York Region Trail Guide Oak Ridges Trail Overview



The Oak Ridges Trail is maintained, promoted and supported by the Oak Ridges Trail Association, a nonprofit organization started in 1991. The trail is 280 kilometres in length along the Oak Ridges Moraine, 103 kilometres of it within York Region. It is designed primarily as a hiking trail, however other uses such as mountain biking and equestrian uses are permitted in sections determined by the land owner. Signage regarding permitted uses is provided on the trail.

The west section in York Region passes Sacred Heart Church, a reminder of the colony where 35 families worked together to survive the depression. The trail continues past the Augustinian Monastery, located in a brick barn built in the 1900s by Henry Pellatt. Further along through Seneca College you will see Eaton Hall a home built for Sir John and Lady Flora McCrae Eaton in the 1930s.

In the central section, the trail passes by Salamander Point in a 29 hectare forest called Case Woodlot, Tamarac Green and Confederation Park. It proceeds on city streets passing by Town Park and Baldwin's restaurant building, originally a flour/feed mill. The trail then passes through Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area and the Vandorf and Alliance woodlots.

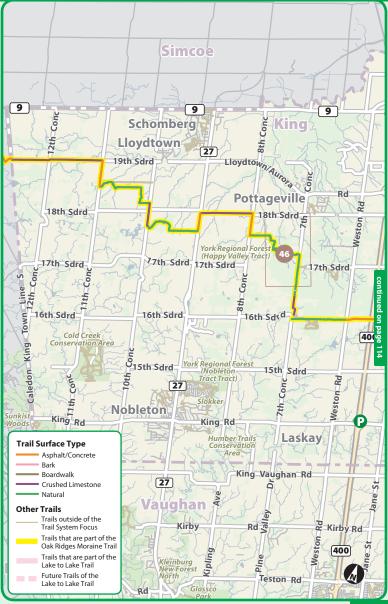
In the east, the trail passes by the 1947 Whitchurch Conservation Area and six York Regional Forest Tracts planted in the 1920s to prevent soil erosion. The Whitchurch-Stouffville section ends at Musselman's Lake, a kettle lake named after a Pennsylvanian family who settled nearby in 1807.

The Oak Ridges Trail Association volunteers offer more than 300 guided hikes year-round, free of charge. Guided hikes are offered in all difficulties and lengths, on weekdays and weekends. Hike schedules and related information can be found online. **OakRidgesTrail.org**

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Trail difficulty: Moderate Distance: 103 km For more information: Oak Ridges Trail Association 1-877-319-0285 OakRidgesTrail.org

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