

Conservation Halton
 Conservation Halton is a community based environmental agency that protects local ecosystems and contributes to the quality of life in communities throughout its area of jurisdiction known as the watershed. The Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area is part of more than 9000 acres of conservation lands that are being protected and are available for recreational and educational experiences.

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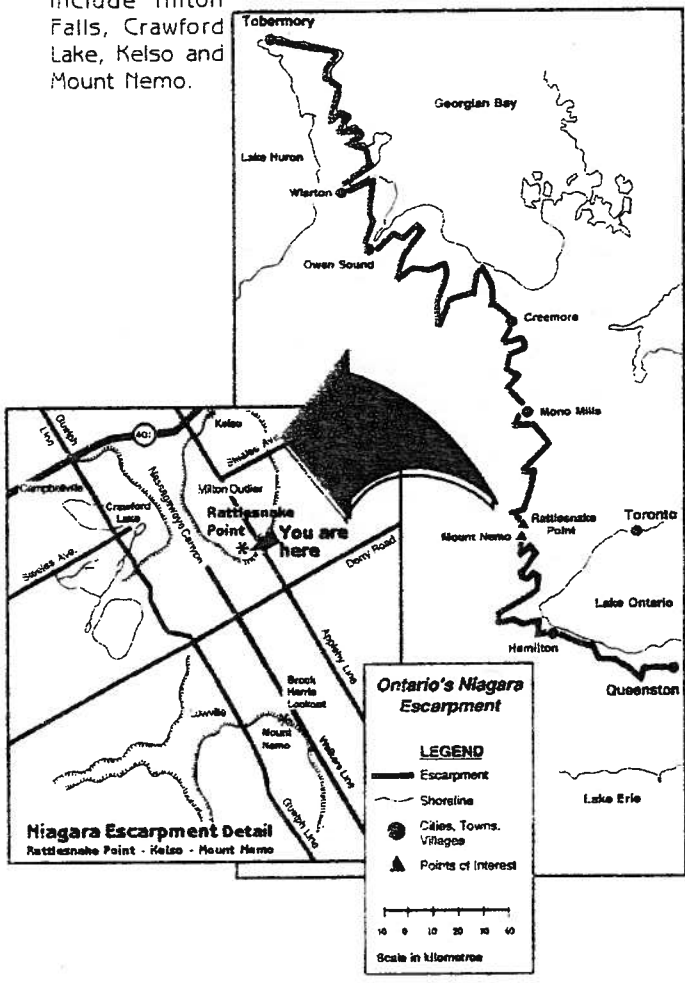
Welcome
 to Rattlesnake Point

The Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area is a natural environment park that is protected and managed by Conservation Halton. The 727 acre park includes unique geological features such as sheer cliffs, crevice caves, talus slopes and glacial deposits. The conservation area has abundant plants and wildlife and the trail system has five lookouts that provide spectacular views of the local countryside.

A Masterpiece Carved in Limestone

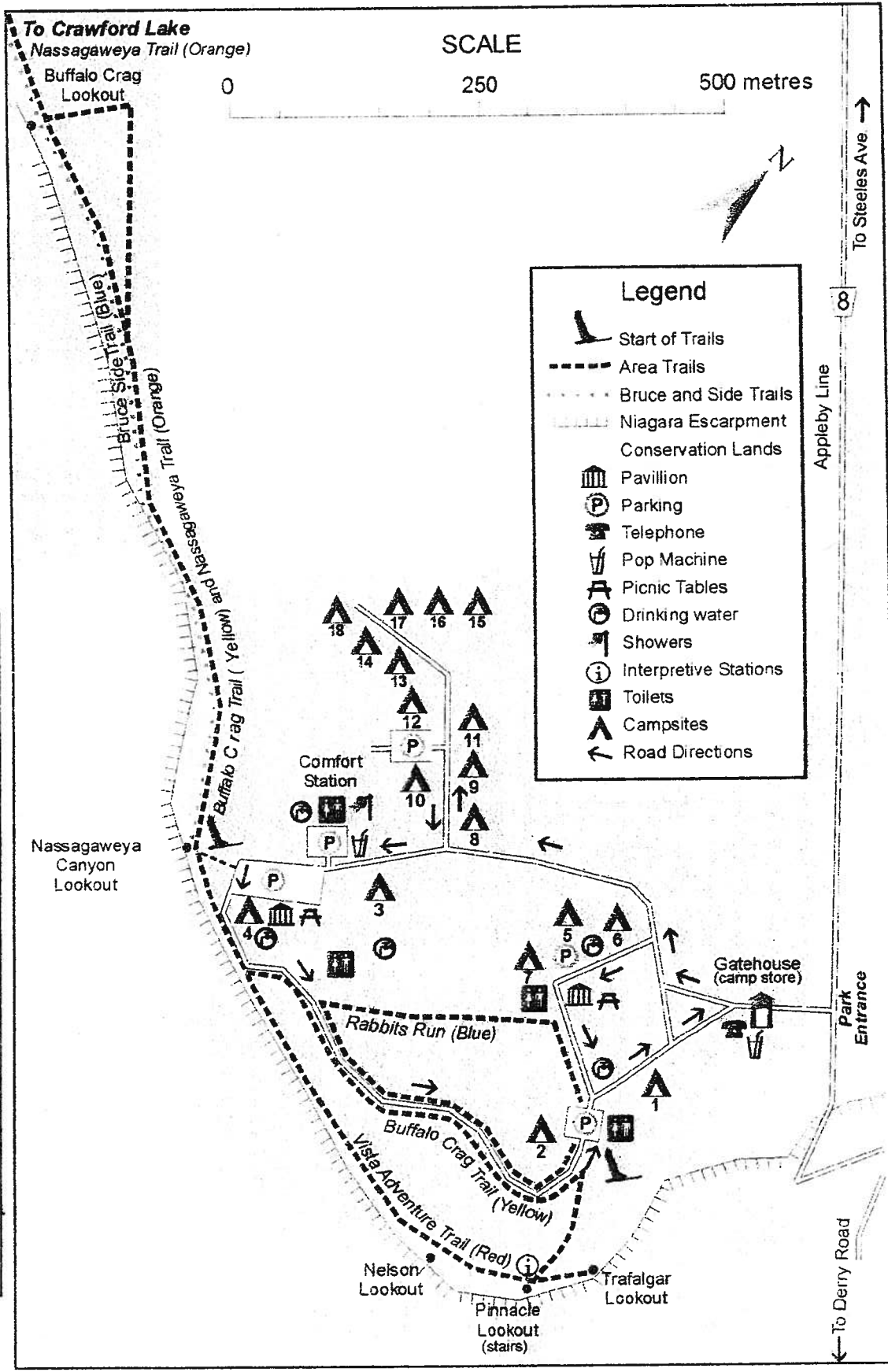
The limestone cliffs of Rattlesnake Point are part of Ontario's Niagara Escarpment. This well-known landform winds 725 km from Queenston near Niagara Falls to the islands off Tobermory at the tip of the Bruce Peninsula. The escarpment was formed over 400 million years ago when a vast tropical sea covered much of North America. The erosive power of preglacial rivers and glacial meltwaters sculpted this geological masterpiece. Rattlesnake Point is located on an isolated rock outlier separated from the escarpment and overlooking the Lowville Valley.

There are more than 100 parks along the Niagara Escarpment that protect its significant natural and cultural features. Most of the parks are linked by the Bruce Trail, Ontario's longest footpath. Other escarpment parks located near Rattlesnake Point include Hilton Falls, Crawford Lake, Kelso and Mount Nemo.



Rattlesnake Point Trails

Rattlesnake Point has 12.7 km of colour coded trails consisting of four loops ranging from 1-7.2 km that begin at the start of trails near the upper parking area.



- BLUE** **Rabbits Run Trail** **1 km**
 This short trail begins on the main park road that winds through a forested area and then loops back past a group campsite back to the start of trails.
- RED** **Vista Adventure Trail** **1.5 km**
 This trail begins on a forest path that leads to the edge of the escarpment where the Pinnacle Lookout and staircase are located. The trail includes the Trafalgar and Nelson lookouts where great views of Mount Nemo and Lake Ontario can be seen. The trail returns to the starting point by way of the Rabbits Run Trail.
- YELLOW** **Buffalo Crag Trail** **3 km**
 This trail begins off the west end of the lower parking area. The wooded trail then follows the edge of the escarpment past the Massagaweya Canyon and Buffalo Crag Lookouts where there are excellent views of the valley between Rattlesnake Point and Crawford Lake.
- ORANGE** **Massagaweya Canyon Trail** **7.2 km**
To Crawford Lake Conservation Area (Not a loop - 14.4 km round trip)
 This natural earthen trail crosses the Massagaweya Canyon and leads to the Crawford Lake Conservation Area that has a reconstructed Iroquoian Village. About 4 or 5 hours is required to complete a return trip on this trail.

When hiking at Rattlesnake Point, please respect the following rules which are in place to ensure the integrity of this area.

- Trail Regulations**
- Group camping is available by permit only.
 - Control your pets. Pets must be kept on a maximum 2 metre lead.
 - No alcohol allowed.
 - No bicycles or motorized vehicles on the trails.
 - "Pack out" everything you take in. There are 7 large waste bins located throughout the park and camping areas.
 - Please stay on the marked trails.
 - Aspire to invisibility. Observe but do not disturb. Leave exciting discoveries for the next person to experience and enjoy.
- Thank you.*

Warning: The cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment can be hazardous and quite slippery when wet. Please be careful when hiking the trails at Rattlesnake Point. **Do not venture too close to the cliffs or climb over the lookout walls.**