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**The Oak Ridges Moraine Trail** is a continuous footpath extending over 200 kilometers across the Oak Ridges Moraine with a number of local side trails. The trail is managed and maintained by the Oak Ridges Trail Association (ORTA), a volunteer organization inaugurated in May 1992.

The present route of the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail is located entirely on lands owned by individuals, municipalities, conservation authorities, and institutions, who have generously granted access to their properties for the purposes of the trail.

Members of ORTA voluntarily maintain the trail for all-season use and conduct 250 guided hikes each year

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**The Bruce Trail**, Canada's oldest and longest marked footpath, provides public access to the magnificent Niagara Escarpment, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. It is one of only twelve such reserves in all of Canada.

The mission of the Bruce Trail Association is to provide a public footpath along the Niagara Escarpment to promote protection of the Escarpment and appreciation of its natural beauty. Over 800 volunteers and 8,000 members support the efforts of the Bruce Trail Association.

The Bruce Trail Association, PO Box 857, Hamilton L8N 3N9  
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**The Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation** operates primarily by funding the work of others and through offering leadership or coordination for Moraine-wide activities where appropriate. The Foundation also sees itself as a convener, bringing people and interests together to identify common ground, and as a funding partner.

To date, the Foundation has distributed over \$4 million to projects supporting conservation and protection across the Moraine.

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**The Town of Caledon** is a vibrant community of close to 56,800 residents, Caledon is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Canada. It is an area that is rich in heritage, with significant landforms and major river systems. Lush foliage and open spaces pepper the landscape – a testament to Caledon's commitment to natural preservation. From public parks and conservation areas to the Niagara Escarpment, Oak Ridges Moraine, and Credit and Humber River watersheds, Caledon is beautifully (and progressively) green and clean.

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**Close to nature.  
Close to home.**



**The linking of the Oak Ridges Moraine and Bruce trails in the village of Palgrave has resulted in the creation of the largest network of publicly accessible walking paths in Canada. With additional links to routes such as the Ganaraska, Humber Valley, Grand Valley, Avon, Thames Valley, Elgin, Guelph and Elora Cataract trails, there now exists an interconnected network of over 2,500 km of hiking trails in southern Ontario.**