

### Trail Connects Communities

In 2007, we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Town of Kemptville, one of the oldest and largest communities in the Municipality of North Grenville. This year also marks the 175th anniversary of the opening of the Rideau Canal – the waterway that forms the northern border of our municipality.

Since the days of the earliest settlers this area has been a location of settlements connected by trails, waterways and roads. Today, straddling two watersheds and a four-lane highway, North Grenville still has rural atmosphere and historic charm for its residents and visitors to discover.

As part of this year's celebrations, the North Grenville Trail system has been launched to link together 150 kilometres of existing trails, urban streets, rural roads and waterways in a manner that enhances the recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

In addition to walking and hiking trails, the municipality has numerous safe and well-maintained roads, providing kilometres of adventure for horseback, bicycle and automobile. For auto and boat travelers, North Grenville is a partner on the Rideau Heritage Route.

### Get to Know North Grenville

There are many existing trails that make up the North Grenville Trail system. These include:

- Ferguson Forest Centre Management Trail\*
- Limerick Forest Chalet Trail\*
- Rideau Canal Lockstation – Burritts Rapids Tip-to-Tip Trail\*
- University of Guelph – Kemptville Campus Agroforestry Trail\*

*\*denotes separate map is available*

Within **Kemptville**, explore the trails of the Ferguson Forest Centre, where over 2 million tree seedlings a year are grown for customers all over Ontario. Follow the trail and streets through the downtown to the beautiful University of Guelph – Kemptville Campus, where it will lead you through a maple orchard to the recently re-opened Agroforestry Centre. Interpretive signs help visitors learn more about native and non-native tree species.

Visit the villages and surrounding communities of Bishop's Mills, Burritts Rapids, Heckston, Oxford Mills, and Oxford Station. Each section of the township has its own character and something to offer. From Kemptville, travel west along the Rideau Canal on the River Road to **Burritts Rapids** and explore the trail by the 1830's locks. In the southernmost part of the township near **Bishop's Mills** is Limerick Forest – a county-owned forest with trails running throughout.

Follow County Road 18 to travel downstream along the South Branch of the Rideau (also known as the Kemptville Creek) past the stone dam at **Oxford Mills**, back to Kemptville. Or take County Road 20 east through **Oxford Station** to **Heckston** – a part of the municipality that lies within the South Nation watershed. Continuing north will take you up County Road 22 to the northernmost part of the municipality, where it meets its northern neighbour – the City of Ottawa.

The goal of the North Grenville Trail system is to challenge visitors and residents alike to get out and explore our community. You don't have to travel the whole 150 kilometres at once: select portions and do it in stages over time. Visit [www.ngtrails.ca](http://www.ngtrails.ca) for a complete list of maps that can be downloaded. Or drop by the Municipal Offices at the address below.

Choose a loop or route that suits your time and fancy – and method of travel.

*Come and explore North Grenville.*

