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DISCOVER ETOBICOKE CREEK TRAIL

THE PATHWAY IS NAMED AFTER THE ETOBICOKE CREEK WHICH RUNS PARALLEL TO THE TRAIL. THE NAME ETOBICOKE MEANS, "WHERE THE BLACK ALDERS GROW". THE ETOBICOKE CREEK PLAYED ITS PART IN BRAMPTON'S DEVELOPMENT, BUT BECAUSE IT WAS SLOW AND MEANDERING, IT COULD NEVER SUSTAIN LARGE-SCALE MILLING OPERATIONS. THE BRAMPTON SETTLEMENT GREW MORE SLOWLY AS A RESULT.

Due to its meandering form, buildings along Main Street North were constructed on unique angles to allow for the natural flow of the Etobicoke Creek. The creek once flowed through the downtown core, and its banks overflowed repeatedly through the first 150 years of Brampton's history. Completed in 1952, the ambitious engineering project to divert Etobicoke Creek away from the downtown allowed Brampton to prosper.

The multi-use Etobicoke Creek Trail is suitable for walking, jogging, and cycling year-round. There are many wonderful spots on this trail to stop and enjoy the sounds of nature's wonders. From the Peel Village Golf Course the trail passes under Steeles Avenue. As the Etobicoke Creek Trail meanders through the downtown, a wide variety of cultural and seasonal activities can be accessed by the trail. A farmer's market is held every Saturday morning during spring, summer, and fall in the Rose Theatre Square. The nearby Gage Park is voted to be one

of the top five parks within the Greater Toronto Area. The Peel Heritage Centre is open year-round, or alternatively, Downtown Heritage Walks allow for an up-close look at greenhouses, cemeteries, and historic buildings.

The trail enters downtown Brampton and follows a sidewalk path. In this section, follow Wellington Street West to Chapel Street North, cross Queen Street to Theatre Lane, and follow to Union Street North.

At Union Street and Church Street, cross to the north-east corner and follow Church Street east to Ken Whillans Drive.

Follow the pathway on the north-east side of Ken Whillans Drive to Vodden Street. Cross Vodden Street, go east across the bridge and the trail continues north to Mayfield Road.

Please note: the Wellington Street entrance is only by stairway access. The entrance for bikes is off of Wellington Street via Mary Street.



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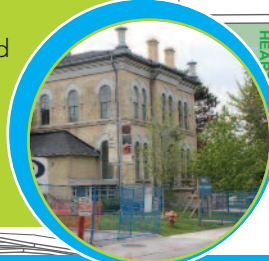
1 | Peel Village Golf Course offers golfers nine challenging holes in a natural wild life sanctuary.

2 | Charles F. Watson Family Gardens: This beautiful showpiece garden is an oasis of colour. The gardens are below street level on the Etobicoke Creek Trail.



3 | Gage Park is the most popular place in downtown Brampton to enjoy the fresh air... Gage Park is Brampton's oldest municipal park and a very beautiful one. Pretty floral gardens, large trees, gazebo and fountain provide a wonderful setting popular with both local residents and visitors from far and wide.

4 | Peel Heritage Complex includes the Peel Region Museum and Archives, the old Peel County Courthouse and the Art Gallery of Peel. The Art Gallery of Peel is known for its quality educational programs, acclaimed publications and long-running Juried Art Show. The Archives holds the rich documentary heritage of the Region, including maps, letters, diaries, photographs, government records and more.



5 | Rose Theatre features two performance halls for live theatre, musical theatre, dance, concerts, broadcast production, corporate functions and social events.






6 | Beaux Arts Gallery and Outdoor Chess Park: The Beaux-Arts Gallery displays art from a variety of media and is a must-visit gallery for any collector or art enthusiast, this site also features an outdoor chess park.

7 | Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre and Skate Park is a family Recreation Centre and Skateboard Park located along the trail.

8 | Loafers Lake Recreation Centre is located just beside the lake, offers parking and public washrooms.

LEGEND:

-  **Paved Multi Use Trail**, an off-road asphalt/concrete path that may be used by pedestrians, cyclists, rollerbladers and skate boarders.
-  **Residential Street** for pedestrians, cyclists, rollerbladers and skate boarders/**Signed Bike Route** where cyclists must share the road with motor vehicles.
-  **Unpaved Multi Use Trail**, an off-road gravel path that is best suited for pedestrians or cyclists.

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- Length:** 14.5 kilometres (following a linear park system from Peel Village Golf Course to Mayfield Road)
- Width:** Varies between 2.4 to 3 metres
- Activities:** Walking, jogging, cycling, in-line skating
- Season:** Year-round
- Surface:** Limestone from Mayfield Road to Inder Heights Drive. Asphalt from Conservation Drive to Steeles Avenue.
- Accessibility:** All washroom facilities are accessible.
- Rules/Etiquette:** Dogs must be kept on a leash, and stoop and scoop by-laws apply.

- Amenities:** Lights, benches, and garbage bins. Washrooms are available at facility centres including: Loafers Lake Recreations Centre, Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre, Central Public Recreation & Arts Centre, Heritage Theatre, Gage Park, Memorial Arena, Downtown Brampton, Kiwanis Memorial Park, Charles F. Watson & Family Gardens, Peel Village Golf Course.
- Parking:** Parking is available at all facility centres. Additional parking is available at Loafers Lake Recreation Centre; Rosalea Parking Lot, Downtown Brampton; Brampton Mall; Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre.