



ELORA CATARACT TRAILWAY ASSOCIATION

History

The Elora Cataract Trailway has its origins in a branch line of the Credit Valley Railway linking Elora and Cataract in the 1880's. These lines were leased to the Canadian Pacific Railway and ultimately abandoned in 1988. Thanks to the foresight and efforts of many dedicated individuals, these lands were acquired by the Grand River and Credit Valley Conservation Authorities in 1993.



Station Square, Elora
Wellington County Archives (ph. 10903)



CPR Cataract Train Station
Steve Headford

Their purchase and subsequent conversion to public use was made possible funding from:

- Numerous corporate and private donors, service clubs, user groups, and local volunteers
- Province of Ontario
- Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Grand River Conservation Foundation
- Credit Valley Conservation Foundation
- Trans Canada Trail Foundation

A group of these citizens joined to form the Elora Cataract Trailway Association. In cooperation with the Conservation Authorities, they have helped to develop the Trailway to its present state.



A Link Between Two Watersheds

The Trailway links the Credit River and the Grand River watersheds as it passes through the urban and rural communities, woodlots and meadows, and three major parks, The Elora Gorge, Belwood Lake and The Forks of the Credit. From end to end it traverses 47 kilometres allowing users to commute or explore on foot, bike, horesback, ski, snowshoe or snowmobile. It shares some of its path with the Grand Valley Trail and the Bruce Trail which can be accessed at the Forks of the Credit Provincial Park.

Attractions

Plan to visit Elora and Fergus with their dramatic river gorges and beautiful limestone buildings. En route to Belwood, the Trailway skirts the lake and crosses the Shand Dam. It passes through Orton (once known as 'Little Chicago for its busy railways) then Hillsburgh, Erin and lastly Cataract. Like the communities already noted, they offer a variety of appealing boutiques, galleries and restaurants.



Support The Trailway

The Trailway is maintained and developed with the hard work of many volunteers and organizations. There is no single and stable source of funding to protect this valuable resource. Please support the Elora Cataract Trailway by donating to the Elora Cataract Trailway Association, the Grand River Conservation Foundation or the Credit Valley Conservation Foundation. Visit our website for more information. www.trailway.org



User's Code

- This is a multi-use trail
- Respect other users of the trail
- Pass on the left with caution and alert others to your presence
- Sound a bell or warning before passing
- Stay on the trail surface and do not climb fences or take shortcuts
- Follow instructions provided on trailway signs
- Keep pets on a leash and under control
- Respect the privacy of landowners along the trail
- Leave wildlife and plants for others to enjoy



www.trailway.org

Map & User's Guide www.trailway.org





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Belwood

19 Queen George St

Belwood Super Snax

Belwood Country Market

Maple Park

Sports Field

Belwood Lake

26

Belwood

Highland Pines Campground

Maple Leaf Acres

Belwood Lake

The Shand Dam

16

19

10

5

1

26

18

6th Line

5th Line

1st Line

Grand River

Belwood Lake Conservation Area

Belwood Lake

The Shand Dam

Chip Truck

Eden Quarry

Main Entrance (8282 Wellington Road 18)

18

Hillsburgh

24

Downtown

Trafalgar Rd

22

8th Line

5th Line

4th Line

3rd Line

26

18

6th Line

5th Line

1st Line

Grand River

Erin

23

Ross St

Woolen Mills CA

Downtown

Main St

124

22

8th Line

5th Line

4th Line

3rd Line

26

18

6th Line

5th Line

1st Line

Grand River

Cataract

136

Osprey Valley Golf Course

Forks Of The Credit Provincial Park (17760 McClaren Rd)

Cataract Rd

Forks Of The Credit Inn

Belbountain Conservation Area (10 Credit St)

Belbountain

25

11

1

24

26

18

6th Line

5th Line

1st Line

Grand River

Elora

21

Cottontail Rd

Cottontail Rd Trail to The Kissing Bridge Trailway and Guelph to Goderich Trail

Second Line E

Sideroad 10

7

26

18

6th Line

5th Line

1st Line

Grand River

Elora Quarry Conservation Area

Elora Gorge Conservation Area

Salem

Aboyne

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR DETAIL

6

29

19

10

5

1

26

18

6th Line

5th Line

1st Line

Grand River

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Legend

Permitted Trail Activities

- Hiking
- Biking
- Skiing
- Horseback Riding
- Snowmobiling

Trail Uses & Conditions Vary

- Off-Road Trail
- On-Road Trail

Parking

Gas Station

Food

Washroom

Picnic Area

Swimming

Conservation Area

Distance (km)

5th Line Local

29 Regional

6 Provincial

Municipal Boundary

0 1 2 4 6 8 10 Kilometres

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