

The County of Brant is proud to be 'Adventurous In Nature' and we invite you to "Experience the Adventure with us!" Our trail system runs through the largest watershed in southern Ontario boasting some of the most sought after and unique qualities found anywhere.

The Grand River is a nationally designated Heritage River, home to over 80 species of fish and a paddler's dream with slow meandering portions interrupted by fast running strong current sections.

The paths, that make up one of the most beautiful and conveniently connected trail systems anywhere, wind through the only tract of Carolinian Forest found in Canada where plants and birds native to the southern U.S. are spotted in abundance. Nearby destination points provide all the essentials in some of the most picturesque settings found anywhere in the world, such as in Paris, recognized as Canada's Prettiest Little Town.

'We Are Where You Want To Be'

Hiking the County of Brant's many trails...

CAMBRIDGE-TO-PARIS RAIL TRAIL - 18 km
The Cambridge to Paris Rail Trail follows the old railbed of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway between Cambridge and Paris. The trail follows the Grand River through lush Carolinian Forest with spectacular river overlooks en route. The trail is level, finished with fine gravel, and provides an easy path for cyclists and hikers. Food and washrooms are available in Cambridge, Glen Morris and Paris.

PARIS TO GLEN MORRIS
View the Town of Paris from the heights of the SC Johnson section of the trail. This area (around km 114.0-115.0) used to be alive with the shunting of railway cars. You'll find some interesting facts past East River Rd. as you turn to the Sudden and Dryden Tracts in the beautiful "Alps" section of the trail.

TH & B TRAIL - 14 km
The TH & B Trail was developed on the former trail bed of the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo rail line. Travel on the trail from Brantford to Port Dover (45.5 km). This section of Trans Canada Trail joins the Waterford Heritage Trail (18 km) and Norfolk Sunrise Trail (3.75 km) to the final 10 km along the Lynn Valley Trail to complete the link to Port Dover.

LE & N TRAIL
This trail follows the path of the former LE & N Electric Rail Car Route that travelled from Galt, through Brantford and Mt. Pleasant to Port Dover. The stoniest trail travels through the City of Brantford ending at the back of the Mt. Pleasant Nature Park in Mt. Pleasant.

NEWPORT BRIDGE TO TUTELA HEIGHTS
After traveling from the Six Nations Reserve, see the historical plaque at the Salt Springs Church (24.2) and head towards Newport, a former port of the Grand River Navigation Company. The trail from Newport Bridge (26.9) to Tutela Heights cuts across the neck of the oxbow on the Grand River.

Paddling in the Grand River Watershed

GLEN MORRIS TO PARIS 13 km
Trip Time: 2.5 - 3.5 hours

Experiences: Class 1 rapids, body surfing, discover natural springs.

Points of Interest: Three Sisters stone bridge columns from the 1850's, 300 year-old sycamore tree, Carolinian forest.

PENMAN'S DAM (PARIS) TO BRANT PARK 14 km
Trip Time: 3 - 4 hours

Experiences: Gentle rapids are great for body surfing, Exceptional Waters section of the Grand are excellent for fishing.

Points of Interest: Paddle through downtown Paris and the "Forks of the Grand" where the Nith and Grand River meet, Blue Heron Rookery, see a Gypsum mine from the 1830's.

BRANT CONSERVATION AREA TO COCKSHUTT BRIDGE 7 km
Trip Time: 1.5 hours

Experiences: Paddle under bridges in downtown Brantford, be surrounded by forest along the bluffs of Tutela Heights.

Points of Interest: Watch for bald eagles nesting along the river, Bell Homestead National Historic Site.

BRANTFORD TO CHIEFSWOOD NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE 30 km
Trip Time: 7 - 8 hours

NEWPORT RIVER ACCESS TO CHIEFSWOOD 16 km Trip Time: 3 hours

Experiences: Lazy, meandering, flatwater section

Points of Interest: Chiefswood National Historic Site is the only remaining pre-Confederation Indigenous mansion in Ontario and is the birthplace of Canadian writer and poet, Pauline Johnson.

THE OXBOW (COCKSHUTT BRIDGE TO NEWPORT BRIDGE) 14 km
Trip Time: 3 - 5 hours

Experiences: Leisurely route, good water conditions for persons with disabilities, a few fun swifts.

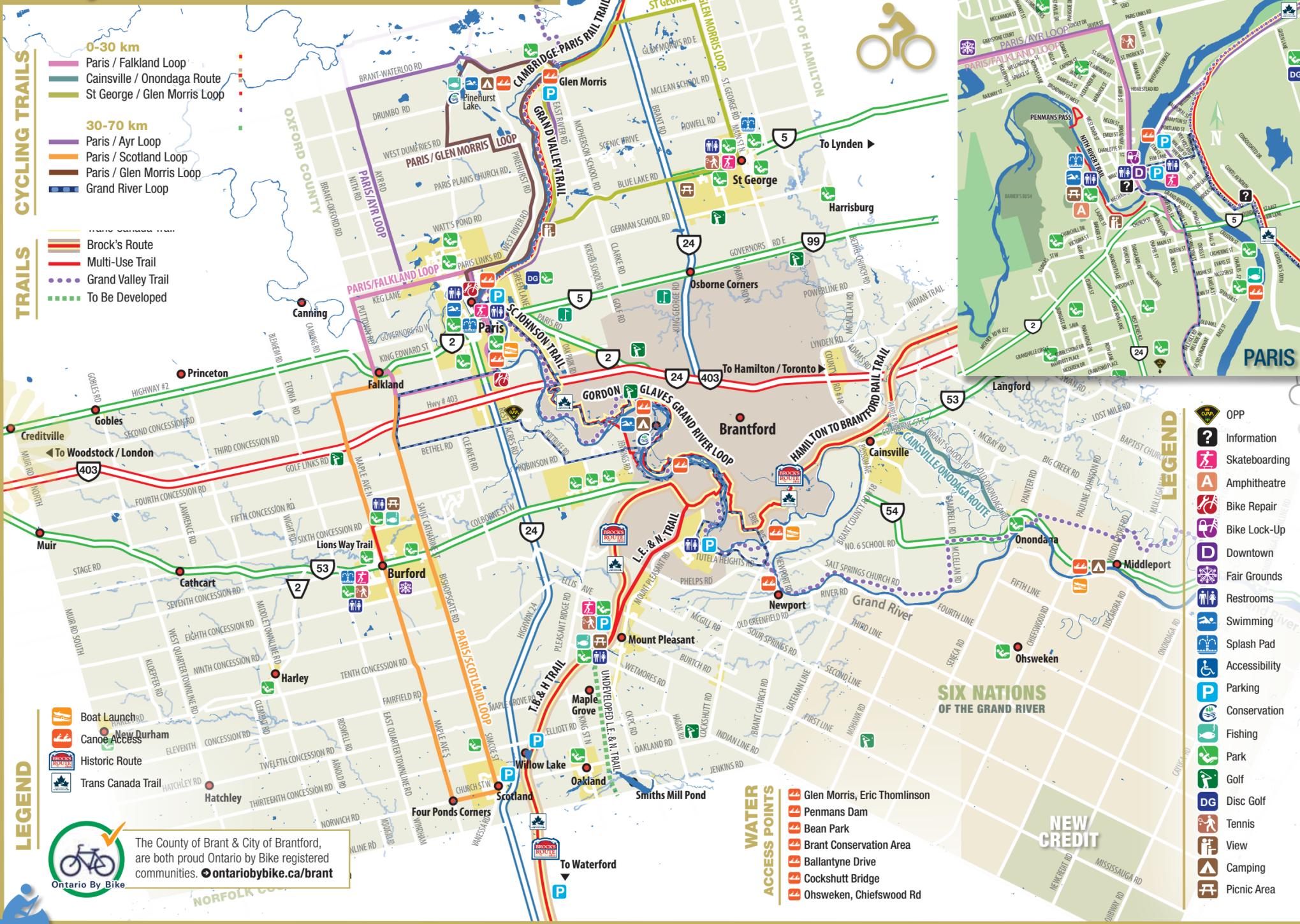
Points of Interest: Wildlife, including turtles, herons, raccoons, deer by the water's edge.

NITH RIVER (CANNING TO PARIS) 19 km
Trip Time: 4 hours

Experiences: White water route in early spring or during high waters, Class 1 and 2 rapids, paddle by Devil's Cove then get ready to tackle a 3 km section of rolling waves & rapids like an amusement park's "flume ride"

Points of Interest: Canning, where Wayne Gretzky skated on the river while visiting his grandparents, unique Carolinian forest.

County of Brant Outdoor Adventure Map



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Paris - Scotland Loop 50 km

Start/End: Paris Fairgrounds. Travel through farmland, over the Nith River/Whiteman's Creek and into Burford and Scotland. Head W on Silver St./Keg Lane to Brant-Oxford (Puttdown Rd). Cross Hwy#2 and turn on Second Concession and continue to Maple Ave. Take Maple Ave. through Burford to Norwich Rd. Turn left and continue to Simcoe St/Bishopsgate Rd in Scotland. Stay on Simcoe St and head N until you reach Hwy 2. Turn left on Hwy#2 before heading N on Brant-Oxford (Puttdown Rd) to Keg Lane.

Paris / Falkland Loop 18 km

Start/End: Paris Fairgrounds. A rural and urban mixed route. Head W on Silver St./Keg Lane to Brant-Oxford (Puttdown Rd). Take a left and travel over the Nith River before turning E on King Edward St / Hwy#2. Follow #2 and turn onto Bishopsgate Rd. Turn left on Powerline Rd., which will lead you to Rest Acres Rd. Pass the Brant Sports Complex and take a left on Mile Hill Rd. (steep slope). At the bottom of the hill, turn left on Washington St. and continue to Grand River St. N. which takes you through downtown Paris. Turn left on Silver St. to return to the Paris Fairgrounds.

Paris - Ayr Loop 35 km

Starts/Ends: Downtown Paris. The route travels parallel to the east bank of the Grand River before crossing it in Glen Morris and looping back to Paris. Take William St., E to Willow St./East River Rd. to Glen Morris Rd. W. and head W, continuing on Brant/Waterloo Rd. until Ayr Rd. Turn S on Ayr Rd until you reach Keg Lane/Silver St. Follow this road back to Grand River St. N. and travel down the hill into downtown Paris.

Paris / Glen Morris Loop 30 km

Start/End: Paris District High School. Head E on Paris Links Rd and follow the west bank of the Grand River until you reach West Dumfries Rd. Follow the road to Pinehurst Rd. and go N past Pinehurst Conservation area, before heading E on Glen Morris Rd. W. across the Grand River arriving in Glen Morris. Turn right onto East River Rd. until Forbes St. which will connect you to the Cambridge to Paris Rail Trail and back to Paris. Cross Willow St. and take the downtown Paris connection at William St. to get back to Grand River St. N. Turn right and pass the many historic homes on Grand River St. N., before arriving back at the high school.

Cainsville to Onondaga Route 6.9 km

An on-road journey from the Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail beginning at Papple Rd. to Onondaga. The route travels through picturesque farmland, across Fairchild Creek to the village of Onondaga on the Grand River, next to the Six Nations Reserve. Follow Brant School Rd. to Old Onondaga Rd. E. to HWY#54. Cross #54 onto Brantford St. to connect to the Grand Valley Trail at Front St.

St. George / Glen Morris Loop 30 km

Rolling route connecting to a gravel rail trail. **Starts/Ends:** St. George Municipal Parking Lot on West St. Proceed W on Brant Hwy#5, cross Hwy 24 and continue on Blue Lake Rd. Option 1 - through the former rail corridor to Murray Outlook overlooking the Grand River. Continue towards Cambridge on the Cambridge - Paris Trail. Option 2. Turn right onto East River Rd and continue to Glen Morris. Hop on the Cambridge - Paris Trail at Forbes St. in Glen Morris. Continue on the trail to Maple Manor Rd, near km marker 73 on the trail. Travel E to Cheese Factory Rd/St. George Rd and head S back to St. George.

Cycling through Brant

Grand River Loop Signature Cycling Experience - 56 km

Experience all the splendor of Brant through this 56 km cycling loop that visits the scenic Grand River shores and weaves through downtown Paris and through the City of Brantford. This route is paved with segments of unpaved trails.

Geocaching: Welcome to the Brantford Power Trail

Due to the thousands of geocaches between Brantford and Port Dover, this area is well known as a geocaching hub. Take some time with your family to try geocaching and have an outdoor adventure while discovering Brantford and area! www.geocaching.com

THE ROTARY BIKE PARK: The Rotary Bike Park is free to use and offers a wide selection of opportunities and challenge levels for beginners through to advanced riders – from small obstacles and even terrain to steep downhill, bridges and small- to mid-sized jumps. There is free parking on-site as well as nearby washrooms and access to the City's extensive trail network. The Bike Park is open for riding from May through October.

Hiking the Hub of Ontario Trails

CITY OF BRANTFORD TRAILS
Brantford's trail system began as part of the system of dikes built to protect the City from the seasonal flooding of the Grand River. In 1993, that network of paths was named in honour of the late Gordon C. Glaves, a prominent Brantford resident and community volunteer. Today the Gordon Glaves Grand River Loop takes trail users on a 19 km scenic tour that travels along both sides of the river. Brantford's trail systems are now more than 70 km long. The trails are shared use, and are ideal for hiking, jogging, cycling, exploring nature, and even cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Several footpaths can be accessed from the main trails in both Waterworks Park and Gilkison Flats. Visitors can also access many of

Brantford's attractions and historic sites from the trails, or take advantage of the fishing and canoeing opportunities offered by the Grand River.

HAMILTON TO BRANTFORD RAIL TRAIL
The Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail is Ontario's first entirely off-road, interurban hiking and biking trail. The trail begins on the west side of Hamilton near McMaster University. Trail users can enjoy 32 km of stonedust trail on the abandoned railbed of the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway (TH&B). The east end of the trail travels through the County of Brant, crosses under Highway 403 into Brantford, and connects with Brantford's extensive trail system. This level trail offers an easy route for cyclists and hikers.

BROCK'S ROUTE
Travelling along the trail from Hamilton to Brantford to Port Dover, Brock's Route follows the Trans Canada Trail, Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail, City of Brantford Trails and the TH&B Rail Trail within Brantford and Brant County to trace the route that Isaac Brock took during the War of 1812. Trail markers along the route commemorate 200 years of peace.

SC JOHNSON TRAIL
Stretching over 14 km, the stonedust SC Johnson Trail connects Brantford to Paris. Beginning at the northeast end of Paris, the trail follows the abandoned railbed of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway (LE&N) and ends at Wilkes Dam. Entering Brantford, the trail passes through a significant prairie habitat. In some areas the hilly terrain offers challenges of grades and tight turns. With scenic views, significant natural areas and a direct connection to Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, the SC Johnson Trail offers a variety of activities for all ages.

City of Brantford Outdoor Adventure Map



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Paddling ... The Grand River

The Grand River is one of only eleven designated Canadian Heritage Rivers in Ontario. Winding its way through several urban and conservations areas in Brantford/ Brant the river connects our communities and provides many opportunities for outdoor adventure. If you like to paddle you have come to the right place! Our outfitters have many options for beginners to experts when it comes to navigating the river safely. Over 80 species of fish can be found in the Grand River which makes it an angler's paradise. The river's watershed accounts for much of our trail system that winds along its path. This natural habitat for wildlife, birds, and rare Carolinian forest all combined to make the river our grand natural escape!

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On Road Cycling

Bicycling is permitted on city streets, however there are some streets that are recommended for bicycle use and are signed in different ways. A **Bike Lane** is a dedicated portion of the road for bicycle use. It is designated by pavement lane markings and bicycle symbol pavement markings as well as black and white signs. A **Shared Use Lane** is a wider than normal travel lane intended for motor vehicles and bicycles to share. There are bicycle symbol pavement markings, and black and yellow 'Share the Road' signs. **Bicycle Routes** are any road signed specifically to encourage bicycle use. They are marked with green and white bicycle signs. More cycling safety at www.brantford.ca/ActiveTransportation.

While on the trail...

Share the path!
 Trails are for everyone to enjoy.
 Limit your speed.
 Consider others and trail conditions.
 Keep to the right – This means all users, not just cyclists.
 Stay on the trail. Travelling 'off route' can destroy plants and wildlife.
 Please leash and pick up after your pet.
 Help keep our pathways clean – Use the trash cans provided at most access points.
 Respect all signs and laws.
 Watch for vehicles at road crossings and always be prepared to stop!
 Cyclists wear a helmet!

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PLEASE NOTE:
 Trail conditions can vary and may change quickly. Some sections may become damaged, flooded or impassible during bad weather. Stay alert! Some sections are steep and challenging. Check map for locations, plan your route and be prepared! Many trails are not maintained in the winter. Trail use is at the users' own risk.