

The Walking Trails of Presqu'ile Provincial Park

Presqu'ile has over 16 kilometres of trails for your walking or skiing enjoyment. The trail lengths, as well as access points and parking facilities, are marked on the map pictured in this pamphlet.

While on the trails, please be considerate of other users and always remain on the paths provided. We remind you to "take nothing but pictures and leave nothing but footprints."

Bicycles are not permitted on these trails. Cyclists and in-line skaters may use the paved shoulder of Lighthouse Lane and Paxton Drive.

Marsh Boardwalk

Length: 1km wheelchair accessible loop

Time: 45 minutes

Parking: east of Presqu'ile Parkway, between Beach 3 and Owen Point Trail

Description: This series of boardwalks and floating bridges is the best way to experience Presqu'ile's cattail marsh, the largest protected wetland on the north shore of Lake Ontario. Cattails support an abundance of life, evident as you follow this trail. Watch for songbirds in early summer, as well as turtles, frogs, dragonflies, waterfowl and muskrats. This trail is best enjoyed in the morning or evening.

Owen Point Trail

Length: 1.6 km loop

Time: 1 hour

Parking: west of Presqu'ile Parkway, between Beach 3 and the Park Store.

Description: This trail meanders through tall grasses and stands of young willow and cottonwood trees. Side trails lead to lookout stations, where you can view shorebirds and other wildlife along the natural beach. Gull Island and High Bluff Island can be viewed from Owen Point, but access is not permitted from March 10 to September 10. To protect birds as they feed and rest here, visitors are reminded to stay behind the barriers provided and to respect this pet-free zone.

Pioneer Trail

Length: 3.8 km loop

Time: 2.5 hours

Parking: lot opposite Group Camp entrance on Lighthouse Lane

Description: Follow the yellow arrows to enjoy a walk through the hidden forests and fields that make up the heart of the Presqu'ile peninsula. Old fields, once cleared by settlers for their farms, are now full of wildflowers and make excellent habitat for butterflies. Some of these fields were reforested with Norway Spruce, White and Red Pine. These trees attract seed-eating birds and Red Squirrels.

Newcastle Trail

Length: 4.3 km loop

Time: 2 hours

Parking: lot opposite Group Camp entrance on Lighthouse Lane

Description: Follow the orange arrows to explore the forest, plantations and old fields in the eastern half of Presqu'ile's lower peninsula. Look for the mature Beech-Maple forest, White-tailed deer, mushrooms and ferns. The uneven nature of the forest floor results in temporary pools of water in spring, home to Spring Peepers, Wood Frogs and salamanders.

Jobs Woods Trail

Length: 1 km wheelchair accessible loop

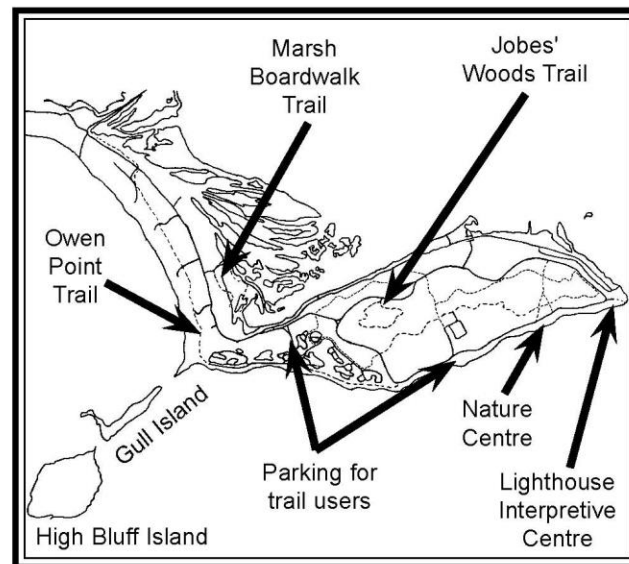
Time: 45 minutes

Parking: opposite trail entrance on Paxton Drive

Description: Towering Sugar Maple trees dominate the old growth forest, the first of four habitats you encounter on this trail. A boardwalk takes you through Black Ash swamp and an old field, cleared for farmland many years ago. Watch for White-tailed Deer that like to browse on the young trees or bed down in the tall grasses. You will pass through a conifer tree plantation before returning to the grandeur of the mature Beech-Maple forest.



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Presqu'ile Provincial Park is located on the north shore of Lake Ontario, five minutes south of the town of Brighton. For more information about Presqu'ile or its programs, contact:

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