

Welcome to Allan Park

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With over 161 ha (400 acres) of rolling forested landscape and the impressive pond area, Allan Park is a terrific place to spend an afternoon. This 'day-use' area is open to the public on a year-round basis. Enjoy a picnic by the pond, cast a fishing line, or take a trek back and explore the vast trail systems; via foot, ski or snowshoe. Cycling and birding are also regularly enjoyed by visitors to the park. During winter months, the tobogganing hill at Allan Park is a 'must-try'. Activities during summer weekends may also be provided, depending on summer staff availability.

Currently, the park is maintained by numerous volunteers as well as the Hanover Lions Club. Please respect the beauty of this natural area by taking only pictures and leaving only footprints.

How it All Began

Land acquisition of the current park property was initiated by Saugeen Conservation in 1957. This property was originally the preferred location for the administrative facilities of Saugeen Conservation. These plans fell through, however, after the Metzger property became available near Hanover. A total of six land parcels have been purchased within Allan Park to conserve locally unique geographical features and also to effectively manage the forest resources on the property.

Managed Forest

What Does it Mean?

Saugeen Conservation owns a total of 8,400 ha (21,000 acres) of land throughout the watershed. Many of these lands are important wetlands located within key 'source' areas of this vast watershed. Other areas are classified as Conservation Areas. These areas are open to the public, contain various facilities (i.e., picnic shelters, washrooms, etc.) and provide numerous recreational opportunities for watershed residents and visitors alike.

Saugeen Conservation also owns thousands of hectares classified as 'Managed Forests'. These areas contain forested lands which are 'managed'. Management techniques, very simply, consider the health of a forest by assessing the well-being of tree species contained within the woodland. Management also encourages regeneration by providing proper space and lighting. It also facilitates the growth of crop or seed trees to ensure future sustainability. In implementing proper management techniques, Saugeen Conservation staff also look at factors such as the presence of rare or endangered species, the potential of wildlife habitat, soil conditions, sensitive areas, etc.

Most of the lands, currently under management by Saugeen Conservation, were under 'Forest Management Agreement' with the Ministry of Natural Resources. Many of these lands, for example, have been managed since the early 1950's. When this program was eliminated, Saugeen Conservation initiated steps to ensure the continued management of these important forested areas. Over the years the implementation of management objectives has included the establishment of new plantations, improvement cuts, disease analysis, the development of wildlife habitat, etc.

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Occasionally, Saugeen Conservation will implement management practices, such as selective harvesting or thinning, within these areas. Please note that signs will be posted during these times, for the protection of the general public.

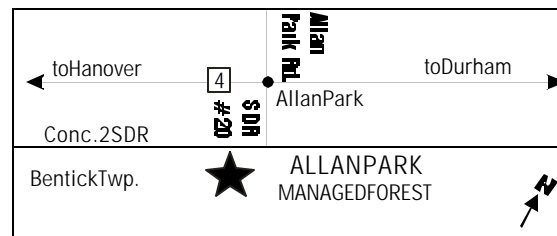
If you should have any questions with regard to the management of these areas, please feel free to contact the forestry staff at Saugeen Conservation (contact information included on front panel).

Mother Nature's Friendly Reminders

- * While exploring, stay on marked paths, for your own safety and that of the environment!
- * Please remember that you are a guest in someone else's home. Avoid disturbing wildlife.
- * Do not feed the wildlife, it interferes with natural habits.
- * Help mother nature stay beautiful, by picking up garbage you might stumble across along your way. You would be doing everyone a favour!

How to Find Us!

Allan Park Management Unit is located 2.4 km (1.5 miles) south of the Hamlet of Allan Park (County Road 4 between Hanover and Durham.) Turn south onto SDR #20.



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Day Use Area



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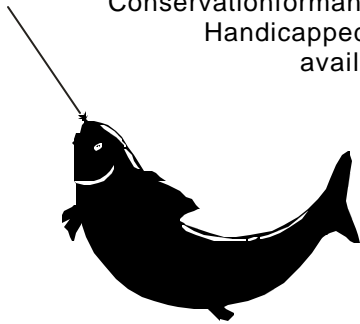
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Goin' Fishing

Why not try your luck at Allan Park?

During the fishing season, Allan Park is a popular destination for enthusiastic anglers of all ages. Catches may include beautifully coloured rainbow trout.

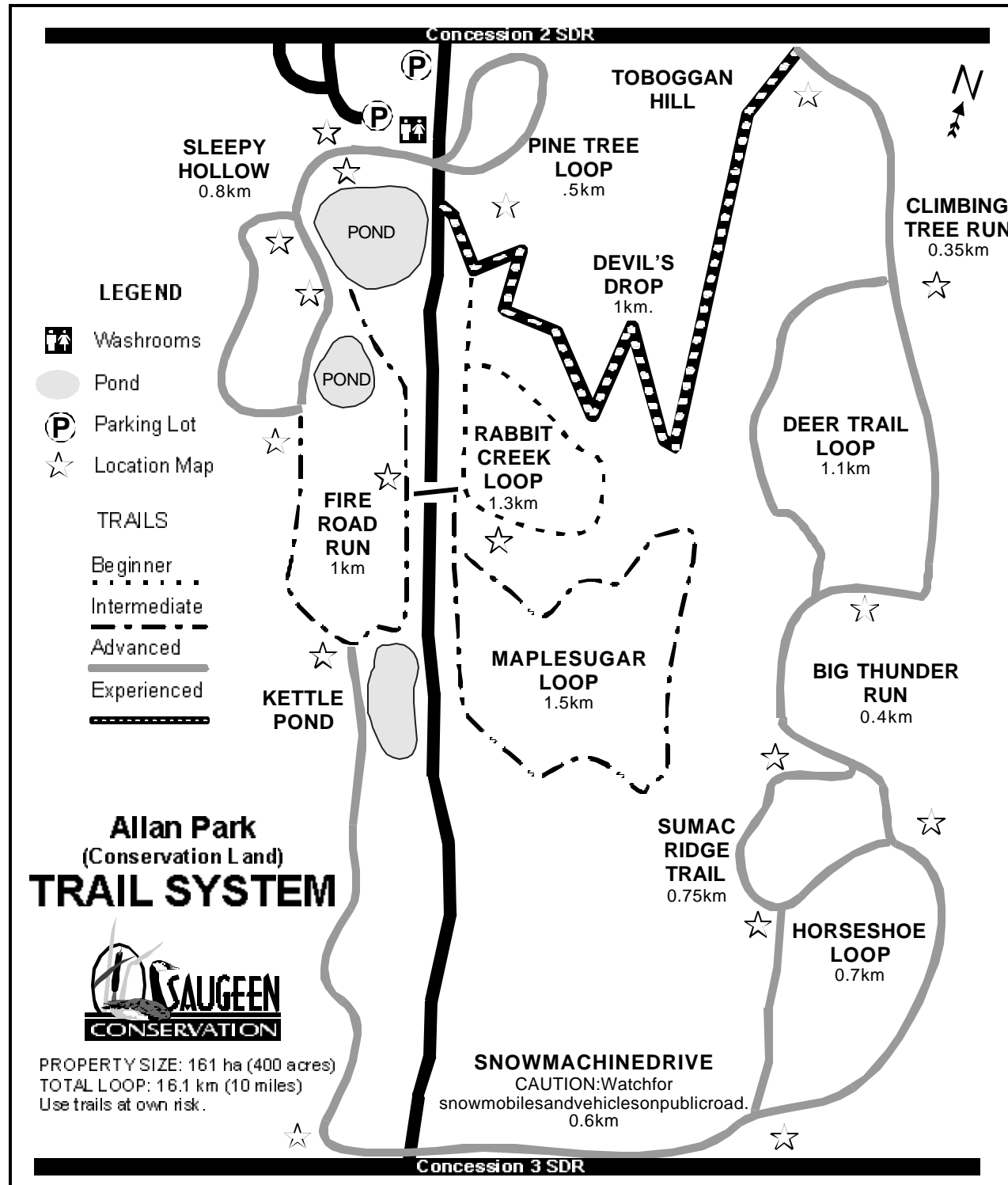
Occasionally, the Hanover Lions Club purchase young trout from local suppliers, which are then released into the Allan Park trout pond. This is a put-and-takes system, which has been practised by Saugeen Conservation for many years. Handicapped access is available to the trout pond area.



Tele-a-what?

Check this Out!

The main station operated by Telesat is the Allan Park installation. During your visit, be sure to take a peek at this impressive structure, which is visible from the hamlet of Allan Park, seen from County Rd. 4. The station relays and receives messages for ground telephone, television, radio and teletype systems. This station, along with the station located in Lake Cowichan, British Columbia are the only stations in Canada which relay, control and monitor information between satellites and the Ottawa control centre.



Heads or TRAILS!

Allan Park has over 10 km of trails. The trail system has been designed to cater to a wider range of nature lovers. The trails are suitable for beginner, intermediate, experienced and advanced users, reflecting specific levels of difficulty for both hiking and cross-country skiing purposes. Challenging runs are just waiting to be tackled by enthusiastic skiers! Being part of the Horseshoe Moraine, the trail system reaches an elevation of 30 metres (100 feet) in places.

A assortment of wildlife inhabit these trail areas, and may be seen along the way.

*Please note, all trails within the park are to be used at your own risk.



Many Moons Ago

Powerful glaciers plucked boulders from the Precambrian Shield north of this area, transporting them hundreds of kilometres. This process dragged minerals, rocks, and boulders over bedrock. Some were ground into sand, silt and clay, others were deposited in between blocks of ice.

When the ice melted, these ice deposits formed conical mounds which shaped the kame moraine you walk along on the trail system.

The water which fills the kettle pond at the back of the property was once... many, many moons ago... a huge chunk of ice.