LAFARGE 2000 Trail

The Lafarge 2000 Trail is a joint project between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Conservation Authority. It offers users a look at the varied and unique natural features along its path, including the Beverly Swamp, Dundas Valley and Christie Lake Conservation Area. The Lafarge 2000 Trail follows Middletown Road from Regional Road 99, just off the Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail, and continues out to the border between the City of Hamilton and the Township of Puslinch. The Lafarge 2000 Trail consists of both on-road sections as well as off-road sections. It forms an important part of the trail network that surrounds the Hamilton area.

The Lafarge 2000 Trail is part of an extensive system of trails that link the natural wonders of Southern Ontario, such as the Niagara Escarpment, HCA conservation areas, Lake Ontario and neighbouring municipalities. The former Town of Flamborough and the Hamilton Conservation Authority worked together to provide an area for the public to use that offers heritage, fitness, recreational and educational benefits for the community and visitors to our great city.

Come and Explore

Begin your journey in the Dundas Valley, a deep glacial valley cut into the Niagara Escarpment. From there, it's a slow and steady climb out of the valley and into the rural countryside. The trail passes over a section of the Christie Lake reservoir, giving trail users a unique view of the reservoir to the east, and the wildlife management area to the west. The Lafarge 2000 Trail



also gives you the opportunity to visit some of the region's nearby natural and heritage sites, including Webster's Falls, Valens Conservation Area, Crooks' Hollow, Beverly Swamp, Fletcher Creek Ecological Preserve and Westfield Heritage Village.

-Trail Highlights-

0 km Southern Trailhead in Dundas Valley

 The trail starts on Middletown Road between Dundas and Copetown. The trailhead parking lot is adjacent to the Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail, on Old Highway 99, 2.5 km east of Hwy. 52. The total length of the trail is 22 km stretching from Dundas to Hwy. 6, north of Freelton.

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Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail (Linkage)

- Section of the Trans Canada Trail.
- Canada's first fully developed, multi-use inter-urban trail system.
- 80 km long, linking Hamilton, Brantford, Paris and Cambridge.
- Rail Trail eastbound links to the Dundas Valley Trail Centre, just 3.5 km away.
- Built on abandoned Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway line.

1.3 km

Niagara Escarpment Vista

- One of Canada's most scenic landforms.
- Striking cliffs rise high above the Dundas Valley.
- Recognized World Biosphere Reserve.



Highway 8 Crossing

- As you cross Hwy. 8, the West Flamborough Presbyterian Church, built in the mid 1800s near the northeast corner, just on the outskirts of the historic town of Greensville.
- Stormont House, built in the 1800s is just a few metres away on Hwy. 8.

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Christie Lake Conservation Area Reservoir

- The trail crosses the Christie Lake reservoir, providing a stunning view, with wetlands to the west and the reservoir and recreation area to the east.
- You can travel a short distance east on Hwy. 5 to enter the Christie Lake gate. Drop in and see Christie Lake's swimming area, beach, picnic areas, canoe rentals, fishing ponds and hiking trails.

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Westover Drumlin Field

- Glaciers formed these elongated oval hills that make up this rolling countryside.
- The orientation of the drumlins (upside down tea spoons) indicates which way the glacier was moving; in this case, westward.
- Five drumlins can be seen from this location.

16 km

Beverly Swamp

- A provincially significant wetland which is the source area for Spencer, Grindstone and Fairchild Creeks.
- Large hardwood Carolinian swamp, covering 2,324 hectares.
- The Beverly Swamp is unique as it has great water retention characterisics and contains a rich diversity of plant and animal life, including some that are rare to this region.



Regional Road 97 Crossing

From this point, you have two choices. You can
continue on the trail heading towards the Hwy. 6
terminus or you can go off trail onto Regional Road 97
and head west 6 kilometres to Valens Conservation
Area, which features fishing, hiking and swimming,
plus all-season camping.



Fletcher Creek Swamp Forest

- The trail from Concessions 10 to Gore Road features an 800-foot Boardwalk through the Fletcher Swamp Forest, a hardwood swamp.
- This section was developed with the generous support of The Optimist Club of Strabane and The Ontario Trillium Foundation.



m Highway 6, Puslinch Township

 4.5 kilometres from Hwy. 401 and the Town of Morriston, where you will find restaurants, telephones and other amenities.

Nearby Conservation Areas and Attractons:

(Mileage from closest point on trail in kilometres.)	
Christie Lake Conservation Area, Hwy. 5	.9 km
Crooks' Hollow, Greensville	3.0 kr
Fletcher Creek Ecological Preserve	3.0 kr
Dundas Valley, Governors Road	3.5 kr
Mountsberg, Milbourough Line	4.5 kr
Spencer Gorge/Webster's Falls, Harvest Road	5.8 kr
Valens Conservation Area	6.0 kr
Westfield Heritage Village, Kirkwall Rd.	8.3 kr

Trail Etiquette

While you are on the Lafarge 2000 Trail, please keep trail etiquette in mind.

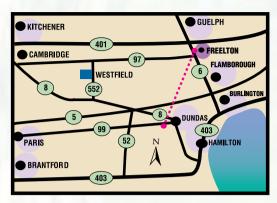
- No open fires or camping are permitted on the trail.
- Except where noted, there are no washrooms provided along the trail.
- Watch for vehicular traffic on areas of the trail that cross major roadways.
- Please keep dogs on their leashes and clean up after your pets.
- Respect the rights of our neighbours, stay on the trail at all times.
- Use of the trail is at the user's risk, and trail conditions may change over time.
- No motorized vehicles are permitted on the trail.
- If you want to pass someone on the trail, announce your intention, and always let faster users pass you.
- Keep to the right when on the trail.
- Creek crossings on the trail are by bridge. Please don't ride or walk through the water.



Helpful Phone Numbers

Valore Companyation Avec.	005 525 2102
Valens Conservation Area:	905-525-2183
Christie Lake Conservation Area:	905-628-3060
Westfield Heritage Village:	519-621-8851
Dundas Valley:	905-627-1233
Hamilton Conservation Authority:	905-525-2181
Information Line:	1-888-319-4722
Emergency:	911

Map and Directions



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Directions from Hwy. 401 to North Trailhead:

From Hwy. 401, turn south on Hwy. 6 towards Freelton. Watch for Concession 11 West/Gore Road on right (4.5 km south).

Directions from Hwy. 403 to South Trailhead:

From Hwy. 403, exit on Hwy. 52 northbound to Copetown. Turn east on Regional Road 99. Make a right on Binkley Road. The trailhead parking lot is on Old Governors Road, at the southwest corner of Binkley Road and Regional Road 99.

The cover photo was taken in the Fletcher Creek Ecological Preserve.

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