters alike enjoy time in the forest. Particularly in the fall during the deer rifle season, non-hunters should be aware that hunting may be taking place in county forests, conservation areas and crown land, as well as on private land, with the permission of the property owner.

The following are some common sense 'Be Safe, Be Seen' precautions for non-hunters during hunting seasons:

- Be aware that hunting may be taking place; know the seasons, dates, and locations.
- Avoid dawn and dusk, and anytime visibility is limited.
- Wear hunter orange (hat, vest, scarf, etc., also on your pet!) and avoid beige, brown, white, red or green clothing.
- Keep your pet on a leash.
- Stick to established trails (hunters typically know where the trails are).
- Hike in a group or with a buddy (hunters will hear you coming!).
- And as always, let someone know where you are going, and when to expect you back.

Hunting season information is posted on the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry website at: [www.ontario.ca/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry](http://www.ontario.ca/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry)

Note also that municipalities may prohibit the discharge of firearms in some areas, and also may pass bylaws to allow hunting on Sundays. Some conservation areas have posted hunting information on their website.

People planning to visit forests or conservation areas should take the above "Be Safe, Be Seen" steps to have a safe and enjoyable experience.





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