



Non-Motorized Use

Trail Number
18-08
Location
Collingwood
Trail Locator
Balsam St., Town of Collingwood
Nearest Town
Collingwood
TRAIL DETAILS
Length
4.3 Km.
Difficulty
Easy
Surface
Pavement, Boardwalk, & Crushed Stone
Terrain
Level
Suitability
Walking, Wheel Chair, Stroller, Snowshoeing, Blading, Biking
Parking
Sunset Point
The Station
Harbourview Park
Whites Bay Park
Washrooms
Sunset Point and Harbourview Park in Summer
Refreshments
Collingwood
Map
NTS 41 A/08
Trails in Area
Numerous Trails

Old Shipyard Waterfront



Under the Boardwalk is the Marsh

Historically, the waterfront has been the focal point for the shipbuilding industry. Today, a series of interconnected waterfront trails offer a fascinating walk through the history of Collingwood through wetlands, parks and an arboretum. Enjoy the views over Georgian Bay and of the Blue Mountains on the other side. The waterfront trails are connected to a myriad of other trails and bike routes in the Town of Collingwood, and with the Georgian Trail to Meaford.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Hen & Chicken Trail boardwalk:** was built with community labour enabling people to walk across the large boulders that protect the harbour entrance.
- Bridge:** end of boardwalk. This area has been exposed as the water level has dropped over the past few years. What used to be marshland is now more like a dried lake-bed showing the transition from marsh to land.
- Junction with Whites Bay Trail & the Boardwalk Trail:** The trail runs alongside Black Ash Creek on its way to the harbour. Black Ash Creek can be followed by using the Black Ash Creek Trail.
- There is a short spur off the main boardwalk that extends over the wetland and ends at a viewpoint with a **gazebo** overlooking Collingwood Harbour.
- The main boardwalk winds its way over the wetland and through trees ending at **Harbourview Park** and a beautiful arboretum.
- There is a short path to a small beach where you could take a quick dip in the harbour. Swans may be visible from this location.
- Trail detour:** due to construction of the new Harbourlands development which is replacing the historic shipyards that built ships here for over a hundred years.
- Throughout the 1960's, Reg Watts built steel hull pleasure vessels inside the **Watts boathouse**.
- Junction with Heritage Trail:** which runs out to the old silos and Millennium park. There is a marina, launching ramp and yacht club in this peninsular. On the south side of the road is the reconstructed rail station that is now a marine museum.
- Community Bike and Ski Path:** leaves the main road as it winds its way through trees along the edge of the waterfront lands.
- Inukshuk:** Picnic area and stony beach. A beautiful waterfront park featuring all those glorious sunsets! This park facilitates swimming, board sailing, picnic areas, canteen, washrooms, beach volleyball, playground, and an enviropark for the kids.

