



Beaver Valley - Harshman Property

Old-growth Forest Walks in Ontario's Greenbelt

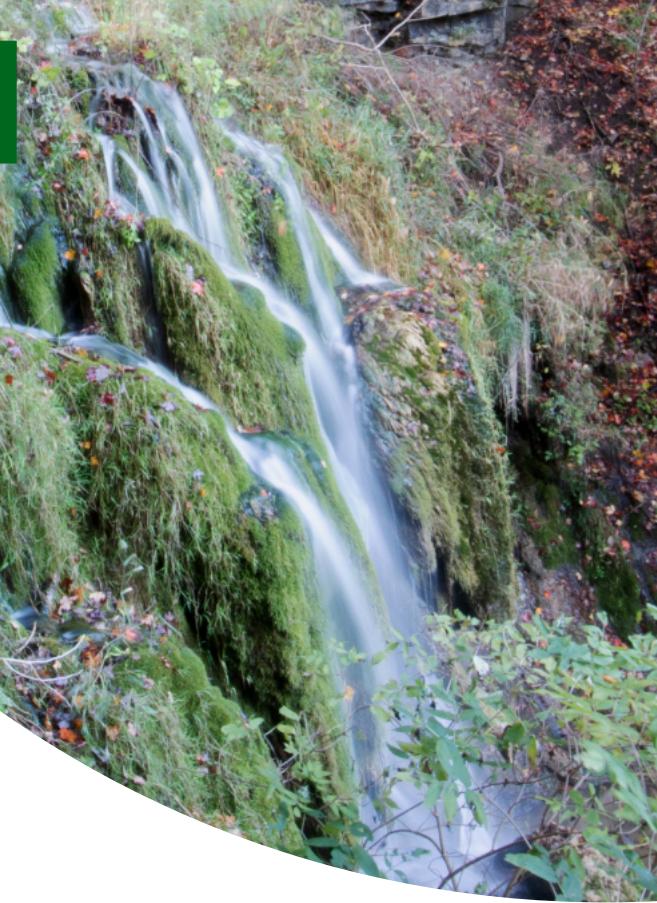
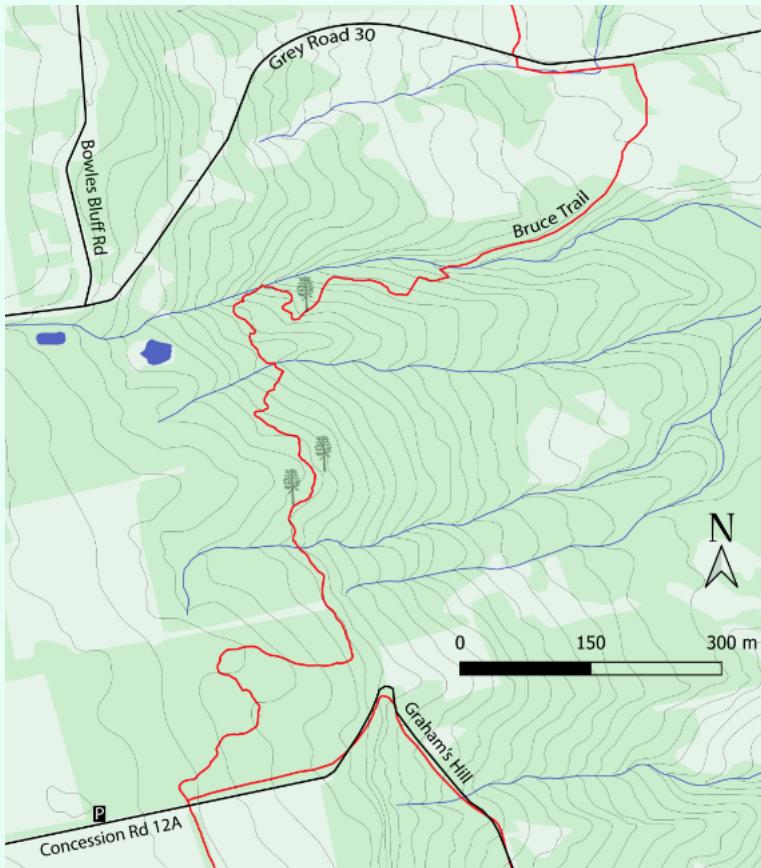
This is a varied hike along the Bruce Trail through forest and field, with large old-growth sugar maple trees, a beautiful descent down a stream valley, and views of two small waterfalls. This pleasant but strenuous walk could be enjoyed in a round trip of 2-3 hours. You can continue your hike on the Bruce Trail, or drive to visit Eugenia Falls. Don't miss out on restaurants and cafes in Flesherton, and the Flying Chestnut restaurant in Eugenia.

How to get there

By car: The closest parking is on Graham's Hill Rd, at a pull out with space for several cars (44.3336, -80.5549). Walk down the hill and turn left on the Bruce Trail.

By public transit: Buses run to Flesherton, check Grey Bruce Airbus (greybruceairbus.com) or Grey Transit Route (grey.ca/grey-transit-route) for routes and schedules. From Flesherton a 3 km walk along country roads will get you to the Bruce Trail on East Back Line (44.2801,-80.5462). From there it is another 9 km on the trail to reach the old growth forest north of Graham's Hill. A long day!

By bike: There are a number of cycle routes that pass close to Beaver Valley, mostly following country roads shared with cars.



The Bruce Trail was opened in 1967 after seven years of effort. Roughly a third of the trail runs across private land - other parts of the trail run through parks, conservation land, or private nature reserves. Many of the latter have been donated by landowners, or purchased with donated funds. The trail in this section of Beaver Valley crosses through a mix of private land, and land that was donated by the Harshman family to the Ontario Heritage Trust. This is a nice pocket of sugar maple forest where trees reach over 150 years in age. Further along, the trail follows a stream down a lovely series of cascades. The stream valley is cloaked with hemlock and sugar maple forest, where trees are commonly 100-150 years old. The stream and the surrounding forest make for a magical descent into the valley.

Learn more

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