

A historic trail built on generosity and trust

Planning for the trail began in 1967 as a Canadian Centennial project. Enthusiastic support came from the city and provincial governments, organizations, and citizens. Private landowners gave their permissions and the work of trail building began.

People of all kinds participated in the construction. Besides local citizens, there were scout troops, high school students, NAIT first-year carpentry students, and eight unemployed men under a federal initiatives program.



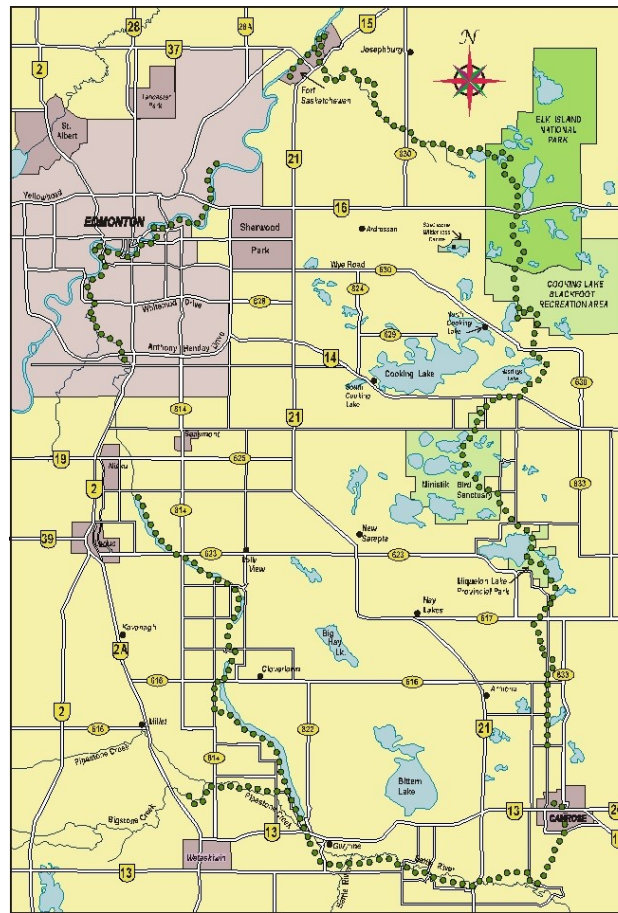
Grade 10 students with Project Cooperation (1975)

In 1970, the Waskahegan Trail Association was established to conserve and grow the trail for the use and enjoyment of today's and future generations.

REMINDER

Landowners permit the use of the land only along the marked trail and accept no responsibility for any injury incurred, whether on or off the trail, however caused.

- Do not stray from the path
- Do not bring your dogs
- Children permitted only under close supervision



For more information, visit
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We are a member of the Alberta Hiking Association

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Hike the Waskahegan Trail



The back country
trail in your
neighborhood

Snap pictures of pelicans...

Set your binoculars on beavers and muskrats...

Try to sneak past the ruffed grouse without scaring her...

Fill your head with the scent of forests and hayfields...

Step over strange fungus, brush past hazelnut, high-bush cranberry and saskatoon bushes...

And marvel at crocuses and flowering cacti.

You can experience nature like this easier than you think.



The **Waskahegan Trail** has 309 km of nearly contiguous paths through wetlands, farmland, and badlands. Part of the trail runs through Elk Island, Blackfoot Recreational Area, Miquelon, and Ministik Bird Sanctuary, but most of the trail is on private land, available to us through the generosity of landowners.

You won't find bikes, joggers, or kiosks. Just bird songs...fresh air...and tranquility.

Two ways to enjoy the trail

1. Join us on weekly guided hikes. Most Sundays and occasionally Saturdays, from late April to early November, we carpool to a trail-head and walk an 8-12 km section.

Guided hikes are **open to the public and free.**



2. Become a member and purchase our trail guide featuring maps and descriptions for more than 40 day hikes. Check the trail conditions at our website, grab a friend (we don't recommend hiking solo) and get your dose of nature on your own terms.



Go to www.waskahegantrail.ca for the list of upcoming hikes, meet-up times, carpool locations, and trail conditions.

Does your gym give you this?

You could go to the gym and use the pec-deck and leg press machines

...or you could push a mower through the brush to clear a path on the trail.

Or if you enjoy Saturday morning coffee and muffins with friends

...how about clearing deadfall with a friendly work party, and THEN coffee, muffins, and some laughs with the crew?



From May through October, we go out to trail sections and clear away deadfall, mow and clip back overgrowth, repair boardwalks and stiles, and refresh trail markers.

We use mowers, chainsaws, weed-eaters, hammers, and clippers. We will not ask you to do anything you are not ready for. We provide the safety gear, training and orientation, and **coverage by Workers Compensation.** And the coffee's on us.

If maintaining or improving your fitness levels and getting more purpose out of your day appeals to you, send an email to trailmaintain@waskahegantrail.ca to get on our mailing list.

You can also learn about upcoming work parties by visiting www.waskahegantrail.ca.