



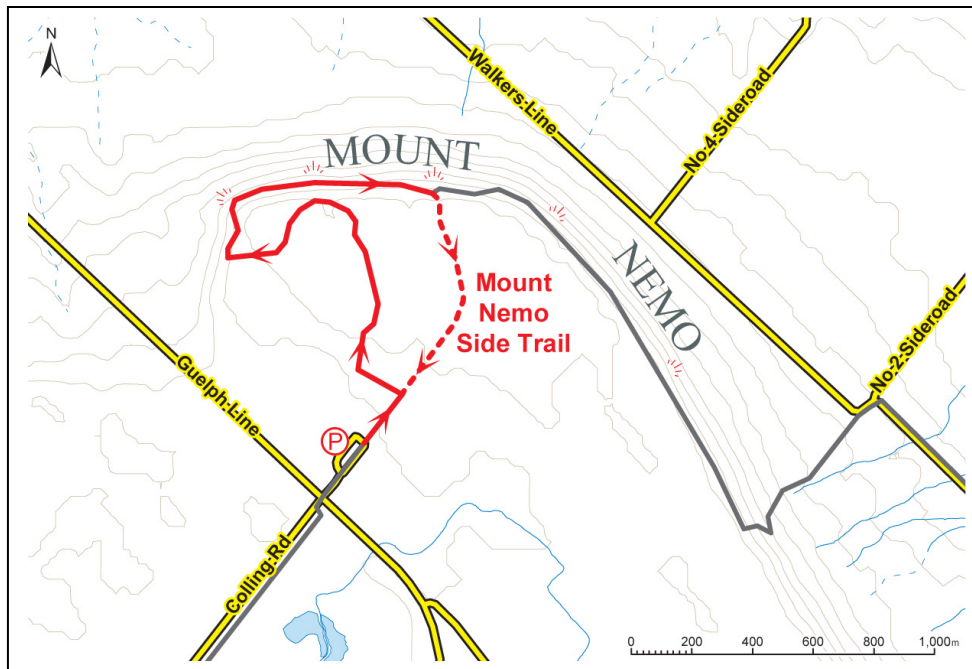
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THE BRUCE TRAIL  
CONSERVANCY

## Mount Nemo Conservation Area Loop

**Hike Length:** 4.6 km

**Section:** Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club



**How to get there and Where to Park:** The Mt. Nemo Conservation Area is located at the intersection of Guelph Line and Colling Road, just south of the hamlet of Lowville (north of Burlington). Bruce Trail members should bring their membership cards for free entry to the Conservation Area's parking lot. Non-members or members without their cards will be required to pay for parking.

**Description of Hike:** Follow the white-blazed main Bruce Trail east from the parking area on an old quarry road. Look carefully for the double white blazes where the Trail swings north (left) to enter the forest and eventually reach a high point on the Escarpment edge. Across the valley is the prominent ridge of Rattlenake Point, also on the Bruce Trail. Continuing along the white blazed Trail you will reach a raised observation platform with an interpretive sign explaining the interesting natural history of the area. From here the blue-blazed Mt. Nemo Side Trail heads west past an abandoned quarry to return you to your car. Alternatively you may continue south on the white blazed trail for about one kilometre, past a series of interesting crevice caves and lookouts. You can then retrace your steps to reach the side trail by which you would return to your car.

Here in Halton the seeds of the Niagara Escarpment Plan were sown. The regional Conservation Authority obtained this land in 1959 to prevent expansion of a quarry operation. Its lookouts view a "still rural landscape and the Halton watershed". The view to the east with its increasing urbanization emphasizes the importance of protecting the Niagara Escarpment.

Conservation Halton has implemented a regeneration program at the Escarpment edge. As always, please stay on the marked trail. On your hike you will see scattered groves of old-growth White Cedar clinging to cracks in the bedrock, some dating back 1,000 years. This presettlement forest is the oldest, least disturbed forest in eastern North America. Mount Nemo is also the site of a deep crevice system that cuts through the caprock of the Escarpment. In its moist clefts is a lush growth of ferns and mosses.