



# PADDLING GUIDE

Nottawasaga River and Wasaga Beach  
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- **WB Paddlesurf**  
705-220-5090 | [wbpaddlesurf.com](http://wbpaddlesurf.com)





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## General Safety Tips

- Know how to swim
- Wear your life jacket/PFD at all times
- Know the symptoms and treatment for hypothermia, one of the leading causes of canoeing deaths
- Be prepared. Carry an extra paddle and PFD, first aid kit, throw line, bailer, sound signalling device, waterproof flashlight, good quality map of the area and compass. Dry clothes and extra food and water are also good to pack
- Let at least one responsible person know where you are going and when you are expected to return
- Take care around rapids, especially if you are new to paddling
- Think twice before paddling the Nottawasaga in the early spring. High water levels, cold temperatures, strong currents and floating debris are common, and make paddling extremely dangerous
- Watch for deadheads (partially submerged logs), which are common along the paddling routes
- Use caution when you enter or leave your boat, as high muddy banks are common along most of Nottawasaga
- Winds can generate large waves quickly on open water such as Georgian Bay, Jacks Lake, or parts of the Minesing Wetlands during periods of high water. Stay close to shore in such situations

## Safety in the Minesing Wetlands

Whichever route you take, be prepared. The Minesing Wetlands are an isolated wilderness area and appropriate cautions need to be made to ensure a safe trip. Remember to stay within the river channel while exploring the Minesing Wetlands,





especially when the area is experiencing high water levels. Always be sure to carry a good map and GPS; many experienced paddlers have gotten lost as there is no defined channels during high water events. A sturdy canoe or kayak are recommended; standup paddle boards are not suitable.

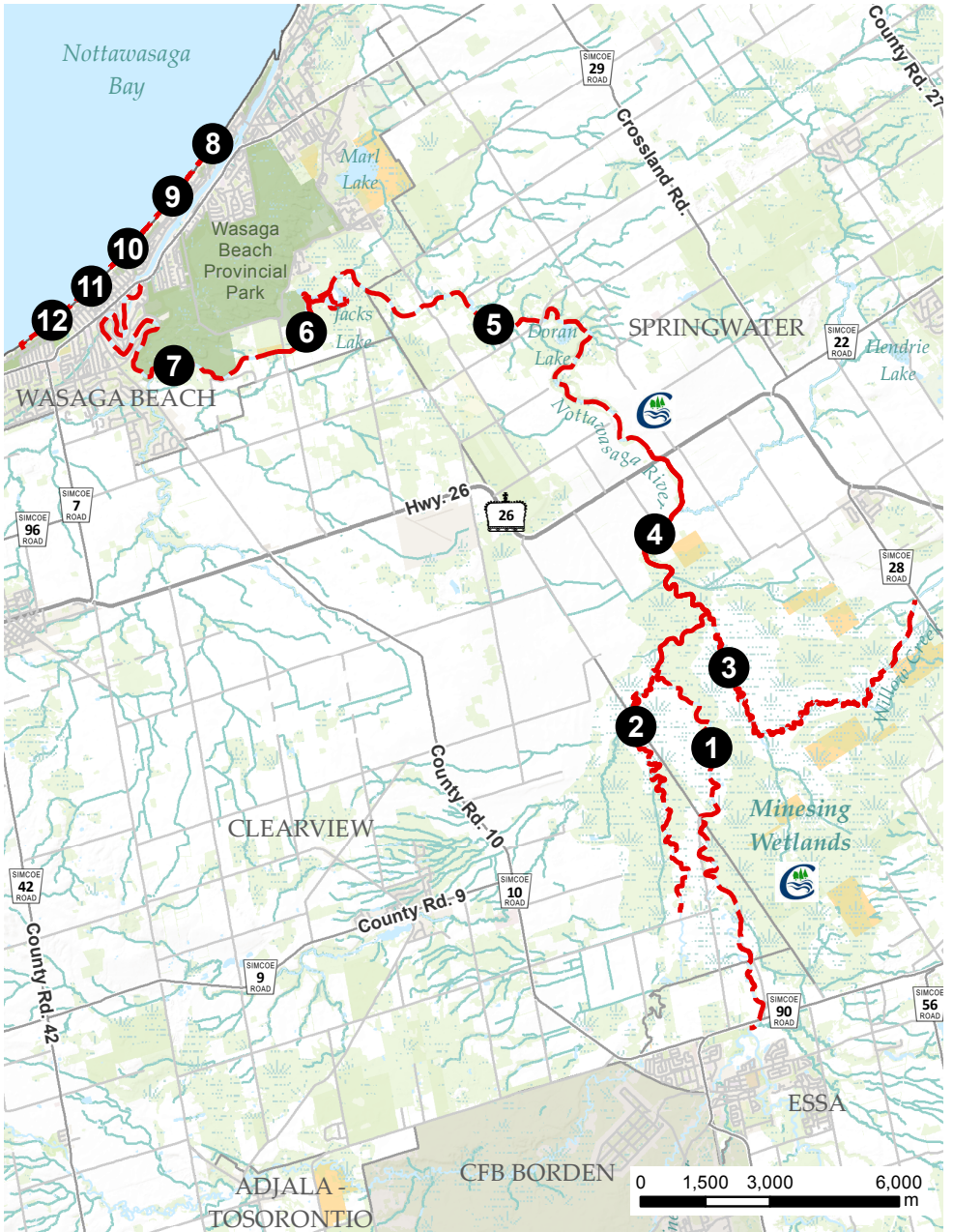
If you are new to the Nottawasaga River or Minesing Wetlands, we recommend taking advantage of the knowledgeable guides who frequently lead trips in these areas. Additionally, the Friends of Minesing Wetlands, a volunteer group dedicated to protecting and promoting the Minesing Wetlands, often offer guided group tours in the spring. For additional details on their tours, visit [minesingwetlands.ca](http://minesingwetlands.ca).

## Safety on Nottawasaga Bay

Georgian Bay is a vast body of water and conditions can change quickly. If you seek calmer waters, hugging the shoreline is recommended or paddle further out if you're more experienced and looking for more adventure. Be advised that the winds can change at a moment's notice and the bay can become extremely rough. The wind tends to come from the west, so paddling from Beach Area 1 towards the escarpment and Beach Area 6 may require additional energy. The bay is sandy and shallow, so as a general rule, try to stay within a four-foot depth; if you get tired, you can always walk back in.






# Overview Map








-  Routes
-  Launch Point
-  Point of Interest
-  Waterway Trail





## TRANSPORTATION

-  Highway
-  Major Road
-  Local Road


## WATER FEATURES

-  River, Stream or Creek
-  Wetland
-  Lakes, Ponds and Rivers

## LAND TYPE

-  Local Park
-  Provincial Park
-  Provincial Park Regulated Boundary
-  Crown Land


-  Conservation Area

-  Provincial Park

## ROUTES

- 1** Nottawasaga River:  
Angus to Edenvale
- 2** Mad River:  
Angus (Concession 2 Sunnidale) to Edenvale
- 3** Willow Creek:  
Minesing (George Johnston Rd) to Edenvale
- 4** Nottawasaga River:  
Edenvale into Minesing
- 5** Nottawasaga River:  
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-  Admission/Parking Fee

-  Boat Launch

-  Canoeing


-  Dog Park

-  Fishing

-  Food

-  Hiking

-  Information

-  Kiteboard Launch


-  Outfitters


-  Parking


-  Picnic Area

-  Restrooms

-  Launch Point

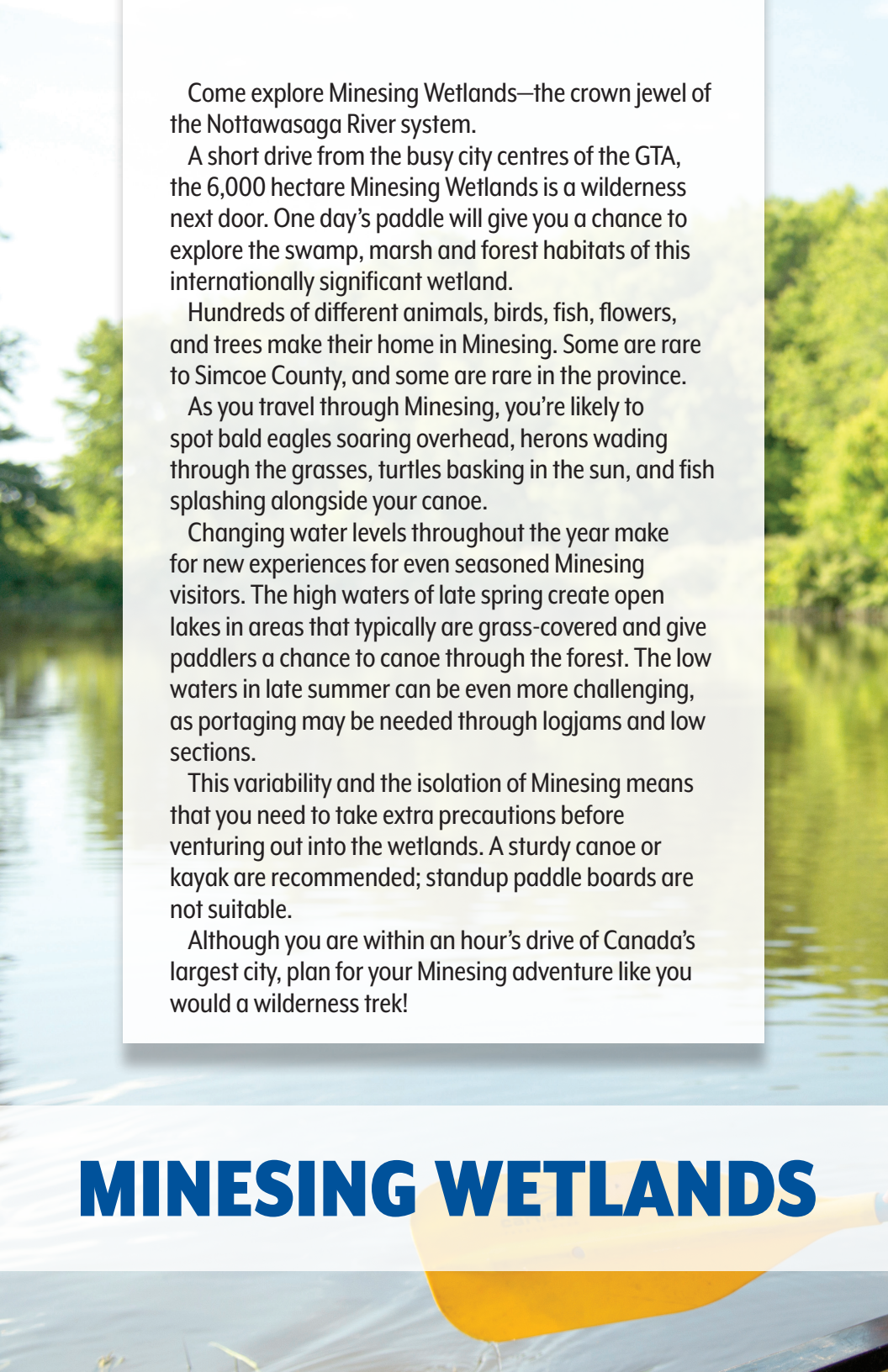
-  Swimming

-  Rough Section

-  Private Camping

-  Turnaround





Come explore Minesing Wetlands—the crown jewel of the Nottawasaga River system.

A short drive from the busy city centres of the GTA, the 6,000 hectare Minesing Wetlands is a wilderness next door. One day's paddle will give you a chance to explore the swamp, marsh and forest habitats of this internationally significant wetland.

Hundreds of different animals, birds, fish, flowers, and trees make their home in Minesing. Some are rare to Simcoe County, and some are rare in the province.

As you travel through Minesing, you're likely to spot bald eagles soaring overhead, herons wading through the grasses, turtles basking in the sun, and fish splashing alongside your canoe.

Changing water levels throughout the year make for new experiences for even seasoned Minesing visitors. The high waters of late spring create open lakes in areas that typically are grass-covered and give paddlers a chance to canoe through the forest. The low waters in late summer can be even more challenging, as portaging may be needed through logjams and low sections.

This variability and the isolation of Minesing means that you need to take extra precautions before venturing out into the wetlands. A sturdy canoe or kayak are recommended; standup paddle boards are not suitable.

Although you are within an hour's drive of Canada's largest city, plan for your Minesing adventure like you would a wilderness trek!

# MINESING WETLANDS



ROOTS  
OUTDOOR





## Willow Creek

**Distance:** 20 km **Time:** 5 hrs

**Difficulty:** easy to moderate paddling



### LAUNCH POINT

1

Minesing Wetlands  
Conservation Area  
44.421722, -79.823885

2

Edenvale Conservation Area  
44.453839, -79.90123



### PARKING

Minesing Wetlands  
Conservation Area -  
Admission Fee  
2220 George Johnston Road  
Minesing

Edenvale Conservation Area -  
Voluntary Admission Fee  
3920 HWY 26  
Minesing



### MINESING WETLANDS CONSERVATION AREA



### EDENVALE CONSERVATION AREA



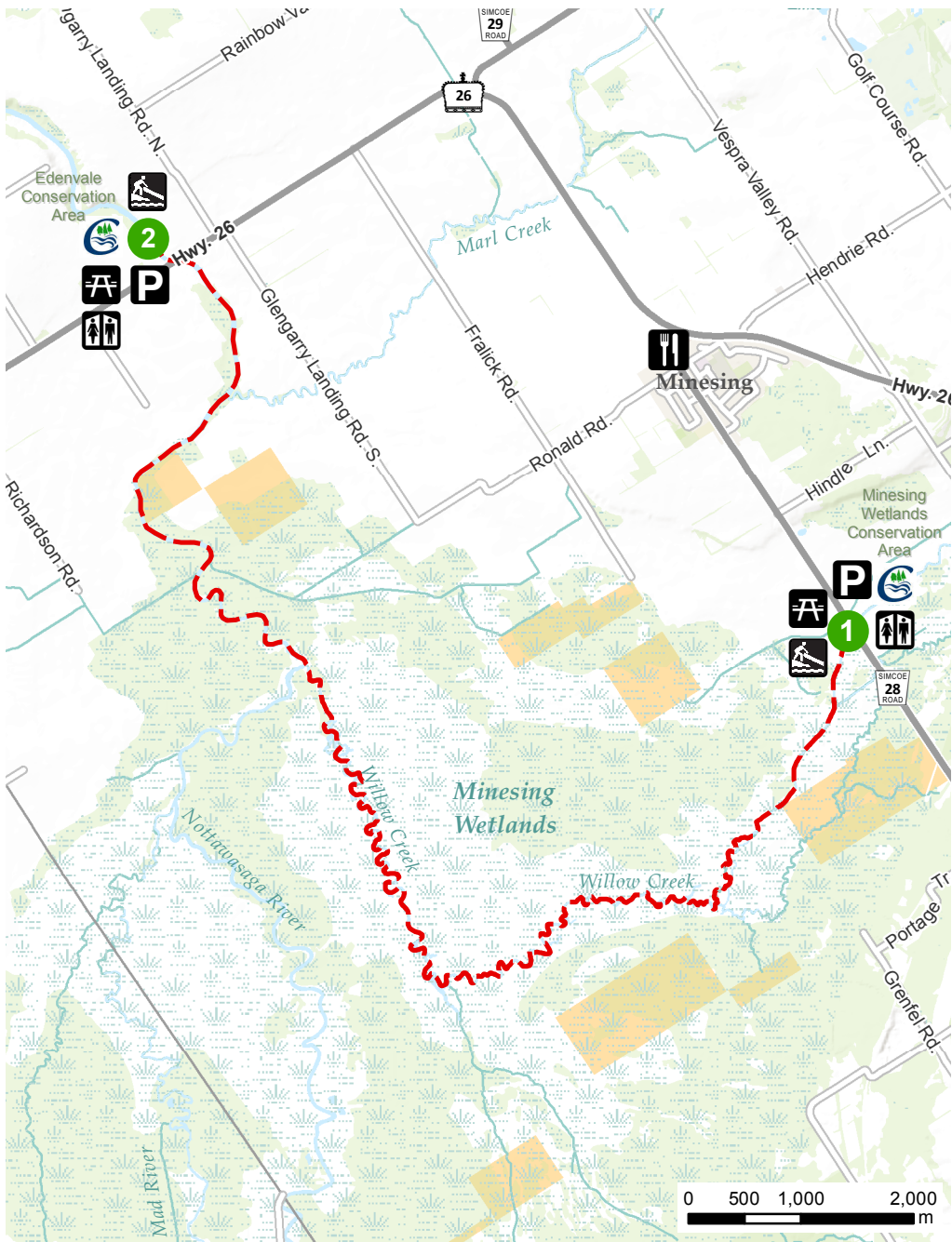
This route along Willow Creek is a favourite with paddlers looking to discover the wonders of the Minesing Wetlands. Putting in at the Willow Creek Canoe Corral on George Johnston Rd., you will wind your way 13.5 km downstream to where the Willow Creek joins the main branch of the Nottawasaga River.

From the confluence, it is a further 6.3 km to the pull-out at Edenvale Conservation Area. This route remains passable for most of the year, but can be quite low in spots during the summer months. Along the way, you will pass through open wetlands, which in the high water levels of the spring flood give the impression of a lake.

If you are a bird watcher you will not be let down with the diversity along this route.

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## Mad River

**Distance:** 19 km **Time:** 6 hrs

**Difficulty:** difficult paddling; many obstructions in the river



### LAUNCH POINT

1

Minesing Wetlands  
Conservation Area  
(Waterfowl Viewing Platform)  
44.357158, -79.893584

2

Edenvale Conservation Area  
44.453839, -79.90123



### PARKING

Minesing Wetlands  
Conservation Area -  
Admission Fee  
4150 Concession 2 Sunnidale  
New Lowell

Edenvale Conservation Area -  
Voluntary Admission Fee  
3920 HWY 26  
Minesing



### EDENVALE CONSERVATION AREA



### MINESING WETLANDS CONSERVATION AREA



Start your trip down the Mad River at the Minesing Wildlife Viewing Platform located off of Concession 2 Sunnidale just north of Angus.

From there, the 10.6 km journey along the Mad River will offer you glimpses of a wide diversity of habitats, including open marshes and forested flood plains.

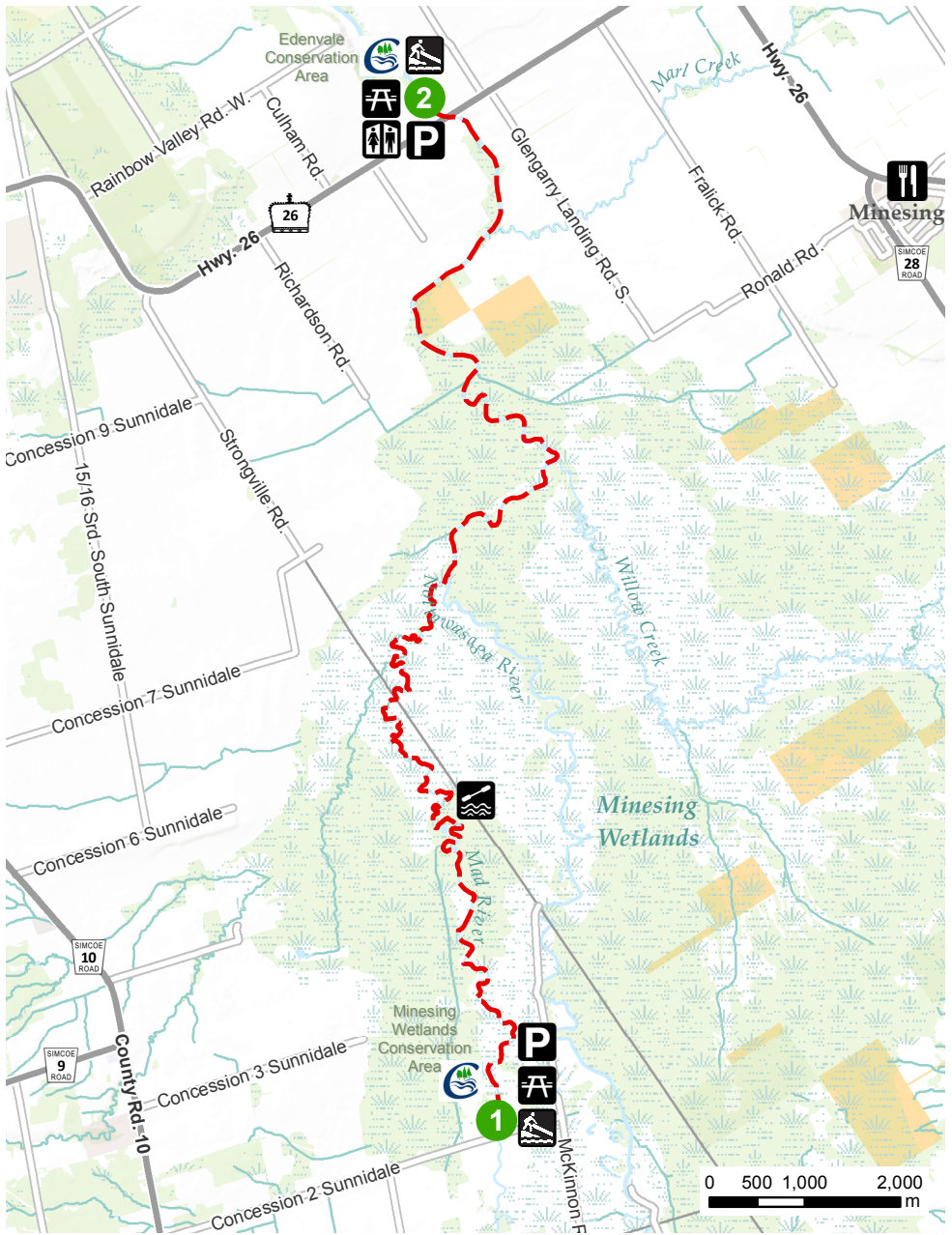
The Mad River joins the main branch of the Nottawasaga River south of Highway 26 for an 8.5 km tree-lined trip before reaching the Edenvale Conservation Area.

**Note:** some areas of this route experiences low-water levels in the summer, and logjams are common.

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# Mad River Route





## Edenvale into Minesing

**Distance:** Varies **Time:** Varies

**Difficulty:** easy to moderate paddling, depending on time of year



### LAUNCH POINT



Edenvale Conservation Area  
44.453839, -79.90123



### PARKING

Edenvale Conservation Area -  
Voluntary Admission Fee  
3920 HWY 26  
Minesing



### EDENVALE CONSERVATION AREA



### MINESING WETLANDS CONSERVATION AREA

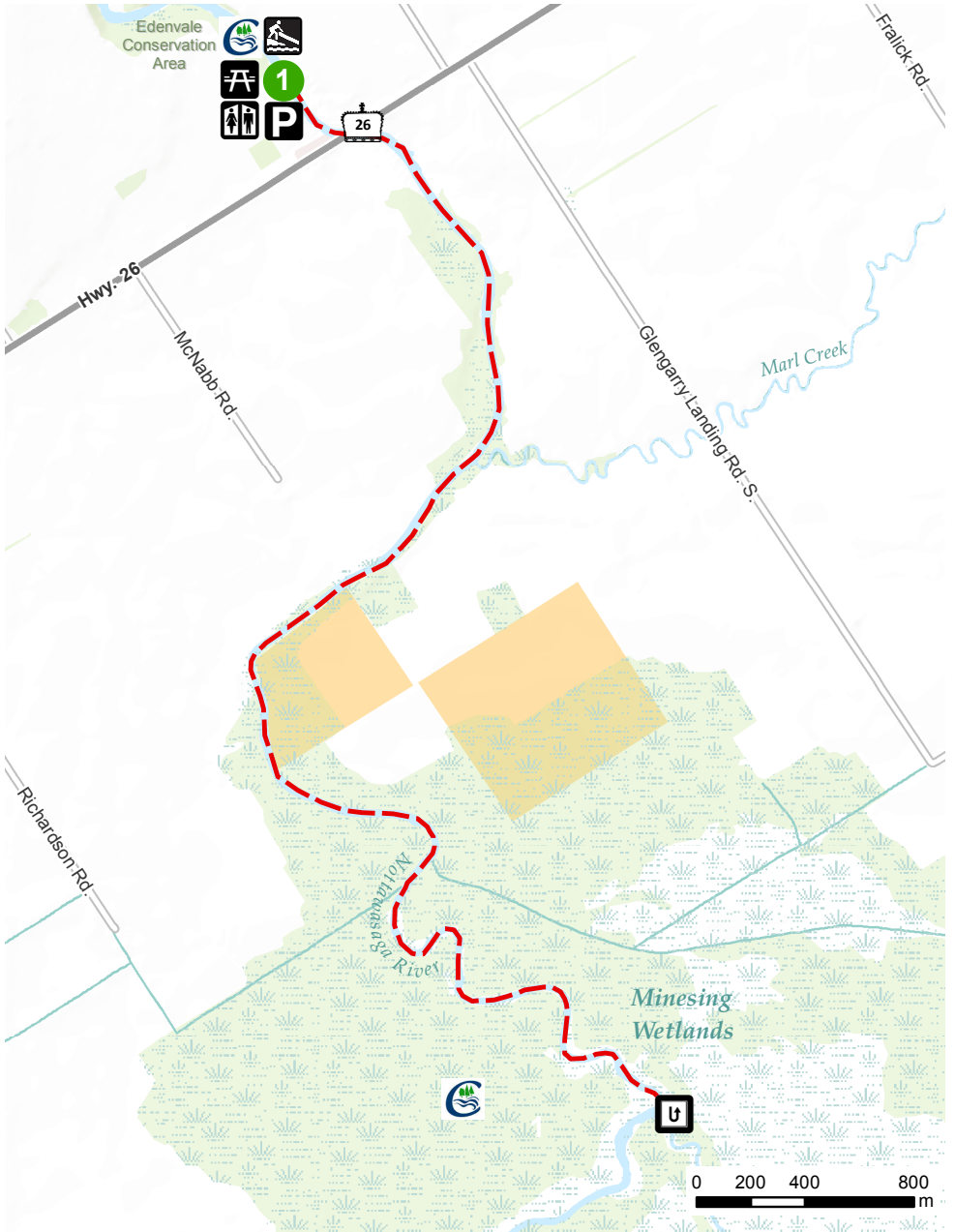


If you are looking to go in-and-out of the Minesing Wetlands from the same parking location, put-in at Edenvale Conservation Area and travel upstream on the Nottawasaga River (head under Highway 26). In about two hours, you'll reach the confluence with the Mad River and be in the Minesing proper, where you can enjoy the naturally, isolated beauty of the wetlands. Head back downstream to return to Edenvale.

As you are able to set the distance you travel, this route is an excellent choice for novice paddlers and families.

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# **NOTTAWASAGA RIVER**



Dip your paddle into the historical waters of the Nottawasaga River, where warriors, voyageurs, missionaries, soldiers, and explorers once traveled.

The main branch of the Nottawasaga River is 121 km long, dropping 300 m from its source in the Oak Ridges Moraine and Niagara Escarpment to its mouth at Wasaga Beach. The river drains almost 3,000 km<sup>2</sup> of land in the Nottawasaga Valley watershed.

Paddlers can choose to start their trip along the “Notty” mid-way down the river in the Town of Angus, and travel through the Minesing Wetlands. The route through the wetlands can be challenging, with several portages required and attention to navigation required in the spring when high water levels create open lakes in areas that are usual river channels. The challenges are made up for by the amazing variety of plants, animals and birds this internationally significant wetland offers.

Starting further along the river at either Edenvale or Wasaga Beach makes for an easier trip suitable for all levels of paddlers and those on standup paddle boards. Jacks Lake is a favourite place to drop a fishing line or explore with young children.

During the summer months, paddlers are encouraged contact the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) at [www.nvca.on.ca](http://www.nvca.on.ca) to check water levels along the river, particularly if they are heading into the Minesing Wetlands.





## Angus to Edenvale

**Distance:** 19 km **Time:** 5 hrs

**Difficulty:** easy paddle; difficult portaging around logjams



### LAUNCH POINT

1

Angus District Lions Club  
Nottawasaga Fishing Park  
44.453839, -79.90123

2

Edenvale Conservation Area  
44.453839, -79.90123



### PARKING

Angus District  
Lions Club - Free  
380 Mill Street  
Angus

Edenvale Conservation Area -  
Voluntary Admission Fee  
3920 HWY 26  
Minesing

### ANGUS DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



### EDENVALE CONSERVATION AREA



This portion of the Nottawasaga River offers plenty of opportunities for exploration as it passes through the 6,000 ha, internationally significant Minesing Wetlands. Depending on the time of year, as you put-in at the Nottawasaga Fishing Park in Angus you may spot salmon and trout traveling upriver from Georgian Bay to spawn.

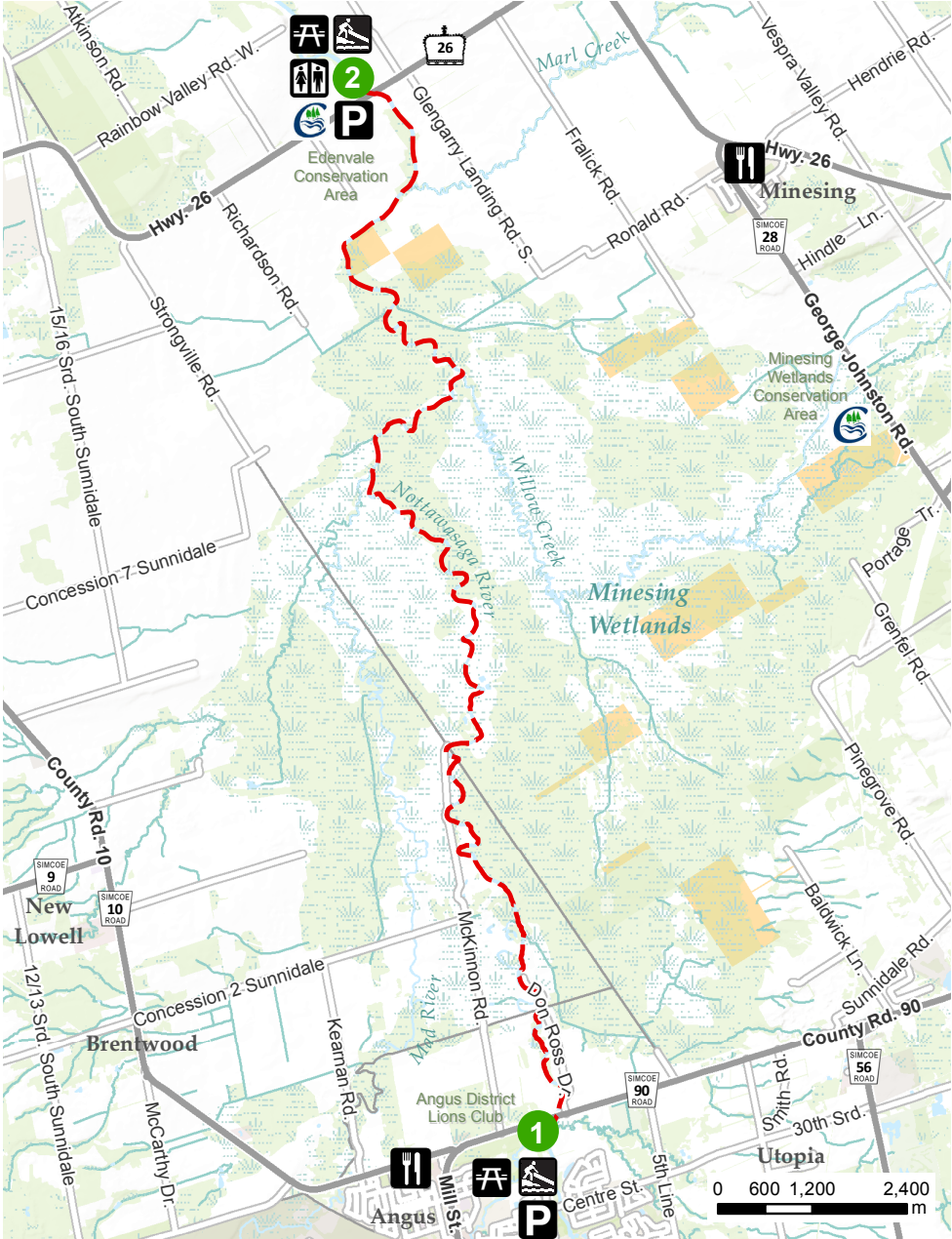
Heading downstream, you will travel into the heart of the Minesing Wetlands, a wilderness area featuring more than 500 species of plants, including several species of orchids, some 220 bird species ranging from the common Crow to the much less common Glossy Ibis, and other natural wonders.

You will come to the confluence with the Mad River, which has been known to flow backwards during high water levels on the Nottawasaga River in the spring, and Willow Creek before reaching the Edenvale Conservation Area.

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# Angus to Edenvale



## Edenvale to Wasaga Beach Sports Park

**Distance:** 13.5 km **Time:** 4 hrs

**Difficulty:** easy paddle



### LAUNCH POINT

1

Edenvale Conservation Area  
44.453839, -79.90123

2

Wasaga Beach Sports Park  
44.475633, -80.009005



### PARKING

Edenvale Conservation Area -  
Voluntary Admission Fee  
3920 HWY 26  
Minesing

Wasaga Beach  
Sports Park - Free  
1888 Klondike Park Road  
Wasaga Beach



### EDENVALE CONSERVATION AREA



### WASAGA BEACH SPORTS PARK



Beginning at Edenvale Conservation Area this section of the Nottawasaga River navigates through dense forests, silver maple swamps and open meadows teeming with wildlife. Before launching your vessel, discover a monument at Glengarry Landing, a National Historic Site, where a flotilla of 29 batteaux was built in a desperate expedition to relieve the British troops at Fort Michilimackinac during the War of 1812.

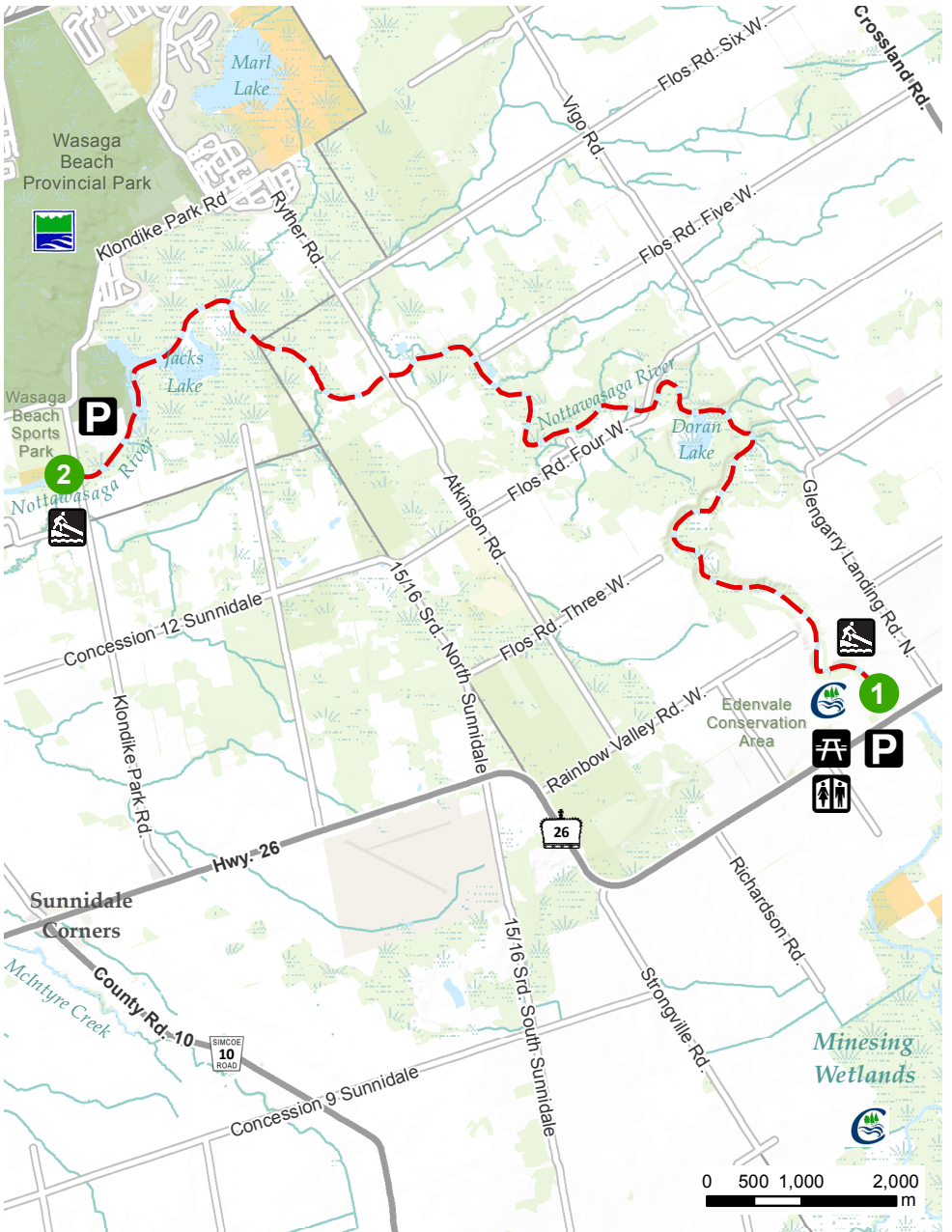
Downstream of Edenvale, the river cuts through the 25 meter deep gorge of the Edenvale Moraine, made of materials deposited by the retreat of the glaciers, and flows into Jacks Lake, part of an ancient lagoon and a popular local fishing spot.

Passing under the Klondike Park Road Bridge, the Wasaga Beach Sports Park launch is on the right. The Wasaga Beach Sports Park offers numerous amenities, including a waterside picnic shelter, restrooms, a playground and sports facilities, to name a few.

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# Edenvale to Wasaga Beach Sports Park



## Jacks Lake

**Distance:** 6.5 km **Time:** 2 hrs

**Difficulty:** easy paddle



### LAUNCH POINT



Wasaga Beach Sports Park  
44.475633, -80.009005



### PARKING

Wasaga Beach  
Sports Park - Free  
1888 Klondike Park Road  
Wasaga Beach

### WASAGA BEACH SPORTS PARK



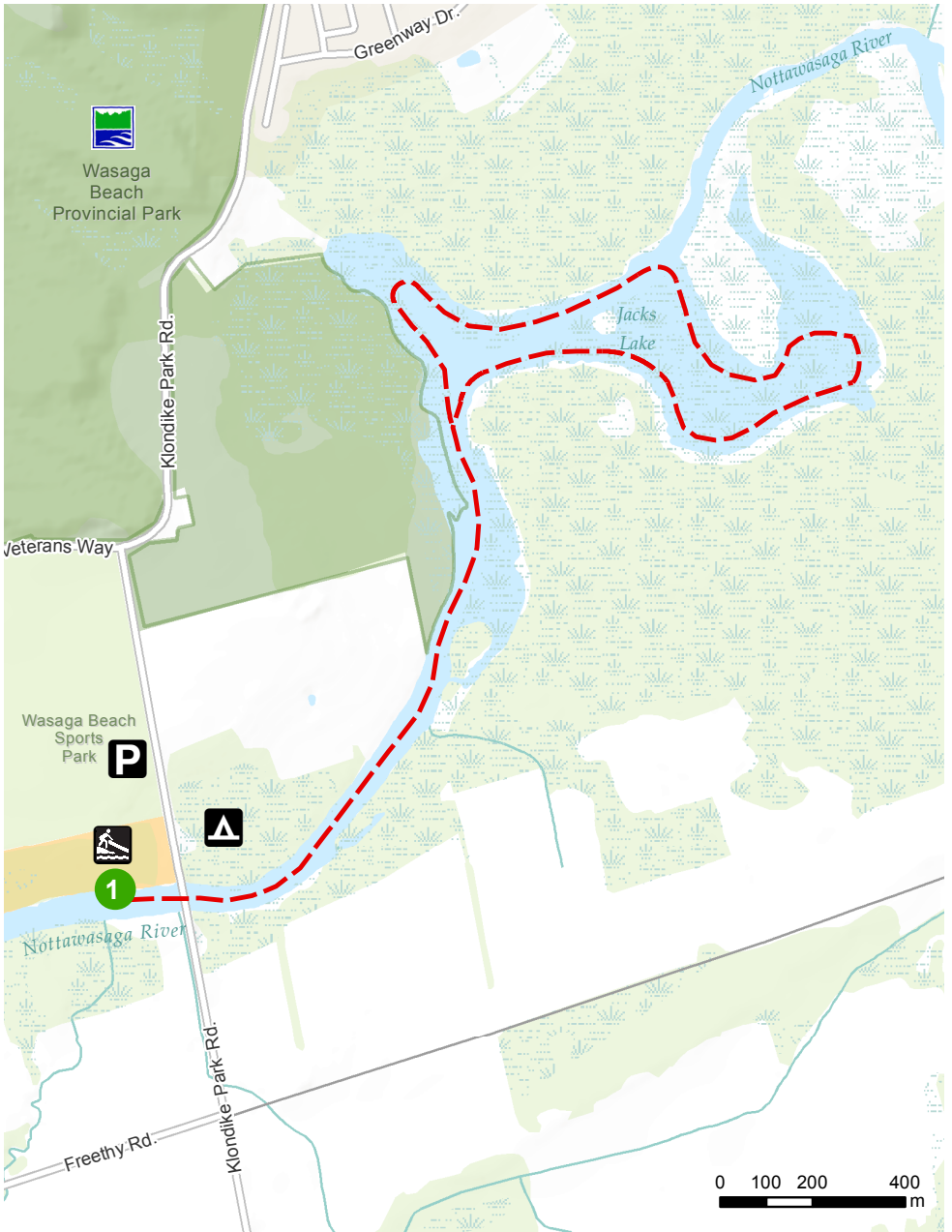
Jacks Lake, part of an ancient lagoon, is a popular open-water fishing spot, rumoured to be “the spot” to land monster fish.

An easy paddle suitable for beginners of all ages, Jacks Lake offers a unique experience during every visit, due to its ever changing water levels. Launch at the Wasaga Beach Sports Park, which offers lots of amenities, including free parking, a waterside picnic shelter, restrooms and sports facilities to name a few, and paddle upstream into Jacks Lake. Explore the tree studded edge of the lake, spot beavers, swans, a variety of frogs and turtles.

Drop a line and do a bit of fishing if you like before looping back downstream with the current to the Wasaga Beach Sports Park.

Don't forget to look up to spot Bald Eagles, as they have been known to nest in the area.

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# Wasaga Beach Sports Park to Schooner Town

**Distance:** 10 km **Time:** 2 hrs

**Difficulty:** easy paddle; low rapids



## LAUNCH POINT

1

Wasaga Beach Sports Park  
44.475633, -80.009005

2

Schooner Town  
44.489796, -80.048584



## PARKING

Wasaga Beach Sports Park - Free  
1888 Klondike Park Road  
Wasaga Beach

Schooner Town - Free  
28 Sunset Court  
Wasaga Beach

## WASAGA BEACH SPORTS PARK



## SCHOONER TOWN



## OUTFITTERS

Free Spirit Tours  
28 Sunset Court  
Wasaga Beach  
705-606-0867

Home to the largest group of parabolic sand dunes in the entire province, this section of the River meanders along sandy shores, where you can get lost in the beauty of the crest shaped sand sculpted by glaciers and rimmed with dense vegetation.

The Wasaga Beach Sports Park offers an ideal launching point due to its many amenities. Just beyond the launch there is a series of rapids that are easy to chute through no matter what your skill level, but add a sense of adventure to the journey.

The river twists and turns through provincial park lands and fragile habitats, offering majestic views of the iconic Oxbow Dune, home to Bank Swallows and their tiny nests. It's important to respect the natural beauty of the dunes and their longstanding residents, many of which are endangered, by leaving them untouched.

Downriver expect to receive encouraging waves from the cottagers on shore and as you approach Schooner Town, the historical winter quarters of the Royal Navy of 1812.

Exit the river to your right before going under the bridge.

After the bridge the heavy boat traffic is typical, making for difficult paddling conditions.

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# Wasaga Beach Sports Park to Schooner Town



Wasaga Beach is world famous for its 14 kilometres of white sand beach, warm, clean waters and panoramic mountain views across Nottawasaga Bay.

There are five sections of the Nottawasaga Bay Route to explore as a linear route or loop. You can hug the shoreline if you seek calmer waters or paddle further out if you're more experienced but note that the winds can change at a moment's notice and the Bay can be extremely rough.

Typically the wind comes from the west, so paddling from Beach Area 1 towards the escarpment and Beach Area 6 may require extra effort.

The Bay is sandy and shallow so as a general rule, try to stay within a 4 foot depth and if you get tired, you can always walk back in.

# WASAGA BEACH





## Beach Area 1 to 2 – The Main End

**Distance:** 0.7 km **Time:** 20 hrs

**Difficulty:** easy paddle but can vary based on weather



### LAUNCH POINT



Wasaga Beach Provincial Park  
Beach Area 1  
44.521614, -80.024159

### POINTS OF INTEREST



Beach Area 1 Gatehouse  
Jenetta Street  
Wasaga Beach



Beach Area 2 Gatehouse  
31 Francis Street  
Wasaga Beach



### PARKING

Spruce Street Lot - Parking Fee  
17 Spruce Street  
Wasaga Beach

3rd Street Lot - Parking Fee  
13 3rd Street  
Wasaga Beach



### BEACH AREA 1



### BEACH AREA 2



Provincial Park  
Regulated Boundary

The main hustle and bustle of Wasaga Beach takes place at Beach Area 1, the most commercial of the beach areas. Wander around the shops and stock up on supplies, or energize yourself with local food and drink. There are events happening at the beach almost every day throughout the summer months.

This is also an area where the rare and protected piping plover nests each year.

Enter the shallow water from the west end of Beach Area 1 and enjoy the panoramic views across the bay.

Paddling across Beach Area 2, you'll pass a picnic area with grills, as well as a playground and beachfront boardwalk.

If you want to stretch your legs, visit the Nancy Island Historic Site to learn about the sinking of the HMS Nancy and visit the lighthouse.

**Note:** all Ontario Parks – Wasaga Beach Provincial Park facilities are operated seasonally.

*The wind and weather can dramatically change the ability level of this route. Please check the weather conditions before heading out. Always stay within your paddling ability.*

# Beach Area 1 to 2 – The Main End





## Beach Area 2 to 3 – History in the Making

**Distance:** 2.4 km **Time:** 40 minutes

**Difficulty:** easy paddle but can vary based on weather

### POINTS OF INTEREST

**2** Beach Area 2 Gatehouse  
31 Francis Street  
Wasaga Beach

**3** Beach Area 3 Gatehouse  
11 22nd Street North  
Wasaga Beach

**P** **PARKING**  
Wasaga Beach Provincial Park -  
Parking Fee




### BEACH AREA 2



### BEACH AREA 3



 Provincial Park  
Regulated Boundary

Just steps from the Main End, Beach Area 2 offers parking, washrooms, picnic areas and easy access to the Nancy Island Historic Site. This is where the gallant battle of the HMS Nancy was fought and is now home to the charred hull of the 1789 Schooner.

As you paddle along the sandy shoreline, between Beach Area 2 and 3, imagine the excitement on August 8, 1934, when the first successful overseas flight from mainland Canada took off on this beach, destined for England in the ‘Trail of the Caribou’. Back then planes weren’t the only vehicles on the beach; until 1973, cars were also allowed to cruise up and down the sandy strip.

At Beach Area 3 you can visit the Provincial Park Office, access amenities and connect with the Shore Lane Trail to explore more of the Town.

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# Beach Area 2 to 3 – History in the Making



## Beach Area 3 to 4 – Views Galore

**Distance:** 0.8 km **Time:** 20 minutes

**Difficulty:** easy paddle but can vary based on weather

### POINTS OF INTEREST

**3** Beach Area 3 Gatehouse  
11 22nd Street  
Wasaga Beach

**4** Beach Area 4 Gatehouse  
20 24th Street North  
Wasaga Beach

### **P** PARKING

Wasaga Beach Provincial Park -  
Parking Fee



### BEACH AREA 3



### BEACH AREA 4



### OUTFITTERS

Free Spirit Tours  
28 Sunset Court  
Wasaga Beach  
705-606-0867



Provincial Park  
Regulated Boundary

Arguably, the best views of the shoreline and escarpment are from Beach Area 3, where people aren't the only ones enjoying the view. Here you'll often find dogs frolicking in the water and lazing in the sand because this is the only section of the beach that welcomes canine friends.

If you are not an animal lover, don't worry – they are only allowed within a fenced area. Beach Areas 3 and 4 offer washrooms, parking, picnic tables, and access to the trails system. The west end of Beach Area 4 is a 5 minute walk to Schooner Town and the Nottawasaga River paddling routes, where local outfitter Free Spirit Tours ([www.freespirit-tours.com](http://www.freespirit-tours.com)) is located.

There are also some shops and restaurants near Schooner Town for paddlers can explore.

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# Beach Area 3 to 4 – Views Galore



## Beach Area 4 to 5 – Naturally Wasaga

**Distance:** 1 km **Time:** 30 minutes

**Difficulty:** easy paddle but can vary based on weather

### POINTS OF INTEREST

**4** Beach Area 4 Gatehouse  
20 24th Street  
Wasaga Beach

**5** Beach Area 5 Gatehouse  
768 Shore Line  
Wasaga Beach

### **P** PARKING

Wasaga Beach Provincial Park -  
Admission Fee



### BEACH AREA 4



### BEACH AREA 5



### OUTFITTERS

Free Spirit Tours  
28 Sunset Court  
Wasaga Beach  
705-606-0867



Provincial Park  
Regulated Boundary

Did you know that the sand you see on the beach now is the only sand it will ever have and that Wasaga Beach provides habitat for over 230 bird species? See how many birds you can spot as you paddle between Beach Areas 4 and 5. Be sure to keep an eye out for wild turkeys and deer enjoying the vegetation.

Travelling west, the beaches offer a more relaxed and local flavour, and at Beach Area 4 you will find families and cottagers enjoying the green space and shade of large old growth trees at the edge of the sand. Beach Area 5 has an OKA (Ontario Kiteboarding Association) launch, which is another great activity to do in Wasaga Beach. While paddling this area, please keep an extra eye out for kiteboarders.

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# Beach Area 4 to 5 – Naturally Wasaga





## Beach Areas 5 to 6 – Waving Blue

**Distance:** 2.1 km **Time:** 40 minutes

**Difficulty:** easy paddle but can vary based on weather

### POINTS OF INTEREST

**5** Beach Area 5 Gatehouse  
768 Shore Lane  
Wasaga Beach

**6** Beach Area 6 Gatehouse  
2 50th Street North  
Wasaga Beach

**7** RecPlex (Free)  
1724 Mosley Street  
Wasaga Beach

### **P** PARKING

Wasaga Beach Provincial Park -  
Parking Fee



### BEACH AREA 5



### BEACH AREA 6



Provincial Park  
Regulated Boundary

As you paddle the pristine waters of the Blue Flag designated Beach Area 5, you will notice the many ways the shoreline and ecosystems are being respected.

Further west, you will find what was once a small community called “Brock’s Beach”, better known now as Beach Area 6, often the quietest of the beaches.

Only a 10-minute walk away from Beach Area 6 you will find a range of dining and shopping options at 45th Street. Beach Area 6 also links directly to the Carley Patterson Memorial Trail, which meanders along Trillium Creek and connects to the town wide cycling network, including the Collingwood Wasaga Connection.

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# Beach Areas 5 to 6 – Waving Blue



# Fishing

Simcoe County boasts some of the best year-round fishing. From the beautiful waters of Georgian Bay to the shorelines of Lake Simcoe and Couchiching, and all our rivers and streams in between, we have something for everyone from the beginners to the pros.

The Nottawasaga River, Mad River, Willow Creek, Minesing Wetlands, Jacks Lake, and Wasaga Beach at certain times of the year have migratory salmon and trout.

Don't have your own fishing tackle? No problem! Ontario Parks – Wasaga Beach Provincial Park participates in the TackleShare Program. Fishing rods, reels, and tackle boxes are ready to be borrowed for free...just like a library book! For more information about TackleShare, visit [www.tackleshare.com/](http://www.tackleshare.com/)

For more information on fish species and fishing locations in Simcoe County, visit [experience.simcoe.ca](http://experience.simcoe.ca).

# Camping

## Edenvale

### **Edenvale Conservation Area**

Canoe Only Camping  
3920 Highway 26, Springwater  
705-728-4784

## Near the Sports Park

### **Jacque's Landing**

1873 Klondike Park Road,  
Wasaga Beach  
705-429-3028

## Near Wasaga Beach Area 1

### **Holiday Park**

236 Main Street,  
Wasaga Beach  
705-429-4757  
[info@wasagaholidaypark.com](mailto:info@wasagaholidaypark.com)  
<http://wasagaholidaypark.com/>

## **Gateway Camping**

186 Main St, Wasaga Beach  
705-429-5862  
[www.campinginontario.ca/](http://www.campinginontario.ca/)  
GatewayCamping

## Near Wasaga Beach Area 6

### **Cedar Grove Park On The Bay**

100 Cedar Grove Parkway,  
Wasaga beach  
705-429-2134 or 1-855-429-2134  
[www.wasaga.com/tourist/  
campgrounds/89-cedar-grove](http://www.wasaga.com/tourist/campgrounds/89-cedar-grove)

## **Jell-E-Bean Campground**

8681 Beachwood Road,  
Wasaga Beach  
705-429-5418 or 705-444-4196  
[wasaga2010@live.ca](mailto:wasaga2010@live.ca)  
[www.wasaga.com/jell-e-bean/](http://www.wasaga.com/jell-e-bean/)



# Parks and Provincial Parks

## **Edenvale Conservation Area**

3920 Highway 26, Minesing | 705-728-4784

Found on the banks of the Nottawasaga River in the hamlet of Edenvale, this scenic conservation area offers visitors a place to rest, picnic, launch their small boat or drop a fishing line. Locally known as the ‘take-out’ after a canoe trip through the Minesing Wetlands, this area can be used for overnight camping by people arriving by canoe or kayak only. A voluntary fee can be paid at the entrance to the conservation area.

## **Wasaga Beach Sports Park**

1888 Klondike Park Road, Wasaga Beach | 705-429-3321

Discover the Nottawasaga River as you paddle your way along its gentle winding path. The Canoe Launch is located on the West side of the Klondike Park Road Bridge on the North banks just behind the Sports Park Service Buildings. The Wasaga Beach Sports Park also offers amenities such as five full-size ball diamonds, four full-size soccer fields, six mini soccer fields, a fully accessible playground, six horseshoe pitches, driving range, washrooms, a food concession, meeting hall, and covered pavilion.

## **Wasaga Beach RecPlex and Oakview Woods**

1724 Mosley Street, Wasaga Beach | 705-429-3321

The Wasaga Beach RecPlex is a Community Centre for everyone, young or old, big or small and home to Oakview Woods and a YMCA. Oakview Woods is equipped with two tennis courts with lighting, picnic area, gazebo and accessible play structure, seasonal Skateboard/BMX Park and Dog Park.

## **Ontario Parks – Wasaga Beach Provincial Park**

11-22nd St. North, Wasaga Beach

705-429-2516 | <https://www.ontarioparks.com/park/wasagabeach>

Wasaga Beach is not only the longest freshwater beach in the world with 14 km of safe, sandy shore, but the sunsets there are breathtaking. Wasaga Beach Provincial Park is divided into eight Beach Areas that stretch along 14 kilometres of the Georgian Bay shoreline. Beach Areas 1-6 can be accessed off Mosley Street, Wasaga’s main street. Allenwood and New Wasaga Beaches are located north of the mouth of the Nottawasaga River off River Road East. All Beach Areas have plenty of room for parking, sunbathing and picnicking. In addition, some areas have creative playgrounds, bicycle paths, and boardwalks.

