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

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Trail Highlights

**Southern Trailhead in Dundas Valley**
- The trail starts on Midddletown 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 Dundus to Hwy. 6, north of Freeton.

**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.
- Trail eastbound links to the Dundas Valley Rail Trail Centre, just 3.5 km away.
- Built on abandoned Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway line.

**Niagara Escarpment Vista**
- One of Canada’s most scenic landforms.
- Striking cliffs rise high above the Dundas Valley.
- Recognized World Biosphere Reserve.

**Highway 6 Crossing**
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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.

**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.

**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 characteristics 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.

**Highway 6, Puslinch Township**
- 4.5 kilometres from Hwy. 401 and the Town of Morris, where you will find restaurants, telephones and other amenities.

Nearby Conservation Areas and Attractions:
- Christie Lake Conservation Area, Hwy. 5: 39 km
- Crooks Hollow, Grindstone: 3.0 km
- Fletcher Creek Ecological Preserve: 3.0 km
- Dundas Valley, Governors Road: 3.5 km
- Mountsberg, Milbourrough Line: 4.5 km
- Spencer George/Westfield’s Falls, Harvest Road: 5.8 km
- Valens Conservation Area: 6.0 km
- Westfield Heritage Village, Kirkwall Rd.: 8.3 km

*Helpful Phone Numbers*
- Valens Conservation Area: 905-525-2183
- Christie Lake Conservation Area: 905-628-3060
- Westfield Heritage Village: 519-621-8853
- Dundas Valley: 905-627-1233
- Hamilton Conservation Authority: 905-525-2181
- Information Line: 1-888-319-4722
- Emergency: 911

**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.
- 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 do not ride or walk through the water.

**Emergency:** 911
Map and Directions

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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