



MEDIA RELEASE

New Tecumseth Trail Opening

King City, May 29, 2006 - On Saturday, June 3rd at 12:00 noon, the Oak Ridges Trail Association and the Town of New Tecumseth will celebrate the opening of a new trail forming part of the Oak Ridges Trail network.

The New Tecumseth Trail will be a side trail, connecting the main route of the Oak Ridges Trail, south of Highway 9, to the community of Tottenham. The New Tecumseth Trail follows the original route of the Hamilton and Northwestern Railway, which opened 1877 to facilitate the trade in stone, brick, wool, timber, coal, pulp wood, cattle, grain, and potatoes.

The Town of New Tecumseth becomes the 12th municipality and Tottenham the 12th community directly connected to the Oak Ridges Trail.

The new trailhead in the Tottenham Conservation Area will offer hikers an opportunity to camp at a trail access point. They may also visit the village, with its famous steam-operated train.

Everyone is welcome to join in the opening ceremony, which will take place behind Tottenham Feed and Service Limited at 41 Mill Street West. A short walk on part of the trail will follow.

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The Oak Ridges Trail Association (ORTA) is a volunteer, community-based organization that builds and maintains the Oak Ridges Trail, a 200 km public hiking route across the Oak Ridges Moraine from Palgrave in the west to Rice Lake in the east.

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