

Here you will find a number of side trails (marked with blue) and the main trail (marked with white). For a downloadable map go to: <http://brucetrail.org/places/7>

2. Hungry Hollow trail

The newly-completed Hungry Hollow boardwalk and trail is a joy to hike. This four kilometre one-way trail is part boardwalk, woodchip and part natural trail. Access points can be reached at Metcalfe Court, Mountainview, Miller Drive and Lookout Court. Pick up a copy of the Trails Halton map or download a copy from <http://www.haltonhills.ca/discover/trails.php>. Keep your eyes and ears open for birds, plants, mammals and insects that call the ravine home. Soaring turkey vultures, kingfishers cruising along Silver Creek, and white-tailed deer in the valley lands are a few of the connections with nature you may encounter. The Schmidt family have made the Hungry Hollow trail part of their lifestyle. Kevin, 7, Tyler, 10, and Siobhan, 11, all agree that they have fun climbing the hills and that the new boardwalk means no more muddy and wet shoes.

3. Jubilee Woodlot

One of my newly-found places to hike is the Jubilee Woodlot. Known to many locals as a place for a casual stroll, this half-kilometre trail is rich in wildlife. Don't let the small size deter you from this outing. Good things come in small packages. Migrating monarchs and long-eared owls have used this woodlot as a roost. Visit often and remember to bring your binoculars as you never know what you may discover.

<http://www.haltonhills.ca/discover/trails.php>

4. Old Dominion Seed House

The Old Dominion Seed House Garden will fit the bill if you are looking for a leisurely stroll. This one acre garden, created by volunteers, has a meandering path that leads you through gardens, trees, a pond and a gazebo. Drop by the pond in the late evening to marvel at the acrobatic display of the chimney swifts as they dart through the night sky in search of food.



Tyler, 10, (left) and Kevin Schmidt, 7, explore the wetlands of the Hungry Hollow boardwalk.

The Old Dominion Seed House Garden: <http://www.oldseedhousegarden.com/>

5. Lucy Maud Montgomery Heritage Gardens

In honour of Lucy Maud Montgomery, author of *Anne Green Gables*, who lived in Norval from 1926-1935, these gardens showcase the talents of local volunteers. You, too, can enjoy the lovely sights and fragrances by watching the flowers grow as you stroll through the pathways. Remember to bring along your camera to capture the colourful flowers. The gazebo makes a great place to stop and enjoy a picnic lunch and refreshments.

For more information on the gardens visit: <http://www.lmmontgomerynorval.com/>



6. Willow Park Ecology Centre

After enjoying a picnic lunch at the Lucy Maud Montgomery Heritage Gardens, you can take a short hike to the Willow Park Ecology Centre where Silver Creek joins the Credit River. This community-run five-acre park provides opportunities to view a diversity of nature in the valley. You can hike, learn, discover and explore a butterfly garden, a composting garden and a pond viewing platform.

<http://www.willowparkecology.com>



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