

Discover the CREDIT RIVER Watershed



The Credit River Watershed is located in southern Ontario on the north shore of Lake Ontario. The watershed extends from Caledon in the east to Halton Hills in the west, and from Orangeville south to Port Credit.

There are three main regions within the Credit River Watershed, often referred to as the Upper Watershed (above the Niagara Escarpment), Middle Watershed (the Niagara Escarpment) and Lower Watershed (below the Niagara Escarpment).

The Credit River Watershed is part of the Great Lakes Basin that drains into the St. Lawrence River and eventually the Atlantic Ocean.

The Credit River is about 90 kilometers long and is connected to over 1,500 kilometers of smaller creeks and streams. This river system is of great economic, social, cultural, and ecological value.

The entire Credit River Watershed covers about 860 square kilometres.

Directly to the east and west of the Credit River are 14 smaller watersheds that drain directly into Lake Ontario, such as Cooksville Creek and Sheridan Creek, which fall under the jurisdiction of Credit Valley Conservation. When combined with the Credit River, these watersheds cover an area of almost 1,000 square kilometres.

The Credit River Watershed has an estimated population of 750,000 people. Over 80% of this population lives in the lower watershed. About 23% of the total watershed area is now considered

urban, mostly concentrated in the cities of Mississauga and Brampton in addition to 14 other towns and villages.

The lands, waters, and natural processes of the Credit River Watershed provide vital goods and services to these communities. Fresh water from the watershed provides the foundation of life. Farms and forests provide food and resources. Protected lands and conservation areas are enjoyed by thousands of people and their families throughout the year.

The Credit River Watershed is also a significant natural region. Many small streams in the watershed support self-sustaining cold-water fish populations. The southern reach of the Credit River is nationally recognized for its impressive fall runs of salmon. The forests, streams, and wetlands are inhabited by many rare and threatened species of plants and animals. The Credit River Watershed contains several significant natural features, including the Niagara Escarpment, Oak Ridges Moraine, Lake Ontario Shoreline, and Credit River Valley.



Credit Valley Conservation

Discover the Conservation Areas of the Credit River Watershed

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	Entrance Fees	Open <small>(see website for dates and hours)</small>	Size <small>(Acres)</small>	Wheelchair Accessible	Parking Spaces		Picnic Area			Trails			Fishing					Water Activities				Washrooms	Additional Information
					Car	Bus	Family	Group	Pavilion Rental	Hiking	Cycling <small>(designated trails)</small>	X-Country Skiing/ Snowshoeing	Trout	Bass	Pan Fish	Pike	Ice Fishing	Swimming <small>(unsupervised)</small>	Boating <small>(electric motor)</small>	Canoeing	Windsurfing		
Belfountain Conservation Area 10 Credit Street, Belfountain	Per Person or Membership	Spring Summer Fall	21	Yes	75	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	✓								✓	Wedding photography and ceremonies (reservations required). Phone: (519) 927-5838	
Elora Cataract Trailway 11 Station Street, Hillsburgh or 235 Daniel Street, Erin	Donation or Membership	Year Round*	7	Yes	10	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes								Portable	All accessible, screened, linear trailway stretching from Elora to Cataract. Picnic tables at access points.		
Island Lake Conservation Area 673067 Hurontario Street, Orangeville	Per Person or Membership	Year Round	332	Yes	200	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes <small>(Vicki Baron Trail)</small>	Yes		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Boat/canoe/ice hut rentals, wading beach, skating (conditions permitting). Phone: 1-800-367-0890	
Ken Whillans Resource Management Area 16026 Hurontario Street (Hwy 10), Caledon	Self Serve or Membership	Spring Summer Fall	212	No	40	Yes	No	No	No	Yes <small>(Caledon Trailway)</small>	No		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	Access to Caledon Trailway no charge. Fishing piers Phone: (519) 838-0680		
Limehouse Conservation Area 12169 Fifth Line, Limehouse	Donation or Membership	Year Round*	190	No	10	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No								Portable	Niagara Escarpment outcrops, "hole-in-the-wall", historic lime kilns, Bruce Trail, interpretive signage.		
Meadowvale Conservation Area 1255 Old Derry Road, Mississauga	Donation or Membership	Year Round*	185	No	20	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes <small>(Culham Trail)</small>	Yes								✓	✓	Picnic reservations for east side of river call City of Mississauga (905) 615-4100. CVC Administrative Office located here.		
Ratray Marsh Conservation Area 1180 Lakeshore Road West, Mississauga	Donation or Membership	Year Round*	94	Yes	Limited	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No								✓	Interpretive signage, boardwalks, viewing platforms, walking access from Bexhill Rd, limited parking access and washrooms at Jack Darling Park.		
Silver Creek Conservation Area 13500 Fall Brooke Trail, Halton Hills	Donation or Membership	Year Round*	1090	No	5	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No								Portable	Niagara Escarpment, Bruce Trail, interpretive signage, boardwalk, parking at education centre.		
Terra Cotta Conservation Area 14452 Winston Churchill Boulevard, Halton Hills	Per Person or Membership	Year Round	485	Yes	125	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes <small>(Terra Cotta Lane)</small>	Yes	Yes	✓	✓				✓		✓	Learning Centre, interpretive signage, wetland, visitor centre. Phone: (905) 877-9650		
Upper Credit Conservation Area 20073 Porterfield Road, Alton	Donation or Membership	Year Round*	132	No	20	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	✓							Portable	Credit river, meadow trails, reforestation, bird watching.		

All fees collected go directly towards protection, maintenance and improvements of CVC Conservation Areas. Memberships available at www.ourcredit.ca. Family, Personal, and Senior Annual Memberships are available. *All Conservation Areas allow pets on leash only (max. 6ft in length). Donations appreciated (tax receipt available). Reservations or inquiries can be directed to 1-800-367-0890 or recreation@creditvalleyca.ca. Activities are to take place in designated day-use areas and on designated trails. *Visitors welcome during daylight hours.

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- Waterproof Map
- Savings on Rentals

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