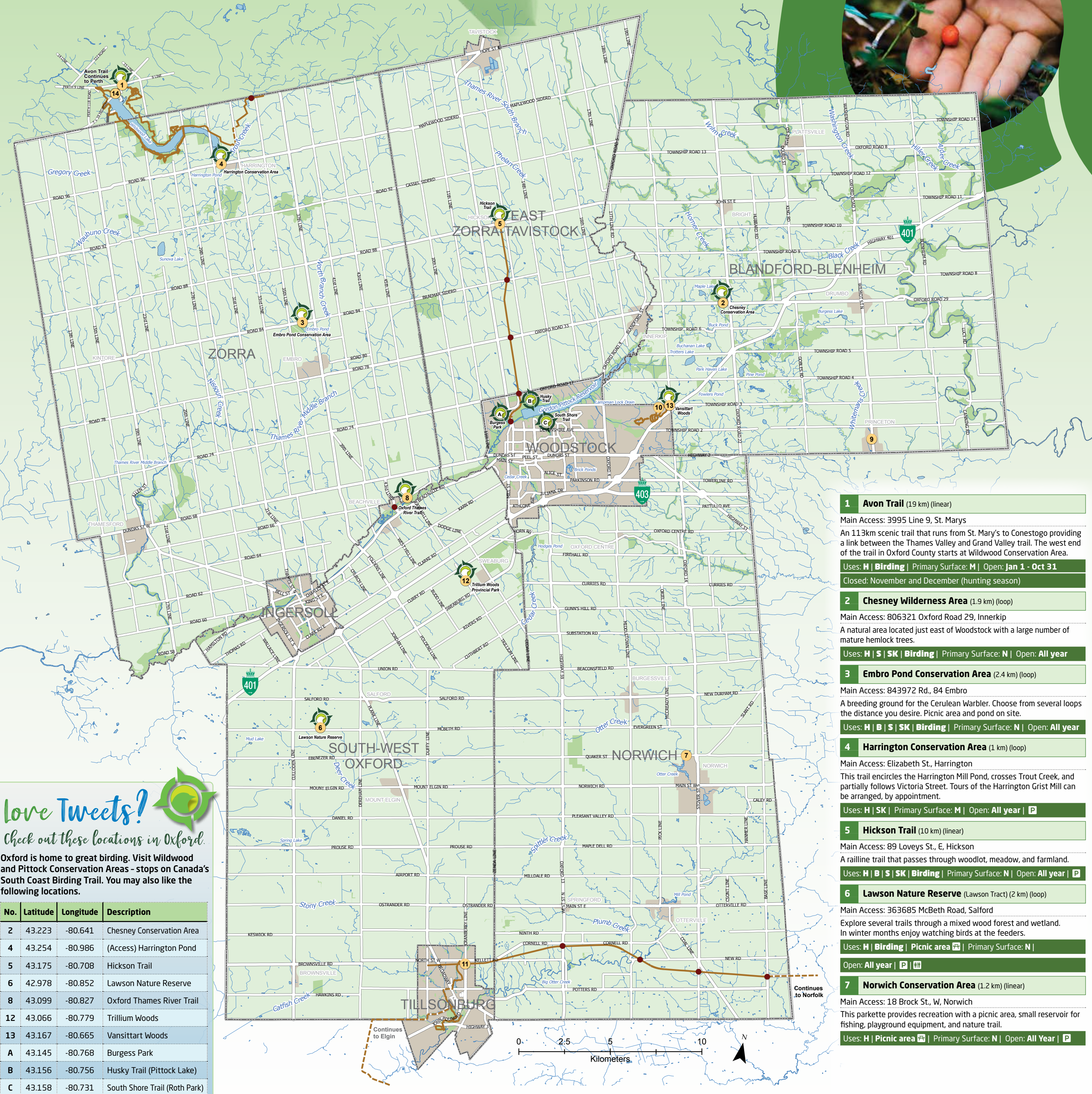




Oxford Trails

Trails, Birding & more map









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Check out these locations in Oxford.

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. | Latitude | Longitude | Description |
|-----|----------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 2 | 43.223 | -80.641 | Chesney Conservation Area |
| 4 | 43.254 | -80.986 | (Access) Harrington Pond |
| 5 | 43.175 | -80.708 | Hickson Trail |
| 6 | 42.978 | -80.852 | Lawson Nature Reserve |
| 8 | 43.099 | -80.827 | Oxford Thames River Trail |
| 12 | 43.066 | -80.779 | Trillium Woods |
| 13 | 43.167 | -80.665 | Vansittart Woods |
| A | 43.145 | -80.768 | Burgess Park |
| B | 43.156 | -80.756 | Husky Trail (Pittock Lake) |
| C | 43.158 | -80.731 | South Shore Trail (Roth Park) |

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

- 1 Avon Trail** (1.9 km) (linear)
Main Access: 3995 Line 9, St. Marys
An 11.3km scenic trail that runs from St. Marys to Conestogo providing a link between the Thames Valley and Grand Valley trail. The west end of the trail in Oxford County starts at Wildwood Conservation Area.
Uses: **H | Birding** | Primary Surface: **M** | Open: **Jan 1 - Oct 31**
Closed: November and December (hunting season)
- 2 Chesney Wilderness Area** (1.9 km) (loop)
Main Access: 806321 Oxford Road 29, Innerkip
A natural area located just east of Woodstock with a large number of mature hemlock trees.
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 encircles the Harrington Mill Pond, crosses Trout Creek, and partially follows Victoria Street. Tours of the Harrington Grist Mill can be arranged, by appointment.
Uses: **H | SK** | Primary Surface: **M** | Open: **All year** | 
- 5 Hickson Trail** (1.0 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** | 
- 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.
Uses: **H | Picnic area**  | Primary Surface: **N** | Open: **All Year** | 

- 8 Oxford Thames River Trail** (3.5 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.
Uses: **H | B | S | SK | Birding** | Primary Surface: **M** | Open: **All Year** | 
- 9 Princetown Fitness Trail** (1 km) (loop)
Main Access: 35 Main St., West Princetown.
Enjoy a leisurely, looped walk and stop at various pieces of outdoor fitness equipment along the trail.
Uses: **H | B** | Primary Surface: **G** | Open: **All year** | 
- 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.
Uses: **H** | Primary Surface: **M**
Open: **All year** (After 3 pm on weekdays, All day on weekends) 
- 11 Trans Canada/The Great 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** | 
- 12 Trillium Woods Provincial Park** (1 km) (loop)
Main Access: across from 454419 Trillium Line
Located across the street from Jakeman's Maple Products this delightful trail loops through a mature sugar bush. Enjoy trilliums in the spring and maple trees in the summer and fall.
Uses: **H | B | S | SK | Birding** | Primary Surface: **N** | Open: **All year** | 
- 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 but the public is welcome to use the trails.
Uses: **H | S | SK | Birding** | Primary Surface: **M**
Open: **All year** (After 3 pm on weekdays, All day on weekends) 
- 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.
Uses: **H | B | S | SK | Birding** | Primary Surface: **N** | Open: **All year** | 

Fee/Pass: All trail users must have a day/seasons pass.

Clubs List

“There’s no need to be alone!”
Oxford County is home to several outdoors clubs that enjoy everything from birding and environmental studies to cycling and gear specialty. Check out our list below to find a club that suits you.”

Nature Clubs

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

Cycling Clubs

Silver Spokes Cycling Club (Tillsonburg)
www.silverscc.net
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

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



Caring about the Environment

Carolinian Canada Coalition
www.caroliniancanada.ca
FutureOxford
www.futureoxford.ca
Thames River Cleanup
www.thamesrivercleanup.ca
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
Pedal Power
www.pedalpower.ca 519-539-3681

Snowmobile & ATV Clubs

Great Lakes ATV Club
www.glatv.ca
Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs District 5
www.ofscdistrict5.com



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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | Horned Lark |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | Tree Swallow |
| Downy woodpecker | Barn Swallow |
| Hairy Woodpecker | Black-capped Chickadee |
| Northern Flicker | White-breasted Nuthatch |
| Great Crested Flycatcher | Brown Creeper |
| Eastern Kingbird | House Wren |
| Warbling Vireo | American Robin |
| Red-eyed Vireo | Gray Catbird |
| Blue Jay | Brown Thrasher |
| American Crow | European Starling |

| Occasional | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Tundra Swan | Wilson's Snipe |
| Gadwall | Bonaparte's Gull |
| Northern Shoveler | Chimney Swift |
| Hooded Merganser | Yellow-bellied Sapsucker |
| Common Merganser | Pileated Woodpecker |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | Eastern Wood-Pewee |
| Common Loon | Alder Flycatcher |
| Pied-bill Grebe | Least Flycatcher |
| American Bittern | Eastern Phoebe |
| Great Egret | Purple Martin |
| Osprey | Northern Rough-winged Swallow |
| Northern Harrier | Bank Swallow |
| Bald Eagle | Cliff Swallow |
| American Kestrel | Red-breasted Nuthatch |
| Virginia Rail | Carolina Wren |
| Sora | Golden-crowned Kinglet |
| Sandhill Crane | Ruby-crowned Kinglet |
| | Blue-grey Gnatcatcher |

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. 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.



| 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 |