



Highway 407

Whitevale Road

Markham

Tributary A

Tributary B

14th Avenue

Ninth Line

Trails in Bob Hunter Memorial Park will open in spring 2013

Woodland Area

Steeles Avenue

Woodland Trail

CNR

Tributary A

Rouge River

Sewells Road

Reesor Road

Meadowdale Road

Beare Road

Finch Avenue East

Altona Road

Neilson Road

Finch Avenue

Finch Meander Area

Beare Hill Trailhead

Cedar Trail

Orchard Trail

Glen Eagles Vista

Glen Eagles Vista Trail

Celebration Forest

Twyn Rivers Area

Twyn Rivers Drive

Toronto

Pickering

Sheppard Avenue

Highway 401

Kingston Road

Port Union Road

Glen Rouge Campground and Trailhead

Little Rouge Creek

Mast Trail

Rouge Beach and Marsh

Rouge Beach Trail

Lake Ontario



Park Visitors' Code

Do your part! Help protect your Park so we can all enjoy it now and in the future. Be a responsible visitor by following this code.

DO keep your dog on a leash. Enjoy our trails with your dog safely leashed. All dogs must be leashed at all times. "Stoop and scoop" Municipal by-laws in effect.

DO stay on the trail. Hike only on marked trails and observe trail closure signs. Trails are sometimes closed because they are not safe. Other times, they are closed to allow a damaged area to regenerate naturally.

DO use the trash cans. Carry your litter back out, along with any litter you find.

DO report illegal activity. Help us by reporting fires, vandalism or illegal dumping. To report vandalism or illegal dumping, call the municipality. Fires are prohibited under municipal by-laws.

DO bring your Ontario fishing licence with you. A valid provincial fishing licence is required. Seasonal restrictions apply.

DO park in lots provided. Park only in designated areas. Lock your vehicle, and conceal any valuables.

DO NOT feed or approach wildlife. This Park is their home. Wild animals may display aggressive behaviour when feeling threatened. Feeding wild animals and birds alters their diets and threatens the natural instincts and abilities they depend on for survival throughout the year.

DO NOT remove or damage vegetation or other features in the Park. It is illegal to remove anything from a public park. Plants provide food and shelter for wild animals who rely on Rouge Park for habitat. Rocks, trees, and other features all serve a purpose in a natural ecosystem.

DO NOT cycle on trails or in sensitive nature reserves in the Park. Trails are in a Nature Reserve zone. Cycling is prohibited in these areas to help protect sensitive ecosystems. Cycling on roads is welcome.

DO NOT bring firearms into the Park. Discharging firearms, including bows and crossbows, is prohibited. There is no hunting allowed in Rouge Park. Municipal by-laws are in effect.

About us

Rouge Park is Canada's premier urban wilderness park. The 40 km² of protected lands preserve wilderness habitats in and near Toronto, Canada, from the Oak Ridges Moraine to Lake Ontario. Visit us to enjoy hiking, camping, a beach and spectacular views. Many areas are accessible by public transit. Alan Wells is Chair of the Rouge Park Alliance, the Park's board of directors. Rouge Park's General Manager is Mike Bender.

Our Vision

Rouge Park will be a special place of outstanding natural features and diverse cultural heritage in an urban-rural setting, protected and flourishing as an ecosystem in perpetuity. Human activities will exist in harmony with the natural values of the Park. The Park will be a sanctuary for nature and the human spirit.

Our Goal

To protect, restore and enhance the natural, scenic and cultural values of the Park in an ecosystem context, and to promote public responsibility, understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of this heritage.

Start your visit at www.rougepark.com

Join us for a guided walk!

Rouge Park is excited to offer volunteer led guided walks. Discover our trails, delve into the history of the area, learn about our neighbours - fur, feathers and all!

Bob Hunter Memorial Park

Explore the newest member of the Rouge Park family - the Bob Hunter Memorial Park area. Trails are under construction in autumn 2011, and are anticipated to be open to the public in spring 2012. This area celebrates a Canadian hero - Bob Hunter was an environmental champion, journalist and author who worked tirelessly to protect biodiversity and celebrate nature.

Cedar Trail

2.2 km

Experience the cool green of mature forest as it shelters the lush valley lands, see butterflies fluttering through a meadow, and listen for frogs at the wetlands.

- Small streams that flow into Little Rouge Creek, and Little Rouge Creek itself.
- Wetland and meadow species near southern sections of the trail, forest species in northern sections.
- From the south trailhead, you can see the hill from an old landfill site that is being renaturalized, and wetlands created in the excavated areas where soil was removed to cover the site.

Finch Meander Trail

250 metres

This short trail immediately immerses you into the wilderness. Nestled in along a curve in the Rouge River, enjoy the sights and sounds of nature.

- A colourful selection of wildflowers and ancient maple trees along the trail
- Ancient maple trees offering shade
- Look carefully and you may spot the serenading songbirds
- Listen to the Rouge River as it flows over a rocky riverbed

Glen Eagles Vista Trail

0.6 km

Outstanding scenery all year, but especially pretty in autumn. From this viewpoint you can see the Rouge River and Little Rouge Creek valleys and a provincially-significant geologic feature. This easy trail is flat and accessible for wheelchairs and other mobility devices.

- An outdoor interpretive exhibit provides visitors with information on the scenery and some background on the history of the site.
- Outstanding views of river valleys and natural erosion.
- Short trail with interpretive signs and native vegetation.

Mast Trail

2.2 km

Walk a 200 year old logging route. Over a century ago large trees were cut and floated down the river to the lake, bound for ship building yards in Europe. The trail leads over the "hog's back", or ridge, to Twyn Rivers Drive.

- A variety of forest plants and animals.
- Mature forests with lush understorey of ferns and other plants.
- Steep grades and stairs, but worth the climb!
- If you're lucky, you can spot interior forest birds like the ovenbird.

Orchard Trail

2 km

Witness nature reclaiming the land as regenerating forests merge with remnants of an agricultural past.

- From the north trailhead, you can see the hill from an old landfill site that is being revegetated, and wetlands created in the excavated areas where soil was removed to cover the garbage.
- From the south trailhead at Twyn Rivers Drive, you can see an old ski hill and the pieces of an old concrete dam that was once used to back up the river for swimming when a hotel stood on the site.

Rouge Beach Trail

1.5 km

Make a splash in Lake Ontario! Where the Rouge River meets Lake Ontario, there's a sandy beach and a wetland full of wildlife waiting for you. The marshes at Rouge Beach are the best and biggest in Toronto and the sandy beach is a popular summer spot for neighbours and visitors alike. Enjoy the 1km Rouge Beach trail.

- A view of Lake Ontario, shoreline to the east, and the mouth of the Rouge River.
- A variety of wetland and shoreline plants and animals.
- Tranquil canoeing on river. No motorized boating permitted.
- Fishing access. Seasonal provincial licence required.
- Easily accessible boardwalk and pathway near marshes.
- Access to Lake Ontario Waterfront Trail.
- Washrooms, drinking water .
- Swimming - the beach is open in accordance with Toronto Public Health approval, lifeguard on duty when officially open.

Vista Trail

1.6 km Linear

Panoramic bluffs, view of the Little Rouge Creek and Rouge River valleys. From the north trailhead you'll find an easily accessible 1.5 km loop route, offering panoramic view of the Little Rouge Creek valley.

- A mix of forest and meadow offers a variety of plant and animal life.
- Steep bluffs provide breathtaking views of the river valleys.
- Be sure to check out the Ontario Power Generation viewing deck!

Woodland Trail

2.5 km Linear

Easy trail, flat and relatively accessible for mobility devices for 1.5 km. Follow the entire 2.5 km trail for a moderately challenging hike. The mix of forest and meadow views offers opportunities for a variety of plant and animal spotting.

- Little Rouge Creek and the valley.
- Young trees planted to build new forests.
- Remnants of a cottage area flooded by Hurricane Hazel in 1954.
- Wildlife viewing opportunities.

Join us for a guided hike!

See schedule at www.rougepark.com/hike

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