



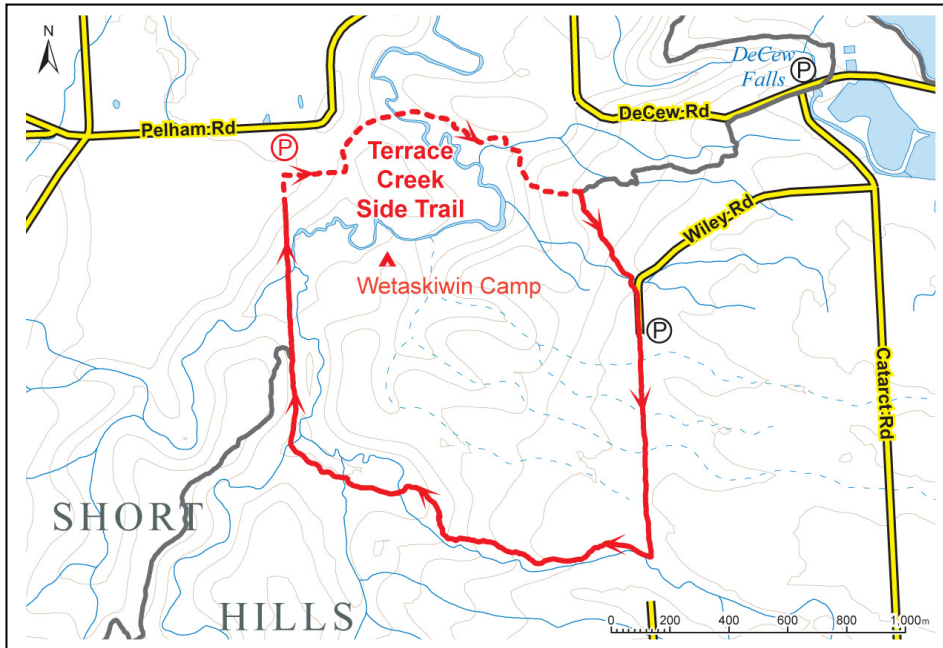
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Terrace Creek Side Trail - Short Hills Provincial Park

Hike Length: 3.7 km

Section: Niagara Bruce Trail Club



How to get there and Where To Park: From the QEW west of St. Catharines, take Regional Road 34 (7th St. Louth) south to Regional Road 81 (St. Paul St. W). Turn left on Reg. Rd. 81 and then right soon after on to Regional Road 28. Proceed south on 28 to Pelham Road. Turn left (east) on to Pelham Road and within a kilometre you will see a large parking area for Short Hills Provincial Park on your right (south).

Description of the Hike: From the parking lot, follow the blue-blazed Terrace Creek Side Trail to the left (east). The Trail crosses a roadway and proceeds down a slope to cross the road to Wetaskiwin Scout Camp. Continuing along the Hogg Back road allowance the Trail passes through a wet, low-lying area to meet the main Trail. Turning right to follow the white-blazed Trail, you will head south through field and forest to Wiley Road, where there is another parking area and toilets near by. Following the old road, the Trail soon turns right to follow the bank of Terrace Creek and Terrace Falls. After crossing a ford in the creek, the Trail reaches a laneway, which it follows north to end at the Terrace Creek Side Trail and the parking lot where you began your hike.

The landscape in the Short Hills area is unique to the Niagara region. Over one million years ago a river system flowed north out of present day Lake Erie into what is now Lake Ontario, similar to the present day Niagara River. As water flowed over the Escarpment, a gorge was created which recessed southward. Roughly 12,700 years ago the area of Short Hills was flooded by the body of water known as Lake Warren. Glacial deposits filled the lake, burying the pre-existing gorge to 150 metres above sea level. The lake water then retreated, leaving a series of rivers such as Twelve Mile Creek, which sliced through the glacial deposits, forming a jumble of small but steep hills and valleys, the "Short Hills."

If you are still feeling energetic after completing the Terrace Creek Side Trail, take time to explore the many other trails within Short Hills Provincial Park.