

# Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Trails Overview

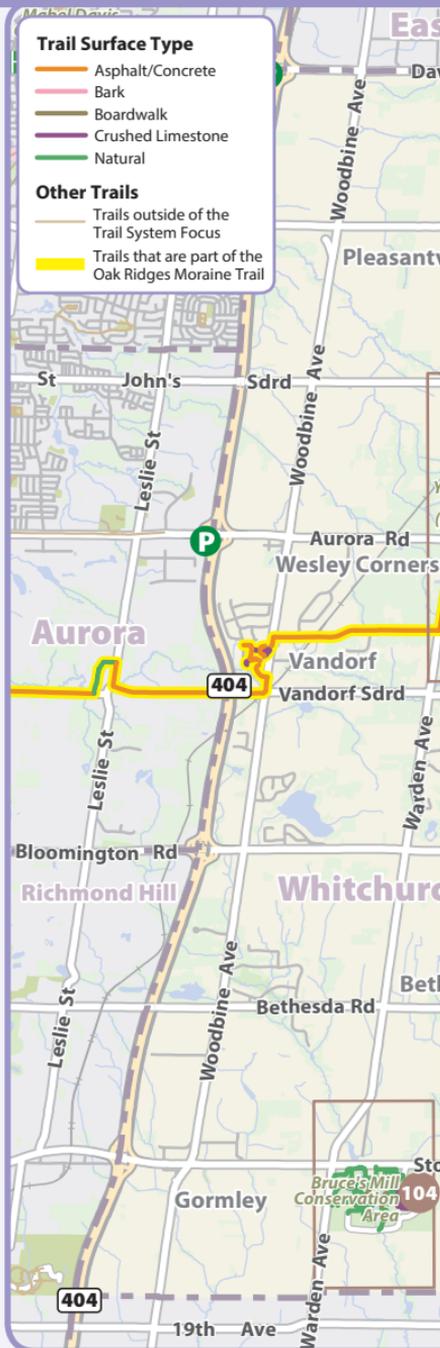


There are many trails throughout the community, both local and Regional. Whitchurch-Stouffville is in the process of developing an extensive trail system to connect many of the trails to large forested areas in York Region.

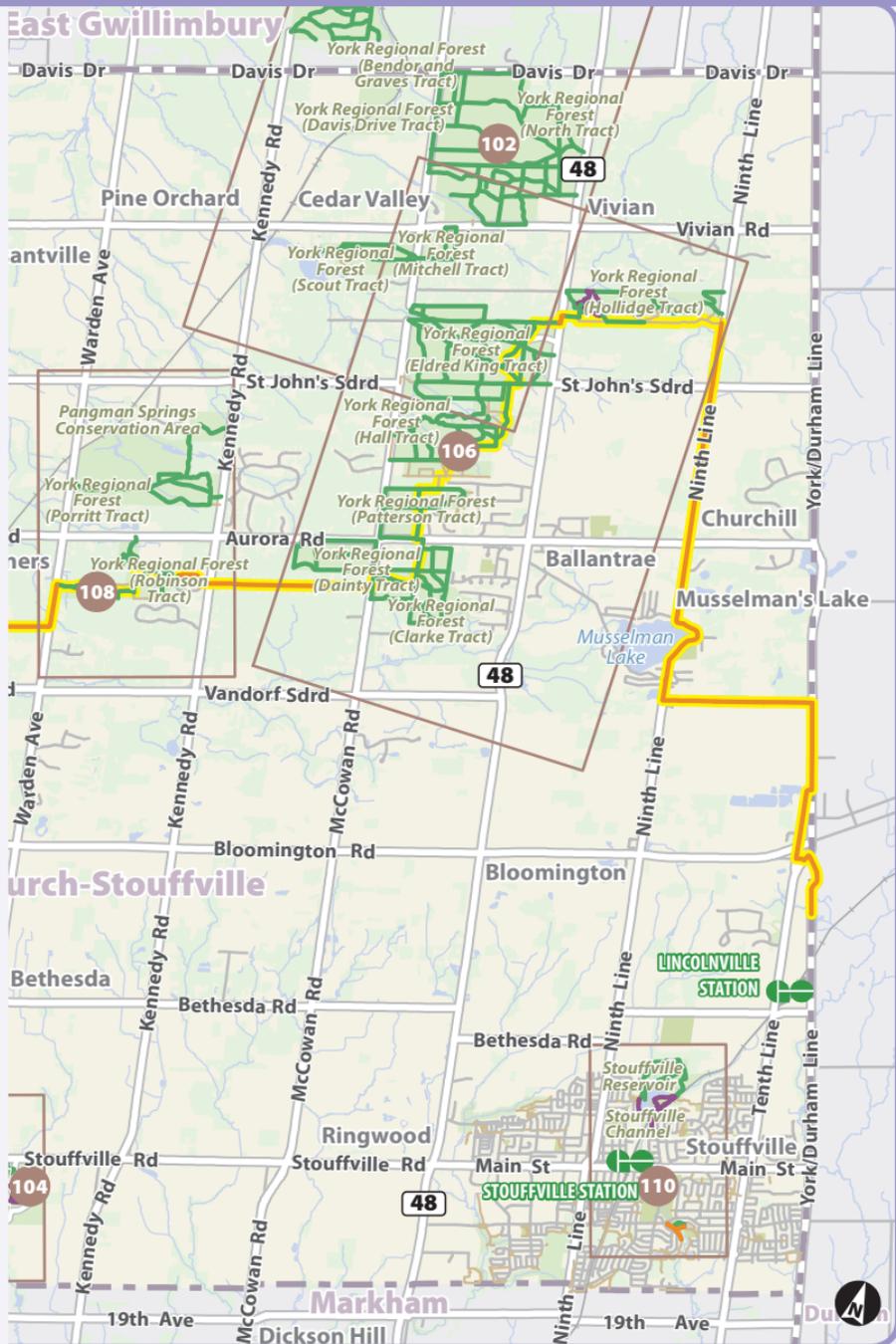
For more information about trails in Whitchurch-Stouffville contact:  
**Leisure Services General Inquiries**  
 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
 905-642-PLAY (7529)  
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0 2 km - Average walking time 32 minutes



**Scout Tract - 3 km,  
Mitchell Tract - 1.5 km**

The Scout Tract ponds were created in 1970 to serve as a water source for forest fire suppression. They have since evolved into an ecological system providing habitat for turtles, frogs and fish. Severe thunderstorms in 2006 damaged many trees within the Scout Tract. These trees were removed to create a suitable environment for regeneration.

**Bendor and Graves Tract - 10 km**

The Bendor and Graves Tract pond was created to serve as a water source for forest fire suppression. It has since evolved to an ecological system providing habitat for turtles, frogs and fish. This is a sensitive area for wildlife habitat and should not be disturbed. The tract contains several unique forest communities which will be allowed to develop naturally.

**North Tract - 20 km  - 1.7 km**

The North Tract is home to the only documented pair of breeding ravens in York Region. The ravens have used the tract's pine plantations for several years.



**Trail difficulty:** Moderate

**Access points:** Bendor and Graves Tract, McCowan Road north of Davis Drive; North Tract, Highway 48 south of Davis Drive; Mitchell Tract, McCowan Road south of Vivian

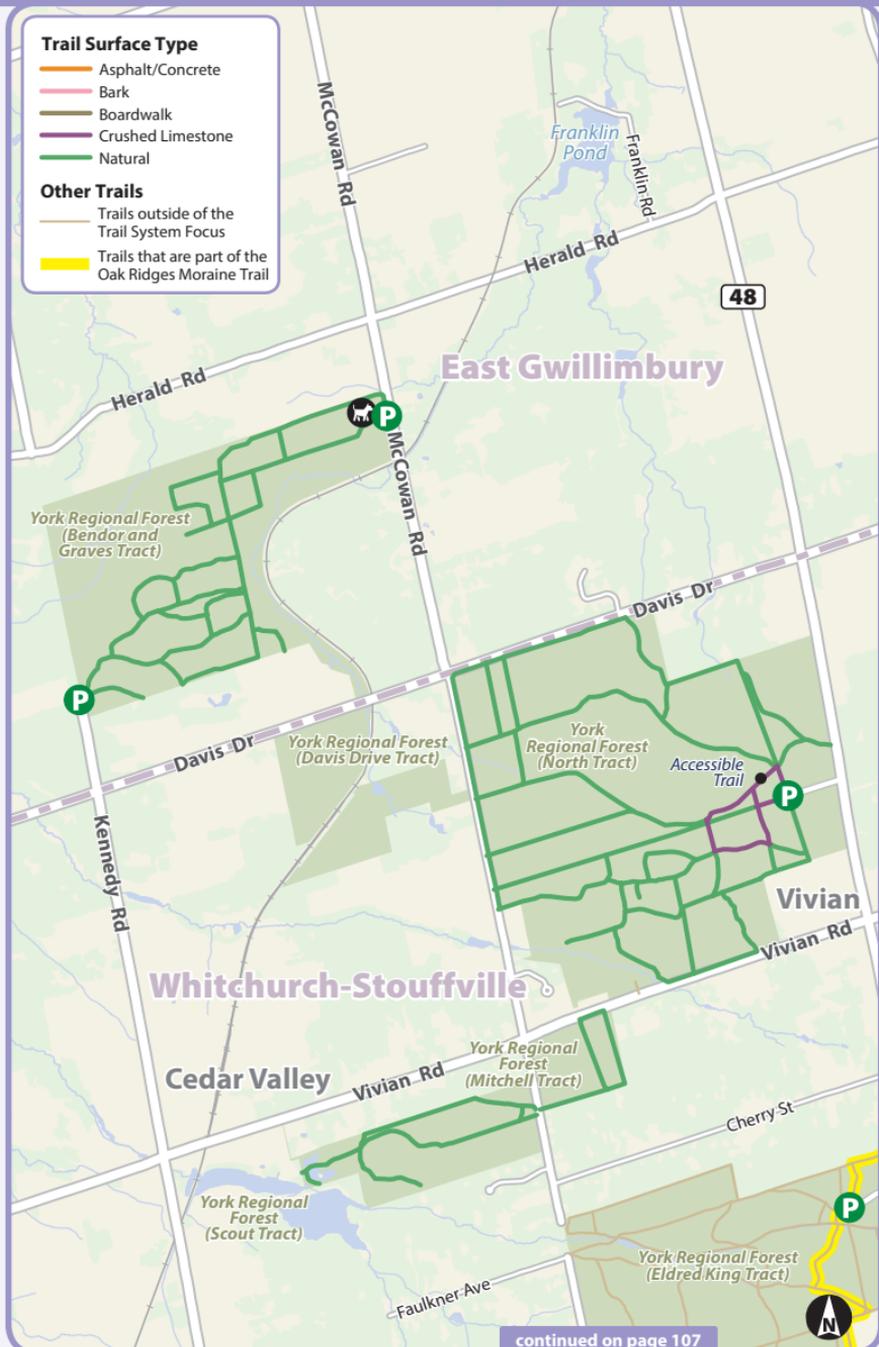
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1-877-464-9675 ext. 73000 [york.ca/forestry](http://york.ca/forestry)

**Trail Surface Type**

- Asphalt/Concrete
- Bark
- Boardwalk
- Crushed Limestone
- Natural

**Other Trails**

- Trails outside of the Trail System Focus
- Trails that are part of the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail



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**Bruce's Mill Conservation Area** takes its name from a restored water-powered mill located here on a tributary of the Rouge River. The 10 kilometres of trails in this area are both open and forested. In addition to hiking activities, there are many other ways to spend leisure time: picnicking, BMX biking or exploring the forests through Treetop Trekking. In the spring, Bruce's Mill is home to a Sugar Bush festival.

### **New to Geocaching?**

Geocaching is a fun way to get outside, active and exploring the environment. Participants use a GPS or Smartphone to look for hidden treasures that have been left behind for you to find and hide for others.

**[geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com)**



**Trail difficulty:** Moderate

**Distance:** 10.3 km

**Access points:** Stouffville Road and Warden Avenue

**Parking:** Pay to Park

**For more information:** Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

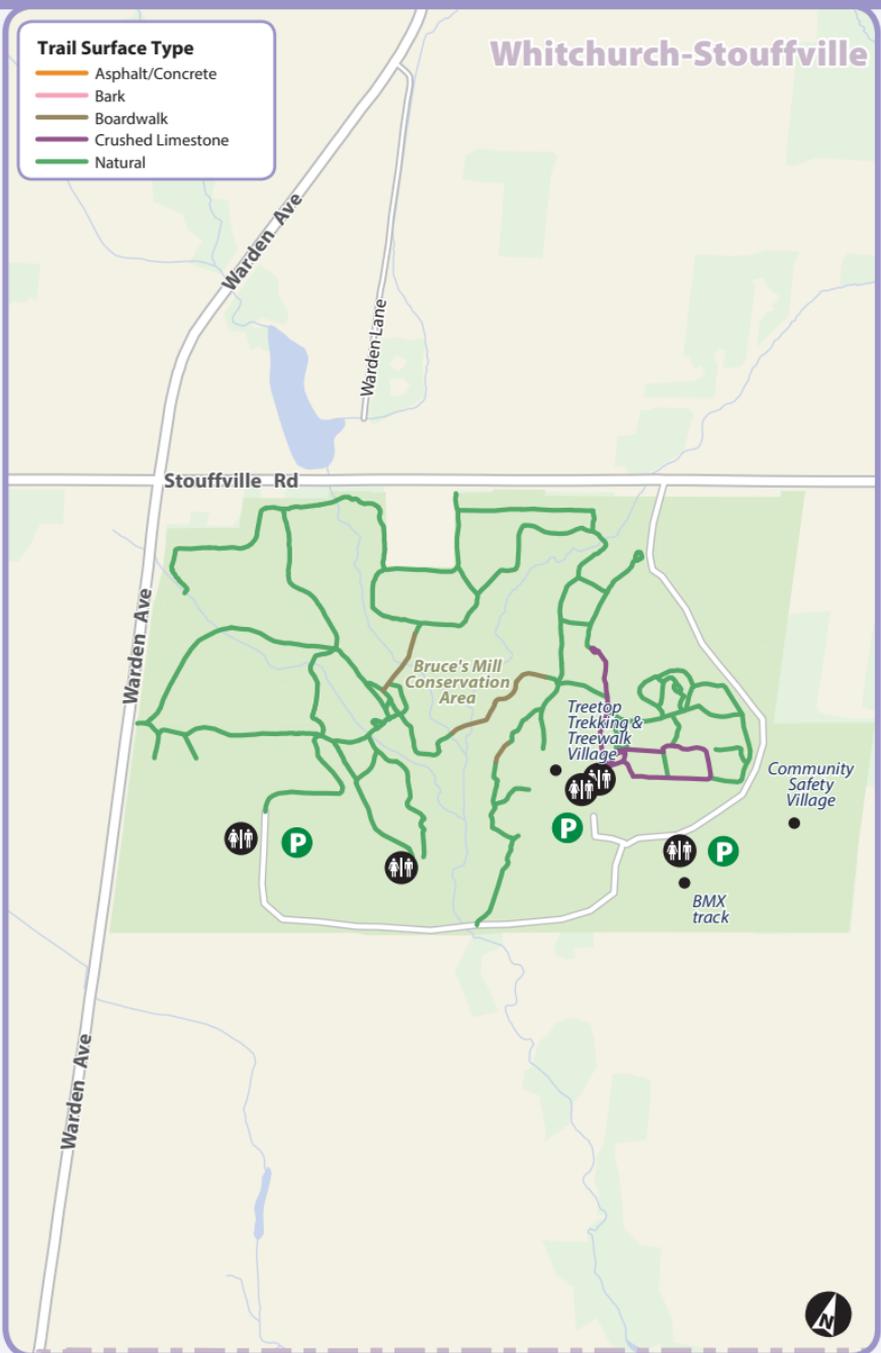
416-667-6295 [trcaparks.ca](http://trcaparks.ca)

[stouffvillebmx.ca/](http://stouffvillebmx.ca/)

[treetoptrekking.com/en/stouffville/](http://treetoptrekking.com/en/stouffville/)

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### Dainty Tract - 4 km

### Clarke Tract - 7.5 km

The young hardwood forest was formed in 1985 when the original red pine and scots pine plantation was removed due to disease. Since then, the hardwoods continue to thrive and grow in size. In 2011, the forest required thinning to maintain the health of the hardwood trees.

### Eldred King Tract - 18 km

Forests renew themselves through natural disturbances. Severe thunderstorms in 2006 damaged 10 hectares of trees. Damaged trees were removed and used as wood products as much as possible. A pond was created to serve as a water source for forest fire suppression. It

has since evolved to provide habitat for turtles, frogs and fish.

### Hall Tract - 10 km

In 2004, York Region partnered with the Oak Ridges Moraine foundation to acquire lands south of the Hall Tract expanding the York Regional Forest. From 2005 to 2008, tree seedlings were planted and now a new forest with trees exceeding two metres in height thrives.

### Hollidge Tract - 8km - 1 km

The Hollidge Tract was purchased in 1924 for just over \$4,000. It was the first property acquired in what would eventually become the York Regional Forest. Vivian Creek runs through the Tract and provides habitat for native fish species. Spawning can be observed in the fall.

The tract contains one of the York Regional Forest accessible trails, opened in September 2010, this one kilometre trail provides a unique opportunity for persons with disabilities to enjoy nature.



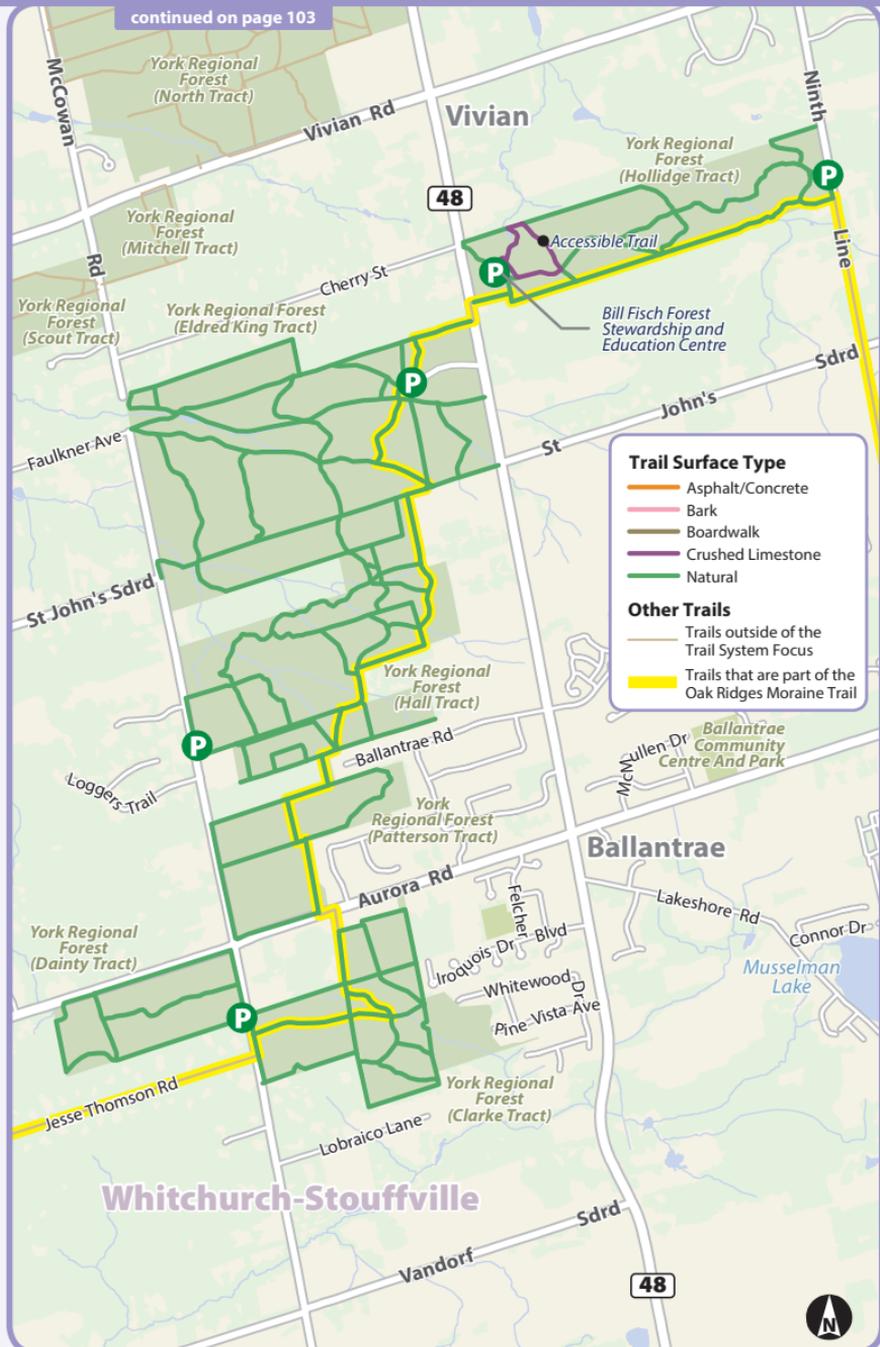
**Trail difficulty:** Moderate

**Access points:** Dainty and Clarke Tracts, McCowan Road south of Aurora Road; Eldred King Tract, Highway 48 south of Vivian Road; Hall Tract, McCowan Road north of Aurora Road; Hollidge Tract, Highway 48 south of Vivian Road

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0 500 m - Average walking time 8 minutes



### Porritt Tract - 4.5 km

The Porritt Tract is located in the headwaters of the East Holland River. The creek which runs through the tract is fed by groundwater and provides important habitat for native fish species. This forest provides protection for the creek including erosion control and moderating water temperatures.

### Pangman Springs Conservation Area - 1.2 km

A 100 hectare property on the Oak Ridges Moraine, Pangman Springs Conservation Area is a mature moraine ecosystem, including both wetlands and upland hardwood forests.

### Whitchurch Conservation Area - 1.2 km

An 11 hectare wooded property on the northern margins of the Oak Ridges Moraine, the property consists of conifer plantations, natural forested areas, hiking trails, pond and picnic pavilion. The trails are connected into the Oak Ridges Trail to the south through the Robinson Tract of the York Regional Forest.

### Robinson Tract - 3.5 km

Stripped of trees by early settlers for farming, the area soon became a desert wasteland of shifting sand. The Robinson property has since been reforested to stop the erosion. Conifer plantations date from 1946 to 1949 in this area, along the Oak Ridges Trail where it passes through the tract. This forest is now important for wood production, recreation, research and for protecting air, soil, water and wildlife.

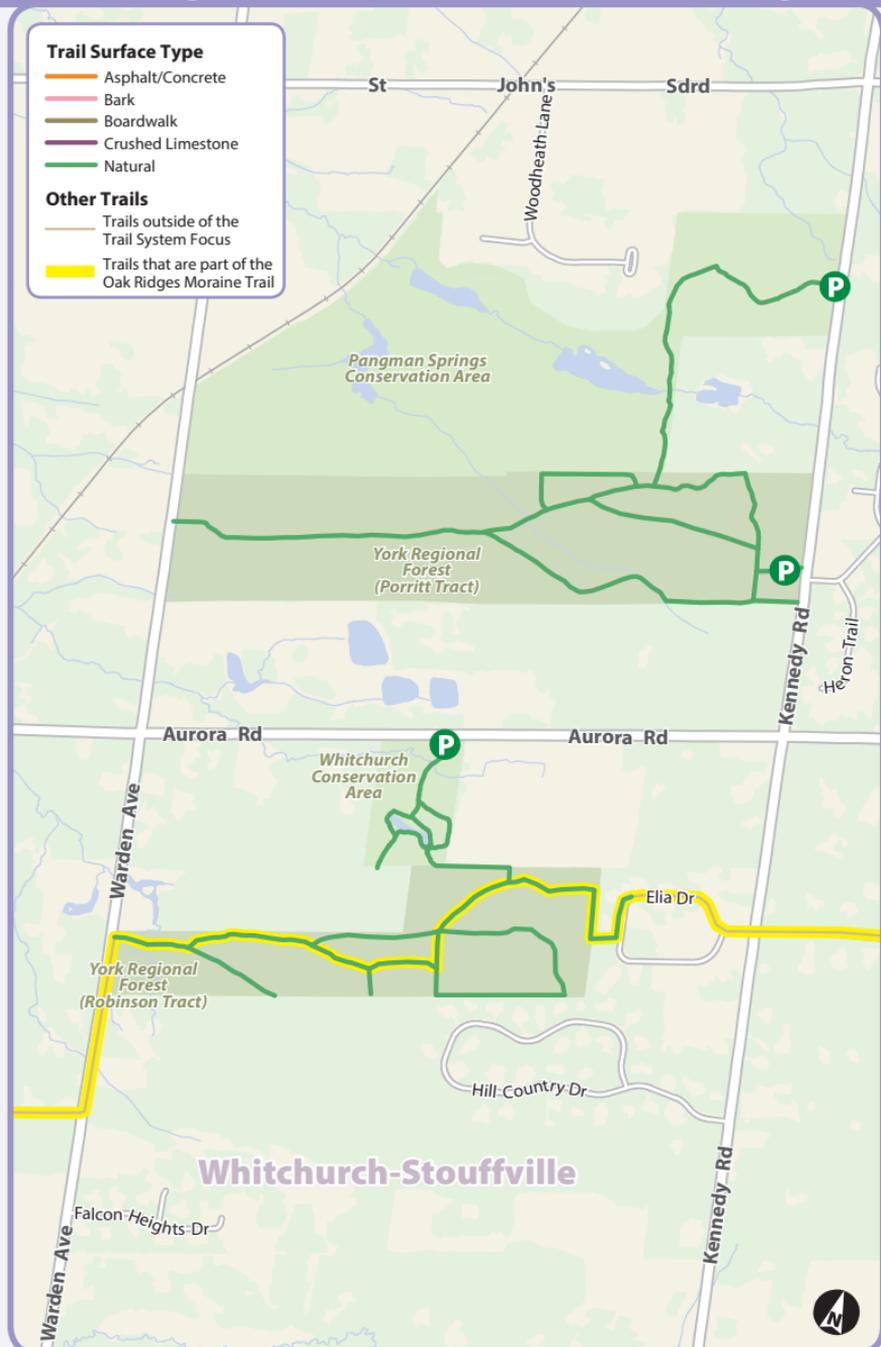


**Trail difficulty:** Moderate

**Access points:** Porritt Tract, Kennedy Road north of Aurora Road;  
Pangman Springs Conservation Area, Kennedy Road North of Aurora Road;  
Whitchurch Conservation Area, Aurora Road west of Kennedy Road;  
Robinson Tract, Warden Ave south of Aurora Road

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1-877-464-9675 ext. 73000 [york.ca/forestry](http://york.ca/forestry) or  
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority  
905-895-1281 [lsrca.on.ca](http://lsrca.on.ca)

## York Regional Forest Tracts and Surrounding Area





The **Stouffville Town Trail** starts south of Main Street and goes north through Memorial Park and along the Stouffville Creek to the shops on Main Street. The trail continues north up Mill Street and along the Stouffville Creek to Millard Street. Crossing Millard Street, the trail winds in and around the Stouffville Reservoir. Consider starting or ending your hike at the leisure centre with a warm-up in the fitness room, swim in the pool, or relax with a book in the library.

Memorial Park is an excellent picnic area (with washrooms opened daily) and offers many activities for the whole family. On Main Street Stouffville there are opportunities for lunch or to visit the famous heritage buildings. The Stouffville

Reservoir is 21 hectares and rich in environmental heritage. The natural footpath winds through assorted wood lots and around wetlands, allowing the hiker to explore some of the wildlife and bird watching that the Oak Ridges Moraine has to offer.



**Trail difficulty:** Easy-Moderate  
**Distance:** 7 km

**Access points:** Main Street crossing and Millard Street crossing

**Form more information:** Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville,  
Department of Leisure Services

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