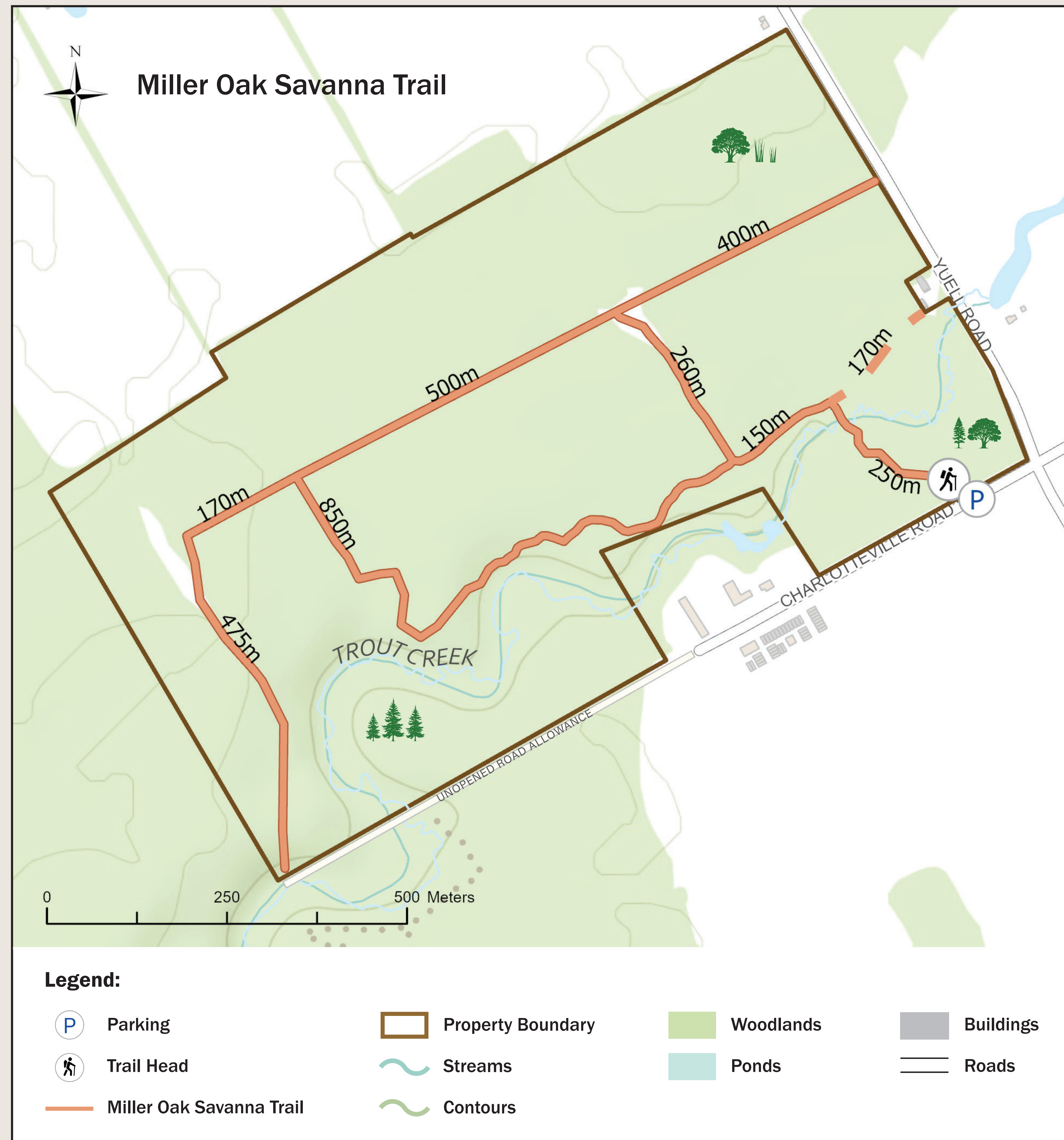


Welcome to Trout Creek Nature Reserve



ABOUT TROUT CREEK NATURE RESERVE

Trout Creek Nature Reserve honours the Miller family, who owned the property since the 1940's. This large property is mostly forested with good linkage to surrounding natural areas to the west. The site consists of rolling sand lands through which Trout Creek has cut a deep, steep-sided valley. Many species of wildlife call this nature reserve home, as the area is rich with native species and habitats.

TREATY & TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the lands we connect to and thrive on in the Long Point Basin are treaty lands and traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, an Anishinaabe people. These lands are also the traditional territory of the Neutral, Wendat and Haudenosaunee peoples. For thousands of years, First Nations people have been stewarding this special area of natural abundance. We recognize and deeply appreciate their knowledge and care of these lands and we are committed to respecting and welcoming the rights and responsibilities of Indigenous Peoples, working in the spirit of reconciliation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Address: 361 Charlotteville Rd 10, Simcoe, ON
- Trails maintained May 1 – Oct 31
- Open during daylight hours | Free admission
- Trail surface is uneven bare ground
- Nature appreciation, hiking, photography and bird watching are activities allowed on the nature reserves
- Keep your dogs on leash at all times (stoop and scoop)
- NOT Permitted: Camping and fires, removal or damage to any species, foraging, littering or dumping, mountain biking, horse riding, motorized vehicles, and building shelters

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HABITAT COMMUNITIES AT TROUT CREEK

OAK SAVANNA

Oak savanna is a warm, sunny habitat intermediate between prairie and woodland. It is characterized by scattered large oak trees rising above diverse grasses and wildflowers. A globally rare and threatened ecosystem, oak savanna has largely disappeared from Southern Ontario. At Trout Creek, restoration efforts are focused on re-establishing historic Black Oak Savanna through thinning pine plantations and conducting prescribed burns. Black Oak (*Quercus velutina*) is a keystone species at the northern edge its range in South-western Ontario. Northern Pin Oak (*Quercus ellipsoidalis*), also known as Hill's Oak, and Hairy Pinweed (*Lechea mucronata*) are two of the rare savanna species found at the Trout Creek Nature Reserve.

PINE OAK WOODLAND

A pine-oak woodland is an open forest habitat where pines and oaks grow together on dry, sandy or well-drained soils. The canopy is typically scattered, allowing sunlight to reach the ground and support grasses, wildflowers, and shrubs. Pine thinning is underway on the property to enhance these woodlands for a variety of insects, birds, and wildlife adapted to warm, dry woodland conditions.

HEMLOCK FOREST

A hemlock forest is a cool, shaded woodland dominated by Eastern Hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*), often found along moist slopes, ravines, and stream valleys. Its dense evergreen canopy creates a stable, humid environment that supports mosses, ferns, and shade-tolerant plants, while providing important habitat for forest birds, salamanders, and other wildlife. Hemlock has recently come under threat in the area from Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (*Adelges tsugae*), an aphid-like insect that kills Eastern Hemlock trees by feeding on nutrients and water storage cells at the base of needles.

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