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The Ontario Access Coalition (OAC) is a volunteer, not-for-profit group that works with the climbing community, land owners, conservation authorities and property managers to keep climbing and bouldering areas open in an environmentally responsible manner.

Area Name: ACCESS STATUS (Land Manager) Access Details.

OPEN = Area allows climbing. Enjoy responsibly.

OPEN WITH GUIDELINES = Area allows climbing, with restrictions.

Learn, practice and share the guidelines. Buy permit if applicable.

TOLERATED = Climbing access not formally permitted, but informally accepted. Tread lightly.

CLOSED = Climbing not permitted in this area at this time.

UNKNOWN = If you know about access to this area, please share with us.

Area descriptions in italics and [Google Maps GPS coordinates] in [brackets].

Niagara Region

Campden Crag: CLOSED (Niagara Conservation Authority) Climbing not permitted.

Jordan Harbour: UNKNOWN (Unknown) Status unknown. Volunteers needed.

Niagara Glen: OPEN WITH GUIDELINES (Niagara Parks Commission) [bouldering]

Bouldering guidelines, waiver and fee in effect; see details [here](#) and guidelines [here](#). Trails and closed boulders [here](#). Free Glen bouldering guides available [here](#) and [here](#) and purchase 2014 guide [here](#). Download waiver [here](#). Completed waivers must be signed and returned to the Nature Centre or the Butterfly Conservatory for verification. Please have photo ID when submitting your waiver.

Wide range of grades; [Google maps]

Milton Area

Belfountain: CLOSED (Private property) Climbing not permitted.

Cow Crag: UNKNOWN (Unknown)

Crag X: CLOSED (Private property) Climbing not permitted.

Dundas Rock: UNKNOWN (Hamilton Conservation Authority).

Elora Gorge (Rock): CLOSED (Grand River Conservation Authority) Climbing not permitted.

Elora Gorge (Ice & Mixed): UNKNOWN (Unknown)

Fraggle Rock: TOLERATED ([Conservation Halton](#)) [trad]

No slinging of cedars. Helmets strongly encouraged. Entrance Fee.

Kelso: OPEN WITH GUIDELINES ([Conservation Halton](#)) [trad and sport leading]

Corner Route to Armorrall open to climbing. No slinging of cedars. Helmets strongly encouraged. Entrance Fee.

About 5 sport routes (5.10-5.12). Most sport routes have lower-off anchors; other routes will not have anchors. [Google maps]

Milton Heights: CLOSED ([Conservation Halton](#)) Access not permitted.

Mt. Nemo: OPEN WITH GUIDELINES ([Conservation Halton](#)) [trad and sport leading]

Top-Rope ban (can only top-rope after leading route), no slinging cedars. Helmets strongly encouraged. Entrance Fee.

A large, complex crag. Enter at the top; must find way down. Some routes have lower-off anchors (most sport routes and a few trad routes have anchors). [Google maps]

Nemo South: CLOSED (Private Property) Access not permitted.

Punk Rock: CLOSED ([Conservation Halton](#)) Access not permitted.

Rattlesnake Point, Buffalo Crag, Bottle Glass Crag: OPEN WITH GUIDELINES ([Conservation Halton](#)) [top roping and trad leading at all three; sport leading at Bottle Glass]

No slinging of trees. Use bolts as top anchors where installed. Helmets strongly encouraged. Entrance Fee.

Lots of bolted anchors; all are top rope anchors, not lower-off anchors. Rattlesnake can be busy on weekends. Buffalo, Bottle Glass not as busy or polished. [Google maps]

Rockwood: CLOSED (Grand River Conservation Authority) Climbing not permitted.

Trenchtown Rock / The Hospital: CLOSED (Grand River Conservation Authority) Climbing not permitted.

Sunset Rock: CLOSED with exception ([Conservation Halton](#)) Access for Registered Group Permit holders only.

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Beaver Valley

Berlin Wall: UNKNOWN (Unknown)

Bowles Bluff: CLOSED (Private property) Access not permitted.

Cliff Barnes: CLOSED (Private property) Access not permitted.

Devil's Glen: TOLERATED (Devil's Glen Provincial Park & Ministry of Natural Resources) [trad and sport leading]

Recommended parking on Concession 10 and walking back to trail with orange flagging for approach. [[Google maps for parking](#)]

Sport, trad. Good mix of both; wide grade ranges. Sport 5.5-5.13. All sport and many trad routes have lower off anchors. Approach from the top, down a descent gully. Watch out for poison ivy. Some access concerns: be on best behaviour!

Eugenia: CLOSED (Grey Sauble Conservation Authority) Do not climb here.

Groundhog's Graveyard: CLOSED (Private property) Access not permitted.

Lost Dog: CLOSED (Private property) Access not permitted.

Metcalfe: OPEN (Ministry of Natural Resources) [top roping, trad and sport leading]

No camping.

Good mix of sport and trad; limited top roping. Sport grades 5.6-5.13. All sport routes and many trad routes have anchors. Popular on weekends. [[Google maps](#)]

Old Baldy: OPEN (Grey Sauble Conservation Authority) [trad and sport leading]

Permit no longer in effect although may still be listed on GSCA website. There is now a parking fee that applies to all user-groups. \$4/day or \$30/year. Details on how to pay the fee are posted in the parking lot.

Sport grades 5.6-5.13. All fixed hardware has been replaced in the past few years. Some routes might still have an old-school sporty distance between bolts, or might require a small rack. Gorgeous position high above the valley. Faces west. [[Google maps](#)]

Osprey Bluffs: CLOSED (Provincial Nature Reserve) Climbing not permitted.

Pinnacle Rock: CLOSED (Provincial Nature Reserve) Climbing not permitted.

The Swamp: TOLERATED (Ministry of Natural Resources) [trad and sport leading]

MNR currently completing environmental assessment of the area. Be on best behaviour.

Sport grades from 5.7-5.13. Minimal trad routes grades 5.3-5.11. All routes have lower-off anchors. Stick clip recommended.

Parking Google maps coords - 44.422919, -80.406325

Young's Crag: CLOSED (Private Property) Climbing not permitted.

Bruce Peninsula

Bruce Caves: CLOSED (Grey Sauble Conservation Authority) Climbing not permitted.

Bruce Peninsula National Park: CLOSED (Bruce Peninsula National Park)

Permitted only at Halfway Log Dump within the park. See Halfway Log Dump.

Cabot Head: CLOSED (Provincial Nature Reserve) Access not permitted.

Cape Croker / Indian Ladder: OPEN (Private Property) [sport and trad leading]

Cape Croker park. OAC negotiated reopening of climbing Spring 2016. First Nations Land, be respectful, climbing here is a privilege

Mostly 5.10 and up. Also has camping for fee. [[Google maps](#)]

Catalan Quarry / West Rocks: UNKNOWN (Grey Sauble Conservation Authority/City of Owen Sound)

Halfway Log Dump (BPNP): OPEN WITH GUIDELINES (Bruce Peninsula National Park) [bouldering]

Please read and be familiar with conditions in downloadable guide [here](#). Parking Fee.

Harrison Park North: CLOSED (Private Property) Climbing not permitted.

Harrison Park South: CLOSED (Grey Sauble Conservation Authority/City of Owen Sound/Private) Access not permitted.

Lion's Head: TOLERATED (Provincial Nature Reserve) [trad and sport leading]

Tolerated as a non-conforming use of the park. Highly sensitive area. Strive for minimal impact and low profile. All fixed protection to be camouflaged. Parking along south side of road is permitted. Do not disturb the cottagers. Approach via Bruce Trail entrance.

Good mix of sport and trad, starting at higher grades mostly 5.10 and above. Some routes have anchors. Some routes start from ground, others from hanging belay. Approach is from top; rap in. Extremely complex the first visit. [[Google maps](#)]



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Mallory Beach: CLOSED (Private Property) Climbing not permitted.

Owen Sound Bluffs: UNKNOWN (Unknown)

Popcorn Rock: CLOSED (Grey Sauble Conservation Authority) Climbing not permitted.

Skinner’s Bluff: CLOSED (Grey Sauble Conservation Authority) Climbing not permitted.

TV Tower: UNKNOWN (Private Property) Volunteers needed. Do not camp on private property.

White Bluff: TOLERATED (Unknown) [sport leading]

Highly sensitive area. Strive for minimal impact and low profile. No parking on cottage road or at corner. Park in Bruce Trail lot along Forty Hills Road (#9). Approach via west side of the fencing at last cottage. DO NOT disturb cottagers.

Mostly sport above 5.10. [[Google maps](#)]

Eastern Ontario

Algonquin: CLOSED (Algonquin Provincial Park)

Bon Echo: OPEN WITH GUIDELINES (Bon Echo Provincial Park)

Permit/registration required (available at the gatehouse or via ACC Toronto). Helmets required. Rules [here](#). Fees apply; see [here](#). Annual peregrine falcon closure affects some routes until typically September – see ACC Toronto site for more details.

Devil’s Rock: UNKNOWN (City of Timiskaming Shores)

Diamond Lake: UNKNOWN (Private Property)

Dog Lake: CLOSED (Private property) Access not permitted.

Eagle’s Nest (Bancroft):

OPEN (Unknown) Fingerstinger, Stairway to Heaven are within accessible portion of cliff.

CLOSED (Private property) Cliff behind the Laundromat, access not permitted.

French River: CLOSED (French River Provincial Park)

Killarney: CLOSED (Killarney Provincial Park)

Kingston Mills: OPEN (Rideau Canal Office, National Parks)

Registration/waiver required. Rules and permit [here](#).

Little Blue Mountain: CLOSED (Private property) Access not permitted.

McCrae Lake: UNKNOWN (Unknown)

Lake Superior

Details on these crags available at <http://superior-exploration.ca/>

Alien Wall: OPEN (Ministry of Natural Resources)

Ranwick Rock: OPEN (Ministry of Natural Resources)

King Mountain: UNKNOWN (Algoma Highlands Conservancy)

Keetes Bluff: OPEN (Ministry of Natural Resources)

River Bend Rock: OPEN (Ministry of Natural Resources)

Summerian Slabs: OPEN (Ministry of Natural Resources)