

(continued from left flap.) **Terrain and Surface:** This 4.5 km crusher dust trail runs under a power line; it has several gradual slopes and winter maintenance.
Description: This active transportation trail is walking and bicycling friendly; e-bikes and e- scooters are permitted. Side trails and connecting streets lead to neighbourhoods, sports facilities and green spaces. Watch for traffic at crossroads. Extends from Parkland Dr. in Glenbourne to Ramsbrook Ct. in Mount Royale.

8 Belchers Marsh Park Trails, Clayton Park West
Trailheads and Parking: 445 Parkland Dr. (Marsh) [📍](#) ; Farnham Gate Rd. near Red Fern Terrace [📍](#) (Marsh) and 590 Parkland Dr (Pond) [📍](#) , or many neighbourhood connections.
Terrain and Surface: This 2.5 km crusher dust trail is quite level, with street crossings at Parkland Dr and Farnham Gate Rd.
Description: These natural trails loop around a large marsh, a smaller pond across Parkland Dr. and a stream connecting the two. Two interpretive panels describe natural and cultural assets near the raised look-off. Family activities include observing flora and fauna from spring to fall, and skating and snowshoeing in the winter.

9 Mary Clayton Memorial Park Trail, Clayton Park West
Trailheads and Parking: 274 Willett Street [📍](#) ; Mainland North Trail between 69 Westridge Dr. [📍](#) and Lacewood Dr.
Terrain and Surface: This 500m crusher dust trail has a gentle slope leading up from Willett St.
Description: This short, looped trail connects Willett St. to the Mainland North Trail. Tall trees give a feeling of isolation and Lady's slippers abound in the spring. Surrounded on two sides by apartment buildings, this trail and park are well used. It provides access to a grassy area used by neighbours as an informal games pitch.

10 Mainland Common Loop Trail, Clayton Park West
Trailheads and Parking: 69 Westridge Dr. at the top of Main Ave. [📍](#) accessible; BMO Centre 210 Thomas Raddall Dr. [📍](#) ; next to 333 Main Ave [📍](#) ; and from from the Mainland North Trail between Westridge Dr. and Main Ave.;
Terrain and Surface: This is a 1.3 km level woodland walk on gravel and wood bark chips with some short boardwalks.
Description: A natural trail in the Mainland Common Park with an interpretive panel overlooking the sensitive bog area where you can spot two Provincial flowers: Nova Scotia's Mayflower and Newfoundland and Labrador's Pitcher Plant!

We have recently completed an extension to this popular trail. Walkers can now enter from a new trailhead at the BMO soccer centre parking area, 210 Thomas Raddall Dr. The new extension passes through huckleberry fields, over exposed rocks and connects to the loop trail 300m from trailhead. This trail is central to the Keshen Goodman Public Library, Halifax West High School, the Canada Games Centre, the BMO Soccer Centre, and the Halifax Transit Lacewood Terminal.

11 Geizer Hill Trail, Mount Royale/Clayton Park West
Trailheads and Parking: 60 Greenpark Close [📍](#) ; Washmill Lake Dr.
Terrain and Surface: This 700 m crusher dust trail has some steep slopes and has a bridge over a brook.
Description: This short natural wooded linear trail between apartment towers connects residents on a green route to Bayers Lake Business Park.

Trails are open year-round but use at own risk. Mainland North Trail is the only trail with winter maintenance. Check for local transit routes at Halifax.ca/transit

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The HNWTA newsletter is a monthly email bulletin with pictures of our activities and information on upcoming events. Anyone can subscribe by entering their email on the main page of our website, or contact newsletter@halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca.

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Trails Map

Do what Canadians love to do most—experience the great outdoors in all seasons!

1 Kearney Lake Dam Trails, West Bedford
Trailheads and Parking: Near 26 Amesbury Gate [📍](#) ; 53 Abbington Ave. [📍](#) ; and other community access points.
Terrain and Surface: This 800 m crusher dust trail is mostly level and has a bridge over Kearney Run.
Description: This lovely trail through Amesbury Gate Park circles the northern end of Kearney Lake. It provides a close-up view of the waterfall at the dam. Provides access to the lake for boating and swimming. Can be made into a loop if you include a portion of Abbington Ave and Larry Uteck Blvd.

2 Mill Run Trail, Moirs Mill
Trailheads and Parking: 920 Bedford Hwy [📍](#) ; Scott Sanders Memorial Park at Millrun Cres. [📍](#)
Terrain and Surface: This 700 m trail is a combination of gravel trail and sidewalks connecting green spaces.
Description: This family-friendly woodland trail behind the historic Moirs Mill runs alongside the outflow from Paper Mill Lake and to the dam. Return is same, or a walk through the neighbourhood.

3 Old Coach Road Trail, The Ravines
Trailheads and Parking: 76 Southgate Dr. [📍](#) ; or near 84 Vanier Way [📍](#)
Terrain and Surface: This 1 km crusher dust trail with some slopes and winds through the Bedford Ravines neighbourhood. A short boardwalk crosses a cascading brook.
Description: Discover this historic route once travelled by coaches to Bedford and beyond. Enjoy the interpretive panel and a copy of the trail guide at the trailhead.

4 Fleetview Trail, Royale Hemlocks
Trailheads and Parking: near 53 Starboard Dr. [📍](#)
Terrain and Surface: This 650 m gravel trail is steep in places and winds past small ponds and woods.
Description: This woodland trail connects behind the homes on Fleetview in Royale Hemlocks and connects across Starboard to Cabin Lake Trail.

5 Cabin Lake Trail, Royale Hemlocks
Trailheads and Parking: 41 Starboard Dr. [📍](#) ; or 46 Transom Dr. [📍](#)
Terrain and Surface: This 2.51 km crusher dust trail has some steep slopes.
Description: This family-friendly woodland trail features a small lake popular in winter for skating. Connects across Starboard Dr. to Fleetview Trail.

6 Hemlock Ravine Park Trails
Trailheads and Parking: 40 Kent Ave. [📍](#) ; Julies Walk (limited parking), or many neighbourhood connections.
Terrain and Surface: Within this Halifax Park are 4 km of looped, crusher dust trails, one of which is available for off-leash dog walking. Most of the trails are fairly level, with one trail having a steep section.
Description: This 200-acre parkland was part of the estate of John Wentworth, 2nd Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia, and used by Prince Edward and his companion Julie Saint-Laurent in the late 1700's. This is a great park for family wildlife viewing, geocaching, or just sitting by the heart-shaped pond!

7 Mainland North Trail, Clayton Park West / Mount Royale
Trailheads and Parking: Many neighbourhood access points; major entrances at 655 Parkland Dr. [📍](#) ; Glenbourne Park [📍](#) ; 69 Westridge Dr. [📍](#) ; 333 Main Ave., Washmill Lake Dr., and from the Lacewood bus terminal [📍](#) . or many community access points. *(continued on right flap.)*

Who We Are and What We Do

The Halifax North West Trails Association is a volunteer community trail group. We promote the use of active transportation and recreation trails in Fairview, Clayton Park, Rockingham, Bedford South and Bedford West. Our trails offer a collection of outdoor experiences for walking and bicycling commuters, casual urban walkers, hikers, and nature enthusiasts who enjoy a path in the woods.

Trail Monitor Program

HNWTA trails are regularly inspected by trained trail monitor volunteers. Their role is to inspect monthly, for changes such as erosion of the trail surface, fallen trees, and blocked drainage. All these issues could limit trail users’ ability to safely walk or bike the trail. The monitors also inspect for vandalism, litter, and the need for replacement of existing structures. As a convenience to dog owners, we have installed dog waste bag dispensers on most of our trails. Monitors keep the dispensers filled with bags. Please do your part and place full bags in nearby garbage cans.

If you think you would enjoy being a trail monitor contact the trail stewardship coordinator email: monitors@halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca

Trail Maintenance

We have agreements in place with HRM allowing us to perform minor maintenance on trails and to formalize new trail sections. We hold volunteer work parties twice a year to re-surface the Mainland Common loop trail (#10 on the map). We would love your help.

For minor trail repairs email maintenance@halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca. For major damage (fallen trees, damaged boardwalk or washouts contact HRM by calling 311 (say Parks) or email contactus@311.halifax.ca (please CC us on your email).

Making Trail Use Accessible

The Mainland North Trail (#7 on the map) is wheelchair friendly. We have purchased Nordic walking poles and winter boot ice-grippers for you to borrow at the Keshen-Goodman library with your library card. Nordic poles are also available to borrow at the Bedford library.

New Trail and Greenspace Advocacy

We work with HRM to build new trails through parks and greenspaces. Our goal is to create a network of walking and riding trails stretching from Hammonds Plains Road to Fairview, and from the shores of Bedford Basin to the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness area.

Work with us to make these trails a reality. Scan the QR code in the bottom right corner for details.



Detailed maps of these and other trails can be found on our website. Watch for trailhead signs to help locate the trails.



For more information about trails and outdoor activities in Halifax and Nova Scotia, visit these great websites!

- Regional Trail Maps: halifax.ca/trails
- Provincial Trails Organization and Trail Guide: nstrails.com nstrails.com/trailguide
- Hiking Information: hikenovascotia.ca
- Trail Information: Halifaxtrails.ca
- Nova Scotia Environmental Network: nsenvironmentalnetwork.com
- Municipal Recreation Opportunities: halifax.ca/recreation
- Search “hiking” at: ns.211.ca or nsconnect.ca
- iNaturalist Citizen Science: inaturalist.org or download the app
- Nature Nova Scotia: naturens.ca
- Geocaching Information: geocaching.com
- Cycling Information: bicycle.ns.ca
- Nordic Walking: nordicwalkingnovascotia.ca You can borrow poles at the Keshen Goodman Public Library!
- Leave No Trace Canada: leavenotrace.ca/
- Join a Walking Group through NSWalks hikenovascotia.ca/ns-walks/

Learn about projects we support:

- Proposed Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes National Urban Park: bluemountainfriends.ca
- The Sandy Lake - Sackville River Regional Park Coalition: sandylakecoalition.ca
- Our HRM Alliance: ourhrmalliance.ca



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