

NEARBY HCA AREAS

Fifty Point Conservation Area

- Superb marina facilities.
- 70 fully serviced campsites.
- Warm, sandy beach on Lake Ontario.

Confederation Beach Park

- 3.5-kilometre paved trail along the Lake and forms part of the Ontario Waterfront Trail.
- Wild Waterworks, with tube and body slides, Eazy River, wave pool and more!
- Batting cages, mini-golf, go-karts, playground, splash pad, restaurants and much more!

Eramosa Karst Conservation Area

- Unique geological formations and karst features.
- Over 7-kilometres of trails, boardwalks, and bridges.

Felker's Falls Conservation Area

- 22-metre ribbon waterfall with viewing areas.
- Trails, including a wheelchair-accessible loop trail.

Mount Albion Conservation Area

- 41-hectare conservation area featuring a creek, a wetland, reforestation areas, mature trees, trails and old quarry sites.
- 1.6-kilometres of trails and parking for access to Chippewa Trail.

The development of this trail was made possible through the generous contributions of the following partners and donors



NEARBY TRAILS & LINKAGES

Bruce Trail (Foot Path)

This continuous 725-kilometre footpath, with an additional 200+ kilometres of side trails, follows the Niagara Escarpment through Southern Ontario, from Queenston Heights to Tobermory. The portion through Hamilton is known as the Iroquoia section. The Niagara Escarpment, along which the Bruce Trail runs, was proclaimed a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve by the United Nations in 1990. It is one of only six such reserves in all of Canada.

Ontario Waterfront Trail (Multi-Use)

The Waterfront Trail stretches 325-kilometres along the shore of Lake Ontario. The trail links as many as 177 natural areas, 143 parks and promenades, 80 marinas and yacht clubs, hundreds of historic places, fairs, museums, art galleries and festivals. A section of the trail forms the lakeshore promenade at Confederation Beach Park.

Red Hill Valley Rail Trail (Multi-Use)

This 7-kilometre trail connects to both the Waterfront Trail in Confederation Beach Park and the Bruce Trail. It passes through lovely escarpment lands and beautiful natural areas.

Niagara Escarpment Rail Trail (Multi-Use)

This 7-kilometre trail is a former rail line that runs from the Corktown area in downtown Hamilton east and up the escarpment.

The Rail Trail ends at Albion Falls. The trail is mostly flat, but becomes quite steep past the Kenilworth access as it climbs the escarpment.

Chippewa Trail (multi-use)

This 15-kilometre trail is part of the Niagara section of the Trans Canada Trail from Hamilton to Caledonia. HCA manages 12-kilometre of the trail north of Haldibrook Road.

East Mountain Trail Loop

The Loop Trail starts in the Red Hill Valley at the Niagara Escarpment, and creates a large connected loop from there to Mount Albion Conservation Area, to Eramosa Karst Conservation Area, around to Felker's Falls Conservation Area and then back along the Niagara Escarpment to the Red Hill Valley.

Access from:
Saltfleet Conservation Area
444 First Road East, Stoney Creek, ON
or
Devil's Punchbowl Conservation Area
185 Ridge Road, Stoney Creek, ON

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THE DOFASCO 2000 TRAIL



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The Dofasco 2000 Trail is an 11.5-kilometre multi-use trail on Hamilton's East Mountain. The trail links the Devil's Punchbowl Conservation Area, Saltfleet Conservation Area, and Bruce Trail. It passes through the beautiful rural countryside of Stoney Creek, with a boardwalk section through the Vinemount South Swamp.

The Dofasco 2000 Trail is managed by the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA). It was built in partnership with the Hamilton Conservation Foundation, Dofasco Inc., the Millennium Bureau of Canada, and the City of Hamilton.

COME AND EXPLORE...

There are two main parking and access points for the Dofasco 2000 Trail, Devil's Punchbowl Conservation Area and Saltfleet Conservation Area. The trail can also be accessed anywhere along its length.

A 1.7-kilometre boardwalk section runs through the Vinemount South Swamp, an environmentally significant swamp forest. Along the trail you will also observe Saltfleet Conservation Area, Sinclair Sugar Bush, and the Vinemount Meadows Sanctuary. These properties provide a wide variety of habitats including forests, meadows, and wetlands.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Devil's Punchbowl

The Devil's Punchbowl Conservation Area is one of the most amazing sights of the Niagara Escarpment. It was created at the end of the last ice age by huge streams that plunged over the Stoney Creek Escarpment and carved out the Punchbowl. From the lookout, you get a spectacular view of Stoney Creek, Hamilton Harbour, and the Devil's Punchbowl waterfall.

Saltfleet Conservation Area

HCA's newest area to come and explore, Saltfleet boasts nearly 268-acres of unique natural features. From the Dofasco 2000 Trail, you can connect to the Heritage Green Community Trust Trail, which meanders through the conservation area. There are also several newly constructed wetlands, as well as marshy fields and woodlots. The area is home to 150 species of breeding and/or migrating birds, including an exceptional diversity of migrating songbirds.

Sinclair Sugar Bush

The portion of this property along the trail is mainly sugar maple trees. Further south on the property is an older forest with a carpet of False Mermaidweed a locally common flower seen only in early spring and is an indicator of low disturbance.

Vinemount South Swamp

This swamp forest is the biggest natural forest area south of the Escarpment in the Hamilton area. In early spring, a variety of frog species can be heard calling from the swamp, including Western Chorus frogs, Pickerel frogs, and American toads. The beautiful song of the Wood Thrush, a provincial species at risk, can also be heard as you walk along the boardwalk in the spring.

Vinemount Meadows Sanctuary

Leased by the Hamilton Naturalist Club, this 65-acre property is a mix of old farmland and meadows. Grassland bird species such as Eastern meadowlark and bobolink live here in the summer, while short-eared owls spend their winters here hunting the flat open grounds.

LEGEND

- OFF ROAD TRAIL
- ON ROAD TRAIL
- BRUCE TRAIL
- BOARDWALK
- RAIL LINES
- PARKING
- HCA PROPERTIES

Parking is only available at the Devil's Punchbowl Conservation Area, Saltfleet Conservation Area, and Tenth Road East.

