

PARKS & TRAILS

PEDESTRIAN TRAIL SYSTEM

The Town of Aurora is fortunate to have an extensive pedestrian trail system which connects many of its neighbourhood parks, Town facilities and open space corridors. Presently the Town maintains approximately 62 kilometers of trails.

All Aurora trails are considered multi-use, with the primary focus being pedestrian hikers. Opportunities also exist for cross-country skiers. The majority of our trails are compact gravel surfaces with some asphalt sections through neighbourhood and community parks. All users are advised to respect other trail users, to stay on designated trails and to exercise caution at all times.

Note: Our trails are not groomed or maintained during winter months, and conditions vary widely. Surface conditions can change dramatically during the winter to create potentially hazardous hiking and skiing conditions.

OUTDOOR WINTER SKATING

The Town currently constructs four outdoor ice skating rinks within our neighbourhood parks. These are located at Town Park, Confederation Park, Machell Park and Ada Johnson Park. The ice rinks consists of a natural surface and are weather permitting, with construction typically taking place in the early New Year. All rinks are lit for evening skating and are mixed use; with hockey and pleasure skating taking place on the same rink. We ask users to respect others and wear protective gear at all times while on the ice.

TOBOGGANING

Due to the undulating topography in the Town, it is common for residents to utilize non-designated areas for tobogganing. The Town does not recommend using these areas as dangers are prevalent. Tobogganing is permitted in the following dedicated areas: Fleury Park (south of Aurora Heights Dr. and the ACC parking lot), Machell Park (north of the parking area on the west side of the park), AFLC Lambert Willson Park (along the east side of the building) and Copland Park (along the north side of the park). Tobogganers are reminded that these designated locations are unsupervised by the Town and surface areas can vary widely with ice and other hazardous conditions. All tobogganers using these facilities do so at their own risk. Children should be supervised by an adult and all participants should use appropriate safety equipment.

PARK BENCH DONATION PROGRAM

The Operational Services Department offers a Park Bench Donation / Dedication Program within our parks and trails. You can be part of the program and partner with the Parks Division in dedicating an existing park bench, with a personalized message of your choice. Our staff will ensure that your bench receives the care and maintenance it deserves for years to come. Our Park Bench Donation Program would make a great gift for that special person who is hard to buy for and will truly be a gift that keeps on giving to all of those in need of a place to rest in our parks and along our trail system. For more information on the Park Bench Donation Program, please visit the Town of Aurora website or call Parks 365-500-3134.

Note: We are currently not accepting new donation park bench applications, however we are happy to assist with the dedication on an existing park bench in a park/trail.



MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM

The Town of Aurora has a Memorial Tree Planting policy to enable the planting or designation of memorial trees on municipal lands within the Town. For more information on the Memorial Tree Planting Policy, please visit the Town of Aurora website.

AURORA ADOPT-A-PARK IS YOUR CHANCE TO GROW WITH THE COMMUNITY

Over 700 acres of Parkland, an outstanding Trail System and friendly tree-lined streets contribute to Aurora's natural beauty and make it a place we are proud to call home.

Did you know that the Adopt-A-Park program provides local businesses, community groups and residents with the opportunity to enhance the environment and beautify our town by assisting with the maintenance and development of Aurora's parks and trail systems? Adopt-A-Park continues to:

- Create opportunities for citizens to support our parks and green spaces.
- Share the responsibility for a clean community.
- Develop opportunities for youth involvement.
- Build community pride and a sense of ownership in our parklands.

Including tree and shrub plantings, there are a number of ways for individuals, interested groups and organizations to become involved in this exciting program. Please contact the Parks Division at 365-500-3134 for further information or email sking@aurora.ca.

**For more information, please contact the Parks Division
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