

## This Week's Walk by Margeree Edwards

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### Spring on the B.E.L. Rotary Trail

Who knows why Hilliard Street stopped at the 5th Line in Bridgenorth instead of pushing through to Communication Road? Probably because of the wetlands. What matters now is that B. E. L. Rotary saw the possibilities in that abandoned stretch of land and created a great walking trail near Bridgenorth that they describe as peaceful and tranquil. (BEL is Bridgenorth, Ennismore and Lakefield).

A good hardened, natural surface goes on for 2.3 km (3 miles) each way in a 'there and back' configuration. The trail is very popular with local residents as a refreshing place to go; dogs like it too (on leash). The trailheads can be found at 5th line in the south and at 2820 Brunwell Street in the north.

There are two choices for travelling to the south trailhead. From Chemong Road turn east onto the 5th Line and travel until the road takes a sharp turn to the south. The trail is right at the turn. Or take the Centre Line (formerly the Centre Line of Smith) north to 5th line. Turn west on the 5th Line and follow the road as it suddenly turns north. The trail begins where the road heads west again. There is parking and a large map at the trailhead.

One of the positive aspects of this trail is the many years it grew wild. The native trees are tall and wildflowers are well established. And there are birds! Many birds! A website devoted to the birds you might see on this trail can be found at B.E.L. Rotary Bridgenorth Trail.

As the seasons progress this will be a great location to enjoy the changes.

Do you know of a trail you would like us to cover? Please email Margeree at [inmecom@gmail.com](mailto:inmecom@gmail.com). or text to 705 768 6703 with your text number and email address.

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