

KAWARTHA SECTION

Maps 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

The Kawartha Section starts at Crosswind Rd. on the abandoned railbed between Dranoel and Lindsay (Victoria Rail Trail). The first 10 kilometres follow the railtrail as it meanders through gently rolling countryside just to the north of the Oak Ridges Moraine. It leads through Lindsay alongside the Skugog River and into more rugged terrain ending in Moore's Falls.

KM DESCRIPTION

- 0.0 44.291942,- 78.630940
Roadside parking is available on Crosswind Rd. Most other road crossings along the trail are usable for parking. Other nearby road crossings for parking are Post Rd. (44.303888,-78.656944) and River Rd. Further north (44.312822,-78.679276) the trail runs parallel and very close to Hwy 7. Access parking by turning onto River Rd. from Hwy 7. Go west a short distance then turn right (north) onto Hillhead Road Park on the roadside near the gate. Trail access is about 2 metres past the gate.
The Hwy 7 underpass (44.333603,- 78.708817) provides a bit of shelter.
- 7.5 44.343947,- 78.723944
On the outskirts of Lindsay, cross Logie St. at Dobson St. and follow the Scugog River for a couple of kms while going under a high-level former railway bridge and then a pedestrian bridge. Lock 33 of the Trent Severn Waterway has benches, picnic tables and washrooms (44.356983,- 78.734724). Across the river are the ruins of Purdy's Mill, a restored historic site with plaques, a washroom nearby and Old Mill Park adjacent to the mill.
- 11.8. 44.357715,- 78.733170
Reaching King Street, follow it west for 0.2 km to Lindsay Street.
12. 44.357203,- 78.735472
Cross the bridge on the east side then immediately descend a stairway into a parking lot to access the ruins and also a boardwalk along the river's edge which goes under the bridge. Follow the trail north along the bank of the Skugog River, initially with McDonnell Park on both banks. Near the north end it becomes an earth pathway close to the river. (100 m south on Lindsay Street and off the trail is Kent Street for fast food or dining (44.355547,- 78.734801).
- 13.1. 44.365122,- 78.738122
Follow the fence line along the edge of the park, west onto Pottinger Street.
- 13.7 44.363450,- 78.745074
At Victoria Avenue, go north 100 m.
- 13.8 44.364713,- 78.745640
On the east side, Victoria Avenue intersects a short path back onto the Victoria Rail Trail. Go east on the trail all the way to Fenelon Falls.

- 14.5 44.370003,- 78.743423
At William Street or Orchard Park Lane there is street parking and a nearby convenience store. Alongside the trail is Victoria Junction with exhibits displaying rail history and ecological info about the area.
- 15.9 44.381025,- 78.751320
Thunder Bridge Road
- 16.9 44.388257,- 78.756338
Willow Glen Drive
- 18.3 44.400465,- 78.758679
Kenrei Road
Trail enters Ken Reid Conservation Area. After a few kilometres a scenic causeway (44.411584,- 78.772197) carries the trail over McLaren Creek, an ecologically significant area. In summer look for red wing blackbirds.
- 22.5 44.429368,- 78.769176
Naylor Road and the next five roads are suitable for parking.
- Long Beach Road km 23.8 (44.440608,- 78.770091)
- Country Lane km 25.3 (44.452893,- 78.763908)
- Rancher Road km 27.2 (44.467826,- 78.753423)
- Long Beach Road km 29.4 (44.486615,- 78.743284) and
- Wager Road km 29.9 (44.490100,- 78.742700) which is very quiet and often used for parking.
- 32.6 44.514479,- 78.735283
West Street South
- 34.5 44.531346,- 78.739912
Arriving at Lindsay Street in Fenelon Falls, cross to the west side and follow the sidewalk north for 500 m. You can cross back to the east side at the stoplight and go into a well-known coffee shop chain or continue north where there are a variety of eateries.
- 35.3 44.536121,- 78.737022
At Water Street proceed west to the shore of Cameron Lake.
- 35.7 44.537373,- 78.741303
From the west end of Water St. rejoin the Victoria Rail trail and follow it north along the shoreline which has places further north where you can sit at the water's edge.
- 40.8 44.582213,- 78.738715
Passing through a wooded area, cross Northline Road.
- 41.2 44.585410,- 78.735431
Cross Paulson Road.

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- 43.3 *44.600950,- 78.721162*
Cross Fell Station Drive. About 2 km north on the west side of the trail, there is a campground store with ice cream, cold drinks, etc. open May to Oct.
- 45.9 *44.623820, -78.715992*
Concession Road 3 is often used for roadside parking.
- 47.8 *44.637954, -78.718186*
At Burnt River Bridge cottages, boating and the canoe route to Cameron Lake can be accessed below.
- 50.5 *44.661403,- 78.704013*
Cross the 6th Concession Road County Road 43.
- 52.1 *44.674662,- 78.698106*
Cross the Burnt River Road (County Road 44) and pass through Burnt River village.
- 52.6 *44.679451,- 78.696480*
Cross Hillside Drive.
- 54.6 *44.696666,- 78.691235*
The trail splits west from the Victoria Rail Trail and follows a bush road through a red pine plantation. Watch for pink Lady's Slippers about 2 km along on the right.
- 56.0 *44.705653,- 78.699400*
Turn left at Pinery Road where there is a parking lot on the north side. Walk through the gate at the north end of the lot and follow a bush trail for 3.2 km.
- 59.2 *44.731244,- 78.700207*
At the T junction, cross the roadway and climb an outcrop to begin a hike only trail on rough, rocky (granite and gneiss) landscape giving way to flatter ground with better footing. The trail becomes a ski trail of the Somerville Ski Club. There are wet, swampy spots in the low lying areas. Good hiking boots are required. About 1 km in there is a nice open area with a log bench, a great lunch spot. Look for many-limbed pine trees further along.
- 63.6 *44.754555,- 78.705339*
Arriving at the ski club parking lot, follow the driveway out of the lot. Cross Monck Road and follow the trail onto a flat hike-only trail through a pine forest. The trail turns right on the north side of the road; then turns north into the woods.
- 65.0 *44.766924,- 78.712760*
The trail joins a bush road used by ATVs and snowmobiles. Proceed northwest. There are few blazes but the trail is obvious.

WARNING: The section of trail from here to Buller Road (km 74.0) is rough with lots of water and beaver dams. Plan on getting your feet wet and walking at about half your regular pace.... allow extra time.

- 68.6 *44.764921,- 78.735515*
Arrive at a junction of 3 routes at a fork in the trail. Take the downhill route to the west.
- 68.8 *44.764818,- 78.735831*
Cross a causeway between the south end of Corben Lake and a swamp. The trail then leaves the bush road going north up an outcrop and into thick bush which soon goes away from the lake to avoid a stream and then goes back to the lakeshore. Before the trail leaves the shoreline it passes two small circular lakes to the west and crosses a long low beaver dam.
- 71.0 *44.776855,- 78.743581*
This is the north end of a long low beaver dam. The trail now winds through a predominantly deciduous forest crossing other beaver dams including a very scenic one at km 73.3 (44.785944, -78.758175). Beyond the dam is another rugged area of coniferous trees.
- 74.0 *44.784014,- 78.767904*
At the intersection with Buller Road and South Beaver Lake Lane follow South Beaver Lake Lane. Roadside parking is available here on the south side.
- 76.2 *44.793860,- 78.786480*
Follow the road allowance on the east side of Beaver Lake Lane north of the hydro line crossing.
Arriving at Wessell Road at km 76.9 (44.799257,- 78.790024) follow this cottage road northward along the shore of East Moore Lake.
- 78.3 *44.805418,- 78.801188*
At Hwy 35 walk on the shoulder in single file facing the traffic along the side of this busy road.
- 79.2 *44.806049,- 78.812345*
Country Road
Walk north 100 m to a grassy parking lot behind a storage building. Parking here is provided for GHTA use by Bill and Sandy Valentine.
- 79.3 *44.806610,-78.813249*
The Kawartha Section ends and the Wilderness Section begins.