



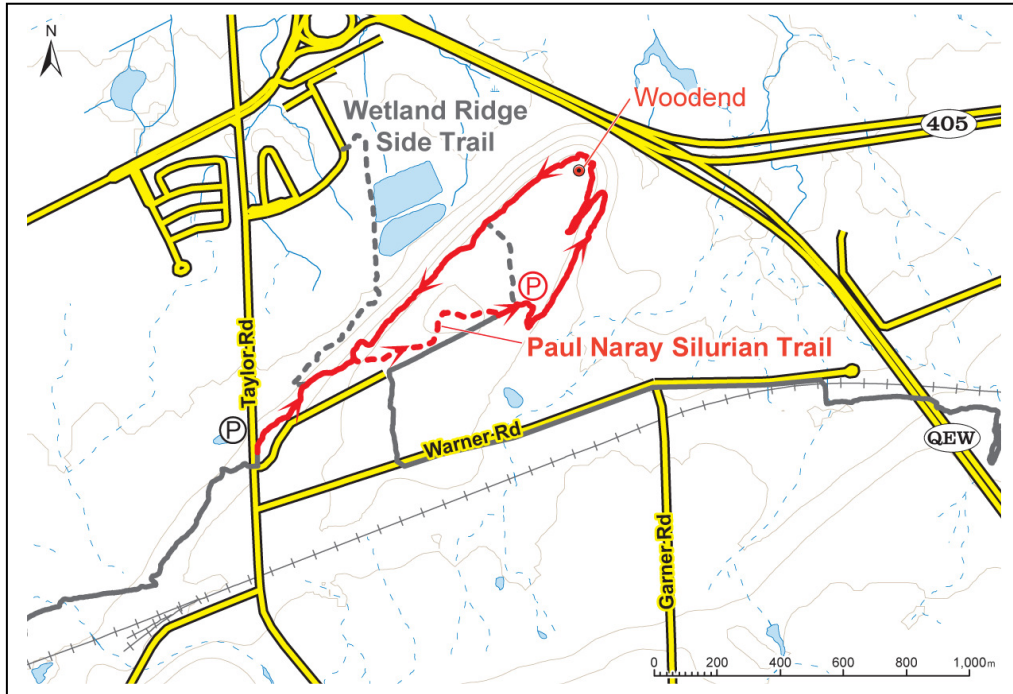
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THE BRUCE TRAIL
CONSERVANCY

Woodend Conservation Area

Hike Length: 1.5 km

Section: Niagara Bruce Trail Club



How to get there and Where To Park: From the QEW just east of St. Catharines, exit on Glendale Avenue and go west a short distance to Taylor Road. Turn left (south) and proceed up the Escarpment to the entrance of Woodend Conservation Area. Follow the laneway and park at the large parking lot roughly 1 km from the entrance.

Description of the Hike: From the parking lot, follow the white-blazed main Trail to the left. The Trail quickly climbs down the Escarpment and continues along the cliff face. It then ascends the Escarpment via a switchback, to emerge at the top near the buildings at Woodend.

The United Empire Loyalist family of Peter Lampman fled New York State in 1779 to establish what became a 650 hectare grant on the top of a hill known as St. Anthony's Nose, now known as Woodend. During the War of 1812, a three gun battery occupied its heights, commanding a fine sweep of the lands below.

The poet Archibald Lampman, grandson of the original settler, was a frequent visitor and wrote several poems about his grandfather's estate. Parts of the original two houses were incorporated into the present structure, built in 1931 and '32. The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority now manages it as a 40 hectare parcel of land incorporating recreational and picnic facilities.

Continue to follow the white blazes past the buildings at Woodend and along the Escarpment edge. You will pass several interesting rock formations that are characteristic of the Niagara Escarpment in this area. You will also see splendid views of the vineyards and orchards on the flat plain below the Escarpment. About 600 m past the intersection with the Paul Naray Silurian Trail you will find the intersection with another blue-blazed side trail. Turn left and follow this side trail roughly 800 m back to your car.