

EXPLORE

Crothers Woods Sun Valley Cottonwood Flats



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Do you know how special this place is?

Many of the trees in **Crothers Woods'** 52-hectare mature maple-beech-oak woodland are more than a century old.

It is an Environmentally Significant Area due to its diverse, mature and relatively undisturbed forest and the presence of wildflowers and tree species that are rare in the Toronto region.

Can you identify the beaked hazel, bitternut hickory, black walnut, blue beech, butternut [a provincially endangered tree species], eastern hemlock and sugar maple trees and herbaceous species such as bloodroot, jack-in-the-pulpit, mayapple, trillium and trout lily found here?

This unique forest also attracts diverse bird species that can nest and breed here.

Crothers Woods offers approximately nine km of multiuse, one-metre wide natural surface (dirt) trails.

These trails include some steep sections and are rated as intermediate level trails.

Sun Valley was used as a landfill for many years until its closure in 1965. After the landfill was closed, the area was covered with topsoil and allowed to revert to a naturalized state. Since 2004, approximately 5,000 trees have been planted here connecting it with the adjacent forest of Crothers Woods.

The Sun Valley Trail is a 1.3 km granular surfaced trail that is 2.5 metres wide and classified as a multi-purpose beginner trail with one 100 metre steep section.

Cottonwood Flats' industrial heritage dates back to the early 1800s with an operating mill on site until 1858. An insulation manufacturing facility took over the site between 1940 and the early 1960s and the site was used to store excess snow cleared from Toronto roads until 1999. The site has been allowed to renaturalize and currently attracts many birds including groundnesting songbirds.

Cottonwood Flats Trail is a two-metre wide, 0.7 km granular surfaced trail that is classified as a multi-purpose beginner trail.

Get Involved!


Inform and encourage others to be responsible trail users.

Report hazards or maintenance issues - contact 311@toronto.ca or call 311.

Help with trail maintenance and habitat projects.

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Be good to our natural areas

Trails are planned to balance a variety of recreational experiences while protecting wildlife habitat, rare plants and tree species. Follow this code of conduct:

Caution

⚠ Use at your own risk. Recreational trails are not regularly maintained and can be steep and slippery. Do not enter or cross railway corridors unless at a signalled crossing. Cyclists should wear helmets at all times.

Carry Out What You Carry In

♻ Put garbage in bins. Do not damage, cut or remove any vegetation – alive or dead.

Stay on the Trails

🐕 Dogs, people and bikes must stay on trails. Do not widen or cut new trails. Respect trail closures and do not disturb restoration areas.

Respect the Weather and Trail Conditions

Avoid trail usage during and after rainfall or windstorms. Windstorms may cause trees or branches to fall, please be aware of your surroundings.

Share the Trail

🚲➡️🚶 Trails are multi-use and bi-directional unless otherwise posted. Cyclists must yield to pedestrians – slow down, communicate, and be prepared to stop. Give trail users going uphill the right of way.

Control Your Pet

🐕 Keep dogs on-leash and on the trails at all times. Pick up after your pet. Do not allow your dog to disturb wildlife or trample vegetation.

Trail Map

