



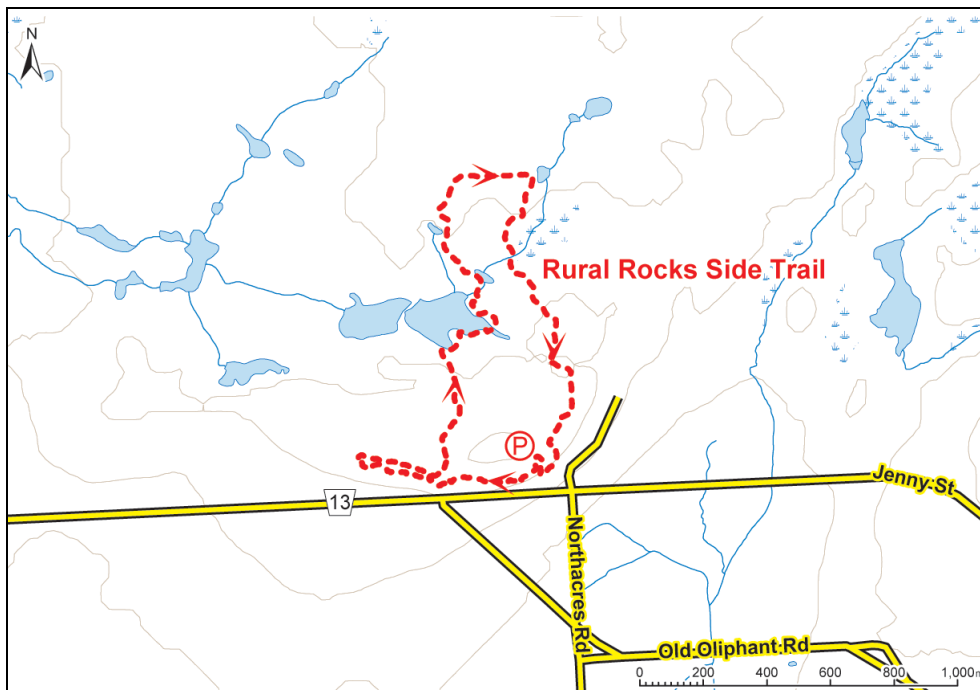
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THE BRUCE TRAIL
CONSERVANCY

Rural Rocks Side Trail

Hike Length: 4.4 km

Section: Peninsula Bruce Trail Club



How to get there and Where to Park: Take Hwy 6 north out of Warton and turn left (west) at the top of the hill onto Bruce Road 13. After 2 km, look for Northacres road on your right. Park in the small three-car parking area on the west side of Northacres Road. Do not block access here since an active garden centre is operating just up the road.

Description of the Hike: Veteran Bruce Trail volunteer Chris Walker refers to this blue-blazed loop as a microcosm of the entire Bruce Trail: nowhere else do you see such a variety of landforms within such a short distance.

It is recommended that you hike the Trail in a clockwise direction. The first kilometer is “The Wonderland of Rocks”, and presents some striking erosional features. The dolostone headland is one of the highest points in the Bruce Peninsula, and immediately after the last glaciers, these rocks formed the shoreline when most of the Peninsula was covered by water.

The Trail then loops through an upland forest, where both birdlife and orchids will be enjoyed by the naturalist. You will visit the edge of a wetland and cross a 200 m boardwalk before returning to your car.

The landowners, who have preserved this area forever through a Conservation Easement, operate a garden centre just north of the parking lot. Consider dropping in after your hike to view their offerings.