

HALIFAX NORTH WEST TRAILS



Halifax North West Trails Association is a volunteer community group involved, along with our partners, in planning, construction, maintenance and stewardship of trails.

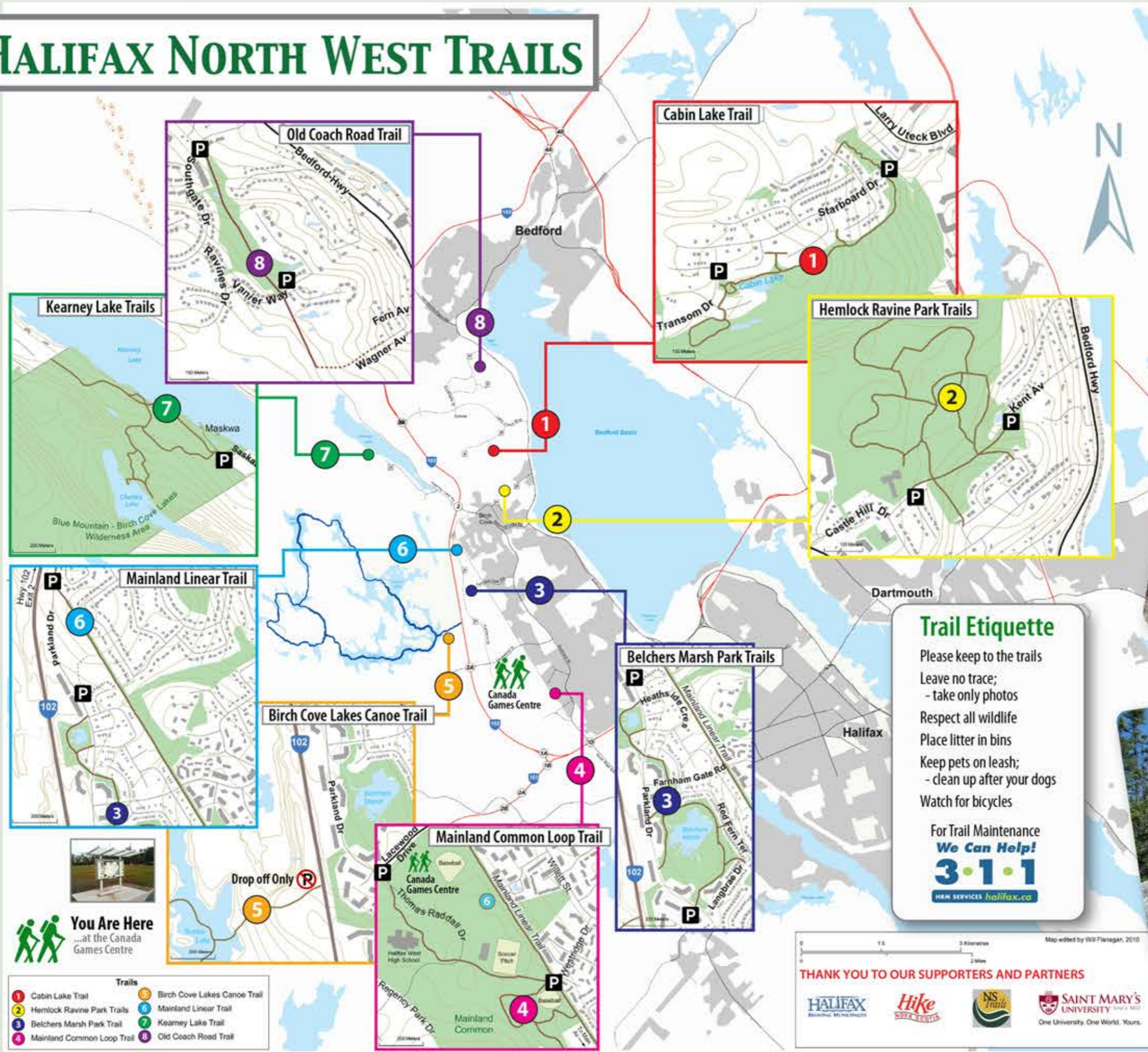
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Scan here to access our website for trail maps



Our trails are located within the Halifax Regional Municipality



Additional Information and Links:

For these Trails Maps and others in Halifax and Nova Scotia: trails.gov.ns.ca

Regional Trail maps: halifax.ca/trails

Provincial Trails Organization: novascotiatrials.com

Hiking Information: hikenovascotia.ca

More about geocaching: geocaching.com

Ecology Action Centre ecologyaction.ca



Trail Etiquette

- Please keep to the trails
- Leave no trace;
 - take only photos
- Respect all wildlife
- Place litter in bins
- Keep pets on leash;
 - clean up after your dogs
- Watch for bicycles

For Trail Maintenance
We Can Help!
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HAM SERVICES: halifax.ca

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

5 Birch Cove Lakes Canoe Trail

Access: GPS N 44° 39.936' W 063° 40.584'
Terrain and Surface: Rough trail walk in - 10 minutes, park safely along Highway 102 avoiding the No Parking signs.
Description: Generations of Halifax residents have used these pristine lakes for active recreation including an 8-lake canoe route with portages. Now partially preserved as a Wilderness Area, new access points with more trails will be built once the HRM Regional Park is established.

6 Mainland Linear Trail

Trailhead: Parkland Dr. GPS N 44° 40.811' W 063° 40.690'
Terrain and Surface: This 4.5km crusher dust trail is winter-maintained with several gradual slopes.
Parking/Bus Routes: Parking nearby; Bus routes: 2, 4 & 16.
Description: This power line corridor connecting to the Canada Games Centre and Library is a popular walking and running route. It is an Active Transportation route with greenway and natural buffers, leading to side trails and more green spaces. Watch when approaching cross streets.

7 Kearney Lake Trail

Trailhead: 91 Saskatoon Dr. GPS N 44° 41.509' W 063° 41.616'
Terrain and Surface: A rugged 2.5-km woodland path, with steep ridges, borders the lake in places; no winter maintenance.
Parking/Bus Route: Parking is at Maskwa Aquatic Club; Bus 89 along Kearney Lake Rd, to Hamslaw and walk to the end of Saskatoon Drive
Description: This woodland trail splits into two. The right trail follows the southern shore of Kearney Lake. Straight ahead, the trail meanders up a series of granite ridges to Charles Lake. The two trails connect several 100m's from the trailhead. This is the best public access to the Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area.

8 Old Coach Road Trail

Trailhead: 76 Southgate Dr. GPS N 44° 42.602' W 063° 40.458'
Terrain and Surface: This 1-km crusher dust trail with undulating slopes winds through the Bedford Ravines neighbourhood. A short boardwalk crosses a cascading brook; no winter maintenance.
Parking/Bus Route: Parking on Southgate Dr; Bus routes 80, 82 at Southgate on Bedford Highway.
Description: Enjoy the interpretive panel and a copy of the trail guide at the trailhead. Discover this historic route once travelled by coaches to Bedford and beyond.

Trails Connect Neighbourhoods

Walking is a beneficial activity, improving our physical, mental and social health. The setting is never static, the costs are minimal and age is no limitation. Children and youth and their families can benefit from outdoor learning activities. With accumulated knowledge and the love of nature we can be better stewards of our environment.

Our trails are a vibrant part of our multicultural communities. Halifax North West Trails Association (HNWTA) invites you to be a part of the green force committed to leaving a legacy.

Volunteers are always welcome!



For more information visit: halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca

Do what Canadians love to do most - experience the Great Outdoors in All Seasons!



Visit Our Kiosk
at the Canada Games Centre
(see the Hiker's icon on the map inside)
Watch for trailhead signs to help locate the trails.



All trails are dogs on leash.

HALIFAX NORTH WEST TRAILS MAP



The Halifax North West Trails Association is one of many volunteer community trail groups in HRM. Our area includes Fairview, Clayton Park, Rockingham and Bedford South as well as the Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area. Our trails offer the casual urban walker or the experienced wilderness hiker a variety of outdoor experiences. Many of the trails pass through historic areas connected with the development of Halifax since 1749 and pass near brooks, wetlands and woodlands where flora and fauna abound.

1 Cabin Lake Trail

Trailhead: 42 Starboard Dr. GPS N 44° 41.829' W 063° 40.037' Alternative entrance at 46 Transom Dr.
Terrain and Surface: This 2.5-km crusher dust trail has some steep slopes and no winter maintenance.
Parking/Bus Route: Parking on Starboard Dr. or Transom Dr.; Bus routes 81, 90.
Description: This family-friendly woodland trail behind the residential area in Royale Hemlocks features a small lake near Hemlock Ravine Park (no Park access from here).

2 Hemlock Ravine Park Trails

Trailhead: 40 Kent Ave. GPS N 44° 41.313' W 063° 39.808'
Terrain and Surface: Within the park are 4 km of looped trails, one of which is available for off-leash dog walking. Most of the trails have a crusher dust surface and are fairly level. No winter maintenance.
Parking/Bus Route: Parking lot at Kent Ave or on Julius Walk; Bus Routes 80, 81, 82 or 90 at Kent Ave on Bedford Hwy.
Description: This 200 acre parkland was part of the estate of John Wentworth, 2nd Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia, and used by Prince Edward and his companion Julie in the late 1700s. This is a great park for family wildlife viewing and geocaching.

3 Belchers Marsh Park Trails

Trailhead: Parkland Dr. GPS N 44° 40.186' W 063° 40.539'
Terrain and Surface: This 2.5-km crusher dust trail is quite level with no winter maintenance.
Parking/Bus routes: Parking is available on Parkland Dr. and nearby side streets; Bus Routes 4, 16 on Parkland Dr.
Description: These natural greenway trails around a large marsh and a smaller pond opposite Heathside Cres. have several access points. Interpretive panels inform about the cultural and natural assets. Activities for families might include observing wildlife (flora and fauna) in spring and summer, and skating in winter.

4 Mainland Common Loop Trail

Trailhead: 69 Westridge Dr. GPS N 44° 39.297' W 063° 39.417'
Terrain and Surface: This is a 1 km level woodland walk on bark chips with a short boardwalk; no winter maintenance.
Parking/Bus Route: Trailhead parking near baseball diamond; Bus routes at Willett St & Westridge Dr. 2, 4, 17, 18.
Description: A natural trail in the passive recreation area with an interpretive panel overlooking the sensitive bog area where you can spot two of our Provincial flowers, Nova Scotia's Mayflower and Newfoundland's Pitcher Plant!