Guelph features more than 1,000 hectares of parks and open space. We invite you to take some time to explore all of these areas throughout the city.

Many of our parks also offer amenities such as play structures, picnic shelters or gazebos, washroom facilities, tennis courts, water hook-ups for community ice rinks, full or half basketball courts, or beach volleyball courts.

Your co-operation is requested to ensure that our parks and open space are safe and maintained for the enjoyment of everyone.

**Get out there and discover what our parks have to offer!**

### Trails

Did you know Guelph has more than 70 kilometres of trails and paths? Walking, inline skating, and cycling are all great ways to stay fit during the spring and summer months.

**CNR Spurline Trail – 1.6 km**
Dufferin Street to London Road via Exhibition Park

**Downtown Trail/ Trans Canada Trail – 4.3 km**
Starting at Heritage Park, head north along the Speed River through John Galt, Goldie Mill and Joseph Walfond Park West, continue along the rail corridor at Marcon Street to Speedvale Avenue. Pick up the trail on the east side of Speed River through Riverside Park; head west over the bridge and end at the Woodlawn Cemetery.

**Eramosa River Trail – 4.1 km**
Covered Bridge to Stone Road via Victoria Road South

**Guelph Humane Society Trailhead – 13 km**
Speed River Trail to the outskirts of Cambridge. The Guelph trailhead is adjacent to the parking area of the Guelph Humane Society off Wellington Road. Note, parking is limited to five cars, please consider cycling or carpooling. The footpath is informal and is maintained by the Guelph Hiking Trail Club, guelphhiking.com. **Please note:** Use of this trailhead could be interrupted during 2014 due to construction in the area. For more information regarding trail access, contact the Guelph Hiking Trail Club.

**Guelph Lake Trail – 2.8 km**
Access the trail at Victoria Road North at Speed River towards east to the Guelph Lake dam and beyond. This trail is maintained by Guelph Off Road Bicycling Association (GORBA). Visit their website at gorba.ca > GORBA > Trail map.

**Hanlon Creek Conservation Area – 12.5 km**
Kortright Road between Edinburgh Road and Scottsdale Drive

**Hanlon Creek Trail – 2 km**
University Village Park to Hanlon Creek Park

**Laura Baily Memorial Trail – 1.5 km**
Grange Road Park through Hadati Creek Wetlands to Buckthorn Crescent via Grange Road, Eastview Road, Trimble Court, Ireland Place and Starwood Drive

**Radial Line Trail Access – 2.3 km**
From Stone Road East, turn south onto the roadway at the sign to the Barber Scout Camp and drive to the parking area at the bottom of the grade. Follow the orange blazes 2.3 km to Victoria Road. The footpath is maintained by Guelph Hiking Trail Club. For more information on hiking opportunities visit the Guelph Hiking Trail Club at guelphhiking.com

**Silvercreek Trail – 4.9 km**
Royal City Park to Janefield Avenue via Silvercreek Park, Centennial Park and W.E. Hamilton Park

### Speed River Trail – 3.4 km
Speedvale Avenue East to Victoria Road North via Riverside Park. Speedvale Avenue to Marilyn Drive section is the Trans Canada Trail/Gus Stahlman Trail.

**University of Guelph Arboretum Trails – 11.5 km**
Trails, tree collections, gardens and wooded areas at the University of Guelph Arboretum

**Park Regulations**

- All dog owners must pick up their dog’s waste, as per Stoop and Scoop By-law (2004)-17568
- Dogs must be on a leash while in City parks, including all trails, occupied sports fields and on all Grand River Conservation Authority lands as required by the City’s Animal Control By-law.
- Dogs are not permitted on tennis courts, playgrounds or wading pools
- Motorized vehicles, other than authorized vehicles, are prohibited in parks. This includes trail bikes, mopeds, motorcycles and snowmobiles.
- Parking on earth or grass surfaces within City parks is prohibited—any vehicle found in violation will be ticketed.
- Golf and archery are not permitted
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted

For by-law concerns call By-law Compliance at 519-836-7275. Email: operations@guelph.ca

### Leash-free Zones

- Eight areas within the City are designated as leash-free zones
- Dogs may be off leash on unoccupied sports fields from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. (May 1 to September 14) and from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. (September 15 to April 30)
- All dog owners must ‘stoop and scoop’ their dog’s waste. Stoop and Scoop bylaw is in effect.
- Dogs must be on a leash while entering or leaving a leash-free area
- Dogs must have current vaccinations and wear a current license
- Owners must ensure dogs are prevented from jumping, biting or harassing any person, dog or animal
- Dogs must respond to voice command and be under control
- Dogs are to remain within sight and earshot

Visit guelph.ca/living/pets-and-animals

For animal control concerns, call the Guelph Humane Society 519-824-3091.
Parkland Encroachments

Residential neighbourhoods are conceived and designed with a tremendous amount of thought, and planning. In many cases, they are carefully created to include a variety of features such as parks, storm water management ponds and corridors, and wetlands. The City of Guelph owns these public spaces or “City lands” in your neighbourhood and most others across the city. It’s the City’s responsibility to ensure City lands are used for their intended purposes. Doing so has a great number of health, wellness and environmental benefits that are important to everybody.

When humans interfere with neighbourhood features, it’s called ‘encroachment.’ Encroachment refers to the gradual trespass on another’s property. The City of Guelph has a by-law in place that prohibits a variety of encroachment activities. Encroachment activities might seem harmless, but they have the potential to cause significant problems. You can help preserve an important balance in your neighbourhood by avoiding encroachment activities, and by informing the City if you see them taking place.

Encroachments take many forms:
- Grass cutting of city lands, whether maintained or naturalized areas
- Dumping (grass clippings, garden debris, or other refuse) on City lands
- Removal of, or additions to Living Fences
- Planting, pruning, cutting and/or removal of plants on City lands
- Expansion of yard areas, including gardens, decks, sheds, retaining walls, fences

The City of Guelph is committed to the maintenance of City lands. They are to be enjoyed by everyone. Please help us ensure this is the case.

Park Access Permits

A Park Access Permit must be obtained for the purpose of accessing your property over City-owned or controlled parks or trails to undertake property improvements including pool/hot tub installation, landscaping, deck/fence building, etc.

The permit is required to minimize any damage and ensure the reinstatement of City-owned parkland. A Park Access Permit can be obtained from the Operations, Transit and Emergency Services area, and a non-refundable fee of $126.85 (2014 rate) plus applicable taxes will be charged to initiate the process.

Subject to the form being completed, terms and conditions being agreed to, and the payment processed, staff will then schedule a site visit to determine the conditions for approval. Due to certain circumstances, some approvals may not be granted.

Park Access Permits require a minimum of two weeks to process, which includes a site visit to assess and document photographically, existing conditions.

Before the permit is issued, a Certificate of Insurance is required—providing proof of insurance for a minimum amount of $2 million indemnifying the City of Guelph as an additional insured for the duration of the park access period. A certified cheque of a predetermined sum will be held as a damage deposit.

Where access over municipal sidewalks is required, an additional permit is required from the Public Works department.

Pesticide Use

The City of Guelph operates under the Province of Ontario’s Cosmetic Pesticide ban introduced on April 22, 2009. Accordingly, all residents and businesses are to comply with the provincial ban, as well. Questions or non-compliance reports should be directed to a ministry district office during regular business hours, or the Ministry’s Pollution Hotline at 1-866-MOE-TIPS (1-866-663-8477) after business hours.

Guelph residents as well as all residents in Ontario are no longer permitted to buy and use pesticides for cosmetic purposes in their yards. Pests are weeds, insects or diseases and therefore pesticides are products that kill any of these pests.

Residents can dispose of their pesticide products safely at the City’s Household Hazardous Waste Depot, free of charge. The Depot, located at 110 Dunlop Drive, is open:

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For more information, visit guelph.ca/wetdry or call 519-767-0598.

The City promotes cultural practices as part of a landscape maintenance program and residents are encouraged to contact Environmental Services for further information.

Naturalization

Naturalization provides a more diverse local environment by mimicking the course of nature within our parks. The urban city park supports a natural, self-perpetuating landscape that is not only environmentally sound but also provides passive environmental recreation to its users. With the growth in development and the influx of residents, we are concerned about the human impact on our environment. Protection and maintenance of our woodlots, heritage trees, water resources and environmentally sensitive areas is mandatory. Our naturalization policy allows the park landscape to self-perpetuate and provide natural ecosystem functions while preserving our parks and the city’s natural resources for the enjoyment of future generations. Please respect our environment.

Park Planning

Park planning and development is the responsibility of the City’s Parks and Recreation department, which continually prepares proposals for new open spaces and redevelops older parks. Park planners work closely with Community and Social Services and local neighbourhoods to ensure that park facilities meet their needs.

Who to contact

For more information or to comment on park planning:

Community and Social Services at 519-837-5618
Email: community@guelph.ca

To report or comment on park and trail maintenance:

Operations at 519-837-5628
Email: parks@guelph.ca

Register online at regexpress.guelph.ca
Do You Have Ash Trees?

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is well established in Guelph. It is a non-native insect expected to kill all untreated ash trees in Guelph over the next decade. Signs of infestation include thinning of crown, or die-back at the tips of uppermost branches; uncharacteristically long shoots sprouting from trunk and main branches; vertical cracks in the trunk, with bark becoming loose or falling off; and, S-shaped tunnels under the bark, ending in D-shaped exit-holes to the outside of the tree. Treatments are possible to save trees, provided the tree is in good health and not already infested with EAB. Ash trees on private land are the responsibility of the landowner. Certified arborists or foresters should be consulted on questions of tree health, tree-related risk, potential for treatments, and related work.

Please comply with the federal quarantine by not moving ash wood outside of southern Ontario as such movement of wood is the main way the infestation spreads beyond areas already infested.

The City of Guelph has an EAB Plan in place for related monitoring, treatments, removals and replacements, and restoration for City-owned trees and forests. To learn more about the EAB Plan and information for homeowners visit guelph.ca/eab.

Neighbourhood Rink Sites

As the weather gets colder, get out for an afternoon of fun at a community ice rink in your neighbourhood. Check out the neighbourhood rink sites operating this winter by visiting the City’s website at guelph.ca > seasonal information.

Lend a hand… help improve your neighbourhood! Some neighbourhoods have established volunteer committees and would welcome more participation. All assistance is greatly appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering at a specific neighbourhood rink please contact 519-837-5628 or operations@guelph.ca.

Dog licences!

All dogs over three months old, in Guelph, are required to be licensed.

Where to purchase

ServiceGuelph
City Hall
1 Carden Street
519-822-1260

Guelph Humane Society
500 Wellington Street West
519-824-3091

For more information visit guelph.ca
COURTESY SEATING

Courtesy Seating is intended to provide additional seating for people who will benefit from having a seat near the front of the vehicle including; seniors, expectant mothers, adults traveling with infants or small children, or any other passenger who may benefit from a seat. If you are sitting in one of these designated seats, please respect its purpose and give up your seat to those who need it.

ON YOUR WAY... EVERY 20 MINUTES

Guelph Transit buses provide service every 20 minutes during peak service times, Monday to Friday, and every 30 minutes during the off-peak times and on the weekends.

Monday to Saturday: 5:45 a.m.–12:15 a.m.
Sunday: 9:15 a.m.–6:45 p.m.

Monday to Friday Peak Service: 7–9:40 a.m. and 2–5:40 p.m.

Holiday (Sunday) Service is provided on all statutory and civic holidays. Extended service is also provided on Canada Day and New Years Eve.

Get route maps and schedules online at guelphtransit.ca.

PRIORITY SEATING

Priority Seating is for the use of passengers with a disability. These seats are located close to the front of the vehicle. Customers are expected to respect and obey the purpose of the designated seating area, which means: if you are sitting in one of these designated seats, you MUST vacate the seat for a passenger with a disability.

Bus drivers will not enforce this requirement or intervene in any dispute related to Priority and Courtesy Seating.

GUELPH TRANSIT MOBILITY SERVICE

Mobility Service is a specialized shared-ride transit service that provides transportation from accessible-door-to-accessible-door within the city limits of Guelph. Service is provided on wheelchair accessible buses and, when needed, contracted taxi services. Get information and applications online at guelphtransit.ca or call 519-822-1811 extension 2801.

TRANSIT SERVICE FOR RECREATION, CULTURE AND LEISURE FACILITIES

Guelph Transit provides transit service to a number of recreation, culture and leisure facilities in Guelph. Detailed route information is posted on guelphtransit.ca.

Evergreen Seniors Community Centre
683 Woolwich

Guelph City Hall, Market Square, River Run Centre and Sleeman Centre

Guelph Civic Museum
52 Norfolk Street

Guelph Community Pottery Centre
50 Municipal Street

Hanlon Creek Park
505 Kortright Road West

Lyon Leisure Pool
299 York Road

McCrae House
108 Water Street

Norm Jary Park

Victoria Road Recreation Centre
151 Victoria Road North

West End Community Centre
21 Imperial Road South

Visit guelphtransit.ca for schedule information.

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