

Baxter

Conservation Area



Explore the many trails through wetlands, conifer plantations, mixed forest, alder thickets, nut groves, wildflower gardens and a solar energy display. In the summer, take a refreshing dip in the Rideau at the Baxter beach. Join in our excellent outdoor education programs. Call for details about special workshops, day camps or seasonal programs.

Trails — 5 kilometres

Directions — 7498 Carter Road, off Regional Road 13 (Dilworth Road) off Highway 416, south of Kars. 613-489-3592

Special Features



- sandy beach
- Fillmore R. Park Nut Grove
- wildflower meadow
- solar energy trail
- Patrick J. McManus Conservation Centre
- hiking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing



Chapman Mills

Conservation Area



Enjoy a stroll through some of the Rideau's most sensitive and beautiful habitats. Lookouts, walkways and boardwalks lead visitors through natural shoreline, wetlands and flood plain areas that are unique in the City of Ottawa. Learn about the Rideau River through our series of interpretive signs.

Trails — 1.5 kilometres

Directions — 253 Winding Way, take Hwy 416 to Bankfield Road East. Then take Regional Road 73 North (Prince of Wales Drive) and turn right onto Winding Way. 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504.

Special Features



- fishing and viewing platforms
- marsh boardwalk
- canoe access



Foley Mountain

Conservation Area



High atop a granite ridge overlooking the historic Upper Rideau waterway and Village of Westport is Foley Mountain. Foley is famous for its dynamic, hands-on, education programs for school children and youth groups. Enjoy the scenic lookout, sandy beach, hiking and cross country skiing trails.

Trails — 9 kilometres

Directions — 105 Perth Road North, off County Road 10 up the "mountain." 613-273-3255.

Special Features



- Spy Rock scenic lookout
- cross country ski trails
- mountain trails
- sandy beach on Upper Rideau Lake
- interpretive centre



Rideau Ferry

Conservation Area



Bask on the beach at the Rideau Ferry Conservation Area. Rideau Ferry is a popular summer park with its beach, boat launch and picnic area.

Directions — 133 Yacht Club Road, County Road 1 between Perth and Lombardy. 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504.

Special Features



- sandy beach
- boat launch
- picnic shelter, picnic tables and barbecues
- playing field



Rideau Valley Conservation Areas

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A healthy watershed is the greatest gift we can leave our children

W.A. Taylor

Conservation Area



Launch your boat and cast a line for one of the Rideau's local bass, perch, pickerel, panfish or musky. Catch and release is encouraged. W.A. Taylor is also the perfect spot to enjoy a quiet picnic with the family.

Directions — 3250 River Road, Regional Road 19 near Osgoode. 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504

Special Features



- picnic area
- reforestation
- boat launch
- short nature trail



Portland Bay

Conservation Area



Stop for a quiet picnic and enjoy the view out onto Big Rideau Lake. Working with the Centre for Sustainable Watersheds (CSW), who operate the Rideau Lakes Welcome Centre on the site, the Authority is looking to develop a shoreline demonstration project.

Directions — 2797 Highway 15 in Portland. 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504.

Special Features



- picnic area
- Rideau Lakes Welcome Centre

Meisel Woods

Conservation Area

Wilderness is where it's at! Come and walk the trails at Meisel Woods, our newest conservation area. This 130-acre property is an excellent example of Precambrian Shield land with forested natural areas, plants and animals. The property surrounds a 60-acre, headwaters lake known as Beaver Lake and includes additional water frontage on Crow Lake.

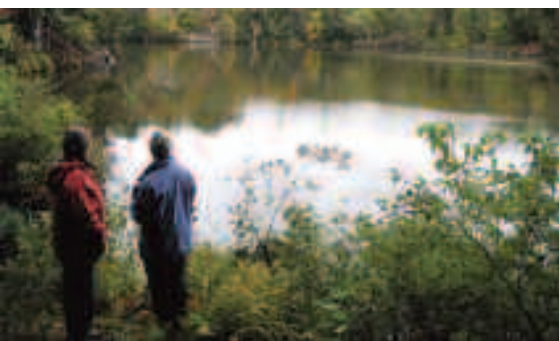
Trails — 5 kilometres

Directions — 1392 Anderson Road, from Highway 7 take County Road 38 south through Sharbot Lake. Turn left onto Crow Lake Road and follow to Anderson Rd, Crow Village. 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504.

Special Features



- nature trail



Perth Wildlife

Reserve Conservation Area



Located on the Tay Marsh, this watery environment nurtures a variety of diverse plant and wildlife species. Deer, ducks, Canada geese, rabbits, bluebirds and wild turkeys are some of the wildlife that are found in this 257 hectare reserve.

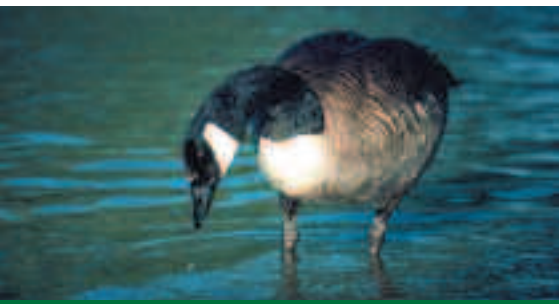
Trails — 2.5 kilometres

Directions — 100 Wildlife Road, from Perth take County Road 1 (Rideau Ferry Road) south and turn left on Wildlife Road. 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504.

Special Features



- Tay Marsh lookout
- wildlife
- self-guiding nature trail



Mill Pond

Conservation Area

Peaceful and serene, Mill Pond has six kilometres of wilderness trails. Hike through the park and stop for a quiet picnic in the sugar bush or at the covered picnic shelter. If you are looking for a quiet canoe trip, you can paddle across Mill Pond.

Trails — 6 kilometres

Directions — 4774 Briton-Houghton Bay Road off Highway 15 between Portland and Lombardy. 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504.

Special Features



- Sugarbush
- wilderness trails
- canoe/cartop access to Mill Pond

Historic Dickinson Square

Conservation Area



Rich in natural and cultural history, Dickinson Square is an ideal stop in the Village of Manotick. Visit Watson's Mill — a 19th century grist mill that is still in working condition. Stroll across the dam and feed some of the resident ducks or picnic in front of the historic Dickinson House. Watson's Mill is managed by the Watson's Mill Manotick Inc. 613-692-6455.

Directions — Visit Manotick, south of Ottawa

Special Features



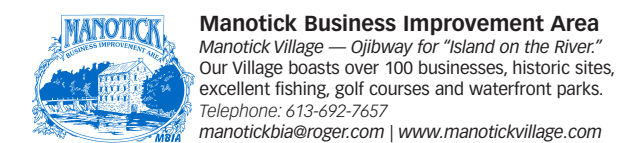
- Watson's Mill
- historic site
- stone ground flour

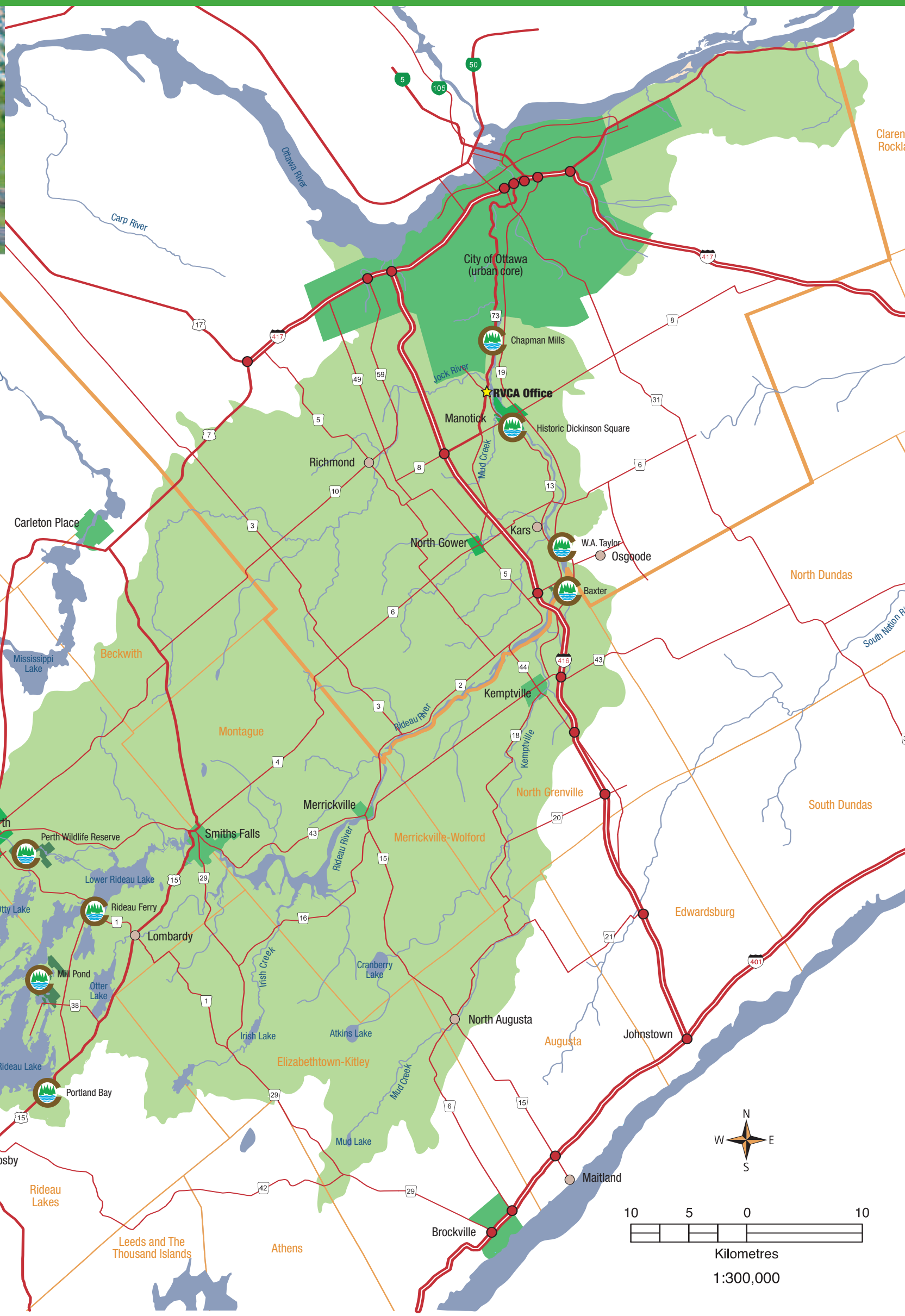


Map Symbols

- interpretive centre
- interpretive programs
- self-guided trails
- wilderness trails
- washrooms
- beach/swimming
- change houses
- boat launch
- picnic area
- picnic shelter
- dogs on leash allowed
- no dogs
- fishing

Partners in Conservation





An annual pass is available for only \$40 giving unlimited access to all areas and boat launches all year!



For those who want to do more ...

1. Make sure you have your Conservation Area Pass and buy one for a friend.
2. Make a donation to the Conservation Area of your choice by calling the RVCA office.
3. Pay for a bench, a picnic table or the planting of a tree in the name of a departed loved one or friend.
4. Volunteer to work with the "Friends of Group" at your favourite Conservation Area.

Thank you for your consideration!

Make your way to a conservation area today ...

- Follow the symbol!
- Conservation Areas closed dusk to dawn, unless otherwise posted on site
 - Dogs must be leashed at all times — please stoop and scoop (please note: no dogs allowed at Perth Wildlife Reserve)
 - No open fires
 - Please respect other park users and the natural environment

Looking for new interesting outdoor recreation for the family? Don't want to drive far or spend too much? Conservation Areas may be the fresh air tonic you need. For information on day camps, how-to workshops, Dickinson Days, seminars, tree planting, enviro-festivals, volunteer opportunities, private rental of conservation buildings, or picnic shelters for your group use, call 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504.

Day Use Fees ...

\$5/vehicle per day, except there is no fee at Dickinson Square, Mill Pond, Portland Bay, Meisel Woods and Chapman Mills. Best value is the \$40 annual pass giving unlimited access to all areas and boat launches all year. Fees subject to change.

Facility Rentals ...

RVCA Outdoor Centres at Foley Mountain and Baxter Conservation Areas can be rented to accommodate corporate retreats, birthday parties, meetings, workshops, weddings, Christmas parties, etc. Kitchen available. Call 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504 for rental information.

For annual passes, programs or more information ...

Call or write: Rideau Valley Conservation Authority
 Box 599, 3889 Rideau Valley Drive
 Manotick, Ontario K4M 1A5
 613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504
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Map Legend

- Conservation Area
- Rideau Valley Watershed
- Urban
- Ottawa Municipal Boundary
- Road
- Highway
- King's Highway