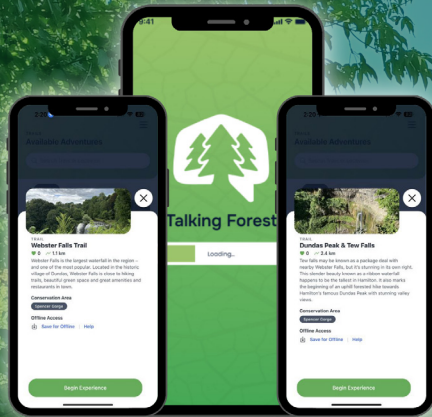


# WEBSTER FALLS

Your 2-hour reservation for today lets you enjoy all the features of Webster Falls. This 22-metre classical curtain waterfall is one of Hamilton's most iconic waterfalls.

Your proof of payment can also be used for free admission to any other staffed HCA conservation area today, either before or after your reservation time. Your Webster Falls reservation does not give you access to Tew Falls/Dundas Peak, a separate reservation is required. The trails in this area are suitable for beginners, and most are stroller-friendly.

There is no trail link to Dundas Peak/Tew Falls from this area and, there is no access to the bottom of the gorge.



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The Talking Forest App is a unique, hands-free way to explore our Conservation Areas. Using GPS, it activates audio stories, images, and captions as you hike, sharing educational insights about nature, wildlife, geology, ecology, and local history.

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE CONSERVATION AREA

- Respect your reservation and leave on time so others can enjoy the park.
- Stay on the trails at all times.
- Keep well back from the edge of the gorge and escarpment areas, at least a body length. Adults should keep children and pets well away from these areas.
- No access is available to the bottom of the falls.
- No coolers or barbecuing is permitted.
- Pets must be on a leash, and clean up after your pet.
- Pack out what you pack in. Trash and recycling containers are provided. Do not litter or leave garbage outside of the containers.
- No drones permitted.



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## DOBSON-MCKEE ACCESSIBLE LOOKOUT

The first lookout features a view down into the gorge and a close-up of Webster Falls. The lookout also features stone walls and interpretive panels on the area.

Webster Falls is classified as a classical plunge with a height of 22 meters and a width of 30 meters. The falls were formed around 10,000 years ago when glacial meltwaters carved out the gorges we see today. Webster Falls continues to erode, to a much lesser extent, as water cascades over the harder dolomite and limestone and wears away the softer shales underneath. This process causes the upper layers to become undermined, creating an overhang that eventually breaks off. A large portion to the left of the falls broke off in 2010 and is a good reminder of why it is never safe to go under waterfalls.

The water that flows over Webster Falls is from Spencer Creek, which begins in Wellington County. It travels through Valens Lake Conservation Area, then Beverly Swamp, and continues to Christie Lake Conservation Area, where it flows over Webster Falls. Eventually, the water will flow into Cootes Paradise and make its way into Lake Ontario.

## COBBLESTONE BRIDGE

Travel back across the beautifully restored cobblestone bridge that crosses Spencer Creek. The bridge was built in 1936, and over the years, became in need of serious repairs. The Greensville Optimists Club raised the necessary funds and reopened the bridge to the public on July 1, 2000.

## WEBSTER FALLS LOOKOUT #2

After crossing the cobblestone bridge, continue your hike uphill to the accessible Dobson McKee lookout that gives you a complete view of Webster Falls. There are plaques at this area with information and accessible seating.

## SPENCER GORGE TRAIL & WEBSTER FAMILY MEMORIAL

After you enjoy this view, continue to follow the trail loop to see the other sights, including the Spencer Creek as it flows through the gorge and the preserved gravestones of the Webster family. There is no one buried at this memorial. On your return, explore the last trail loop past the bridges to complete your experience.

