



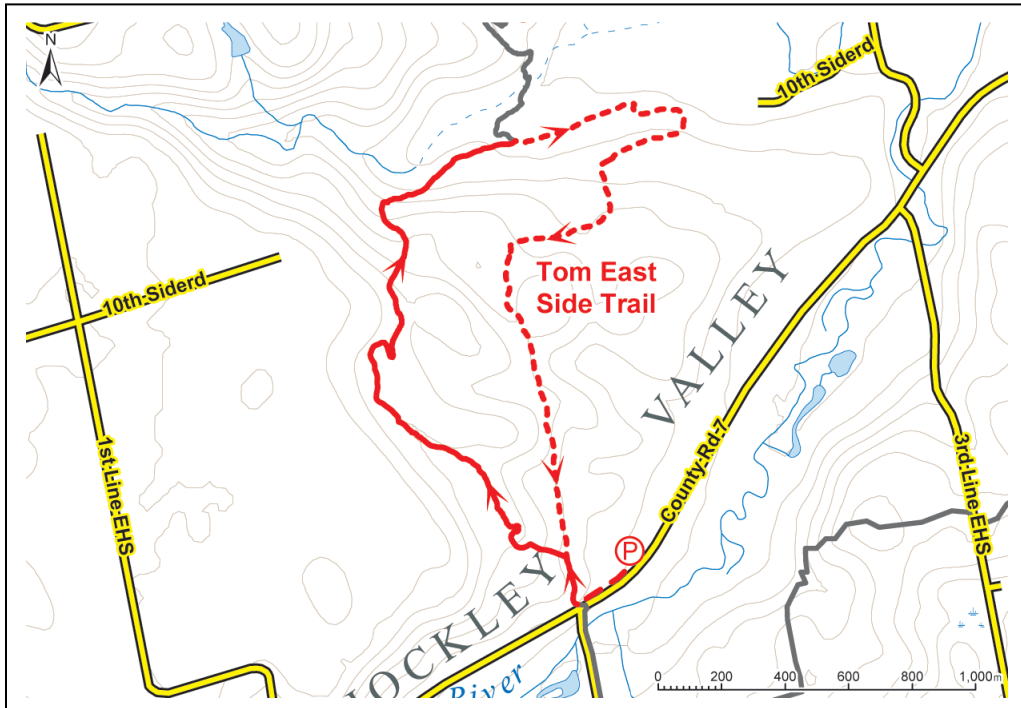
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THE BRUCE TRAIL
CONSERVANCY

Hockley Valley and the Tom East Side Trail

Hike Length: 4.6 km

Section: Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club



How to get there and Where to Park: Take Hockley Road through the Hockley Valley between Airport Road and Highway 10. Just to the east of the 2nd Line is a new parking lot constructed by the Ministry of Natural Resources for visitors to the Hockley Valley Provincial Nature Reserve. It is then necessary to walk west along the side of the road for 100 m to meet the white blazes of the Bruce Trail.

Description of the Hike: From the Hockley Valley Road, climb the hill on the main Trail. After a short distance you will meet a trail junction. Take the white blazed main Trail on the left (you will be returning on the blue-blazed trail on your right).

The Bruce Trail first climbs to a hikers' rest bench with some outstanding views of the Hockley Valley. It then enters a hardwood bush and follows an old logging track. After 2.2 km it rejoins the blue blazes of the Tom East Side Trail; follow these to the east along a small stream. The Trail then swings uphill to travel along an old fence line and across abandoned farm fields. Reentering a hardwood bush, it swings south on an unopened road allowance to complete the loop.

Tom East was the President of the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club from 1965 to 1969, and later the President of the Bruce Trail Conservancy. He laid out much of the Bruce Trail in the Caledon Hills section in the 1960s, and today we all benefit from those early volunteer efforts.

The Hockley Valley Nature Reserve is especially beautiful with the coloured leaves of fall and during spring wildflower season.