

# 160-acre escarpment parkland donated to people of Ontario

Choice parcels of Niagara Escarpment parkland totalling 160 acres have been donated to the people of Ontario through the Ontario Heritage Foundation. John B. Ridley, a prominent business executive, has given 95 acres and the Honourable John Yaremko, Solicitor General of the Province of Ontario, has given an adjoining 65 acres.

The Ontario Heritage Foundation is an agency of the provincial government involved in the conservation of historic buildings, cultural materials, parkland and areas of scenic beauty. Arrangements have been made for the Parks Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources to assume responsibility for the management of the property which is located in North Burlington, southwest of Milton, and west of Highway 25 between Rattlesnake Point and Mount Nemo.

Chairman impressed  
In making the announcement John E. Langdon, Chairman of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, expressed the Foundation's delight in accepting these generous donations and stated that he had recently visited the properties with Mr. Yaremko and was impressed by its natural values which, he felt, would be of special interest to naturalists.

J. W. Keenan, Executive Director of the Parks Division, noted that the Bruce Trail, which follows a township road through the property, could now be re-routed to take advantage of the donated area. Being located so close to urban areas, the properties will undoubtedly provide opportunities for a variety of recreational uses such as cross country skiing, walking, fishing and casual picnicking.

Geologically and botanically these properties are similar to the well known Rattlesnake Point-Nassagaweya Canyon area. The properties occupy the floor, slope, and brow of a small valley which separates a steep sided and flat-topped outlier from the main body of the Niagara Escarpment. Along the steep eastern side of the valley are numerous exposures of the local limestone bedrock. Here selective erosion in weaker parts of the limestone has outlined large vertical rock columns thus producing a highly impressive and photogenic formation. Locally the face is called Calcium Calcium Pits.

Cold, clear springs  
On the valley floor a small lake and several ponds are the sources of a creek shown on early Halton County maps as Limestone Creek which curves around the northern edge of the outlier and ultimately joins a branch of the 12-Mile, or Bronte Creek. The stream is nourished by a number of cold, clear springs found on the adjacent valley slopes.

The properties are well wooded with a mixture of coniferous and hardwood species. White cedars, many of them very large specimens, are found throughout the property. Tamarack and hemlock abound in the valley with hard maple and beech predominating on the upland areas. Some of these hardwoods are at least 150 years old, emphasizing the fact that much of the property has experienced very little human disturbance, although evidence is also there of earlier attempts to farm a part of the property. The variety of the landscape also produces an interesting range of wildlife on the area.

Halton Region Conservation Authority owns parcels of land totalling several hundred acres immediately adjacent to the north and east, and the new properties will not only be an excellent adjunct, but will link these parcels up, thereby creating an even more extensive parcel of land in the public domain only 30 minutes from Metropolitan Toronto's western boundary. This most accessible

part of the escarpment will gradually prove to be amongst the most popular.

Conservationists  
The donors of these excellent recreational properties have long been ardent conservationists and had planned this gift for some years. Mr. Ridley has since 1959 been Chairman of the Quetico Foundation formed some 30 years ago to encourage the pre-

servation and establishment of Wilderness Parks. He has been a member of the Minister's Quetico Park Advisory Committee and the Conservation Council of the Province of Ontario, is a past president of the Ontario Boy Scouts Council, and a vice-president of the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Mr. Yaremko has been a strong supporter of public recreation

programs since his entry into the Legislature in 1951, and his involvement in the North Halton escarpment area goes back 20 years. His interest in Canadiana is evidenced by his outstanding collection of Canadian glass.

In giving these properties to the Ontario Heritage Foundation, the donors have ensured their preservation as parkland for the benefit of all citizens.

## Grads from this area at Sheridan College

At the fifth annual convocation of Sheridan College, Friday, 23 area students graduated.

High honors diplomas were awarded to Eileen Moffat Brown as a Library Technician; Eleanor May Draper; Library Technician; Maria Aleida Reis, Travel Counselling; and Roy Wolman, Business Administration; all of Milton.

Deborah Margaret Ayer of Hornby received high honors in Early Childhood Education.

Honors Milton graduates were Loris Joseph Faggin in Business Administration; Judith Marie Joyce in Travel Counselling; Freda Irene McFadden in Travel Counselling.

Stanley Romas Jakaitis of Hornby received honors in Transportation Planning; and Susie Veronica Schatti of Limehouse was an honors student in Social Service.

Other graduates from Milton were Linda Anne Bertoli, Medical Secretary; Susan Margaret Currie, Professional Modelling; Judy Marie Green, Medical Secretary; Toni Maria Griffith, Intensive Secretarial; Elizabeth Jean Hamilton, Travel Counselling; Larry Schuyler,

Business Administration; Leon Raymond Swallow, Security and Law Enforcement.

Helen Beswick of Campbellville graduated in Arts and Crafts Teaching Instruction and Craft

Upgrading; and Silvia Zirniss of Moffat graduated in Travel Counselling.

From Hornby, Arthur Robert Letts graduated in Business Administration; Lothar Luke Von Kulmiz in Applied Photography; and Judy Chase in Travel Counselling.

The arrangement of tree leaves is an important feature in tree identification. Some deciduous trees have alternate arrangement and others opposite arrangement where they arise from the twig.

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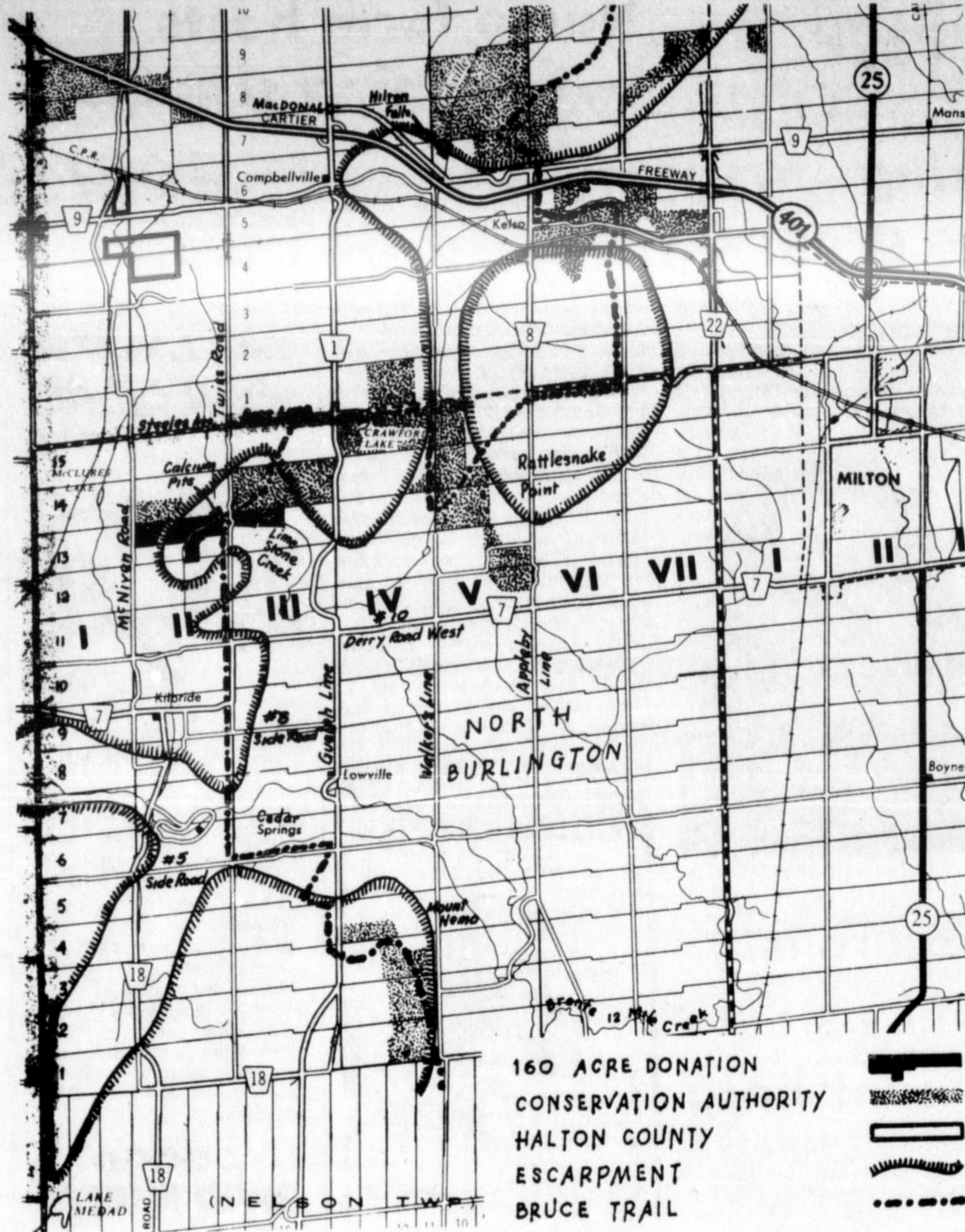
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LOW SWAMPLAND and higher escarpment bluffs from part of the 160-acre parcel of parkland that Ontario Heritage Foundation will manage, following receipt of the gift from two ardent conservationists John Yaremko

and John B. Ridley. On a branch of the Limestone Creek which flows into the Twelve Mile Creek, the lands are crossed by the Bruce Trail. They will be held as a park forever. (Photo by R. Downs)



THEIR REFLECTION mirrored in the small pond just west of Twiss Rd. in North Burlington, these trees will be part of a 160-acre parcel of parkland recently donated to the people of Ontario by John

B. Ridley and provincial solicitor-general John Yaremko. The park lies on both sides of Twiss Rd. between 10 Sideroad and Steeles Ave. (Photo by R. Downs)

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