

DUNDAS PEAK & TEW FALLS



Your 2-hour reservation for today lets you enjoy all the features of Dundas Peak and Tew Falls. Follow HCA's very first trail from Tew Falls to the Dundas Peak for a spectacular view of the gorge below and stunning views of Dundas and Hamilton.

Your proof of payment can also be used for free admission to any other staffed Hamilton Conservation Authority conservation area today, either before or after your reservation time. Your Dundas Peak/Tew Falls reservation does not give you access to Webster Falls, a separate reservation is required. Travelling the entire trail system takes most visitors between 1 and 1.5 hours depending on your pace. The trail to Dundas Peak is uphill. Strollers are not recommended for this trail and visitors should wear appropriate footwear for hiking.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR EXPERIENCE

We suggest the following stops in your visit to Dundas Peak and Tew Falls to help you explore and see as much of the area as possible throughout your visit.

TEW FALLS

Logie's Creek tumbles 41 metres over the escarpment to form Tew Falls, just a few metres less in height than Niagara Falls. The gorge at Tew Falls is 41 metres (134.5 feet) tall. The Horseshoe Falls measures 52 metres (170 feet) tall.

Though the water flow is less than Webster Falls, the sheer height of the falls is what makes it such a stunning site. There are two platforms just off the Bruce Trail that allow visitors a spectacular view of the gorge and the view below. As you take the stairs to the upper lookout, you will notice a bronze plaque dedicating the Shurvin Mile, the trail between Tew Falls and Dundas Peak, to HCA's former chairman Mark Shurvin.

The falls are named after Johnson Tew who owned the property and the falls from 1874 to 1947. Tew held a number of political positions in the early 1900s.

TRAIL TO THE DUNDAS PEAK

As you travel the trail to the Dundas Peak from Tew Falls, please stay to the right. There is a 1.8 km loop to ensure that visitors can physically distance while heading to and returning from the peak. Approximately halfway up the trail to Dundas Peak is another lookout out into the gorge, a beautiful spot to take photos.

DUNDAS PEAK

The highlight of your trip, the view from Dundas Peak is incomparable. Dundas Peak is at the mouth of the Spencer Gorge, and on a clear day, you can see from Hamilton Harbour in the distance, to Dundas and Ancaster immediately below and to the west. Look for familiar landmarks such as the Dundas Valley, Cootes Paradise and McMaster University.

As you head back to the parking lot and Tew Falls, again stay to the right and take the return side of the loop trail, which travels through the more forested area of Spencer Gorge.

Spencer Gorge Conservation Area was the very first conservation area opened by the Hamilton Conservation Authority. It opened to the public in September 1967.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE CONSERVATION AREA

- Yield to oncoming trail users to maintain two meters (six feet) apart.
- Use a face covering to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 when physical distancing from others may be challenging.
- Respect your reservation and leave on time so others can enjoy the park.
- The most important safety rule in the Spencer Gorge Conservation Area is to 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.
- Please note that there is NO access available to the bottom of the falls.
- No coolers or BBQing is permitted.
- Pets are permitted in the area but must be on a leash. Please clean up after your pet.
- Pack out what you pack in. Trash and recycling containers are provided in these areas. Do not litter or leave garbage outside of the containers.
- No drones permitted.

