

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 Hamilton Conservation Authority 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. Please note that there is no linkage to Dundas Peak/Tew Falls from this area, and a portion of the trail is on-road

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR EXPERIENCE

We suggest the following stops in your visit to Webster Falls. This itinerary will help you explore and see as much of the area as possible throughout your visit.

GREENSVILLE OPTIMIST PARK

You start at the Greensville Optimist Park, the former site of the first steam plant on Spencer Creek, a grist mill and a sawmill owned by William Bullock and Sons, and later the Clark Blanket Factory. The old warehouse still stands across the creek. See the plaque on site as you walk towards the bridge. After crossing the pedestrian bridge and a short walk on Fallsview Road to the park entrance, follow the trail and take the smaller bridge to reach the first lookout of the falls.

WEBSTER FALLS LOOKOUT #1

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. There are several stories about Webster Falls in local folklore. One tells of the sad fate of a princess and her lover before Europeans arrived in the area. The princess daughter of an Attiwendaron chieftain lived with her father near present-day Westover. She was promised in marriage to a young chief of the Erie Nation. She, however, had fallen in love with a high-ranking man from the Seneca Nation. The girl's father threatened to imprison her unless she agreed to marry the chosen man, so the legend has it that the young lovers, seeing the hopelessness of their situation, decided that life without each other was impossible. Locked in each other's arms, they jumped over the edge to meet their death in the rock pool below. When the water level is high, and the air is filled with a silvery mist from the full moon, legend has it that the princess and her lover can be seen to rise to the edge of the precipice, where they again pledge their endless love.

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 1st, 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 GRAVESTONES

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. On your return, explore the last trail loop past the bridges to complete your experience.

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.

