



Tiny Marsh Loop Trail

Township of Tiny

Main Trail: 1.3 km **Difficulty:** Easy **Parking:** 500 Tiny Flos Townline, Elmvale

Tiny Marsh is Ontario's first provincially owned and managed wetland. It is one of approximately 1,200 Important Bird Areas that are recognized in Canada.

It offers the visitor year-round use of 600 hectares of marsh and 300 hectares of field and forest.

There is an interpretive centre with displays and a theatre open to the public during spring and summer.

Fifteen kilometres of trails feature a companion self-use trail guide, two observation towers, a marsh viewing mound, a wildlife blind and a boardwalk.

Points of Interest

1. Bird House: In the summer it is used by swallows, house wrens, or chickadees. In the winter, mice may use it.
2. Series of Dams: The dams are an important management technique in Tiny Marsh as they provide a stable habitat.
3. Lookout Tower: This is located between a marsh and a swamp.
4. Boardwalk: Watch for signs of wildlife!
5. Large Birdhouse: This birdhouse is attached to a tree, and is used by wood ducks.
6. Groundcover & Vegetation: Low variety and sparse density of the ground cover in this area.
7. Clearings: By removing part of the overhead forest canopy, sunlight is allowed to reach the forest floor so that grasses, flowers, and young trees can grow.
8. Fields: These are of great importance to waterfowl such as mallards and blue-winged for nesting.
9. The Edge: The most productive area of any habitat, this is the zone where two plant communities meet (i.e. field & forest).
10. Succession: This area used to be a crop field but once abandoned, quickly grew grasses and wildflowers.
11. Shrub Planting: The dense foliage and low branches give cottontail rabbits and small birds shelter.
12. Management Techniques: Providing good habitat for a wide variety of wildlife is the main objective at Tiny Marsh.

The following trail is owned and maintained by the M-TM Conservation Association. Please note that the trails are maintained periodically throughout the year, though fallen hazards and debris may appear due to weather.



