

Travel Tips

- When visiting the waterfalls, please remember to follow the signs along the trail or roadway and do not venture off marked paths.
- Leave only footprints and take only photographs when you leave. Please do not litter or damage the natural setting of the waterfalls.
- Be sure to wear appropriate footwear as most of the falls require walking for viewing and most have access to hiking trails.
- Be alert to dangers along the trails such as poisonous plants, wildlife and cliff edges.
- Please adhere to all posted 'permitted activities' signs at each waterfall. (swimming/ climbing are not permitted)

Touring Notes

- The full duration of the waterfall tour is 250 km (Holstein Dam to Indian Falls) and is best enjoyed over two days.
- Most of the waterfalls have interpretive signage onsite and directional signage on the roadways to assist and complete your experience.
- We recommend visiting in spring for increased water flow.
- To capture the best photo of a waterfall, choose an overcast day.

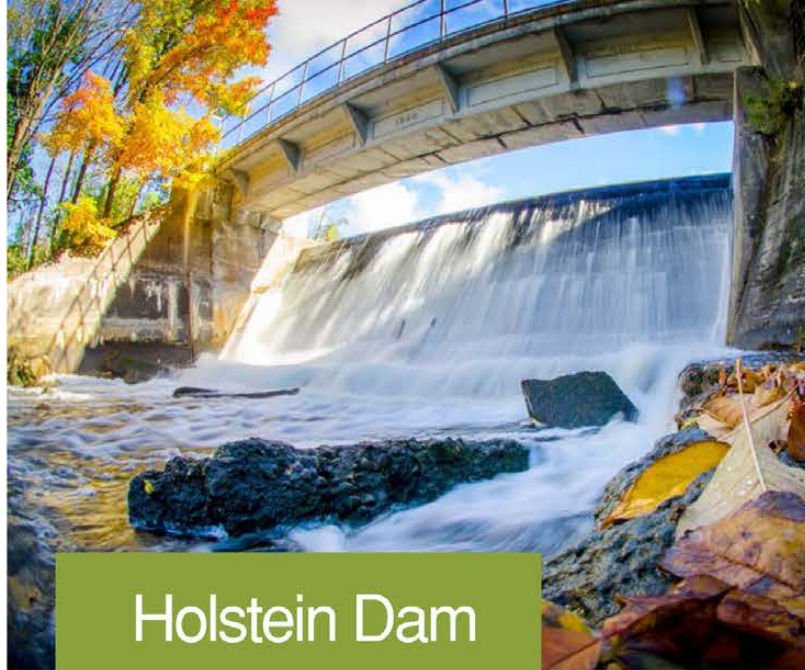


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Holstein Dam

This charming five metre waterfall is located in historic downtown Holstein, just beyond the gates of Jubilee Park, on the east side of Grey County Road 109. The waterfall is the result of the flow from the Mill Pond on Norman Reeves Creek over the Holstein dam. As you enter the park, you'll find a viewing area for the waterfall, the dam and the mill pond. The best view of the waterfalls is from just downstream at the entrance to the park.

Pack a picnic and relax with the sound of rushing water nearby. You can also get a unique view of the waterfall from the old railway bridge that runs on top of the dam. Hike up to the railway bridge for great views of the falls and the mill pond. In 1881, the railroad bed into Holstein had been completed, crossing the creek and creating a dam that provided an inexpensive source of power for the feed mill. The mill owner, W.T. Petrie, donated the land and water east of the railroad to develop this natural park area in the heart of Holstein. After photographing the waterfall, hike up and enjoy the park's picnic area, pavilion, ball diamond, playground equipment and walking trails.

Nearby Points of Interest

- Holstein Dam is situated in the **Holstein Egremont Park** which encompasses a kid's playground, baseball diamond and mill pond.
- In the town of Holstein is the **Holstein General Store** which features baked goods and preserves.
- On the north end of town is Love's Sugar Bush which hosts **Holstein Maplefest** each spring.

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| Class: | Cascade |
| Admission: | No |
| Open Season: | Four Seasons |
| Level of Difficulty: | Easy |
| Walk from Parking: | 1 min |
| River: | Norman Reeves Creek & Holstein Mill Pond |
| Washrooms: | Yes |
| Coordinates: | LON -80.758679 LAT 44.059677 |
| Directions: | From Durham take Hwy. 6 south and turn left on Grey Rd. 9 and then right on Grey Rd. 109 and left into Holstein/Egremont Park just after the creek crossing in downtown Holstein. From Hwy. 10 take Main St./ Grey Rd. 9 west and turn left at Grey Rd. 109 and left at the Holstein/Egremont Park entrance in Holstein. |



Webwood Falls

The Webwood Falls Nature Reserve is located north of the Town of Kimberley in the municipality of Grey Highlands. The property was donated by Mr. James Horwood, a longtime supporter of the Bruce Trail Conservancy. The falls were named in memory of his parents, Edith Webster and Eric Horwood. It now stands in permanent protection as part of the Bruce Trail Conservation Corridor.

Two small streams converge on the property creating this spectacular waterfall. The stream continues through a deep, forested river valley that cuts through the southern portion of the property. A diversity of habitats, including regenerating fields, mature Sugar Maple forest and meadow marsh support 261 documented species, including 219 plant species and 42 faunal species. Several species at risk and provincially and/or federally endangered species are found on Webwood Falls Nature Reserve. A side loop of the Bruce Trail traverses through the property offering moderate hiking. Portions of the trail pass through original perennial gardens from the Horwood farmstead.

Note: Future construction will provide a viewing platform on the south side of the falls.

Nearby Points of Interest

- The **Old Mail Road** was used by early settlers coming to this area until rail reached Collingwood in 1855. While most of the route is no longer used, this 8 km stretch from Heathcote to Griersville still remains, and provides spectacular views over the Beaver Valley.
- The falls are a 5-minute drive from the hamlet of Heathcote, making **Blackbird Pie Company** an obvious choice for a refresher and butter tart.
- **Free Spirit Tours** outfitters in Heathcote offers visitors paddling access to the Beaver River.

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| Class: | Cascade |
| Admission: | No |
| Open Season: | Spring, summer, autumn |
| Level of Difficulty: | Easy |
| Walk from Parking: | 1 min |
| River: | Mill Creek |
| Washrooms: | No |
| Coordinates: | LON - 80.546406 LAT 44.494833 |
| Directions: | From Heathcote head west on Old Mail Road to Sideroad 25. Travel for less than 1 km and the road side parking is on the left hand side. There is a garage and historical plaque on site to mark the location. To see the falls walk to the south side of the valley, where a future viewing platform will be erected. |



Waterfalls OF GREY COUNTY



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Welcome to Grey County's Waterfalls

Feel the rush as the sparkling rivers of Grey County tumble over the edges of the Niagara Escarpment. Our tour covers 10 waterfalls, winding from Holstein through the Beaver Valley up to Owen Sound.

The entire waterfall tour covers 250 km. You can complete a driving tour in one day, but why rush it? Take two or three days and really enjoy each site; do some exploring and check out some of the must-see attractions along the way. Take in small town hospitality by staying at one of the local accommodations near the waterfalls on the tour. While you're here, be sure to sample some regional cuisine at one of the many restaurants that make local and fresh foods their specialty.



Grey Roots

Indoor Waterfall

Explore the rich heritage of Grey County at Grey Roots Museum & Archives. Enter the world of the past, present and future with new original exhibits, exclusive events, blockbuster summer exhibits and interactive programs designed to delight, inspire and entertain.

The large facility offers six galleries, a theatre, café, indoor waterfall, meeting rooms, archives and Moreston Heritage Village. (July-August) For more information visit www.greyroots.com

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Winter Waterfalls

Grey County's waterfalls are every bit as beautiful in the winter season. Pull on your boots or strap on some snowshoes and hike to a frozen cascade. Bring your camera and a flask of hot chocolate for a perfect afternoon outing, or plan your route and spend a weekend visiting all seven waterfalls.

We've created a handy downloadable PDF with maps and detailed descriptions of all winter-safe waterfalls to hike. It also suggests where to rent snowshoes close to the falls. Download your copy at www.visitgrey.ca/winter-waterfalls and plan your winter waterfalls getaway. Please note that some of the waterfalls are harder to access during the winter months than others. Some parking lots may not be plowed, especially immediately after a heavy snowfall.

When visiting waterfalls in winter, remember to:

- Follow the signs along trails and roadways and do not venture off marked paths.
- Be alert to dangers along the trails such as falling ice, snow or cliff edges.
- Wear appropriate footwear and clothing to suit the weather, snowshoes may be helpful for longer hikes.
- Hike in pairs or small groups; ensure that someone knows where you are and what time you are expected back.
- Make sure that you are carrying a cell phone or two-way radio.





Indian Falls

Indian Falls is the most remote waterfall on the Grey County tour. The walk to the falls requires following the banks of Indian River and making a fairly steep ascent up the side of the gorge. It is rough underfoot, but there are stairs that make the climb up the gorge manageable. The view of the falls is more likely to make you breathless than the 10-15 minute hike!

Indian Falls is horseshoe-shaped with 'bridal veil' falling water similar to Niagara Falls, although on a much smaller scale. The classic plunge waterfall drops 15 metres into an amphitheatre - shaped gorge.

In the summer months, the falls can dry up to a mere trickle, but Indian Falls is still worth a visit as it is an opportunity to see the interesting composition of the rock formation. Indian Falls was formed when the soft red Queenston Formation shale layers eroded exposing the Manitoulin dolomite cap rock. There are signs of ongoing geological changes as the falling water gradually undercuts the harder rock creating a deep hole in the bedrock at the bottom. The trail leads upstream to a beautiful meadow where the peace is only interrupted by the rhythmic drumming of the falls.

Nearby Points of Interest

- The **Kemble Women's Institute Lookout** is a wonderful place to take in spectacular scenic views across Georgian Bay to Christian Island.
- Cobble Beach**, located along Grey Road 1, was voted one of the best golf courses in Canada, and offers a full-service spa and restaurant serving local Georgian Bay Whitefish on their patio overlooking the bay.

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| Class: | Plunge |
| Admission: | No |
| Open Season: | Spring, summer, autumn |
| Level of Difficulty: | Challenging |
| Walk from Parking: | 15 min |
| River: | Indian River |
| Washrooms: | Yes |
| Coordinates: | LON -80.94749085 LAT 44.61943121 |
| Directions: | From Owen Sound take Grey Road 1 north towards Balmy Beach (5kms). Parking entrance is on the left hand side, just after Indian River General Store. |



Eugenia Falls

A five-minute walk along a path shaded by a heavy tree canopy brings visitors to the dramatic view of Eugenia Falls plunging 30 metres into the Cuckoo Valley gorge below. On a sunny day, the light dances on the falling water, prompting the First Nations people to name it 'Sparkling Waters'.

This is an area rich in history. The falls once supported five mills and was the site of Ontario's second hydro-electric plant. There was even a short-lived gold rush and although the 'gold' turned out to be iron pyrite-fool's gold, the falls themselves are a treasure well worth a visit.

As much of the water from the Beaver River is diverted by the hydro-electric power station, the result is visitors are treated to a spectacular view of a tall and narrow waterfall that disappears into the forested gorge. It's suggested that you stay behind the stone wall safely from the edge of the vertical cliffs. It is possible to follow a path to the bottom of the falls, but this route is only suitable for experienced hikers. Less demanding is a section of the Bruce Trail that leads down to Hogg's Falls. The round trip to Hogg's Falls is about 3 hours and includes a steep climb on the way back.

Nearby Points of Interest

- The **Eugenia Falls Emporium** across from the falls boasts an old-fashioned soda and ice cream counter and local items like honey, maple syrup, and pickles.
- Head south on Grey Road 13 to nearby **Lake Eugenia** and enjoy the views from the causeway that stretches across the lake.
- North on 13 through the village of Kimberley you will find the **Old Baldy** lookout and stunning views of the valley below.
- Just down the road from the falls, enjoy a tantalizing local menu at **The Flying Chestnut**.

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| Class: | Plunge |
| Admission: | No |
| Open Season: | Spring, summer, autumn |
| Level of Difficulty: | Easy |
| Walk from Parking: | 5 min |
| River: | Beaver River |
| Washrooms: | Yes-Pit Privy |
| Coordinates: | LON -80.52660217 LAT 44.31325230 |
| Directions: | Take Grey Road 13 south into the village of Eugenia. The entrance to Eugenia Falls Conservation Area is on the right side of the road, diagonally across from the Eugenia Falls Emporium. |



Jones Falls

As you drive up the hill from downtown Owen Sound heading west towards Southampton or north to Wiarton it's easy to miss Jones Falls in the hamlet of Springmount. It's well worth swinging into the parking lot just north of the intersection of Highway 6 and 21 to have a look. Here in the Pottawatomi Conservation Area, a one-kilometre trail leads to Jones Falls where the Pottawatomi River cascades 12 metres over the Niagara Escarpment. This spot has been a favourite with locals and photographers for decades and many of the early postcards from the Owen Sound area featured stunning scenic shots of Jones Falls.

The walk along the trail to the waterfall is easy underfoot and leads through a beautiful old-growth forest. Cross the arched bridge to the south side of the falls to get the best view. Here among the giant boulders you can look back and get spectacular views of the falls. The falls can also be viewed by following the Bruce Trail along the other side of the river.

Although named after Samuel Jones, who built a sawmill on the river in 1849, the history of the falls goes back to Charles Rankin who surveyed the falls in 1833 after being appointed Deputy Provincial Surveyor of Upper Canada.

Nearby Points of Interest

- The **Bishop House, Museum, Archives and National Historic Site** tells the story of the life of Canada's World War II flying ace Billy Bishop.
- Visit the **Tom Thomson Art Gallery**, home to a large collection of works by the artist who inspired the Group of Seven plus historic and contemporary exhibitions.
- Enjoy the best fries in town, coupled with an ice cold milkshake at Elsie's Diner located in Springmount.

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| Class: | Cascade |
| Admission: | No |
| Open Season: | Spring, summer, autumn |
| Level of Difficulty: | Moderate |
| Walk from Parking: | 5 min |
| River: | Pottawatomi River |
| Washrooms: | Yes |
| Coordinates: | LON -80.98551972 LAT 44.55836179 |
| Directions: | From Owen Sound, head west on Highway 21 to Springmount, at the lights turn right heading north on Highway 6. Jones Falls parking is on the right hand side. There is a Visitor Information Centre onsite. (There is roadside access from Highway 21, prior to Springmount lights). |



Hoggs Falls

The roar of cascading water can be heard long before Hogg's Falls comes into view, as it is initially hidden from visitors by the vibrant foliage of cedar trees and ferns.

Hoggs Falls, long considered one of Grey County's best-kept secrets, doesn't disappoint. Although the falls itself is only seven metres high, the volume of water from the Boyne River and the backdrop of lush greenery create a breathtaking scene that is picture-postcard perfect.

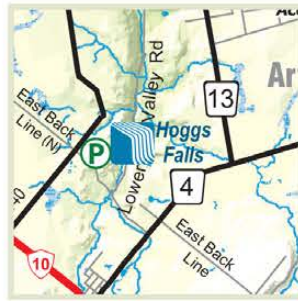
Although Hogg's Falls is located a mere five-minute walk from the parking lot, it's an undeveloped site that gives visitors the opportunity to view a spectacular waterfall close up in a natural setting. It is possible to reach the river and view the falls from below, but the path is slippery and often wet so extreme caution must be taken.

Hoggs Falls is named for William Hogg, of the illustrious Hogg family of York (after whom Toronto's Hogg's Hollow is named), who settled in Eugenia in the 1870s.

Nearby Points of Interest

- Hoggs Falls is on the **Bruce Trail**. Together with Eugenia Falls it forms two of the spectacular highlights of the Falling Water Trail which winds its way through the stunning scenery of the Beaver Valley.
- There are some great restaurants, art galleries, antique and curio shops in the nearby historic village of **Flesherton**.
- Take in live music and a unique menu at the **Bicycle Café** or pair wine with cheese at the **Leslieville Cheese Market North**, both located in Flesherton.

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| Class: | Plunge |
| Admission: | No |
| Open Season: | Four Seasons |
| Level of Difficulty: | Moderate |
| Walk from Parking: | 5 min |
| River: | Boyne River |
| Washrooms: | No |
| Coordinates: | LON -80.54204084 LAT 44.28865596 |
| Directions: | Head west on Grey Road 4 from Grey Road 13 and then turn right onto East Back Line North. You will need to turn right, heading east onto Lower Valley Road. Watch for the parking lot on your left. |



Inglis Falls

Inglis Falls is a major tourist attraction and a must-see for visitors to Owen Sound. A major highlight for any hiker along the Bruce Trail, it never fails to amaze.

The Sydenham River pours over a stunning fan-like rock formation of limestone shelves creating an 18 metre high cascade that has carved a deep gorge at the base of the falls. Inglis Falls can be appreciated from the paved walkway or the viewing platform where you can look over the tree canopy above the valley below.

Inglis Falls is the perfect illustration of the breathtaking power of a waterfall. It's easy to imagine how Peter Inglis felt when he saw the jaw-dropping potential of the falls when he purchased the property in 1845. For the next 87 years, the Inglis family ran mills producing flour, bran and wool.

Inglis Falls is situated in a conservation area that has more than seven kilometers of trails that boast more than 20 species of ferns, great bird watching and a series of fascinating geological potholes. There are also the historical remains of a grist mill and a picnic area.

Nearby Points of Interest

- Head west on Grey Road 18 to the **Grey Roots Museum and Archives** featuring an indoor waterfall and Moreston Heritage Village.
- Next door to Grey Roots, is **Morland Place** a rural gardens site that showcases 10 acres of perennial gardens during the summer season.
- For a good hike take the trail from the falls down to **Harrison Park** for a picnic lunch by the river.
- After the falls, check out downtown Owen Sound's flavourful food scene.

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| Class: | Cascade |
| Admission: | Nominal Fee |
| Open Season: | Four Seasons |
| Level of Difficulty: | Easy (Wheel Chair Access) |
| Walk from Parking: | 1 min |
| River: | Sydenham River |
| Washrooms: | Yes |
| Coordinates: | LON -80.93414450 LAT 44.52641132 |
| Directions: | From Rockford head west on Grey Road 18 to Inglis Falls Road, turn right, the Conservation Area entrance to parking is on the right hand side. |



McGowan Falls

As you head up the hill out of the scenic Grey County town of Durham and travel along a residential street, you might not expect to find a waterfall, but the scenery soon opens up and there among the cedars you find McGowan Falls at the Durham Conservation Area.

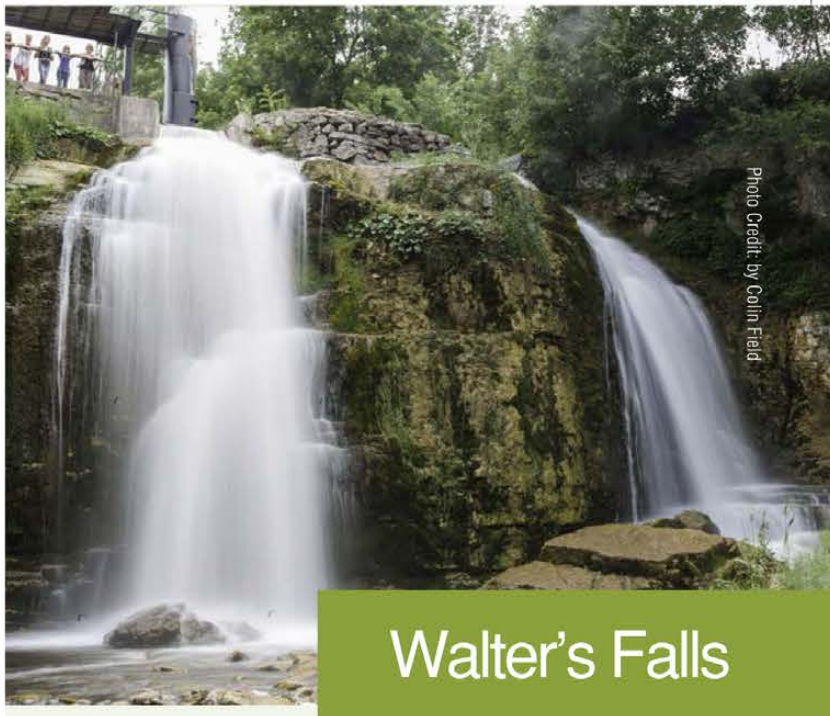
With just a three-metre drop, McGowan Falls is not as dramatic as some of the other Grey County Falls, but its location on a picturesque stretch of the Saugeen River makes McGowan Falls well worth a visit. There is a bridge across the crest of the falls and this is the ideal place to view the Saugeen River winding its way through the wooded countryside.

The conservation area boasts 60 hectares including three kilometres of river frontage making it a popular spot for sport anglers of all ages who fish the river for salmon and trout. There is also a beautiful partially shaded swimming beach that is the perfect place for a cool dip on a hot summer's day. The adventurous visitor may want to enjoy a 'whirlpool' in the natural limestone pools below the falls. The park offers 200 campsites and there are also picnic shelters and several hiking and walking trails that lead past giant boulders and six-metre tall limestone bluffs.

Nearby Points of Interest

- The falls is portrayed in one of several **murals** that can be seen on the downtown buildings of Durham.
- The **Durham Art Gallery** is also well-worth a visit. Don't miss a stroll along the bridge leading to Garafaxa Street (Hwy 6). Several interesting artisans' studios, cafes and stores grace the downtown.
- Sip on a latte and sample a sugary treat at the **Garafaxa Café** on main street Durham by day and enjoy live entertainment by night.

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| Class: | Cascade |
| Admission: | Nominal Fee |
| Open Season: | Four Seasons |
| Level of Difficulty: | Easy |
| Walk from Parking: | 1 min |
| River: | Saugeen River |
| Washrooms: | Yes |
| Coordinates: | LON -80.80959003 LAT 44.17891974 |
| Directions: | At the top of the hill in Durham, head east onto Historic Durham Road (Grey Road 27) and drive 1.6km to the Conservation Area entrance. Alternate viewing access is off Grey Road 4 at George Street. |



Walter's Falls

Walter's Falls is a spectacular double plunge waterfall where a tributary of the Big Head River drops 14 metres into the gorge below. John Walter discovered the falls in 1852 and the village, the creek and the falls all bear a version of his name.

Walter's Falls has become a tourist destination since the opening of the Falls Inn in 2005. The Inn has earned a place in Ontario's Finest Inns directory and has become a hot destination for weddings.

There is a viewing platform built out above the falls that gives an excellent up close look at the falls. A bridge crosses the falls giving easy access to the far side riverbank to get a different perspective of the twin falls. Of special interest to the mechanically-inclined is the Walter's Falls Milling Company, one of the last remaining mills in Ontario to use water to power its turbines.

The Walter's Falls Creek Side trail is a loop of the Bruce Trail which can be hiked in either direction from the Inn, and is a 2-4 hour hike depending on the route taken. Pick up a map at the front desk and after your hike, treat yourself to a delicious meal at the Inn.

Nearby Points of Interest

- A must-see in the village is **St. Phillips Anglican Church** – a pretty stone church that was built on a hill overlooking the village.
- The picturesque **Bognor Marsh**, an ideal location for birding, with 12 km of trails, boardwalks and a viewing tower, is nearby on Grey Road 18
- Savour regional flavours and local wines while overlooking Walter's Falls at the **Falls Inn Restaurant**.

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| Class: | Plunge |
| Admission: | No |
| Open Season: | Four Seasons |
| Level of Difficulty: | Easy |
| Walk from Parking: | 1 min |
| River: | Walter's Creek |
| Washrooms: | No |
| Coordinates: | LON -80.71173144 LAT 44.48902940 |
| Directions: | In the village of Walter's Falls, turn north onto Front Street (across from The Store) and follow the road right to parking area beside The Falls Inn. The falls are right there at the edge of the parking lot. |



Weavers Creek Falls

The falls on Weavers Creek in Owen Sound's Harrison Park provide the opportunity to see a miniature plunge falls flanked by cascading falls – two waterfalls in one.

The trek begins in the city's 40-hectare park where Weavers Creek feeds water that flows through the bird sanctuary before joining the Sydenham River. Following the creek upstream as it winds through the campground where it is spanned by wooden bridges, you eventually reach the park's swimming pool and it is here off to the far right (west) corner you find the boardwalk that leads you back to the falls.

The boardwalk allows visitors to enjoy a wilderness area right within the city limits as it passes through an unspoiled mini gorge under a canopy of old growth forest. To the left of the boardwalk, the creek tumbles over the riverbed creating a symphony of falling water.

The walk along the 300-metre boardwalk is easy footing and it takes less than three minutes to reach a view of the Weavers Creek Falls. Note: the boardwalk leading to the falls is in Harrison Park, but Weavers Creek Falls is on private property. Please be respectful when visiting.

Nearby Points of Interest

- Weavers Creek is located in **Harrison Park**, which is home to a **Black History Cairn** marking the northernmost terminus of the Underground Railroad that brought escaped slaves from the United States to freedom in Canada. The park also has a children's playground, mini golf, paddle boats and canoe rentals.
- Grab an ice cream cone from **Harrison Park Inn**, centrally located in the park.

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| Class: | Plunge & Cascade |
| Admission: | No |
| Open Season: | Four Seasons |
| Level of Difficulty: | Moderate |
| Walk from Parking: | 3 min |
| River: | Weavers Creek |
| Washrooms: | Yes |
| Coordinates: | LON -80.93723109 LAT 44.54544184 |
| Directions: | Take Second Avenue east through Owen Sound and turn into Harrison Park (left) just south of the downtown core. Follow driveway to parking area beside the Harrison Park Inn. Follow the marked trails to the back of the park and look for the boardwalk to the right of the Public Pool. Follow the marked trail to the falls. |

