

This Week's Walk by Margeree Edwards

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Three Part Harmony

This week's walk is made up of three pieces that go nicely together or can be done separately.

All are off of Chemong Road where Bridgenorth and Peterborough meet.

Piece 1: A car ride to the walking trail through a beautiful area. Heading north on Chemong Road, you will go over Hwy 1 (the Lindsay Road) and then will come to the second road on the left which is the Pinehill Road (the road is just after the house that many know as the location of an artesian spring where many people come to fill their jugs.) There is a bright yellow house right on the Left turn.

Pinehill Rd goes straight uphill passing by large homes/estates on private acreage. Soon, you will be surrounded by beautiful expanses of land with views of high hills and deep valleys in all directions. Chemong Lake can be seen for miles. Stripped of tree leaves, it is an interesting and very different landscape.

Follow Pinehill Road with its twists and turns right through to where it ends at the 5th line (3 miles) . Turn Left and follow the curves on 5th Line (for one mile) until you see the sharp curve to the left and a big white sign and parking lot for the Bridgnorth to Peterborough Trail.

Piece 2: The trail cuts through a very attractive dense forest of large, tall trees. Walking is easy with only gentle changes in terrain. The trail is about 15 to 20 minutes long before it comes to Road 1 - the Lindsay Highway with Country Smith Icecream factory across the street.

Part 3: If it is safe to do so, cross the highway and walk up Creamery Lane to the left of Country Smith. You may sense that this is an unusual dead end road. In fact it has an interesting history. Years ago, it was the place where all the local farmers brought their pea crop to remove the pods and can the peas.

For a bit of adventure, walk to the end of the road, scale the large pile of snow (a walking stick would be handy here) and follow the tracks of snow machines and cross country skiers down the long slope. The trees are smaller here and somewhat scraggly and soon you see why as the marshland to the east becomes visible. Farther down an interesting path, you are soon walking on the marshland itself with all the typical vegetation. It is a strange and almost awful feeling to be walking on a bed of reeds as the trail twists and turns.

IF THE SNOW TRACK from the snow machine is melting, you will not, of course, venture out onto the marsh.

Walk back to your vehicle at the trail parking lot.

Three different experiences all in one!

OR to go directly to the trail go north on Chemong Road to 5th Line, turn left and drive directly to the trail parking lot

OR to go directly to Country Smith and Creamery Lane take Chemong Road north to Road 1 (the Lindsay Road) turn left and drive to County Smith on the left. Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!