

TRANS CANADA TRAIL



Trail length: 7.5 kilometres

This shared use trail runs through every province and territory in Canada and we are proud to have it pass through our community. It utilizes several major trails including the Laurel and Iron Horse Trails. Eventually it will continue along the railway corridor from Columbia Street to the northern city limit at the St. Jacobs Farmers' Market. Be sure to visit the Trans Canada Trail Pavilion in Waterloo Park.

IRON HORSE TRAIL

Trail length: 1 kilometre (in Waterloo)

This trail came into being as a result of a partnership between the City of Kitchener and the City of Waterloo. The joint purchase of the abandoned railway line helped to preserve and recognize the region's railway heritage. The trail follows the original right-of-way, dating back to 1904, and connects the two cities just as the rail service did many years ago.

LAUREL TRAIL

Trail length: 5 kilometres

Extending from Uptown Waterloo to Benjamin Road just past the Laurel Creek Conservation Area at the northern City of Waterloo boundary, this trail offers a broad cross section of historical, cultural and natural points of interest.

Stop and enjoy Uptown Waterloo, the Cenotaph, the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, The Abraham Erb Grist Mill, the History Walk, Waterloo Park, Silver Lake, the University of Waterloo and Columbia Lake.

FORWELL TRAIL

Trail length: .5 kilometres

A relatively short but very interesting stroll, this trail runs from Blue Springs Drive to King Street North at the Conestoga Parkway. Travel along the floodplain of Forwell Creek and see the unique valley ecosystem with an abundance of wildlife, waterfowl and other birds as well as many species of amphibians. This trail will eventually stretch several more kilometres.

HILLSIDE TRAILS

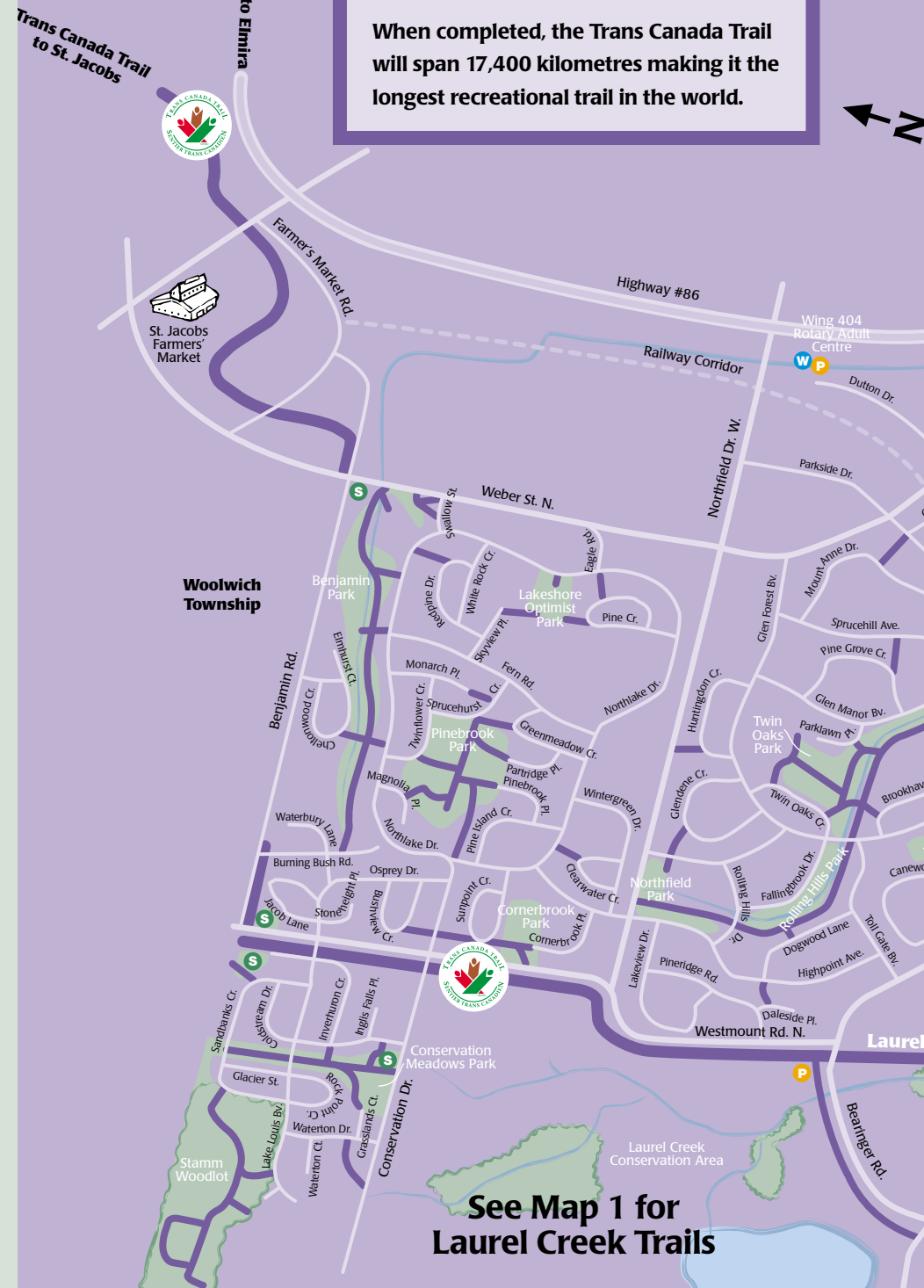
Trail length: 2.3 kilometres

Nestled between the hustle and bustle of University Avenue and Lexington Road, Hillside Park is a refuge for year-round outdoor recreation enthusiasts. Over the last fifteen years, parts of Hillside Park have been designated for "natural regeneration". The trail runs along both Laurel and Forwell Creeks where you are surrounded by the peace and tranquility of trees, shrubs, wildflowers and wildlife in a naturalized setting.

For more information visit www.city.waterloo.on.ca

DID YOU KNOW?

When completed, the Trans Canada Trail will span 17,400 kilometres making it the longest recreational trail in the world.



See Map 1 for
Laurel Creek Trails