

This Week's Walk by Margeree Edwards

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I don't think I have ever seen snow like this before. As I entered the house, great clumps of snow attached to my boots and then fell off onto the hall floor. The snow looked strange, like it had been whipped up. When I reached to pick it up, it fell apart in my hand like soap suds. Here are some ideas on how to enjoy this 'Big Strange Snow'.

Opportunities:

Where can we walk this week? Anywhere and everywhere! A blanket of snow has created many new routes. Trails you might have bypassed in the past, because of rocks or roots, are quite accessible now, quite smooth with a layer of snow cover.

Seas of white for miles are found at the golf courses (such as Kawartha Golf Club). You can walk or ski forever.

Cleared Trails

The long trails in the city, such as the Rotary Trail and the Parkway Trail, act as commuter routes for people going to work or school. They are usually cleared by city ploughs and walking is easy.

The Parkway Trail starts at the intersection of Fairbairne Avenue and Highland Road (near Parkhill W and Fairbairne). The trail goes all the way to the Zoo. The Rotary Trail is good winter walking from the intersection of Auburn and Parkhill East all the way to Trent. Don't be surprised if you see bikes on the route with big, fat winter tires.

Since these trails are often stripped of snow, they make less ice and dry up more quickly.

There is convenient parking for the Parkway Trail at Walmart parking lot on the Chemong side. For the Rotary Trail there is parking along the river at Auburn and Parkhill Road W.

Caution

Watch for ice under the snow. If there was an icy pond or puddles before it snowed, those slippery bits will still be there beneath the snow. Walking sticks or a ski pole can help you keep your balance.

Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!