



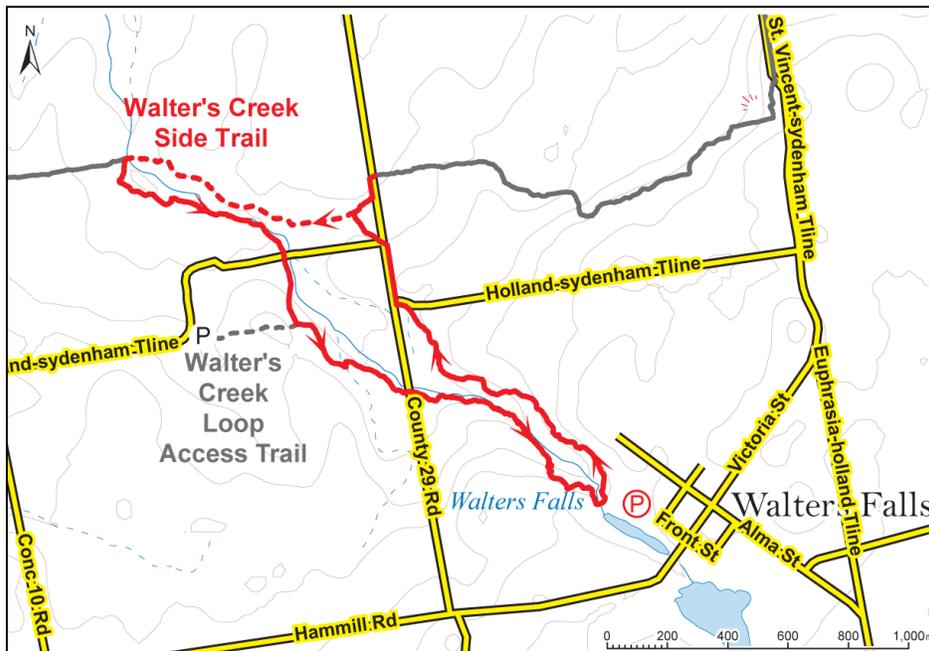
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THE BRUCE TRAIL
CONSERVANCY

Walter's Falls Loop

Hike Length: 4.5 km

Section: Sydenham Bruce Trail Club



How to get there and Where to Park: To reach Walter's Falls from the east, take Grey Road 40 from Highway 26. From the Owen Sound area, take Grey Road 18 (the Derry Line) east and then Grey Road 29 south. In the village, turn north on Front Street, a short distance to the Falls Inn. Park at the Inn, but please do not block their entrance ways.

Description of the Hike: This loop hike was built by volunteers of the Sydenham Bruce Trail Club in 2006. It begins at the Falls Inn, a new luxurious lodge built right near the brink of the gorge of Walter's Creek. From the falls-side patio, you can see where Walter's Falls spills over the cliff edge, dropping 14 metres to the valley floor.

A century ago this was the scene of a bustling sawmill. Picture in your mind's eye: dozens of men were employed; horses drew wagons full of timber from the nearby forests. The air was filled with the sight and smell of sawdust. To your left was a prosperous woolen mill, still standing today.

We recommend you take the hike in a counter-clockwise direction. You start the hike by following the east bank of the river downstream, past magnificent dolostone boulders and through cedar bush. The Trail follows alongside Grey Road 29 for a short distance. Soon after leaving the road, you will see the blue-blazed Walter's Creek Side Trail. Turn left and follow this side trail, past the ruins of an old farmstead, to a broad meadow by the river. Immediately after crossing the river, you will find the white blazes of the main Bruce Trail. Turn left and follow the Trail to the Townline. Past the Townline the Trail climbs to the glacial deposits that give a perspective on the headwaters of the Bighead River. You will cross Grey Road 29 again by returning on the west side of the creek; near the hike's end, the steepness of the bank makes for more strenuous hiking. But back at the Inn, you can treat yourself to a snack and a cool drink!