



Sydenham

Map #31 - Beaver Springs Wetland

The Main Trail has been routed off of Concession 22 at [62.5]. The Trail now turns left into a hawthorn hedge as the path slowly climbs the escarpment. As the Trail enters the hardwood forest the escarpment features become more prominent. As the Trail continues south these features are lost under the overlying glacial till. At a fence the Trail makes a sharp turn to the right and enters the recently purchased BTC property now called *Beaver Springs Wetland*. At [63.6] the new *Beaver Springs Side Trail* exists to the south. The Main Trail continues on to the west into a grain field and what used to be the *Irish Block Side Trail*. This side trail now becomes Main Trail. At the far west corner of this field is a lovely view to the northwest over the waters of Owen Sound Bay. The Trail turns left and soon drops into a really delightful stream valley. The Trail continues south across another field before re-entering a hardwood forest on the right. The Trail eventually meets Irish Block Road at [64.9].

Beaver Springs Side Trail

This Loop trail can be accessed from the parking area at [64.9] on the Irish Block Road. A delightful one kilometre walk in on the main Trail will bring you to the trail head of the loop. We suggest that a hiker take the left path and travel the loop in a clockwise direction. The trail first wanders through a very young hardwood forest before turning left onto an old logging road. The trail follows this road as the forest now becomes much more mature. Soon the trail turns right first into a cedar and then a mature pine forest. As the trail wanders though this forest observe the gigantic beech trees. The trail leaves the forest and crosses the swamp on an abandoned beaver dam. The trail now enters a small pine plantation before making a sharp right turn at the main beaver dam which created this wetland. The trail follows the cedar fence line north back to the trailhead. To get back to your car you will have to retrace your path west on the Main Trail.

Schwelling Loop

This Side Trail has been closed.

- New Main Trail Route = 1.2 km
- New Main Trail Total = 2.2 km
- New Side Trail = 1.6 km
- Deleted Trail From Road = 2.4 km
- Deleted Side Trail = 800 m (Schwelling Loop)