Pretty River Valley has it all. It is stunning in all four seasons. Each time I explore this beautiful piece of the Bruce Trail my gratitude increases. Knowing I can walk amongst the creeks, ponds and meltwater channels, that I can take in beautiful views from the heights of the Escarpment - it fills me with delight and a youthful energy. I encourage you to visit this special place. You will not be disappointed.

– Hart Fisher

SUGGESTED HIKE:

Explore the heart of Pretty River Provincial Park on this looping route following the Bruce Trail and Pretty River Side Trail. From Pretty River Road, follow the blue-blazed Pretty River Access Trail into a cedar thicket to the north. In roughly 200 m, turn left on the white-blazed main Bruce Trail to begin your clockwise loop. Follow the main Trail as it ascends the Escarpment, crossing tributaries of the Pretty River several times and passing small waterfalls before reaching a lovely view to the west. Turn right (east) at the Pretty River Side Trail and follow it back downhill. Explore a beaver pond and then rest by “Sundown Lake” before the side trail meets the main Trail again. Take the main Trail right (west) across a boardwalk and into a large cedar bush. At the junction with the Pretty River Access Trail, turn left (south) to return to your car.

BRUCE TRAIL REFERENCE:

MAP 23

DISTANCE:

3.8 km

PARKING:

Roadside; Pretty River Rd., Town of Blue Mountains
44.424092, -80.288745

DIRECTIONS:

1. Take Hwy 10 north to Primrose.
2. Turn left onto Hwy 89/Hwy 10 west (signs for Shelburne/ Collingwood/Owen Sound)
3. Turn right onto County Rd 124 and take it north for 33 km to Concession 10.
4. Turn left onto Concession 10 N Nottawasaga Rd to Sideroad 33 & 34 Nottawasaga
5. Turn left onto Sideroad 33 & 34 until it becomes Pretty River Rd.
6. Park on Pretty River Rd about 2 km west of the Collingwood-Clearview Townline Rd. where Pretty River Access Trail meets the road. Watch for blue turn blaze on north side of road.