





BRAMPTON'S LAKES & RIVERS SELF-GUIDED TOUR



One of Brampton's best-kept secrets is its picturesque lakes and rivers. Behind the thousands of homes and busy roads both visitors and residents will find a wonderful oasis of peaceful lakes and flowing rivers. We invite you to relax and enjoy Brampton's beauty.

 *Motor Coaches – Watch for this bus friendly symbol in this publication.*

LAKES

Brampton is home to both natural and man-made lakes. Professor's Lake and the small lake in Norton Place Park were both home to quarries. Now they are beautiful lakes that look like they have been there for centuries.

There are five lakes to enjoy in Brampton and we encourage you to visit all of them.

1 Professor's Lake

You and your family will have a marvelous time at Professor's Lake. Professor's Lake itself is a luxurious, man-made, spring-fed lake spanning 65 acres. It features well-groomed sandy beaches and is a great place for windsurfing, canoeing, sailing, paddle-boating and fishing. Only non-motorized boats are allowed on the water. Other lakeside pursuits include a waterslide, beach volleyball and playgrounds.

Professor's Lake is operated by the City of Brampton. You will find ample parking, washrooms, change room facilities, boat rentals and a snack bar.

Operating Season: June to September (call for dates)
Call for beach hours and boating information.



Professor's Lake Recreation Centre
1660 North Park Drive
905.791.7751 or 905.874.2300
www.brampton.ca

2 Heart Lake & Conservation Area

Spend a lazy day at the lake, swimming, canoeing or fishing. The dense forest surrounding the lake, and the more than eight kilometers of scenic natural recreational trails, make you feel like you're hours away from the city while you're right in the middle of it!

Bring your children and have fun in the Wild Wetland splash pad and outdoor pool.

This lake and conservation area is maintained by the Toronto Region Conservation Authority. You will find ample parking and public washrooms during seasonal operation.

Operating Season: April to October (call for dates)
Swimming: June to Labour Day (September)



10818 Heart Lake Road
TRCA (Toronto and Region Conservation Authority)
416.667.6295 | www.trcaparks.ca

3 Loafer's Lake

Along the Etobicoke Creek you will find picturesque Loafer's Lake. A popular place for relaxing and taking photographs, Loafer's lake is a great spot to start your walk along the Etobicoke Creek Recreational Trail.



Loafer's Lake Recreation Centre
30 Loafer's Lake Lane
905.846.2370
www.brampton.ca

Loafer's Lake Recreation Centre, just beside the lake, offers parking and public washrooms. Loafer's Lake Lane is located off of Conestoga Drive, which is off of Sandalwood Parkway, west of Kennedy Road.

4 Esker Lakes, in White Spruce Valley

These two small quaint lakes located in White Spruce Park, just south of the Heart Lake Conservation Area are a lovely picturesque place to stop. The shoreline is naturalized and a popular place for birds to rest.

A limited number of parking spots are available in the Donnelly East Parkette off of Sandalwood Parkway, just west of Heart Lake Road. White Spruce Valley is just down the hill from the parkette. Walk along the paved path to the left of the baseball diamond.

You will not find washrooms here.

5 Norton Place Park

Formerly a quarry, this small lake located within Norton Place Park, is a gem hidden behind apartment buildings and roads. Sit on the bench by the lake and feed the many Canada Geese that come here to swim.



Norton Place Park entrance is located on Clark Boulevard directly across from Brampton Transit headquarters, west of Dixie Road and east of West Drive. Once in the driveway, follow the roadway to the left and park beside the baseball diamond.

Walk back down the road and to the right of the driveway you came in, following the path to find the lake.

You will find a port-o-let located beside the baseball diamond, but permanent washroom facilities are not available here.

RIVERS

Many rivers run through Brampton heading south towards Lake Ontario. Flowing through the west side of Brampton is the Credit River, with the Humber and West Humber rivers flowing through the east.

Brampton's rivers were used thousands of years ago as transportation routes for Paleolithic peoples. Since then they have been sources of power to drive mills and sources of water for farms. Today we do not use them to travel along or to power mills, but they are a tremendous asset to both the natural landscape and wildlife of Brampton.

Brampton's recreational trail system follows our rivers providing a wonderful environment for recreational activities such as running, walking, or just taking in the calming sounds of nature and the beautiful scenery.

Credit River

The Credit River has provided life support to habitants of this area for generations. Many years ago the river was used by native Canadian Indians to travel to their trading locations at Lake Ontario. In the early 1900s Brampton settlers used the river, and the location of present day Eldorado Park, to enjoy some leisure time picnicking and relaxing in their rowboats.

Sit by the water's edge today and listen to the sounds of the water flowing by for one of the most peaceful ways to relax in this large city.



Heart Lake

6 Eldorado Park

A public recreational area since the beginning of the 1900's, Eldorado Park remains a popular place to fish, walk, and relax along the banks of the Credit River. The park is also home to one of Brampton's two outdoor public swimming pools.

Operating Season: May to September
(call for dates and hours of operation)



8520 Creditview Road
905.874.2860
www.brampton.ca

Parking and public washrooms are available during its operating season.

Humber Rivers

Flowing through the east side of Brampton are the Humber and West Humber Rivers. In the early 1800s the West Humber River was used to power the McVean Grist Mill, a sawmill run by Alexander McVean who is believed to be the first settler in Toronto-Gore. The mill no longer remains, as it was destroyed by fire in 1850.

7 Claireville Conservation Area

A large natural retreat in the southeast corner of Brampton, Claireville Conservation Area is 848 acres of beautifully preserved land popular for wildlife. The Humber and West Humber rivers flow through the conservation area and into the Claireville Reservoir.



Parking entrance off of Gore Road, north of Steeles, on the west side.
416.667.6295
www.trcaparks.ca



Professor's Lake

LAKES & RIVERS SELF GUIDED TOUR LOCATIONS



- Parking Lot
- Lake and River Tour Stop
- GO Station
- VIA Station
- Scenic River
- Featured Lake