

The Ganaraska Forest



LEGEND	
	Snowmobile Trails
	Orange Cross Country Ski Trail
	Blue Cross Country Ski Trail
	Yellow Cross Country Ski Trail
	No-Hunting Boundary
	Forest Road
	Municipal Road or Highway
	Forested Private Land
	East or West Forest Area
	Central Forest Area
	Forest Centre
	Parking
	Horse Trailer Parking lot

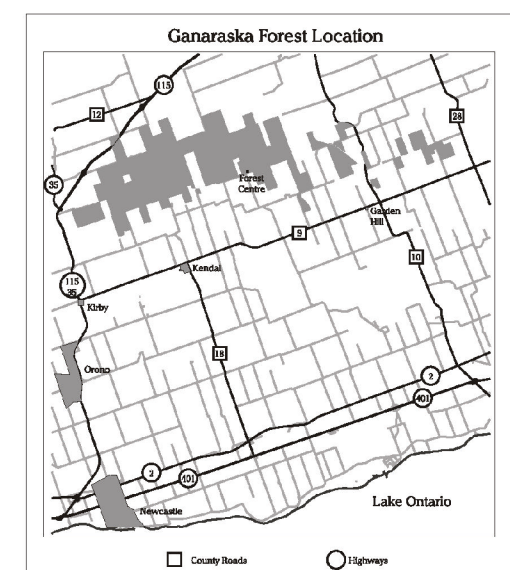
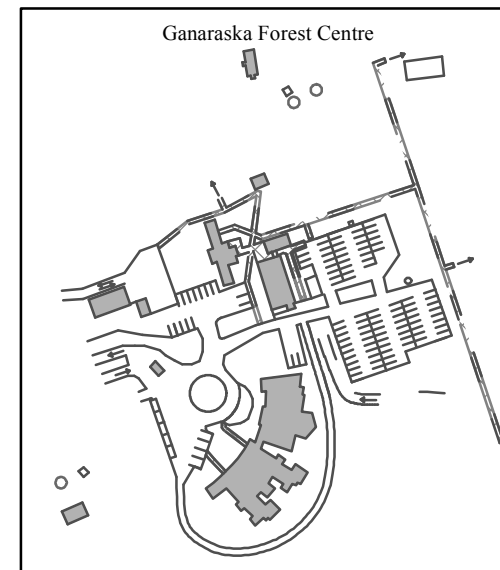
Trespass Information:

The Ganaraska Forest is owned and managed by the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority. All use of the forest is subject to the Trespass to Property Act, the Occupiers Liability Act, and the Conservation Authorities Act. While using the forest please respect the following signs:

- Red Markings indicate private property, entry is prohibited.
- Yellow Markings with a C indicate the Central Forest Area. Non-motorized recreational uses are permitted in this area.
- Yellow Markings with a W indicate the Western Forest Area. Motorized and non-motorized recreational uses are permitted in this area.
- Yellow Markings with an E indicate the Eastern Forest Area. Motorized and non-motorized recreational uses are permitted in this area.

Note:

Motorized use of the Ganaraska Forest is restricted to the West and East Forest Areas, Municipal Road allowances and on designated snowmobile trails in the Central Forest Area.



MEMBERSHIP AND DAY USE

For your convenience, forest memberships and day passes can be purchased at various locations listed below:

Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority

8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday
2216 County Road 28, PO Box 328
Port Hope ON L1A 3W4
Phone: 905.885.8173
Fax: 905.885.9824
info@grca.on.ca
www.grca.on.ca

Ganaraska Forest Centre

8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday

Gatehouse

9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday
10585 Cold Springs Camp Road
Campbellcroft ON L0A 1B0
Phone: 905.797.2721
Fax: 905.797.2545
www.ganaraskaforestcentre.ca

Ganaraska Leathercraft (Wilcox Road)
905.983.9540

Noone's Petro Canada Service Centre
(Hwy 35/115 N of Kirby)
905.983.9290

Sandaraska Park (156 Sandaraska Road)
705.277.2000

	ANNUAL	DAY
Tier 1 (hiking, snowshoeing)		
Youth	N/C	N/C
Adult	\$30.00	\$6.00
Tier 2 (cross-country skiing)		
Youth	\$25.00	\$6.00
(no charge for children 8 years and under)		
Adult	\$50.00	\$12.00
Tier 3 (non-motorized – horseback riding, mountain biking, hunting)		
Youth	\$30.00	\$6.00
Adult	\$60.00	\$12.00
Tier 4 (non-motorized & skiing)		
Youth	\$50.00	
Adult	\$100.00	
Tier 5 (motorized – ATVs, off-road motorcycles)		
Youth	\$60.00	\$10.00
Adult	\$125.00	\$25.00
Tier 6 (motorized & skiing)		
Youth	\$75.00	
Adult	\$155.00	

YEAR-ROUND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Located within an hour's drive of Toronto, straddling the Counties of Northumberland, Peterborough, the City of Kawartha Lakes, and the Region of Durham, the Ganaraska Forest offers an outstanding recreation venue.

With hundreds of kilometres of trails, the Ganaraska Forest provides year-round opportunities for a variety of activities including hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and nature appreciation. Motorized activities such as off-road motorcycling, ATVing, and snowmobiling are permitted in the West and East sections only. The Central section of the forest is maintained as a passive use area.

Hunting is permitted in the West and East sections and in some parts of the Central Forest. A bold dashed line indicates the no-hunting zone.

The Ganaraska Forest Canteen has seasonal, weekend operating hours of 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

The Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) cannot accept liability for accidents resulting from the use of the forest.

GANARASKA FOREST CONDITIONS OF USE AND TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Forest membership or day passes are required by all users.

- ✓ All memberships permit use of the forest for lesser fee activities with the exception of cross-country skiing. Cross-country skiing requires the purchase of a Tier 2, 4, or 6 membership.
- ✓ Snowmobilers must have an Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs permit to operate in the Ganaraska Forest and must remain on designated snowmobile trails at all times.
- ✓ Purchase of a membership or day pass permits the use of the Ganaraska Forest lands only. Use of private lands requires the permission of the landowner.
- ✓ All open fires and camping are prohibited.
- ✓ Littering is prohibited. Please pack out your litter.
- ✓ Consumption of alcohol is prohibited in the Ganaraska Forest.
- ✓ Users of the forest accompanied by dogs or horses must be capable of restraining their animals and should ensure they have up-to-date health vaccinations and parasite control. Dogs must be leashed while in the Central Forest. Owners are responsible for collecting all pet waste.
- ✓ Hiking, biking, dogs, and horses are not permitted on cross-country ski trails during the ski season.
- ✓ Organized and/or advertised events of 10 or more people require the purchase of a permit. Call 905.885.8173 for information.
- ✓ All users must comply with the permitted uses and location of permitted uses as approved by the GRCA and the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee, as well as forest signs posted under the provisions of the Occupier's Liability Act and the Trespass to Property Act.
- ✓ Use only trails and roads that are open to use. Do not create new trails.
- ✓ Make safety your primary consideration in all recreational activities. Be aware that all trails are multi-use and that you may encounter another forest user at any time.
- ✓ Make other forest users aware of your presence when approaching from behind by calling out or ringing a bell. This is particularly important when mountain bikers are intending to pass horseback riders.
- ✓ Try to stay in the middle of the trails to avoid widening them.
- ✓ Stay off soft, wet roads and trails that can be easily damaged.
- ✓ Avoid wetlands, water courses, steep slopes, and other environmentally sensitive areas.
- ✓ Yield to passing groups or those travelling uphill.
- ✓ Always be courteous to other users and respect the forest environment that enables you to enjoy your recreational activities.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF PERMITTED USE

All persons using the Ganaraska Forest are subject to the Trespass to Property Act, R.S.O. 1980. Under this Act, a person is guilty of an offence where, without the express permission of the GRCA as the property owner he/she:

- ✓ Enters the forest where entry is prohibited by the GRCA;
- ✓ Engages in an activity in the forest when that activity is prohibited by the GRCA, or;
- ✓ Does not leave the premises immediately after he/she is directed to do so by the GRCA or its agent.

In addition, certain offences under the Criminal Code and Highway Traffic Act apply to use of forest lands.

Locations of permitted uses and conditions of use as indicated on this map, as well as signs posted in the forest, constitute permission of entry and notice of prohibited entry or activity under the Trespass to Property Act.

CLOSURES

- ✓ The Ganaraska Forest is closed to non-motorized use, with the exception of hiking and cross-country skiing, from March 1 to April 30 of each year.
- ✓ The Ganaraska Forest is closed to motorized use, with the exception of snowmobiles, from December 1 to April 30 of each year.
- ✓ Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority administrative office, Ganaraska Forest Centre and gatehouse, and all ski trails are closed each year from December 24 through January 1. Visit www.grca.on.ca or www.ganaraskaforestcentre.ca for trail conditions.

Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority staff may make changes to winter closure dates based on trail conditions and weather patterns experienced each year.

MOTORIZED VEHICLE OPERATION

Operation of motorized vehicles must comply with the provisions of the Highway Act, the Motorized Snow Vehicle Act and the Off-Road Vehicle Act, and the following regulations when operating on forest property:

- ✓ Motorized vehicles must be registered with the Ministry of Transportation and display licence plates as issued by a Motor Vehicle Licence office.
- ✓ Motorized vehicles must be covered by liability insurance. The driver of the vehicle must carry proof of insurance as well as registration for the vehicle.
- ✓ Use only existing trails authorized for motorized use. The Central Forest is a non-motorized zone.
- ✓ Keep the noise created by your vehicle to a minimum. Keep your speed and engine RPM's low especially when near homes or when approaching other forest users.
- ✓ Motorcycles and off-road vehicles (any two or more wheeled vehicle designed primarily for recreational use) must comply with noise limits (94 decibels) and standards as set by the Canadian Motorcycle Association.
- ✓ No ORV exhaust system shall be modified in such a manner that would result in increased noise emissions.
- ✓ When meeting a horseback rider, pull off to the side of the trail, shut your engine off, and let the horse pass. Look and listen for instructions from the rider.
- ✓ ATVs are prohibited on single-track trails.
- ✓ The Off-Road Vehicle Act states that off-road vehicles may not be driven along a highway which includes, but is not limited to, all maintained municipal roads.
- ✓ Children under 12 years of age who are operating off-road vehicles must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- ✓ Operators of off-road vehicles require the permission of land owners to ride on all trails located on private land, including those shown as snowmobile trails on the forest map.
- ✓ Motorized snow vehicles must not exceed 50 km/hour. Other motorized vehicles must not exceed 40 km/hour.
- ✓ All off-road vehicles are required to have spark arrestors.
- ✓ While at the GFC, motorized vehicles are required to park in the designated parking area, located in the north-west corner of the Ganaraska Forest Centre property. Unloading and loading of motorized vehicles is not permitted in the Forest Centre parking area.

HUNTING AND THE USE OF FIREARMS

- ✓ All hunters must comply with the provisions of the Fish and Game Act and all applicable municipal by-laws.
- ✓ The discharge of firearms is prohibited except for the purpose of hunting.
- ✓ Permanent tree stands are not permitted.

REPORTING EMERGENCIES

Forest fires and other emergencies should be reported immediately to 911. The nearest forest reference marker (white letter and number symbols on a green background) should be reported when possible, to aid in locating the site of an emergency.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

The Ganaraska Forest is owned and managed by the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA). Management of the forest is based on a number of objectives, including the conservation and protection of the headwaters of the Ganaraska River, the protection of heritage resources in the forest, the maintenance of the wildlife habitat, and the provision for outdoor recreation and education.

The production of wood products through the implementation of ecologically based resource management practices will continue to be an important component of the multi-use nature of the forest. Pine plantations, which make up approximately 50% of the Ganaraska Forest, are being converted back to natural forests through the process of selective thinning and harvesting.

DIRECTIONS TO THE GANARASKA FOREST CENTRE

From the West: Exit from Hwy 115 at Kirby and travel east approximately 10km on County Road 9. Turn left (north) on Cold Springs Camp Road and proceed 4km to the Forest Centre.

From the East: Exit County Road 28 onto County Road 9. Travel approximately 16km (2km west of Elizabethville). Turn right (north) on Cold Springs Camp Road and proceed 4km to the Forest Centre.



GANARASKA FOREST MAP