

# TORONTO'S NATURAL PARKLANDS





*Toronto has approximately 8,000 ha of parkland of which approximately half is natural. With Toronto's population expected to grow to 3.4 million people by 2041, the importance of these natural parklands will increase. Over the coming decades, there will be growing pressure on these fragile natural spaces due to increased use and demand for new recreation opportunities. There are also ongoing impacts associated with encroachment, invasive species, and extreme weather events which cause flooding and erosion. Substantial public investments are being made to restore and improve natural areas, to enhance their passive and active recreational value and to locate and upgrade trail and water infrastructure. The City also has several strategic initiatives underway that will benefit Toronto's natural parkland including the Toronto Ravine Strategy and the Parks and Trails Wayfinding Strategy. These initiatives will address key challenges and opportunities facing our natural parklands and act as catalysts to ensure that Toronto's natural parklands continue to function and flourish so they can be enjoyed by future generations.*

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