

# HRCA raises entry fees

The Halton Region Conservation Authority raised entry fees to its conservation areas to help offset recent funding cuts.

Halton conservation areas affected include Kelso, Mountsberg, Crawford Lake, Hilton Falls and Rattlesnake Point. These areas attract close to 500,000 visitors annually with the majority of the visitors coming from the Halton watershed area.

The fees have been raised from \$2.75 to \$3.25 for adults and \$1.75 to \$2.25 for children and seniors.

The conservation authority has not raised the cost of its annual pass for the areas. The \$70 pass is great value for regular users and offers unlimited use of all the conservation areas for 12 months from the date of purchase.

The revenue from park entry fees and municipal levies is used to offset conservation area expenditures. There are no provincial grants available for

the operation and maintenance of conservation areas even though many of the conservation areas are of provincial and national significance.

The conservation authority has over 8,000 acres of public land available for a wide range of recreational opportunities. Swimming, boating, picnicking, fishing, downhill and cross country skiing, are only a few of the opportunities.

With over 100 km of nature trails, Halton conservation areas provide some of the best scenic viewing and hiking opportunities located close to home.

Other facilities include nature interpretive centres and historical sites with wildlife displays, horse drawn wagon rides, maple syrup demonstrations, boardwalks and interpretation lookouts.

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Open house

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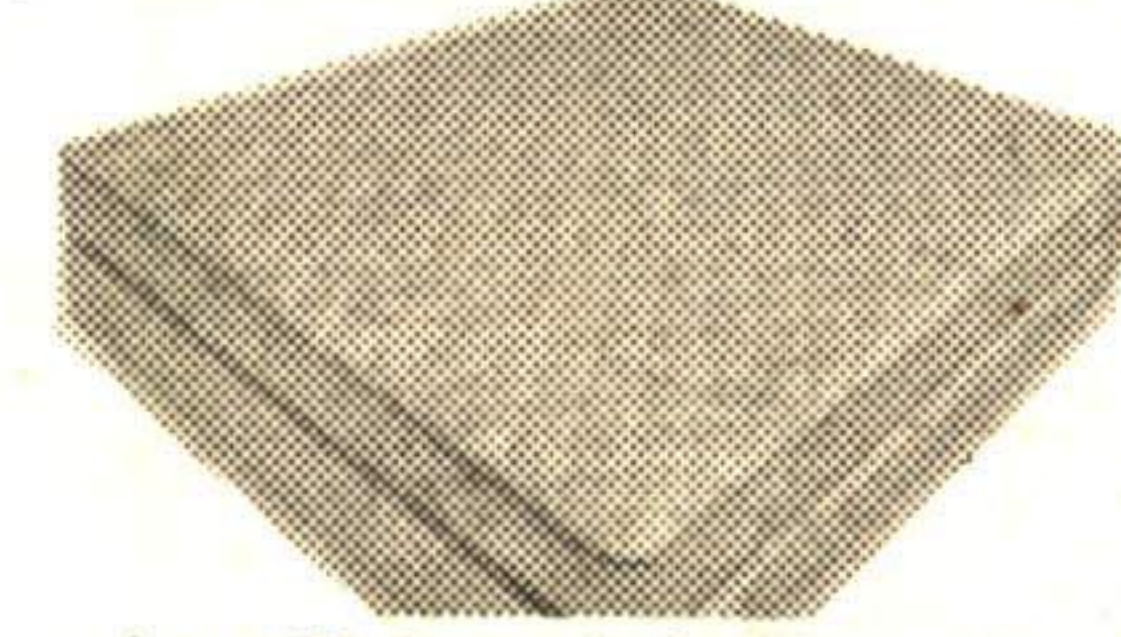
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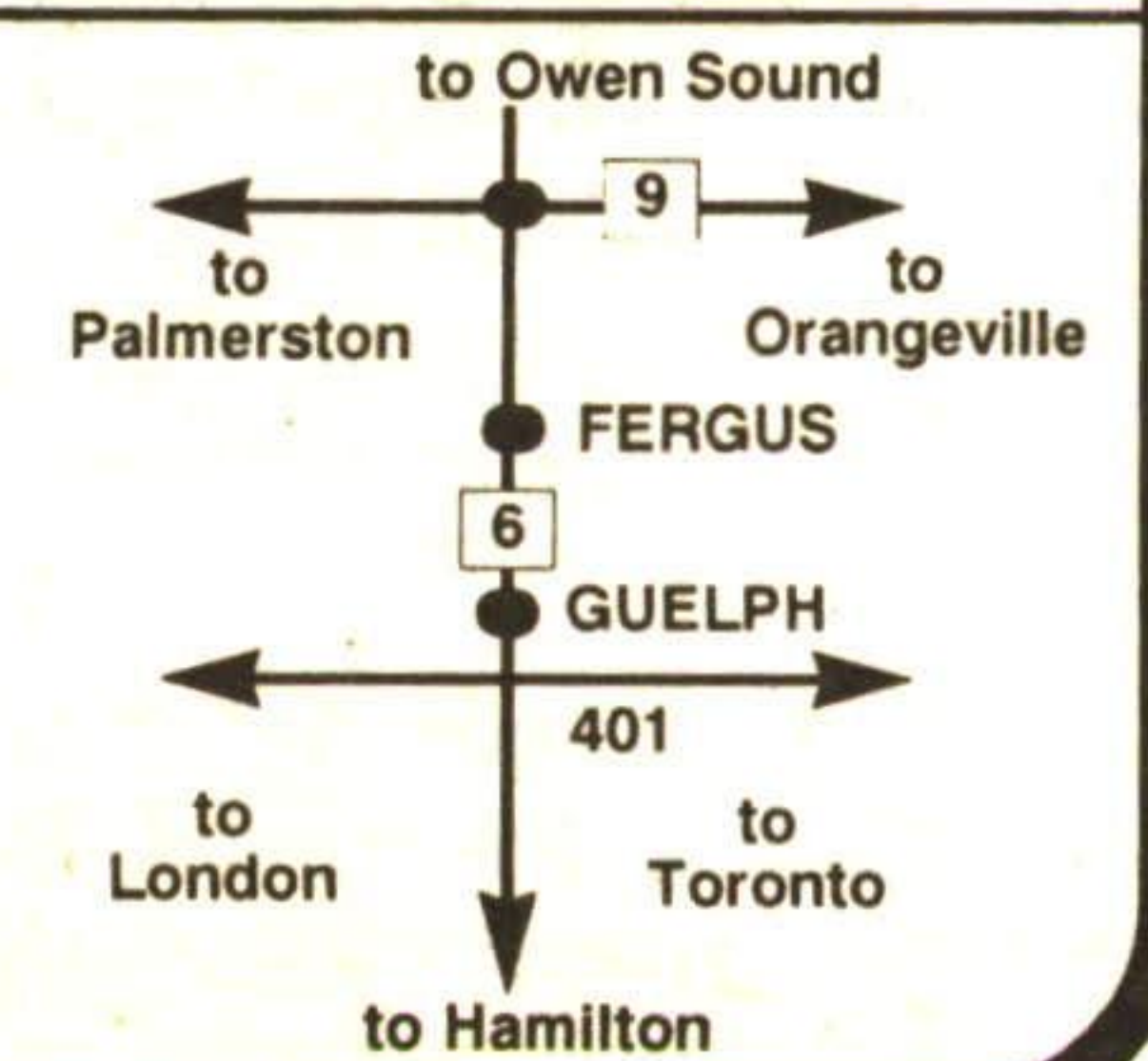


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