

This Week's Walk by Margeree Edwards

Ennismore Waterfront Park

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This is the third opportunity in our series to combine a walk with a refreshing swim afterwards. The Ennismore Waterfront Park is a beauty! It offers several walking trails and a large swimming area, all in a country setting. Very popular on weekends, it is less crowded during the week.

Directions:

Ennismore is located in Selwyn Township. Traditionally, it has seen itself as the Irish centre of Peterborough County. The park is about 18.5 kilometers to the north from downtown Peterborough. Drive north on Chemong Road until you reach the town of Bridgenorth. At the second signal light, turn left onto the road over the causeway (a beautiful sight). Just past the end of causeway, take the road to the right (Robinson Road). Follow the main road for 3.1 kilometres until it curves to the left toward the village of Ennismore. You will KEEP RIGHT to go straight on Robinson Road and then a right turn onto Ennis Road. There is a sign for Ennismore Water Park at the corner. After about 3.3 kilometers you will come to the entrance to the park on the right side of the road. If the road meets the lake and turns left you have gone too far.

Just after you enter the park, on your right side, you will see a large map of the walking trails. Walking trails are to the right from the road or straight ahead from the parking lot and are identified by colours - red, blue and green. There is also a frisbee golf game in the same area which can lead to some confusion. Frisbee golf is identified by letters ABC.

The walking trails are fairly short (416 to 594 metres) and interconnected. The forest is interesting, obviously a reforestation many years ago. The less interesting part about the trails are the mosquitoes. Be sure to take some repellent with you and wear white clothes (which mosquitoes do not like).

On to the beach:

In addition to the trails and the beach, this park has several other amenities. The shore is sand but everywhere else is grass. There are large stretches of land for laying out sun bathing or reading or whatever. Time to cool down? Seek shelter in the shade under tall trees. At picnic time, just spread out your blanket or bring your own table and

chairs. The children enjoy a large playground with swings, slides and climbing apparatus.

On the lake, motor boats observe the rule re not entering the swimming area. As a country beach, there will be some weeds in the water, especially in hot weather. The main swimming areas are usually swept of weeds. The weeds are not harmful, they just feel funny.

Where do you enjoy swimming? With the blazing hot weather we received last year, and some this years so far, there are people finding 'swimming holes', some within the city itself. Let me know your favs.

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