



## Grant's Woods Loop Trail

Severn Township

**Main Trail:** 1.9 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** Grant's Woods: 1485 Division Rd W, Severn Township

Old growth forests are wooded areas that have been allowed to mature relatively undisturbed. Within Grant's Woods many trees are up to 200 years old.

This property was donated to the Couchiching Conservancy in 2002, and is

now the home base of the non-profit land trust.

You can find this rare wonder just outside of Orillia, at 1485 Division Road West, between Fairgrounds Road and Uthhoff Line.

### Points of Interest

1. Beech: These trees can grow to 200 years of age with a diameter of more than 100 centimetres.
2. Bridge: Built using an old television tower and wood composite.
3. Pit Mound: Caused by an uprooted tree due to high winds and snowstorms; a common feature to old growth forests.
4. Local Ground Water: The headwater area such as Grant's Woods, clean good groundwater emerges to feed streams.
5. Climbing Vine: The climbing bittersweet vine has taken advantage of the strength of the maple trees.
6. Three Sisters: One on your right, two on your left are examples of some of the forest's largest and oldest trees.

### Vista Points

1. Selective harvesting in forests such as the logging on our neighbour's property partly emulates the natural process of regeneration.
2. Beautiful creeks flow throughout Grant's Woods. Take a moment to observe the peaceful flow, before the creeks hide beneath the ground again.

*The following trail is owned and maintained by the Couchiching Conservancy. Please note that the trails are maintained periodically throughout the year, though fallen hazards and debris may appear due to weather.*



