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On The Water

Oxford County is home to 4 watersheds offering plenty of opportunity to enjoy the water.

Paddling:

To explore the water by canoe or kayak visit local conservation areas (rentals available). Pittock and Wildwood Conservation Areas also offer paddle-in camping for a backcountry feel. Experienced paddlers can also explore the Nith, Thames River & Big Creek waterways weaving their way through Oxford County. Many of the waterways are best paddled in the spring due to water levels, so always check flow rates before heading out.

For a list of flow rates check out: www.thamesriver.on.ca www.grandriver.ca

www.lprca.on.ca

Fishing:

Ontario Family Fishing Events are an opportunity for Canadian residents to fish Ontario waters without the otherwise mandatory fishing license tag or Outdoors Card. Visit www.OntarioFamilyFishing.com to see upcoming winter & summer dates. During all other time periods, Canadian residents between the ages of 18 and 64 years must purchase a valid fishing license to legally fish in Ontario. Purchase at www.serviceontario.ca, your local Service Ontario Centre or a licensed issuer. ~

Wildwood and Pittock Conservation areas offer a TackleShare program which allows new anglers the opportunity to go fishing at no cost. TackleShare will provide you with the equipment and knowledge you need to start fishing.

For a list of all TackleShare locations check out: www.tackleshare.com

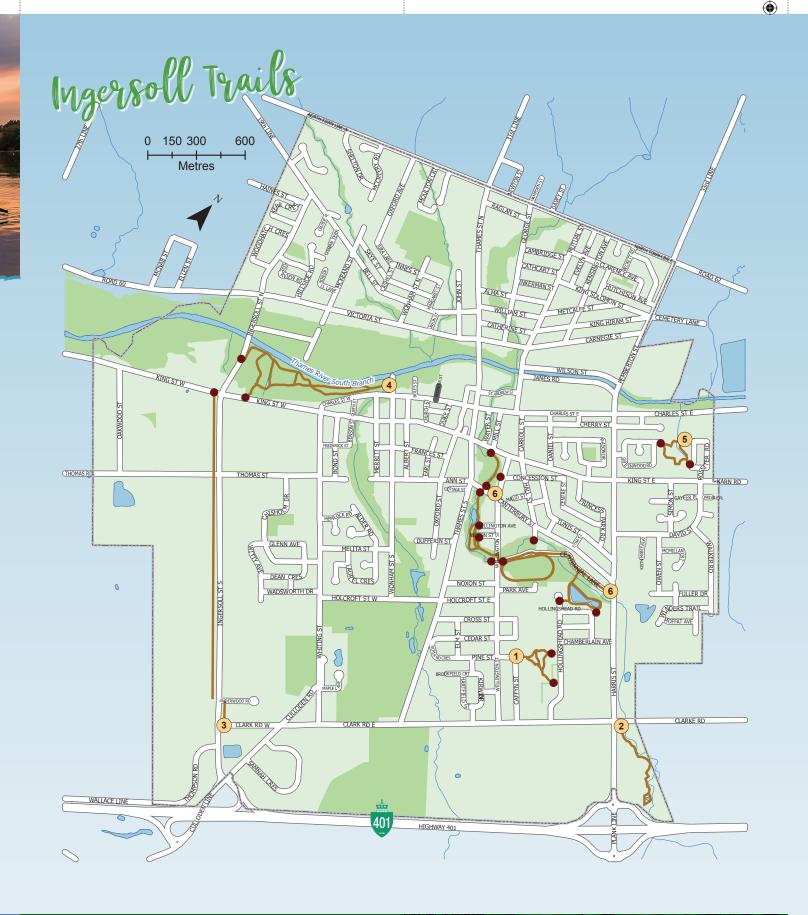
About Oxford County

Get outside and embrace nature by exploring the many trails and outdoor activities available in Oxford County. We are home to four watersheds with over 160 km of trails and over 3000 hectares of parks and natural areas to explore.

Oxford Country is very unique as it is located in the Carolinian Life Zone and two of Ontario's Forest Regions; the Deciduous Forest and Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Forest. The Carolinian Life Zone is home to some of the most unique nature in North America.

Take a hike on one of our many great trails, paddle our watersheds, observe the birds and wildlife, see everything Oxford County has to offer and experience the beauty of nature for yourself.

ease use this guide to find new ways to enjoy e great outdoors in Oxford County



Working Towards a Sustainable Future in Oxford County

*Future*Oxford

Oxford County is emerging as a leader in sustainable growth through the Future Oxford Community Sustainability Plan. We're doing this by:

- Achieving 100% renewable energy
- Working towards zero waste
- Investing in electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- Building energy efficient, net-zero municipal buildings
- Restoring local wetlands and creating natural spaces that support biodiversity
- Advocating for a sustainable transportation model for our region
- Working towards greater community wellbeing including reducing poverty in our com

'n more at FutureOxford.ca 📖

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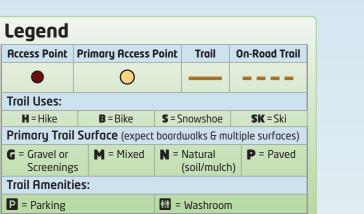
Spread Your Love for the Great Outdoors by:

- Bringing along your favourite reusable water bottle
- Leaving all places in a better state than you arrived
- Giving wildlife space; even if animals do not run away from you, they may be protecting young Providing adequate space for flora and fauna and avoiding them during wet/muddy periods ing only photos and leaving only footprints



1 Butternut Woods (1 km) (linear)
Main Access: Caffyn St.
Enjoy a gentle hike through a hardwood forest.
Uses: H B S SK Primary Surface: M Open: All year
2 Halls Creek Trail (Elm Hurst) (.7 km) (linear)
Main Access: 415 Harris St., Ingersoll
A short scenic trail along Halls Creek as it meanders through Elm Hurst Inn and Spa property.
Use: H Primary Surface: N Open: All year, P 🖽
3 Douglas Carr Trail (1.7 km) (linear)
Main Access: Ingersoll St.
A commuter trail along Ingersoll Street.
Uses: H B S SK Primary Surface: P Open: All year
4 John Lawson Trail (2.75 km) (loop)
Main Access: 106 Wonham St., South, Ingersoll
Hike along the south bank of the Thames River through meadow and forested areas. Off Leash Dog Park and Mini Putt located along trail.
Uses: H B Primary Surface: G Open: All year, P
5 North Meadows (.6 km) (loop)
Main Access: 64 Rossiter Rd., Ingersoll
Explore the North Meadows Naturalized Area through the forest and past a small pond.
Uses: H B Primary Surface: N Open: All year, P
6 Thomas Ingersoll Scenic Trail (2 km) (linear)
Main Access: 48 King St., E, Ingersoll
This trail extends from the downtown gazebo, through several parks, past the arts centre to the Cheese Museum. In November and December enjoy the winter light display.

Uses: H | B | Primary Surface: P | Open: All year, 🏼 P | 🎹







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1 Borden Crescent (Trans Canada Trail) (1 km) (linear)

2 Lions Trail (Millennium Trail System) (2.5 km) (loop) Main Access: 41 Dundas St., Woodstock

Along the banks of the Thames River, through mixed hardwood and softwood forests and marshland. A good trail for wildlife viewing. Uses: H | B | SK | S | Birding | Primary Surface: G Open: All year | 卪 | 🊻

3 Roth Trail (Pittock Conservation Area) (12 km) (linear)

Main Access: 680 Highland Dr., Woodstock Explore the Pittock Reservoir with water views. There are many trails, which branch through a pine plantation and go up and down some gentle inclines. The Pittock Dam closes in the winter eason, in which the loop around the pond is inaccessible. Uses: H | B | Birding | Primary Surface: M | Open: All year | 🖽

4 Youth Start (Millennium Trail System) (2.8 km) (loop)

Main Access: 132 Dundas St., Woodstock Part of the Millennium Trail system along the banks of the

Thames River, through mixed hardwood and softwood forests. marshland and some retired agricultural areas.

Uses: H | B | SK | S | Birding | Primary Surface: M Open: All year | 🖻 | 🌃

5 Hickson Trail (10 km) (linear)

Main Access: 89 Loveys St., E, Hickson A former railline trail that passes through woodlot, meadow and

Uses: H | B | S | SK | Birding | Primary Surface: N

Open: All year | 卪

6 Sliver Trail (5.25 km) (loop)

Main Access: 725198 Pittock Park Rd, Woodstock

Enjoy the views of the wetland habitat as well as being surrounded by trees and hopefully spotting some nature and exploring multiple loops along the trail.

Uses: H | B | S | SK | Birding | Primary Surface: N Open: All year | 卪

7 Herbert Milnes Trail (1.1 km) (loop)

Main Access

This trail is perfect for surrounding yourself in nature that offers the chance to see wildlife and is good for all skill levels. Uses: H | B | S | SK | Birding | Primary Surface: N

Open: All year | P

8 Brick Ponds Trail (.33 km) (linear)

Main Access: 914 Dufferin St, Woodstock

Brick Ponds Trail is an easy walk that ends at a trail lookout where you can see the beauty of this historic wetland where water-loving plants and animals call home.

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Oxford Trails, Birding & more map

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Check out these locations Oxford is home to great birding. Visit Wildwood and Pittock Conservation Areas – stops on Canada's South Coast Birding Trail. You may also like the following locations.

No.	Description
4	(Access) Harrington Pond
5	Hickson Trail
6	Lawson Nature Reserve
8	Oxford Thames River Trail
12	Trillium Woods
13	Vansittart Woods
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В	Roth Trail
For m	ore birding information and locations

For more birding information and locations visit www.tourismoxford.ca

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1 Avon Trail (19 km) (linear) Main Access: 3995 Line 9, St. Marys An 127 km scenic trail that runs from St. Mary's to Conestogo providing a link between the Thames Valley and Grand Valley trail. The west end

s: H | Birding | Primary Surface: M | Open: Jan 1 - Oct 31

of the trail in Oxford County starts at Wildwood Conservation Area.

ber and December (hunting season)

2 Chesney Wilderness Area (1.9 km) (loop) Main Access: 806317 Oxford Road 29, Blandford-Blenheim A natural area located just east of Woodstock with a large number of mature hemlock trees. No winter maintenance and limited parking.

Uses: H | S | SK | Birding | Primary Surface: N | Open: All year 3 Embro Pond Conservation Area (2.4 km) (loop)

Main Access: 843972 Rd., 84 Embro A breeding ground for the Cerulean Warbler. Choose from several loops the distance you desire. Picnic area and pond on site.

Uses: H | B | S | SK | Birding | Primary Surface: N | Open: All year 4 Harrington Conservation Area (1 km) (loop)

Main Access: Elizabeth St., Harrington This trail is adjacent to the beautiful Harrington Mill pond and crosses the Harrington Dam. Tours of the Harrington Grist Mill can be arranged, by appointment.

Uses: H | SK | Primary Surface: M | Open: All year | P

5 Hickson Trail (10 km) (linear)

Main Access: 89 Loveys St., E, Hickson A railline trail that passes through woodlot, meadow, and farmland.

Uses: H | B | S | SK | Birding | Primary Surface: N | Open: All year | P

6 Lawson Nature Reserve (Lawson Tract) (2 km) (loop) Main Access: 363685 McBeth Road, Salford Explore several trails through a mixed wood forest and wetland.

In winter months enjoy watching birds at the feeders. Uses: H | Birding | Picnic area 🕾 | Primary Surface: N |

Open: All year | 🖻 | 🇰

7 Norwich Conservation Area (1.2 km) (linear) Main Access: 18 Brock St., W, Norwich This parkette provides recreation with a picnic area, small reservoir for

fishing, playground equipment, and nature trail. Jses: H | Picnic area 🎛 | Primary Surface: N | Open: All Year | 卪 👘

8 Oxford Thames River Trail (3.1 km) (linear) Main Access: 454779 45 line Beachville

Nestled between two railway lines travel along the Thames River past meadows and wetland. Head East for a hilltop view and gazebo or West into Beachville. Experience 3 different ecosystems on this one trail.

Jses: H | B | S | SK | Birding | Primary Surface: M | Open: All Year | P

9 Princeton Fitness Trail (1 km) (loop)

Main Access: 35 Main St., West Princeton. Enjoy a leisurely, looped walk and stop at various pieces of outdoor fitness equipment along the trail.

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10 Toyota Trail (1.7 km) (loop)

Main Access: 775275 Blandford Road An extension of the Vansittart Woods trail network on Toyota Woodstock property through open meadow, upland forest and wooded wetland. Jses: **H** | Primary Surface: **M** Open: All year (After 3 pm on weekdays, All day on weekends)

11 Trans Canada Trail (17 km Rail Trail) (linear)

Main Access: Tillson Ave, Tillsonburg (just south of North St.) Travel the Great Trail in Oxford. It is mainly a rail trail with a few roadway sections. Horseback riding allowed on the old CASO rail line. Tillsonburg has side trails to explore the community. Uses: H | B | S | SK | Primary Surface: G | Open: Year Round | P

12 Trillium Woods Provincial Park (1 km) (loop)

Main Access: across from 454418 Trillium Line

Located across the street from Jakeman's Maple Products this delightful trail loops through a mature Carolinian Forest. Enjoy trilliums in the spring and a sugar bush full of maple trees in the summer and fall.

Uses: H | B | S | SK | Birding | Primary Surface: N | Open: All year | P **13 Vansittart Woods** (6.2 km) (loop)

Main Access: 775275 Blandford Road

This is an outdoor education centre for students of the Thames Valley District School Board. The trails are closed during school hours (9:00am-3:00pm) but the public is welcome to use the trails outside of

these times. Uses: H | S | SK | Birding | Primary Surface: M

ben: **All year** (After 3 pm on weekdays, All day on week 14 Wildwood Trail Network (24 km) (loop)

Main Access: 3995 Line 9, Wildwood Conservation Area, St. Marys All trails are multi-purpose and can be used by both hikers and cyclists. Trails range from flat to rugged terrain with areas of steep hills, exposed

roots, and rocks. Jses: H | B | S | SK | Birding | Primary Surface: N | Open: All year | 🕑 | 🎹 e/Pass: All trail users must have a day/seasons pass

15 McNiven Trail (1.6 km) (linear)

Main Access: Rd 62/North Town, Ingersoll Hike along an old railway line through rural countryside.

Uses: H | Primary Surface: N | Open: All Year | P

16 Limestone Valley Trail (1.6 km) (loop)

Main Access: 414725 Domtar Line, Ingersoll ON Built on old reclaimed mine property, this trail provides the public access to nature with bird and bat boxes that provide an inviting habitat for species in decline, and a garden sanctuary filled with pollinator-friendly plant species to support honey bee and Monarch Butterfly populations. Uses: H | Primary Surface: M | Open: All Year | P

Clubs list

"Looking to connect with local outdoor groups?

Oxford County is home to several outdoors clubs that enjoy everything from birding and environmental studies to cycling and supplies you'll need to explore. Check out our list below to find a club that suits you."

Nature Clubs

Ingersoll District Nature Club www.ingersollnatureclub.com Woodstock Field Naturalists Club www.woodstockfieldnaturalists.org

Cycling Clubs

Silver Spokes Cycling Club (Tillsonburg) www.silversnokescycling Woodstock Cycle Club www.woodstockcyclingclub.ca

Conservation Authorities

Grand River Conservation Authority www.grandriver.ca 519-621-2761 Long Point Region Conservation Authority www.lprca.on.ca 519-842-4242 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority www.thamesriver.on.ca 519-451-2800

Oxford County Trails Council

A community-based, non-profit organization working for the development, coordination, linking, preservation and use of trails in Oxford County. www.oxfordcountytrailscouncil.ca

Birds.

Due to our life zone position, Oxford is home to a splendid variety of birds. With a total of 321 recorded bird species in the area, you're bound to see a variety on the sand plains to the south or in the scattered wetlands and artificial reservoirs to the north.

Common	Cooper's Hawk
Common	Red-tailed Hawk
Canada Goose	Kildeer
Mute Swan	Spotted Sandpiper
Wood Duck	American Woodcock
Wild Turkey	Ring-billed Gull
Double-crested Cormorant	Herring Gull
Great Blue Heron	Rock Pigeon
Green Heron	Mourning Dove
Turkey Vulture	Eastern Screech owl
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Great Horned owl



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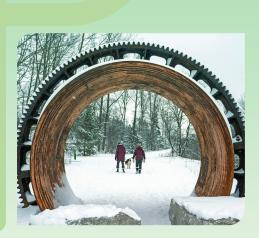
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Sandhill Crane

www.thamesrivercleanup.ca

Pedal Power www.pedalpower.ca 519-539-3681

www.glatv.ca District 5 www.ofscdistrict5.com



Caring about the Environment

- **Carolinian Canada Coalition**
- www.caroliniancanada.ca **FutureOxford**
- www.Futureoxford.ca
- **Thames River Cleanup**
- **Transition to less Waste**
- www.facebook.com/TransitionToLessWaste
- Woodstock Environment Advisory Committee www.cityofwoodstock.ca

Equipment and Outfitters

Grand Experiences www.grand-experiences.com 519-442-3654

- **Otter Valley Paddle Sports** www.otterpaddle.com 519-688-7330
- Oxford Source for Sports
- www.sourceforsports.com 519-537-7801 519-688-3224

Snowmobile & ATV Clubs

Great Lakes ATV Club

Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs

Health and Safety Tips

Exploring the great outdoors is fun, but always keep safety in mind. Tell someone where you are going, when you will return and who to call if you are overdue. Read on for more information to help you enjoy the great outdoors with safety in mind. Don't forget



Tick and Mosquito Safety

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants: light coloured clothing made of a tightly woven material is best.
- Use an insect repellent containing DEET and apply according to the manufacturer's directions.

What is Lyme disease and how does it spread?

Lyme disease (LD) is a tick-transmitted disease that can affect people and animals. Black-legged ticks specifically, carry LD. Ticks are most likely to transmit infections after being attached for more than 24 hours. Therefore, early detection and removal of ticks is one of the best ways to prevent LD. However, ticks are hard to spot due to their small size; so, it is important to check your body often. For people, the symptoms of LD vary greatly, and may be flu-like in nature. A red "bull's-eye" rash is the biggest indicator, and appears in 70-80% of cases. Should you or your child experience any of these symptoms, seek medical attention.

- Bites are painless, and hard to detect.
- Check your body after being in tall grass or forested rural areas.
- USE TWEEZERS TO PULL THEM OFF AT THE BASE. • Bring it to Southwestern Public Health in a container with a wet Kleenex

Water Safety

- Check the forecast before you go out and return to shore immediately if you detect bad weather..
- Properly load your boat. An unbalanced or overloaded boat could take on water or capsize.
- Check water levels and flow rate before heading out. www.thamesriver.on.ca www.lprca.on.ca

www.grandriver.ca

- Swim with a buddy do not swim alone.
- Always ensure you have the appropriate safety gear with you.
- Always wear a lifejacket when boating.
- Stay seated.



Cedar Waxwing

ed Hummingbird	Horned Lark
Woodpecker	Tree Swallow
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d Flycatcher	Brown Creeper
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	Bank Swallow
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	Red-breasted Nuthatch
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	Golden-crowned Kinglet
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Blue-grey Gnatcatcher

Yellow Warbler	
Ovenbird	
Northern Waterthrush	
Common Yellowthroat	
Chipping Sparrow	
Song Sparrow	
Swamp Sparrow	
Dark-eyed Junco	
Northern Cardinal	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	
Eastern BlueBird	
Wood Thrush	
Blue-winged warbler	
Magnolia Warbler	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	
Pine Warbler	
American Redstart	
Scarlet Tanager	
Eastern Towhee	
Orchard Oriole	
White-crowned Sparrow	
American Tree Sparrow	
White-throated Sparrow	
Bobolink	
Eastern Meadowlark	
Rusty Blackbird	
Purple Finch	
Common Redpoll	
Pine Siskin	

Indigo Bunting
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Baltimore Oriole
House Finch
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow



Rare Birds
Snow Goose
Black-crowned Night Heron
Peregrine Falcon
Raven
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Long-eared Owl
Red-headed Woodpecker
Tufted Titmouse
Northern Mockingbird
Vesper Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Brewer's Blackbird