

# Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site

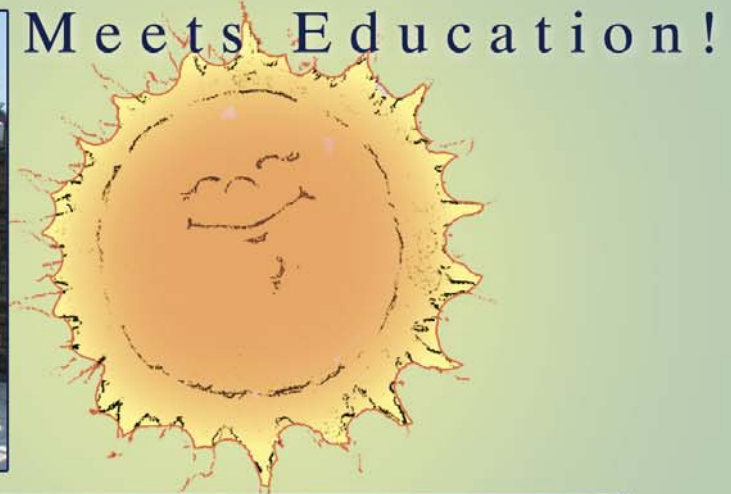
St. Catharines, Ontario

Where Recreation

Meets Education!



Visitor's Pavilion



*Welcome* to the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site! We encourage you to take some time to wander through this unique and lovely place. Just a few years ago, this site was an active municipal landfill. With the input of many involved community residents and support from Niagara Region, the landfill was transformed into Niagara's Central Park.



Precipitation Arch at the Children's Science and Nature Area

Your opportunities for enjoyment here are numerous. Take some time to walk our paths and enjoy the fantastic views across Lake Ontario. Take an educational stroll through our very own "solar system" or a fascinating journey through the world of weather in the Children's Science and Nature Area. Wander through the bird and butterfly meadow. We feel certain that by the time you leave you will have learned a few things about the Niagara Region ... and the world.

**Niagara**  **Region**  
*Building Community. Building Lives.*



### **Meadow Trail (0.6 km)**

A lovely walking path allows visitors to experience the flora and fauna native to this Carolinian Forest Zone. Chickadees, downy woodpeckers, garter snakes and raccoons are just a few of the animals you might see as a part of your experience in the meadow. The Bruce Trail Link connecting the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site with the Bruce Trail can also be accessed here.



### **Children's Science & Nature Trail (0.3 km)**

This area offers an educational trip through the solar system, the world of weather and time, and the potential for renewable energy. It also includes special features such as earth tunnels, a sand stream and a historic log cabin replica.



### **Loop Trail (1.9 km)**

Beginning at the Visitor's Pavilion, this winding trail connects various site features including the Pond Boardwalk, Meadow, Heritage Arboretum, and Children's Science and Nature Area.



### **Pond Boardwalk (0.1 km)**

Here visitors can take a journey along the boardwalk and experience the diverse ecology of this naturalized pond environment.



### **Heritage Arboretum Trails (.4 km)**

This pleasant trail winds through a naturalized area where native trees and shrubs provide a unique and diverse environment. Interpretive panels discuss how trees indigenous to the region were historically used in the past.



### **Bruce Trail Link (0.3 km)**

This short path through the Meadow connects the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site with the Bruce Trail, the oldest and longest marked hiking trail in Canada.



### **Summit Overlook Trail (0.5 km)**

This short walk leads visitors to the highest point of the site (over 190 metres above sea level). Spectacular panoramic views of the Niagara Region and Lake Ontario can be enjoyed here.

# Your Journey through the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site

The map below is colour coded with our many trail options. Directional signs along the paths will guide you to feature areas.



## Embracing the 3 "R's : Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site is one of Ontario's first comprehensive "Green Sites". Efforts were made in the design of the site to Reduce energy consumption, Reuse natural materials and use Recycled building materials.

## Interpretive Panels

We hope you will take the time to read some of the many interpretive panels located throughout the site. The panels provide in-depth and often entertaining information about the various site features. Site history, Niagara Escarpment history and scientific facts and figures are all presented for your information.

### Bruce Trail Link

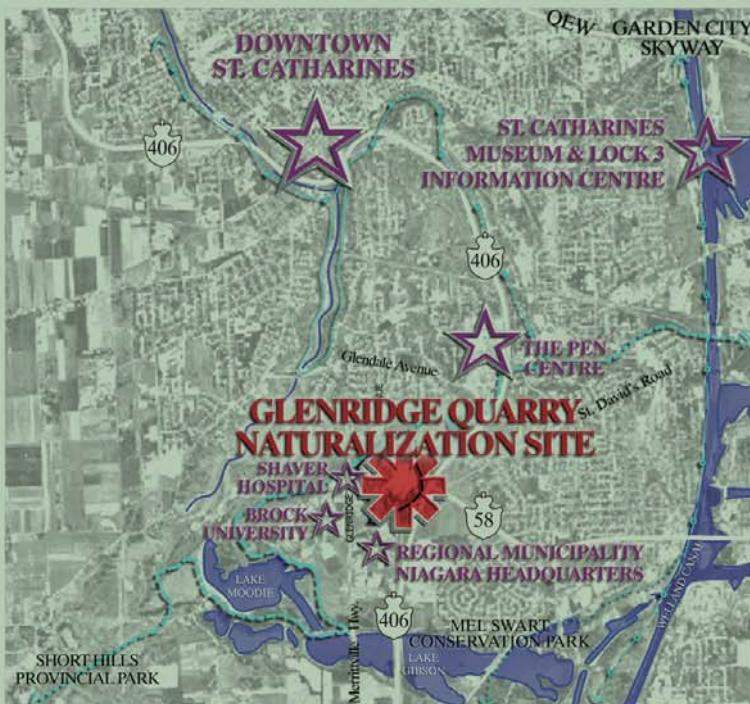
The Bruce Trail is the oldest and longest marked hiking trail in Canada, measuring over 800 km long. The Trail is a continuous footpath from Niagara to Tobermory along the Niagara Escarpment, a UNESCO designated World Biosphere Reserve. The establishment of the Bruce Trail plays a crucial role in protecting one of Canada's most important natural environments by providing an opportunity to explore the Niagara Escarpment in a sensitive manner. See the Bruce Trail Link sign at the Escarpment Overlook for more information.



Interpretive Panel at the Summit Overlook



Interpretive Panel located at the Bruce Trail Link



Site Location

If you would like more information about the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site, visit [www.regional.niagara.on.ca](http://www.regional.niagara.on.ca) or phone the Niagara Region Waste Info Line at 1-800-594-5542.



Interpretive Panel at the Children's Science and Nature Area