

Come and be amazed by the Cheltenham Badlands



The “Cheltenham Badlands” is a geological feature rarely seen in Ontario. It is formed as a result of the erosion of the Queenston Shale into rounded hills and gullies almost completely devoid of vegetation. The CUHKAAO hiking group would like to invite you to explore the amazing Badlands with them. Bring your camera. Bring your family and take in this almost surreal landscape. After exploring the Badlands, we shall take a hike in the Credit Stone Side Trail (part of the Bruce Trail). The trail winds through a mature forest. There are some hilly and rugged sections, but in general, it is a very pleasant trail to hike on.

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| Date: | Saturday, September 13 th , 2008 |
| Meeting Point: | Cheltenham Badlands |
| Starting Time: | 9:30 am (please arrive 10-15 min earlier for signing up the waiver form, warm-up and brief orientation) |
| Hike Length: | 5 km |
| Hike Level: | Slow to Moderate |
| Time: | 2.0 - 2.5 hours |
| Sign-up for hike: | Please e-mail Peter Li (李斌 peterli@rogers.com) |
| What to wear: | hat; hiking boots (highly recommended) |
| What to bring: | sun screen, water, energy bar and snacks, walking/hiking stick, insect repellent |

Links

From the following links you can get a road map, a trail map and a description of the hike. (Note: We only plan to hike a small section of the trail described.)

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=104175879646144323409.0004442e55492e444edc3&z=19&om=0>

<http://www.torontohiking.com/TMpdf/L16TM.pdf>

<http://www.torontohiking.com/Hikes/L16badInd/l16badInd.html>

Direction to Cheltenham Badlands

To get to the badlands, take **Hwy 401** to **Hwy 410** and drive north toward Brampton. Hwy 410 ends at **Mayfield Road**.

At the traffic light at **Mayfield Road**, turn **left** and drive west to **Hwy 10** (Hurontario Street). Make a **right** turn at **Hurontario** and drive North toward Caledon.

After passing Boston Mills road, keep left and make a **left** turn at **Peel Road** (west bound, Note: **Peel road is also called Olde Base Line Road**).

You will come to a stop sign at McLaughlin Road. From the stop sign, continue to **drive along Olde Base Line Road for 3.4 km**. You will see a blue garbage can and a grey garbage can, side by side, on the left hand side (south side) of the street. That marks the parking area for the Cheltenham Badlands.

If there is no parking space left on the south side of the street, you can park on the north side. You can also drive a further 0.25 km west to the entrance of the Credit Stone Side Trail where you can find additional parking on the south side of the street.

Alternate driving direction from the north end

For those driving from Markham or Richmond Hill, take **Hwy #7 west** to **Hwy #400 north** toward Barrie; take **exit 43** and keep **left** for **RR-11/King Rd** toward King City/Nobleton.

Continue west through Bolton to **Hurontario St.** (Hwy # 10) and turn **RIGHT** on Hurontario for 4.0 km to Olde Baseline Road (Note: **Olde Baseline Road is also called Peel Road**.).

Turn **LEFT** on Olde Baseline Road (**Peel Road**). You will come to a stop sign at McLaughlin Road. From the stop sign, continue to **drive along Olde Base Line Road for 3.4 km**. You will see a blue garbage can and a grey garbage can, side by side, on the left hand side (south side) of the street. That marks the parking area for the Cheltenham Badlands.

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(Total driving time is about 1h and 15 min from Hwy #7 and 404)