



Thornton-Cookstown Train Trail

Township of Essa, Town of Innisfil

Main Trail: 15.6 km **Difficulty:** Easy

Parking: Victoria St., Antique Market, Essa 5th SR, Cty. Rd. 27 and Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil 5th SR

The Township of Essa boasts a variety of trails within its boundaries, and continues to work towards providing residents with a healthy lifestyle by focusing on further developing trail connections.

This 14-km trail runs between the villages of Thornton and Cookstown and travels through green pasture land and forest and cross the Cookstown Creek.

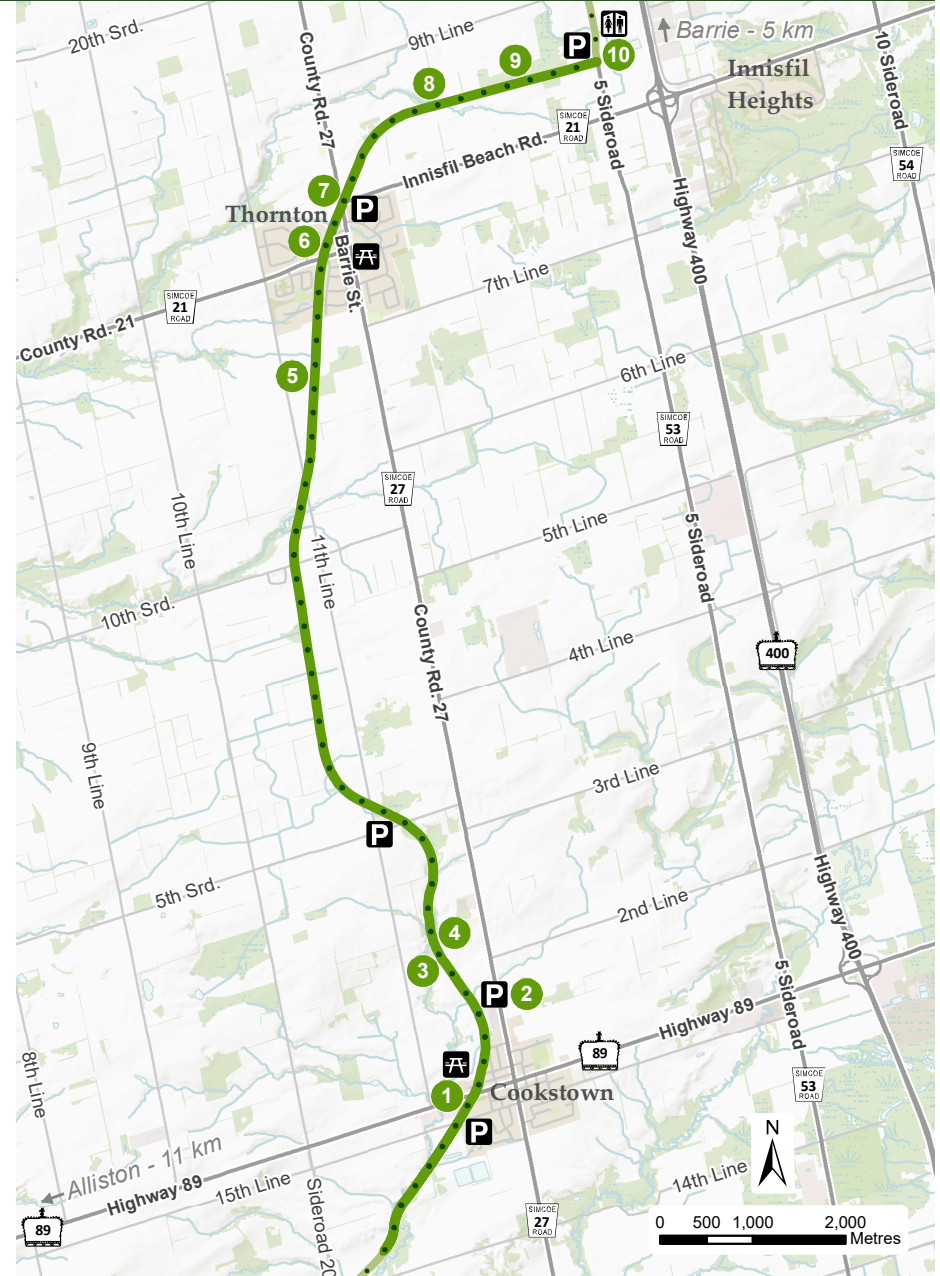
Points of Interest

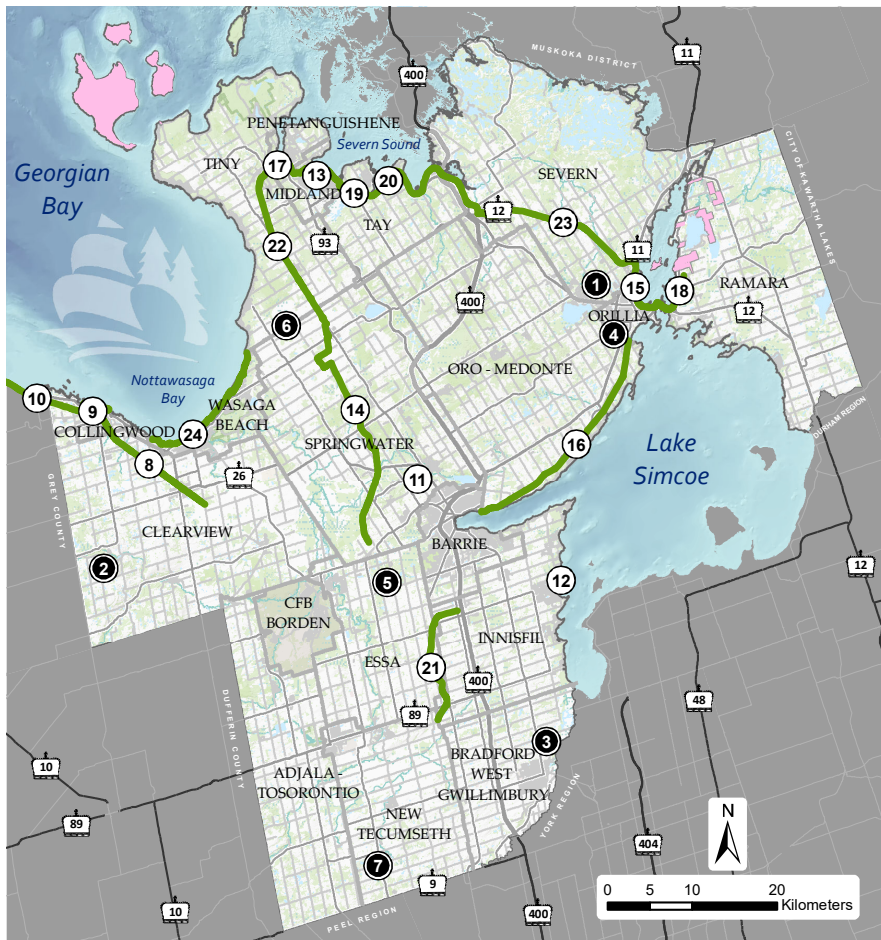
1. Tree Spirit: In Cookstown, the trail can be accessed at the pavilion on the south side of Hwy. 89. Look for the “tree spirit”, courtesy of local carver, Colin Patridge.
2. Cookstown Antique Market: The Cookstown Antique Market is adjacent to the trail just north of Cookstown. The market offers free parking behind the barn.
3. Accessible Trail: Starting from Wellington Street in Cookstown, the accessible section of the trail loops back on itself just south of the first bridge, north of Cookstown.
4. Trestle Bridges: One of six trestle bridges offering stunning views of the creek as it meanders its way through the scenery. In the winter, the trail is groomed and patrolled for snowmobile use. Walkers and cross-country skiers are reminded to be alert for snowmobile traffic and to step aside to allow them to pass.
5. Horse Farm: View a horse farm nestled in the rural pastures of Essa.
6. Tree Spirit: At the trail entrance on Robert Street in Thornton, look for another artistic “tree spirit”.
7. Thornton: The trail crosses County Road 27. Cross at traffic lights.
8. Agriculture: Pasture lands, fields of corn, wheat and other crops can be seen.
9. Big Dipper: The big dipper is the location of a huge rail bed washout in the '90s.
10. Georgian Downs: This is where the race track and OLG slots are located.

Horse Note: Horses are permitted on the Innisfil section of the trail, i.e. north of Thornton, and through Cookstown.

Note: There are two more trestle bridges south of Cookstown.

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





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Features	Trails	Roads	Other Features
# Point of Interest	— Main Trail	— Freeway/Highway/Major Arterial Road	— Contour
🚶 Access point	— Other Trail	— Local Road	— Stream or River
🏖 Beach; Swimming		— Private/Unassumed/Seasonal Road	🌿 Wetland
🚤 Boat Launch			🌊 Lake / Pond
🌉 Bridge			🏠 Building
🚰 Drinking Water			⚾ Baseball Diamond
🍴 Food			⚽ Soccer Field
🌿 Garden			🎾 Tennis Court
🏔 Hill			🏖 Beach
📍 Information			🌳 Conservation Area
🚶 Interpretive Sign			🌲 Local Park
P Parking			🌳 Forested Area
🚗 Picnic Spot			🏘 Urban Area
🚏 Public Transport			
🚻 Restroom			
🛁 Splash Pad			
👁 Scenic Lookout			
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