

City of Vaughan Trails Overview

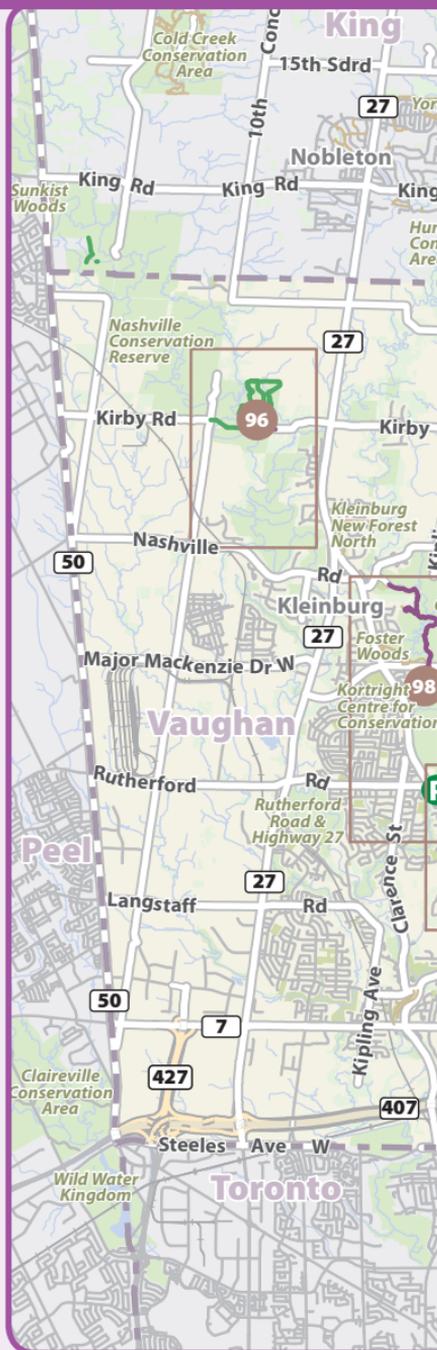


Vaughan has more than 37 kilometres of trails. Residents and visitors may choose to explore natural habitats and rolling hills, learn about cultural and heritage resources or access parks and recreational facilities. Explorers can ride along the Don River or the Humber River, go hiking, enjoy a quiet stroll along a picturesque pond, discover a special marsh, a wooden forest, a nature reserve or an art gallery.

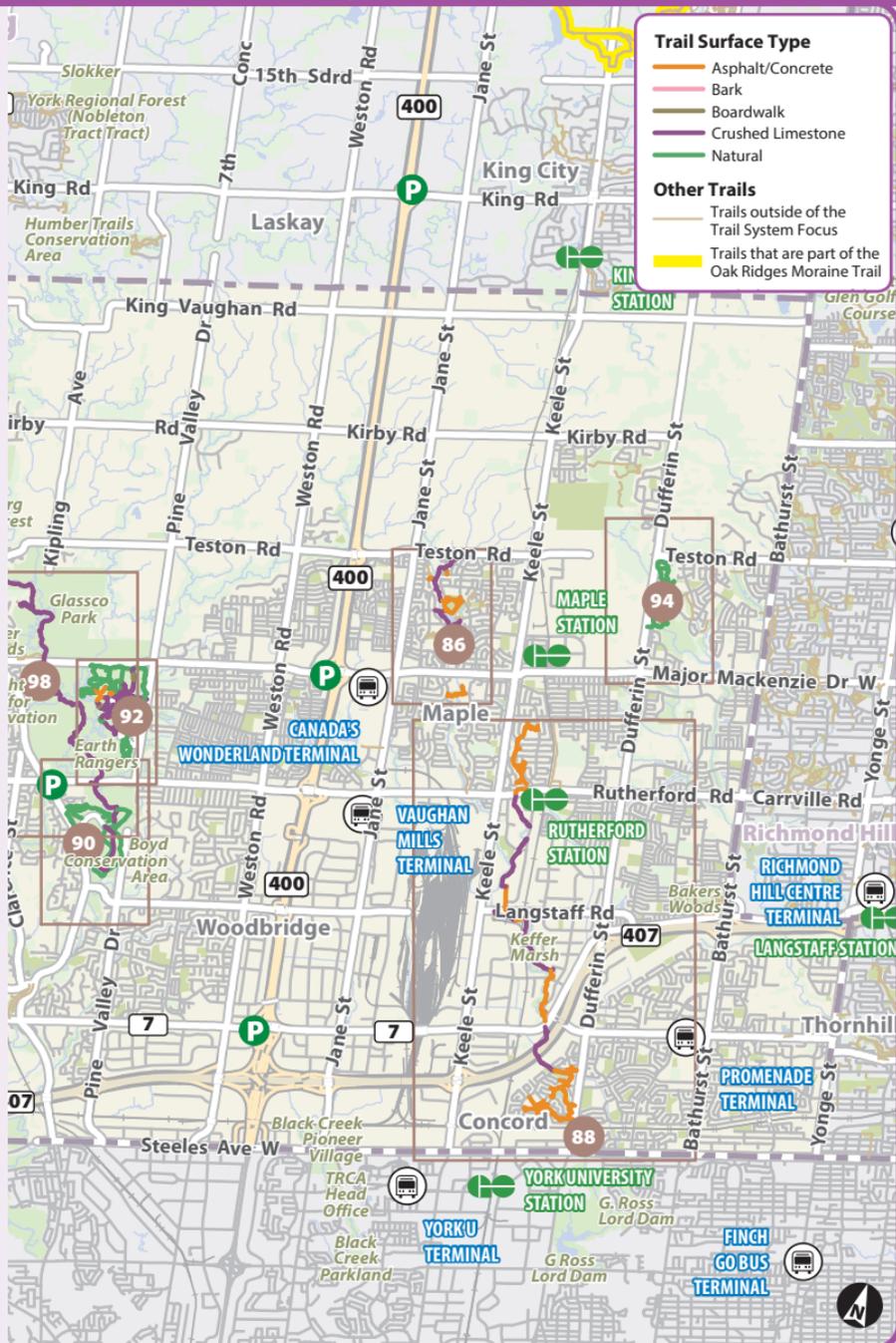
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City of Vaughan Trails Overview



0 2 km - Average walking time 32 minutes



The **Bartley Smith Greenway** is a 15 kilometre trail system following the course of the West Don River. The Bartley Smith Greenway is broken into northern and southern trail segments. The northern segment, approximately four kilometres long, starts at Major Mackenzie Drive West North of McNaughton Road, passes through Mackenzie Glen District Park and along a series of open space area and local parks ending at Teston Road.

One of the key highlights along this northern trail segment is the Mackenzie Glen District Park, which includes a pedestrian bridge with scenic vantage points onto the adjacent pond and various water streams along the way.

Prepare for a healthy hike

Before heading out on a hike, it is important to check your local weather forecast for temperature, humidity, wind chill, UV index and weather warnings.



Be active everyday

Walk, run, wheel, ski – any activity is great for you!



Trail difficulty: Easy-Moderate

Distance: 4 km

Access points: Cranston Park Avenue, Isaac Murray Avenue, Drummond Drive, Sierra Court, Cunningham Drive, Fletcher Drive, Glenkindie Avenue, Mackenzie Glen District Park

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The **Bartley Smith Greenway** is a 15 kilometre trail system following the course of the West Don River. It is broken into northern and southern trail segments. The southern trail segment, approximately 11 kilometres long, begins at Steeles Avenue east of Dufferin Street, travels north through Marita Payne Park, under the 407 highway, and continues to Langstaff Road where the trail ends. At this point, a short walk west on Langstaff Road onto Planchet Road will connect you back onto the trail, continuing to Rutherford Road, through Routley Park and ending at Reeves Park.

A highlight along this trail is Langstaff EcoPark, north of Rivermede Road, the most

significant natural regeneration area in the Upper West Don sub watershed. There you will find a variety of trees including black willows, black walnuts and sugar maples. Depending on the season and time of day, it is possible to catch sight of coyotes, foxes, beavers, mink, snakes, turtles, frogs and many species of birds. During late spring through fall, the meadows are peppered with butterflies, bees, dragonflies and other insects and are full of colour from wildflowers and flowering shrubs. A stop at beautiful Keffer Marsh lookout is highly recommended. This destination, named after an early settler who farmed this part of Vaughan Township in the early 1800s, contains the marsh itself and a larger deciduous swamp, believed to be the largest constructed area of its kind in Ontario.

Along the way you will also experience a variety of local parks and open spaces, each with its unique features.



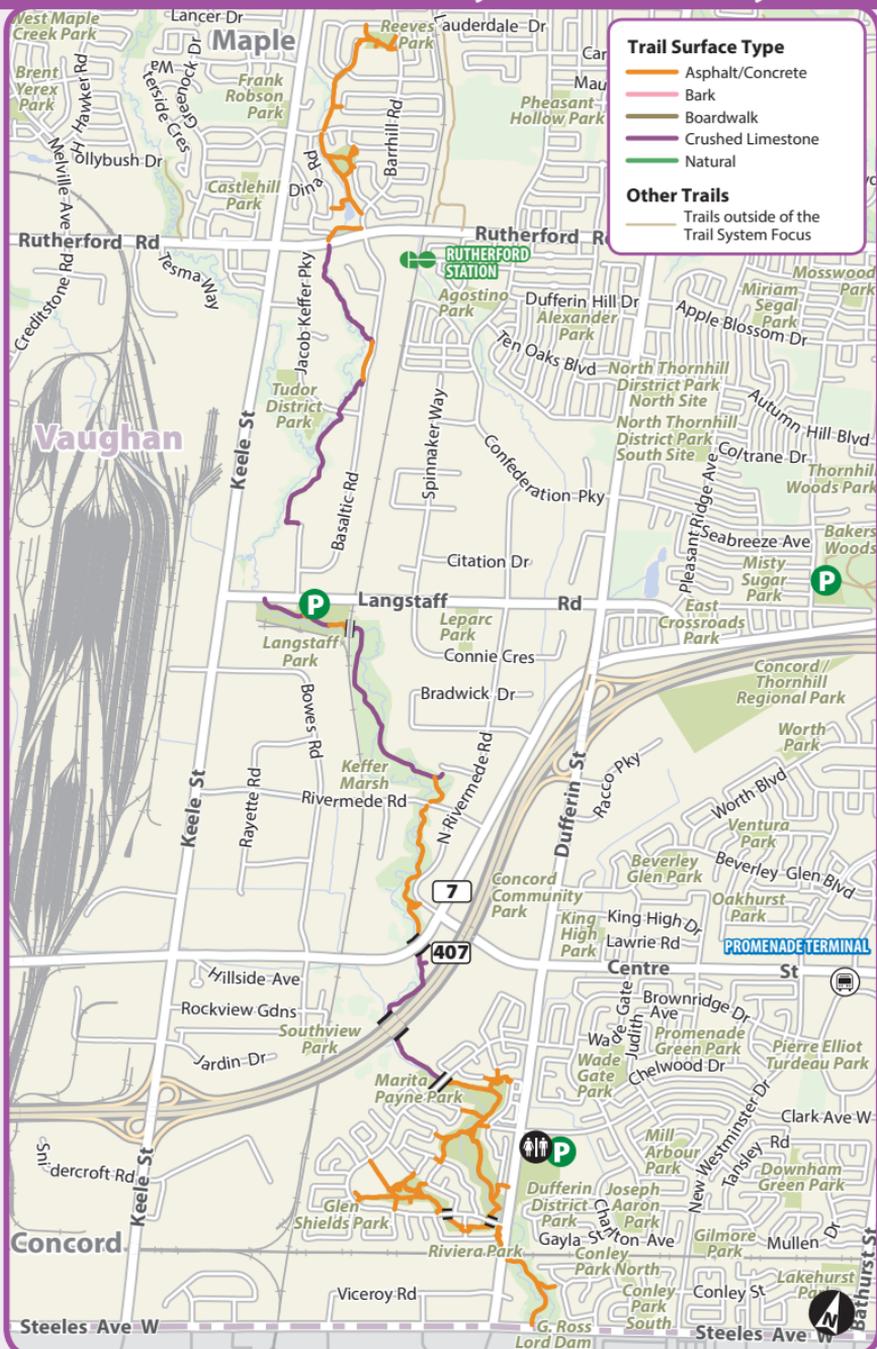
Trail difficulty: Easy-Moderate

Distance: 11 km

Access points: Steeles Avenue, Dufferin Street, Langstaff Road, Planchet Road, and Audia Court, Marita Payne Park, Langstaff Park

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City of Vaughan Bartley Smith Greenway South



0 500 m - Average walking time 8 minutes



Boyd Conservation Area located in Vaughan along the picturesque Humber River valley, offers visitors many wonderful outdoor activities and experiences. The area has a hiking trail that circles the Conservation Area and offers views of the Humber River, a Canadian Heritage River.

Other facilities include an abundance of picnic tables, shelters, bocce courts and group campsites for Scouting/Guiding and youth. The conservation area is not maintained throughout the winter season and is accessible to pedestrians only.

Pace yourself

Know your fitness level and do not overexert yourself.
Make sure you have plenty of water and snacks available.



Trail difficulty: Moderate

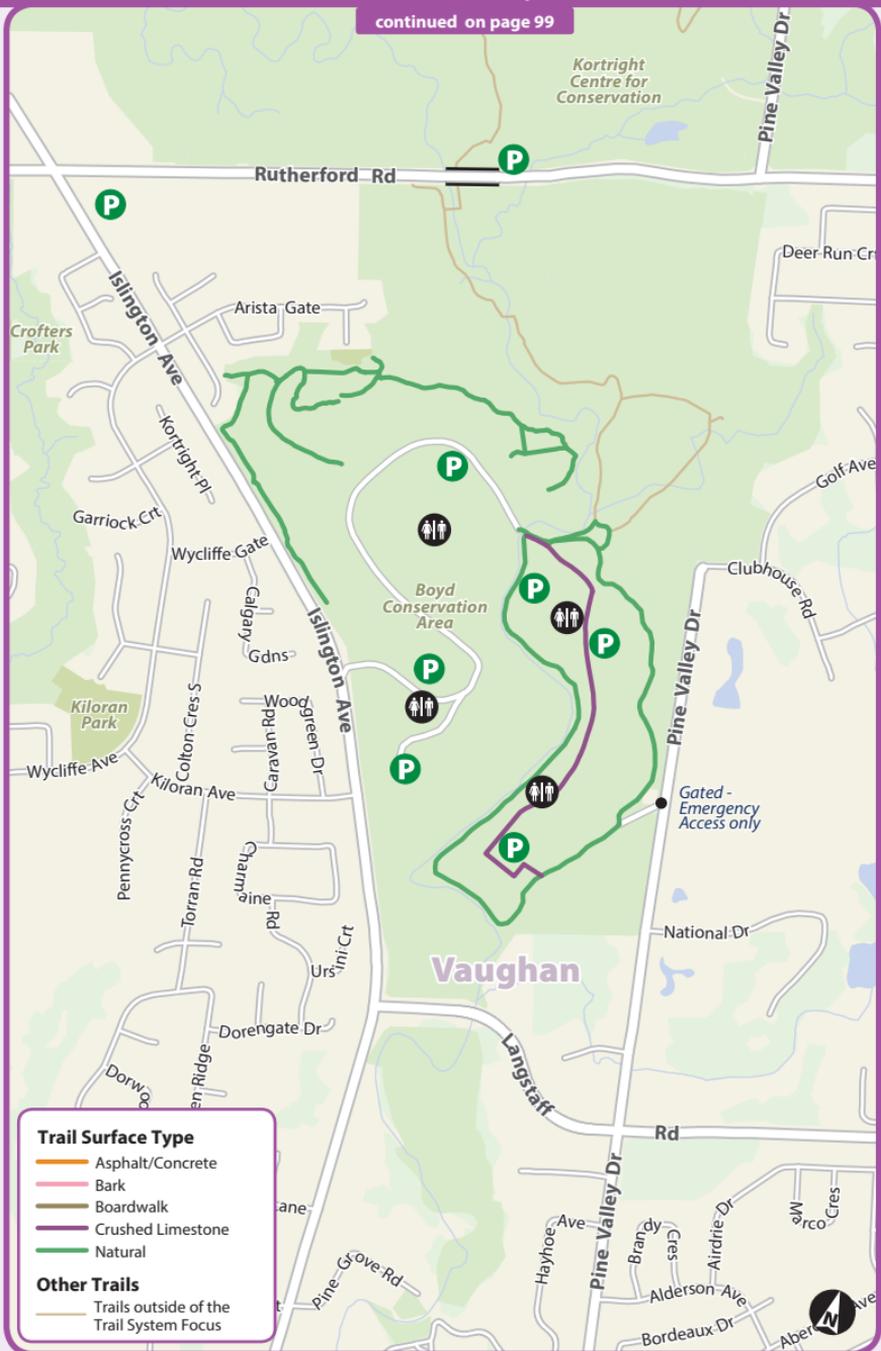
Distance: 3 km

Access points: Islington north of Langstaff Road, Stegment's Mill Road

Parking: Pay to Park

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Trail Surface Type

- Asphalt/Concrete
- Bark
- Boardwalk
- Crushed Limestone
- Natural

Other Trails

- Trails outside of the Trail System Focus



The **Kortright Centre for Conservation** features 324 hectares of forests, meadows, streams, ponds, marsh and river habitats with abundant wildlife. The forested area has several designated trails for all levels of walking enthusiasts. The Humber River, which flows through the property, was designated a Canadian Heritage River in 1999.

Each year many groups enjoy a series of informative nature programs, such as feeding winter birds, making maple syrup, taking a wildflower walk, a fall colour stroll or participating in a custom-designed program.

There is a visitor centre at the forest edge. Kortright Centre nature interpreters lead fascinating indoor presentations or guide outdoor nature walks.

Beat the heat

Heat-related illnesses are preventable! Avoid prolonged exercise in hot weather, take extra breaks and stay hydrated.

Healthy trees, healthy people

Trees clean our air, our water and our soil and help to regulate our climate.



Trail difficulty: Moderate

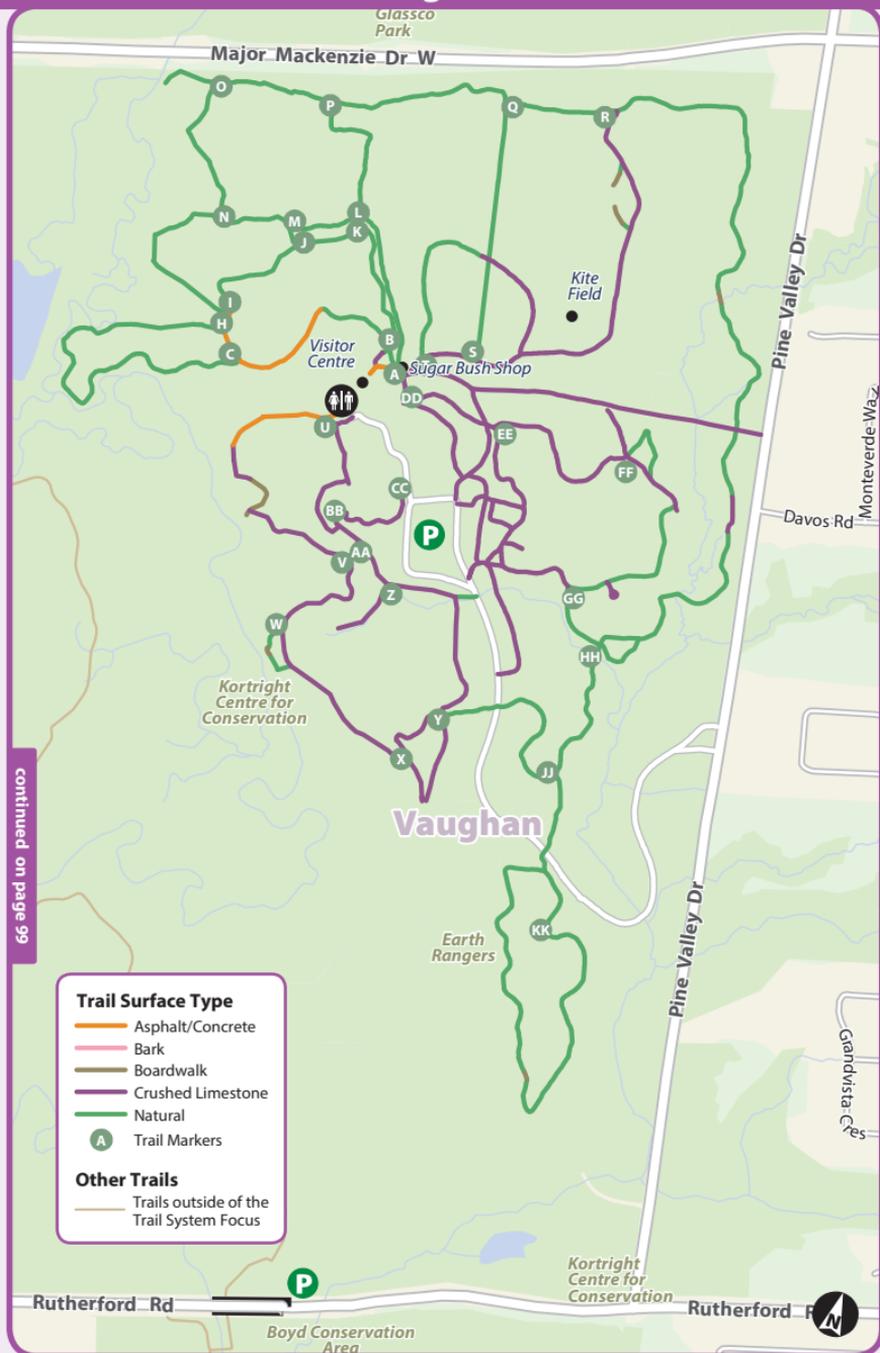
Distance: 16.5 km

Access points: Pine Valley Drive, between Rutherford Road and Major Mackenzie Drive

Parking: Pay to Park

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Kortright Centre for Conservation



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The **Maple Nature Reserve** is a 35 hectare area consisting of various habitats that are host to a variety of wildlife. With over three kilometres of natural trails to explore and enjoy, it possesses unique and special attributes that are significant to the ecosystem of the Don River watershed.

This environmentally rich area of the Don River watershed features mature forest, valley, meadow, rolling hills, ponds and wetlands. The ecologically diverse natural communities provide vital habitat for more than 300 species of plants and animals, including rare species, such as the Grove Chickweed and the Northern Red-bellied snake.

Located on the Oak Ridges Moraine, one of the most ecologically important geological landforms in southern Ontario, this reserve is adjacent to the Maple Uplands Area of Natural and Scientific Interest. The Little Don River, part of the headwaters of the Don River, runs through the site, affording both education and enhancement opportunities. The research arboretum contains unusual exotic tree species that have continuing scientific interest.

The plan for the area is built on the principle of protecting the ecological integrity of the natural environment, while providing for nature-oriented recreational uses and enjoyment of the site's natural and unique resources.

**Get a dose of
Vitamin N (nature!)**

Spending time in nature improves your mental health.



Trail difficulty: Easy-Moderate

Distance: 3.5 km

Access points: Dufferin Street, Teston Road,
William Bowes Boulevard, Lady Fenyrose

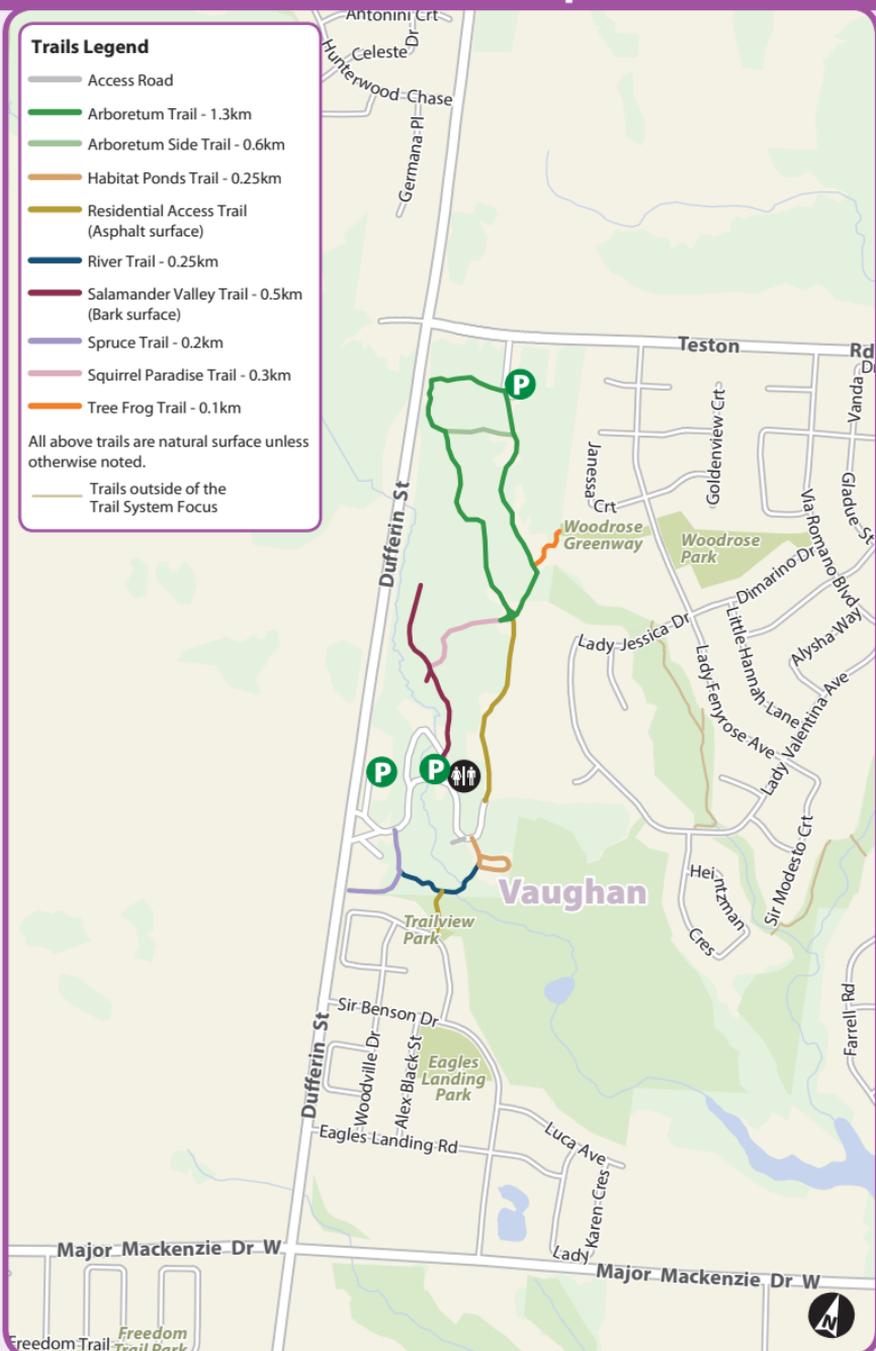
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Trails Legend

-  Access Road
-  Arboretum Trail - 1.3km
-  Arboretum Side Trail - 0.6km
-  Habitat Ponds Trail - 0.25km
-  Residential Access Trail (Asphalt surface)
-  River Trail - 0.25km
-  Salamander Valley Trail - 0.5km (Bark surface)
-  Spruce Trail - 0.2km
-  Squirrel Paradise Trail - 0.3km
-  Tree Frog Trail - 0.1km

All above trails are natural surface unless otherwise noted.

 Trails outside of the Trail System Focus



Freedom Trail
 Freedom Trail Park



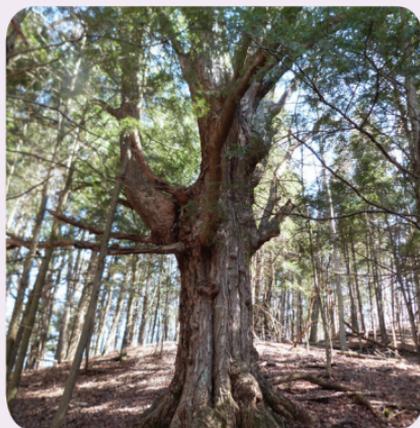
The **Nashville Conservation Reserve** is a diverse site containing many different habitat types, such as upland forests, meadows, former agricultural fields and wetlands, that total more than 900 hectares. The property supports a variety of wildlife, provides significant deer wintering lands and is an important migratory corridor. Because of its large size, as well as its current and future ecological value, the Conservation Reserve is an integral part of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority natural heritage system.

The **Humber Valley Heritage Trail** is the centre piece of the trail system at the Nashville Conservation Reserve. The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority continues to develop the trail system so

it is enjoyable for users while maximizing protection for the natural ecosystem.

Feel younger

Active older adults have improved strength, flexibility, balance and coordination.



Trail difficulty: Moderate-Difficult

Distance: 5 km

Access points: Huntington Road, Kirby Road (restricted access)

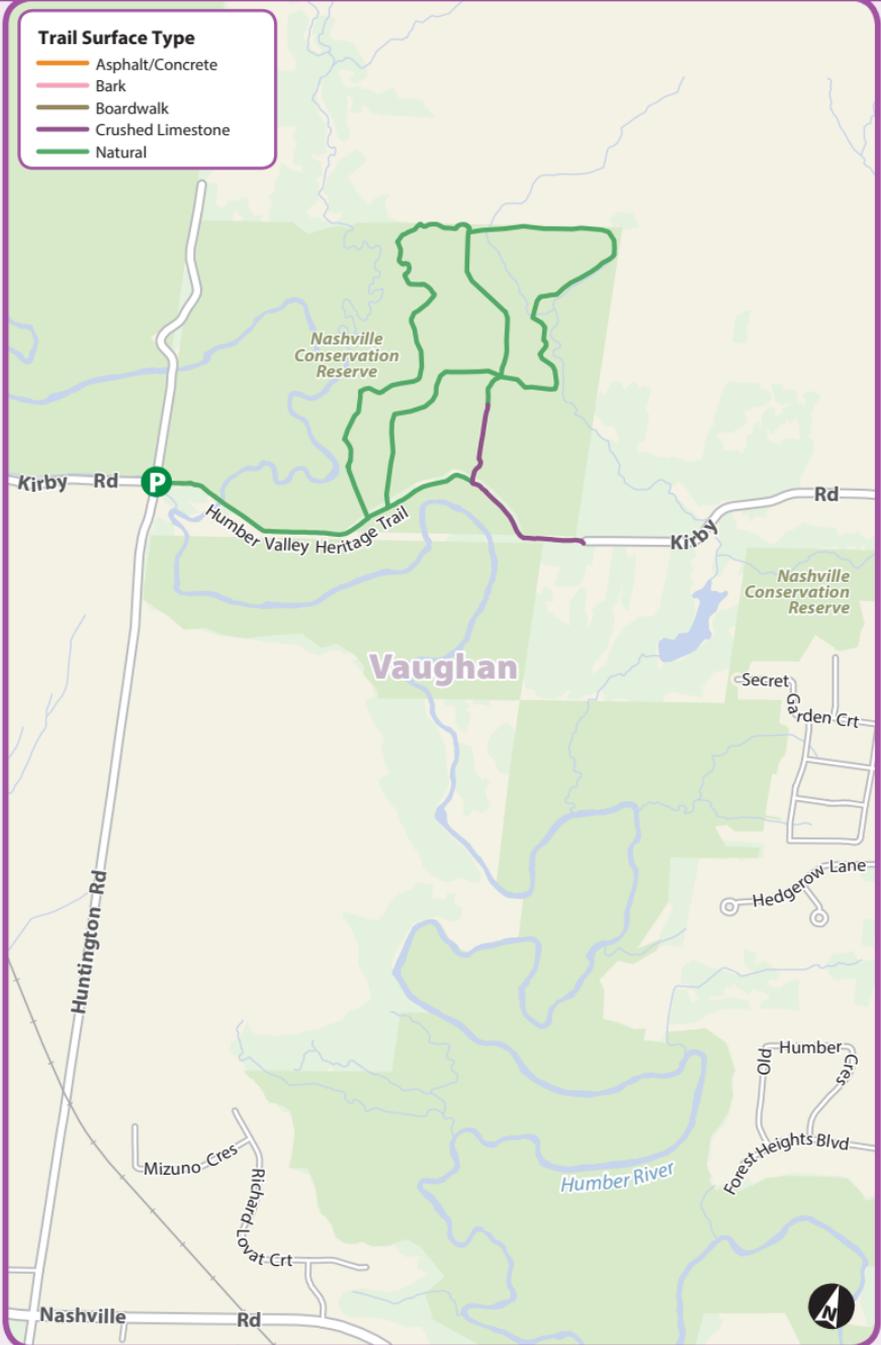
Parking: On-street

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Canada Company Avenue and continues north under Major Mackenzie Drive. North of Major Mackenzie, you can end your day by visiting the Canadian McMichael Art Collection or continue up to Binder Twine Park. The trail is open and free of charge for hiking, biking and walking and includes several pedestrian bridge valley crossings.

This section of the Humber River Trail is dedicated to William Granger, former Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Chair in recognition for his contributions to watershed management. The **William Granger Greenway** is more than 5 kilometres in length and allows you to connect to other systems and key local destinations.

Along the trail you will experience several significant natural habitats, cultural and heritage resources, recreational and educational facilities and the historic aboriginal trade route known as the Toronto Carrying-Place Trail. These attributes contributed to Humber River's designation as a Canadian Heritage River in 1999.

The trail begins at Rutherford Road, linking to the Boyd Conservation area trails to the south. North of Rutherford Road, it crosses the Humber River and connects to



Trail difficulty: Moderate

Distance: 8 km

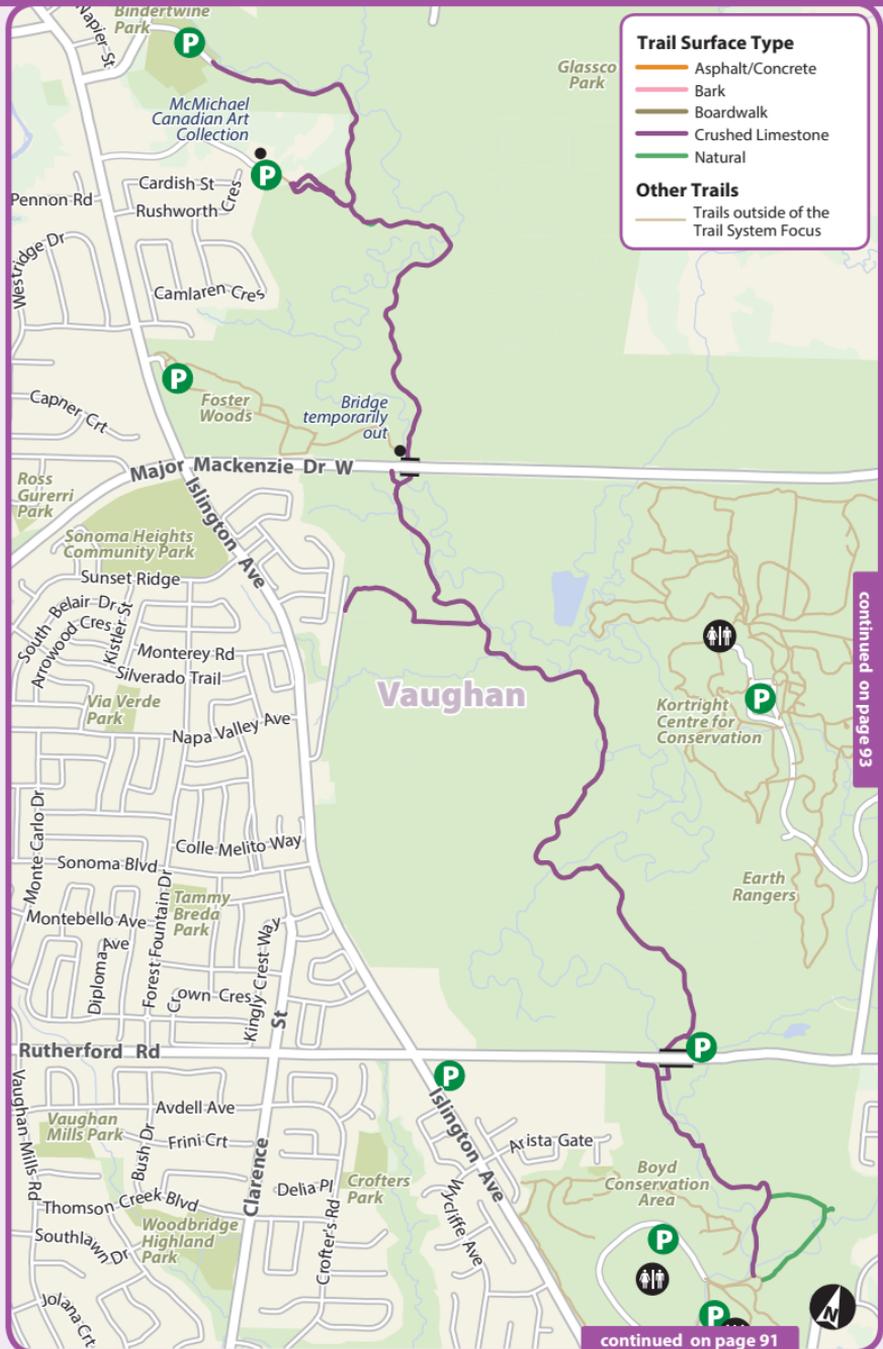
Access points: Binder Twine Park, Boyd Conservation Area, Rutherford Road east of Islington Avenue, McMichael Art Collection, Stegman's Mill Road and Islington Avenue at Canada Company Way

Parking: Bindertwine Park (Stegman's Mill Road), Boyd Conservation Area - Pay to Park, Rutherford Road east of Islington Avenue, McMichael Art Collection - Pay to Park

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