



## North Simcoe Rail Trail

Township of Springwater

**Main Trail:** 31.7 km **Difficulty:** Easy

**Parking:** Pinegrove Rd., Fort Willow, George Johnson Rd., Minesing Station Park, Hendrie

The North Simcoe Rail Trail follows the route of the North Simcoe Railway, which was built in 1878 and primarily served for the lumber business on Georgian Bay.

The trail now offers stunning views over

the Minesing Wetlands and the Mayer's Marsh, both excellent birding spots.

The trail connects the Tiny Trail in the north, with the Ganaraska Hiking Trail in the south.

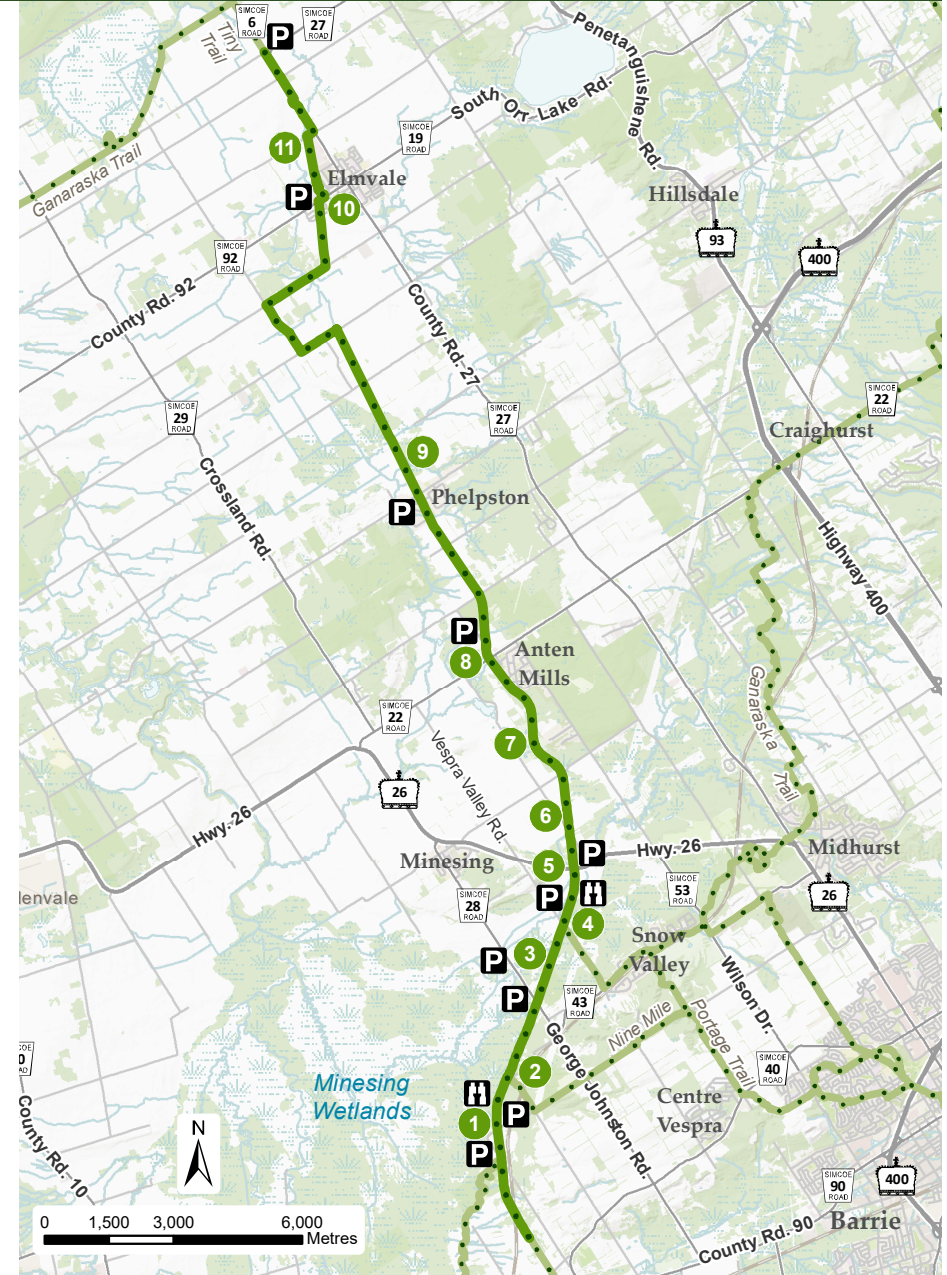
### Points of Interest

1. Minesing Wetlands: Take a rest on one of the 4 benches and enjoy the view of Ontario's largest remaining wetlands. It is an internationally significant complex of swamps, marshes, bogs, and fens.
2. Fort Willow: Walk up and explore this historic site (part of Nine Mile Portage) where hundreds of tons of military supplies and trade goods were stored during the War of 1812.
3. Josephine: Ruins of an old rail town settlement.
4. Mayer's Marsh Viewing Platform: This small side trail follows the embankment of Willow Creek from the Harry Adams Bridge to Vespra Valley Road and is for pedestrian use only.
5. Minesing Station Park: This pavilion provides shelter and an excellent picnic spot as well as ample parking for snowmobile and horse trailers. The pavilion serves as a memorial to Paul Gleason, a founding member of the North Simcoe Rail Trail.
6. Dairy Farm: The Holstein Dairy Cattle.
7. Springwater Golf Course: Golf carts cross the trail. Please do not trespass onto the course.
8. Hendrie Station: This used to be the site of an old railway station and now provides storage for snowmobile groomers and parking.
9. Dense Hardwood Forest: The trail is particularly scenic as it passes through forest and swampland, making it an excellent bird-watching spot!
10. Heritage Park, Elmvale: This park has a beautifully landscaped greenspace, an amphitheatre, parking, and washrooms. Explore the many quaint stores, tearooms and restaurants, a hardware store, gas stations and a grocery store in downtown Elmvale.
11. Flos Road 10: Detour east, then north on Cty. Rd. 27 to Cty. Rd. 6 where you will pick up the trail again for another 2 concessions to the Tiny/Flos Townline.

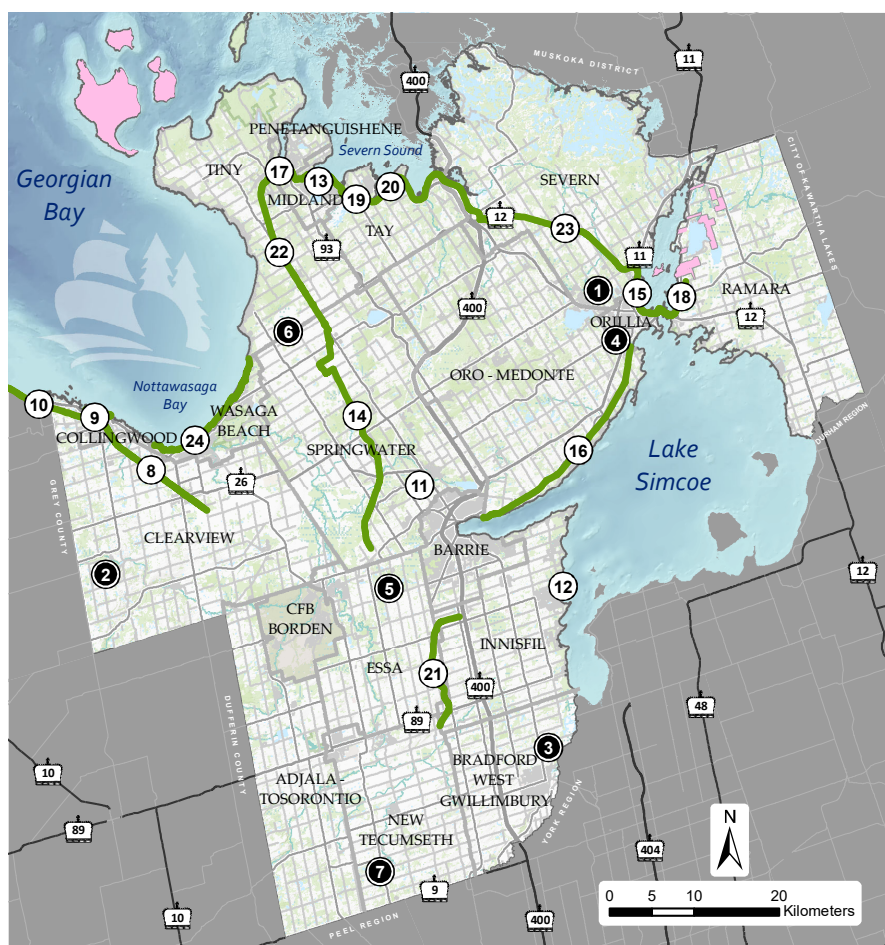
**Note:** Horses are allowed on NSRT from May 15- Nov. 15, but must walk beside trail. In Mayer's Marsh, walk in centre to protect turtle nests.

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### Features

- # Point of Interest
- Access point
- Beach; Swimming
- Boat Launch
- Bridge
- Drinking Water
- Food
- Garden
- Hill
- Information
- Interpretive Sign
- Parking
- Picnic Spot
- Public Transport
- Restroom
- Splash Pad
- Scenic Lookout
- Telephone

### Trails

- Main Trail
- Other Trail

### Roads

- Freeway/Highway/Major Arterial Road
- Local Road
- Private/Unassumed/Seasonal Road

### Other Features

- Contour
- Stream or River
- Wetland
- Lake / Pond
- Building
- Baseball Diamond
- Soccer Field
- Tennis Court
- Beach
- Conservation Area
- Local Park
- Forested Area
- Urban Area

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