



Shade's Mills Conservation Area

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CENTRE

LOCAL RADIO STATIONS AM 570 NEWS CKGL
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Emergencies and First Aid:

Please keep us informed of any situation where police, fire or emergency medical services have been called to the Conservation Area. Staff will help coordinate the response to the appropriate location.

Cell phone coverage in the Conservation Area is fair, but it is suggested to test your cell phone reception so that you may be prepared in case of an emergency.

Both a First Aid Kit and an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) are located at the gatehouse. They are available when the building is staffed.



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Recreational Trails
 A complete trail map, including trail descriptions, is found on the reverse.

Legend

Amphitheatre	Fishing	Pavilion	Vault Toilet
Beach	Gatehouse	Play Area	Water Tap
Beach Volleyball	Hiking	Picnic Area	Conservation Area
Boat Launch	Nature Centre	Quiet Zone	Interior Road
Boat Rentals	Parking	Washrooms	Reservoir and Creek
			Pedestrian Pathway
			Recreational Trail
			Municipal Road

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Conservation Area Regulations and Guidelines

Our conservation areas are special places where people can connect with the outdoors. As well, many of these areas have important natural heritage features. Because conservation areas are unique places, they require unique rules to protect them and their visitors alike.

Day Use Hours

The conservation area is open to day use visitors from dawn to dusk. Visit grandriver.ca/activitystatus for up-to-the-minute information like operating hours and the status of various activities.

Alcohol, Cannabis and Smoking

The consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the conservation area. Smoking cannabis or tobacco, or vaping, is not permitted in the designated swimming area, including the sand portion of the beach. As well, smoking cannabis or tobacco, or vaping, is not permitted within 9 metres of any building or within 20 metres of a playground.

Noise, Conduct and Safety

- Excessive noise at any time is not permitted.
- Physical or verbal abuse of conservation area visitors and staff is not tolerated and may result in eviction from the conservation area.
- Fireworks and open fires are not permitted.
- Firearms including air, spring, archery or slingshot equipment are not permitted.
- Be aware of your surroundings and monitor the weather. Seek appropriate shelter during severe weather.

Vehicles, ATVs, Drones, etc.

- Motorized vehicles are permitted on designated roadways only. Drivers must obey the laws of the Highway Traffic Act.
- The vehicle speed limit is 15 km/h, unless otherwise posted.
- The use of ATVs, golf carts, dirt bikes and snowmobiles is not permitted.
- Drones are not permitted.
- Bicycles are not permitted on trails, unless otherwise posted.

Dogs

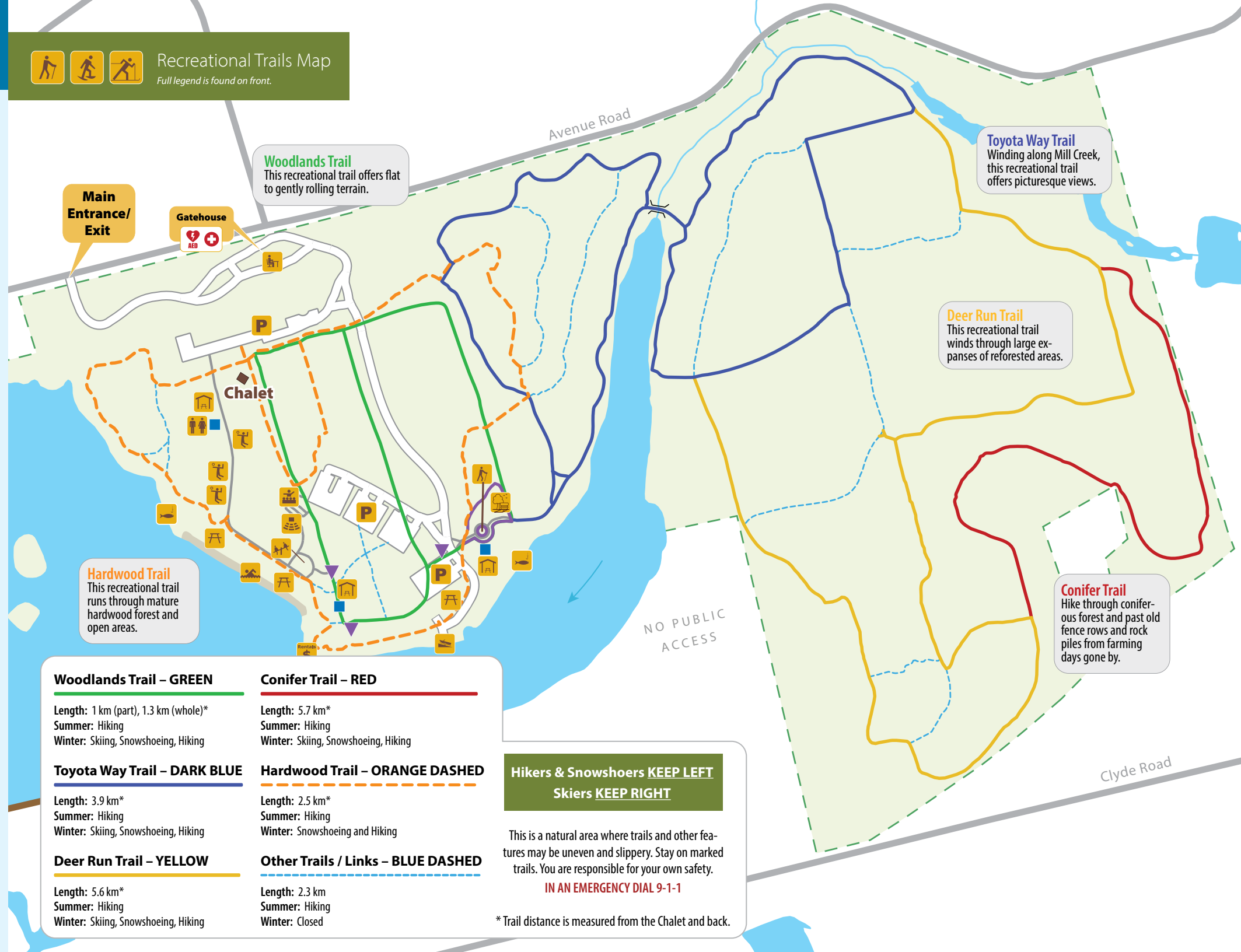
- Dogs must be secured on leashes no longer than 2 metres in length at all times.
- Dogs may not make excessive noise or disturb other visitors.
- Dogs are not permitted in designated swimming areas, including the sandy areas of the beach.
- Stoop and scoop! Please clean up after your dog.

Should you have any questions about conservation area rules and guidelines, please ask conservation area staff. In addition to the Conservation Authorities Act, federal, provincial and municipal regulations may apply. Please note regulations are in place for the safety and enjoyment of all and to help protect our outdoor spaces. Failure to comply may result in fines and/or eviction without refund.



Recreational Trails Map

Full legend is found on front.



Main Entrance/Exit

Gatehouse

Woodlands Trail
This recreational trail offers flat to gently rolling terrain.

Toyota Way Trail
Winding along Mill Creek, this recreational trail offers picturesque views.

Deer Run Trail
This recreational trail winds through large expanses of reforested areas.

Hardwood Trail
This recreational trail runs through mature hardwood forest and open areas.

Conifer Trail
Hike through coniferous forest and past old fence rows and rock piles from farming days gone by.

<p>Woodlands Trail – GREEN</p> <p>Length: 1 km (part), 1.3 km (whole)* Summer: Hiking Winter: Skiing, Snowshoeing, Hiking</p>	<p>Conifer Trail – RED</p> <p>Length: 5.7 km* Summer: Hiking Winter: Skiing, Snowshoeing, Hiking</p>
<p>Toyota Way Trail – DARK BLUE</p> <p>Length: 3.9 km* Summer: Hiking Winter: Skiing, Snowshoeing, Hiking</p>	<p>Hardwood Trail – ORANGE DASHED</p> <p>Length: 2.5 km* Summer: Hiking Winter: Snowshoeing and Hiking</p>
<p>Deer Run Trail – YELLOW</p> <p>Length: 5.6 km* Summer: Hiking Winter: Skiing, Snowshoeing, Hiking</p>	<p>Other Trails / Links – BLUE DASHED</p> <p>Length: 2.3 km Summer: Hiking Winter: Closed</p>

**Hikers & Snowshoers KEEP LEFT
Skiers KEEP RIGHT**

This is a natural area where trails and other features may be uneven and slippery. Stay on marked trails. You are responsible for your own safety.
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*Trail distance is measured from the Chalet and back.