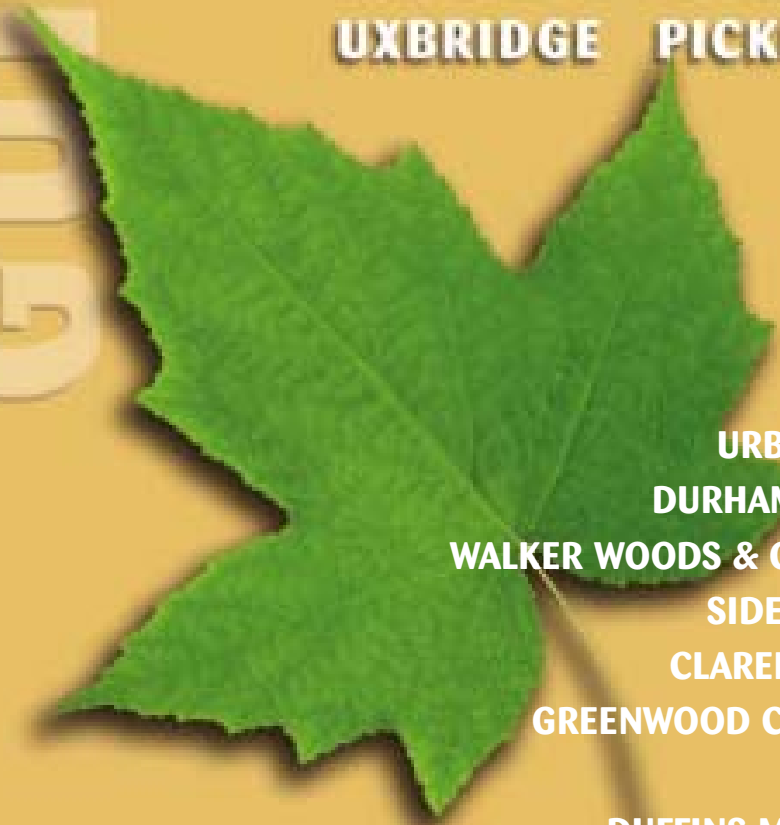


GUIDE BOOK



DURHAM REGION
TRANS
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UXBRIDGE PICKERING AJAX



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DURHAM REGION TRANS CANADA TRAIL ROUTE



TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

O'Neil Road to Elgin Park (4 km)

Access Point: O'Neil Road, west of Lake Ridge Rd. → Southwest on abandoned rail line → Main St. south → Dominion St. east → First Ave. south → Brock St. west → Toronto St. south → Poplar St. southwest into Centennial Park

Access point: parking adjacent to Centennial Park → Southeast through Centennial Park → south on Pond St. → Mill St. east → Water St. south into Elgin Park

Elgin Park to Durham Regional Forest (9-10 km)

Access Point: Elgin Park, main entrance off Concession Road 7

*Exit Elgin Park on the northwest corner of Elgin Park Drive → Concession Rd. 7 south → wind east and south along Brookdale Road → Concession Road 8 south (variously on and off road) → follow signs west and south through farmland to Durham Road 21, cross south into Durham Regional Forest

Durham Regional Forest to the Uxbridge/Pickering Townline (10 km TCT & over 20 km of loop trails)

Access Point: East side of Concession Road 7 south of Durham Regional Road. 21

South through Regional forest lands → Houston Road/Concession 7

Access Point: Houston Road at Concession Road 7

West and south into Walker Woods and Glen Major Properties following the Trans Canada Trail signs → Uxbridge/Pickering Townline → Parking available at both the east and west ends (Conc. 7 and Conc. 6) of the Uxbridge/Pickering Townline

CITY OF PICKERING

Westney Road, Pickering (same as Concession Road. 6, Uxbridge) and the Uxbridge/Pickering Townline to Pickering Museum Village and Greenwood Conservation Area North (10.5 km)

Access: Limited Parking at Westney Rd. and the Uxbridge/Pickering Townline → Townline west → Sideline 12 south → Concession Rd. 8 east → onto trail through Claremont Field Centre

Access: Sideline 12 (.5 km north of Concession Road 7, Pickering)

Exit Claremont Field Centre → south on Sideline 12 → Jog west on Concession Road 7 and south onto Paddock Road → Cross Concession Road 6 → west into Pickering Museum Village

Access: Pickering Museum Village

Follow Trans Canada Trail signs through Museum property south → Greenwood Conservation Area North → Concession Road 5 (Access point)

TOWN OF AJAX

Greenwood Conservation Area to Church Street (12 km)

Access point: North side of Concession Road 5 (west of Greenwood Road)

Follow trail south off Concession Road. 5 into Greenwood Conservation Area →

**Exit onto Westney Road south → Rossland Rd. west → wind south along the completed portion of the Duffins Trail System to Church Street

Westney Road to Duffins Marsh at Lake Ontario (4 km)

Access Point: Westney Road (south of Bayly Street and north of Lake Driveway West)

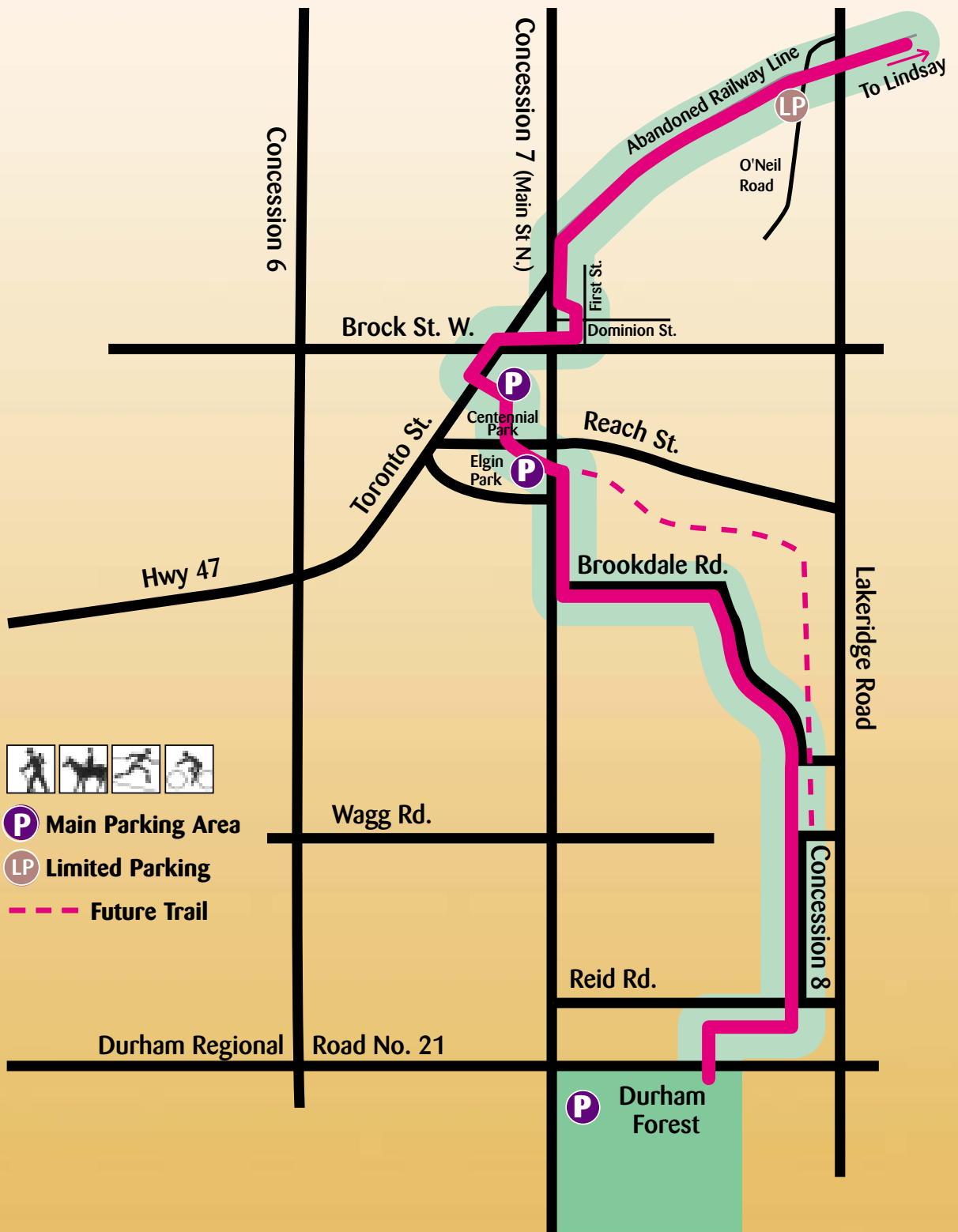
South on Westney Road → west on the completed portion of the Duffins Trail System through Duffins Marsh → exiting at Rotary Park at the Waterfront Trail, Lake Ontario

Access Point: Rotary Park

*The Brookdale Road portion of the route is an Interim Trail. Optimum off-road routing to be completed by 2005 - 2006

**The Optimum Route for all of Ajax to be completed by 2009

Please refer to www.durhamtourism.ca for Trail Guide updates



UXBRIDGE

Traveling north from the Regional Forest, the Trans Canada Trail traverses through opened and unopened road allowances, regenerating gravel pits, the “back 40” of farmland, parklands and the historical streets of urban Uxbridge. The TCT exits Uxbridge along the abandoned CN Rail Line that winds its way to Lindsay.



Durham Regional Road #21

Durham Regional Road #23

Uxbridge Township Concession #7

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Walker Woods

Houston Road

Oak Ridges Trail

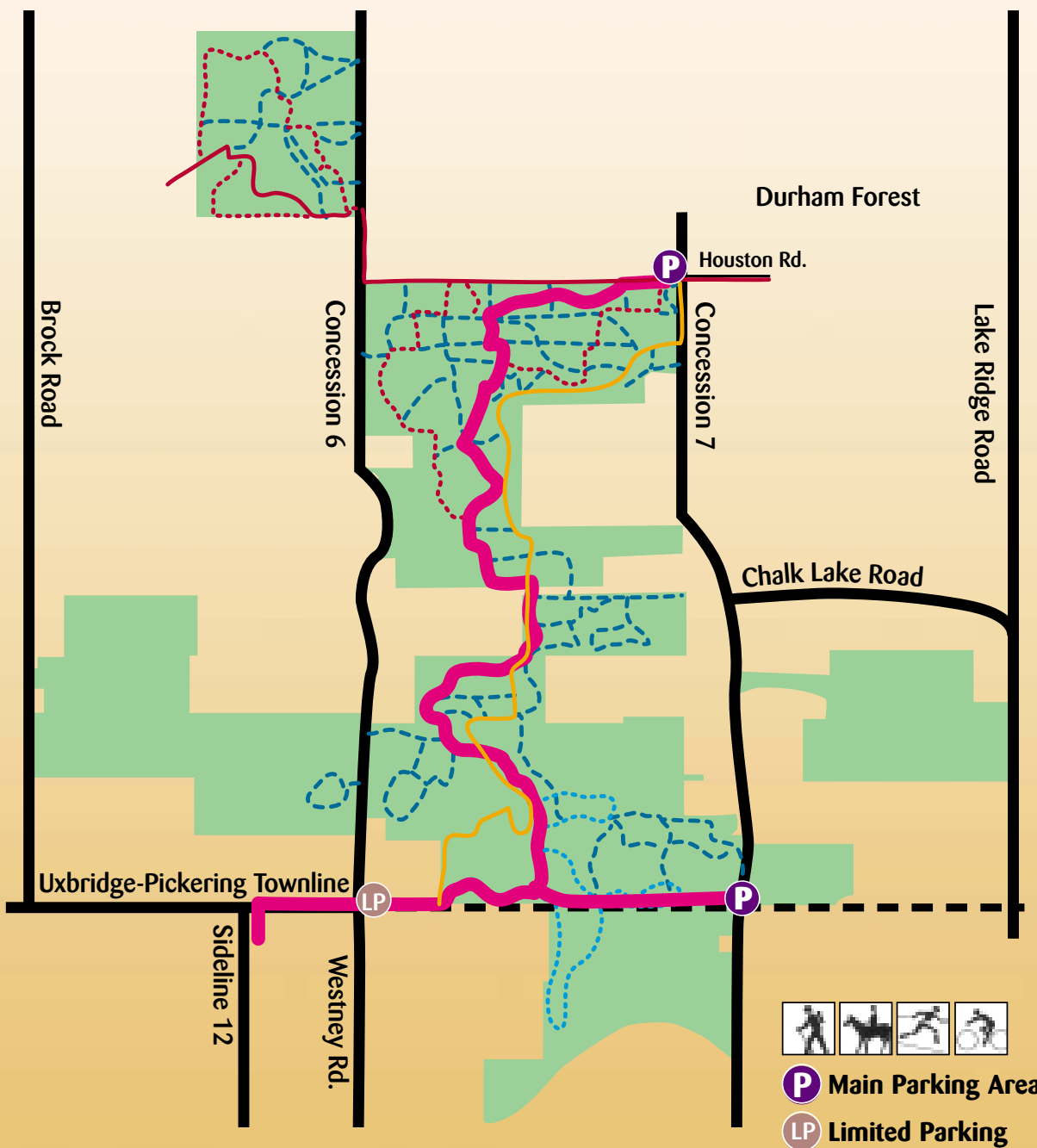


P Main Parking Area



DURHAM REGIONAL FOREST

The Durham Regional Forest Main Tract comprises plantation forests established over 70 years ago, as well as mixed hardwood. This forest encompasses a 405 hectare area that is located at the top of the Oak Ridges Moraine, and is famous for its cross-country skiing, mountain biking, hiking and horseback riding. There are over 12 kilometres of marked trails linking with the Trans Canada Trail.



WALKER WOODS AND GLEN MAJOR FOREST

This magnificent landscape comprises 1,548 hectares of environmentally significant forest on the Oak Ridges Moraine in the Duffins Creek Watershed. The Trans Canada Trail between the unopened road allowance at Houston Road and the Uxbridge/Pickering Townline has been open since 2003. The trail system connects with both the Oak Ridges Trail and the TRCA trail systems in the area. There are two loop trails in the Glen Major area that have been created to give outdoor enthusiasts opportunities to hike/cycle this priceless natural wonder. The loop trails are open and signed as the “townline” and “ridge” loops. (A more detailed map is available from TRCA at www.trca.on.ca)





DURHAM REGION TRANS CANADA TRAIL ROUTE

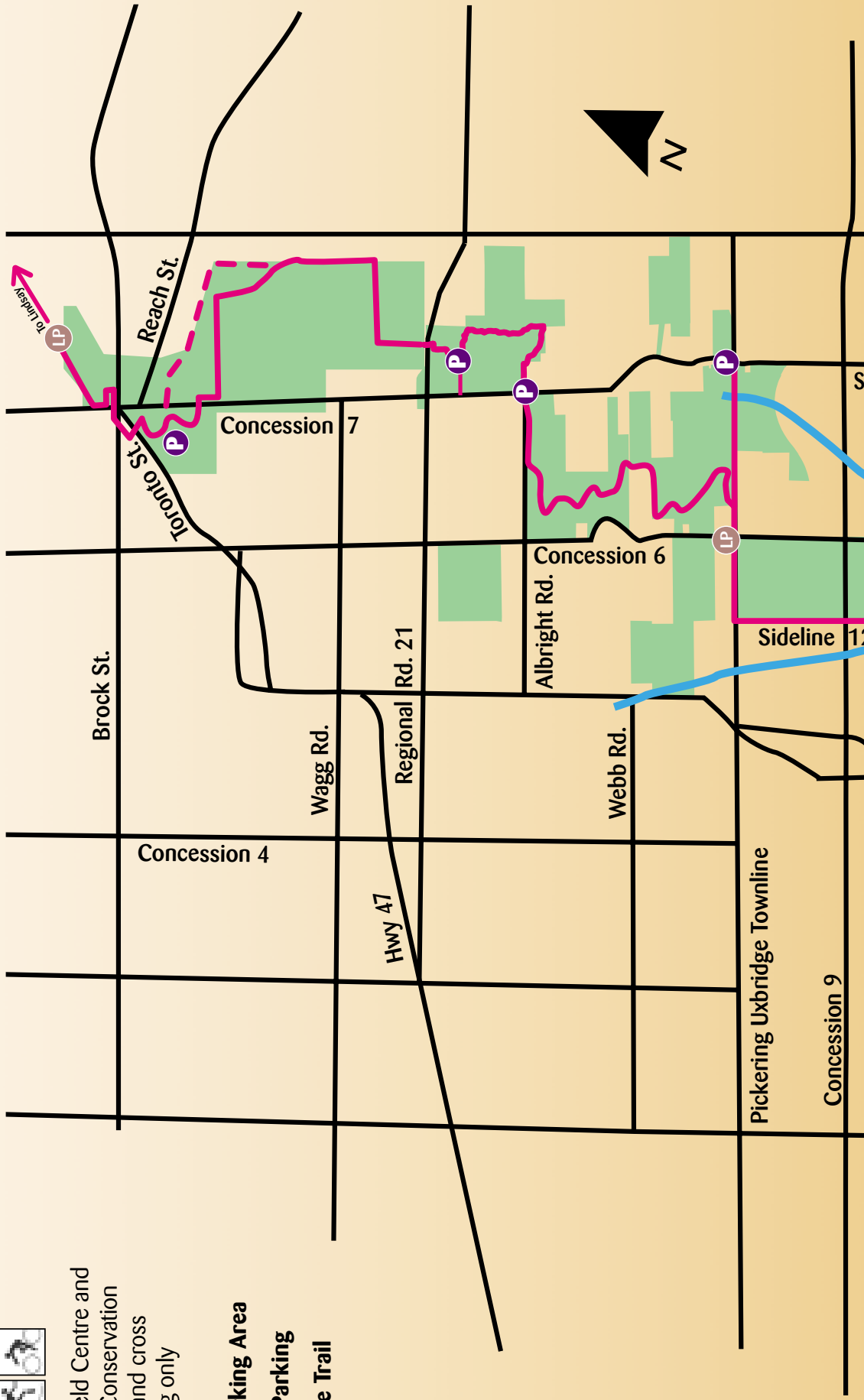


Claremont Field Centre and
Greenwood Conservation
Area: hiking and cross
country skiing only

P Main Parking Area

LP Limited Parking

--- Future Trail





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Lakeridge Rd.

Rossland Rd.

Kingston Rd.

Hwy 401

Salem Rd.

Bayly St.

Westney Rd.

Harwood Ave.

Paddock Road

Concession 5

Church St.

Brock Rd.

Concession 8

Concession 7

Hwy 7

Whitevale Rd.

Taunton Rd.

Whites Rd.

Altona Rd.

Finch Ave.

To Pickering Waterfront Trail

Lake Ontario

SIDELINE 12, Pickering

Sideline 12 is a north/south gravel road that links The Claremont Field Centre with The Glen Major and Walker Woods, “dead-ending” at both Concession Road 8 and the Uxbridge/Pickering Townline. This portion of on-road trail is incredibly scenic, bounded by century trees, horse farms, fields, ponds, hills and an amazing distant view of Lake Ontario. Traffic is very light making it safe passage for hiking, cycling, and equestrian use.

CLAREMONT FIELD CENTRE

This 161 hectares (398 acres) landscape, owned by the TRCA, includes a variety of habitats; fields and ponds, large maple and beech forests, cedar lowlands as well as plantation forests. The TCT travels through the westerly portion of the Field Centre, offering a gorgeous link for the Trans Canada Trail.

PICKERING MUSEUM VILLAGE

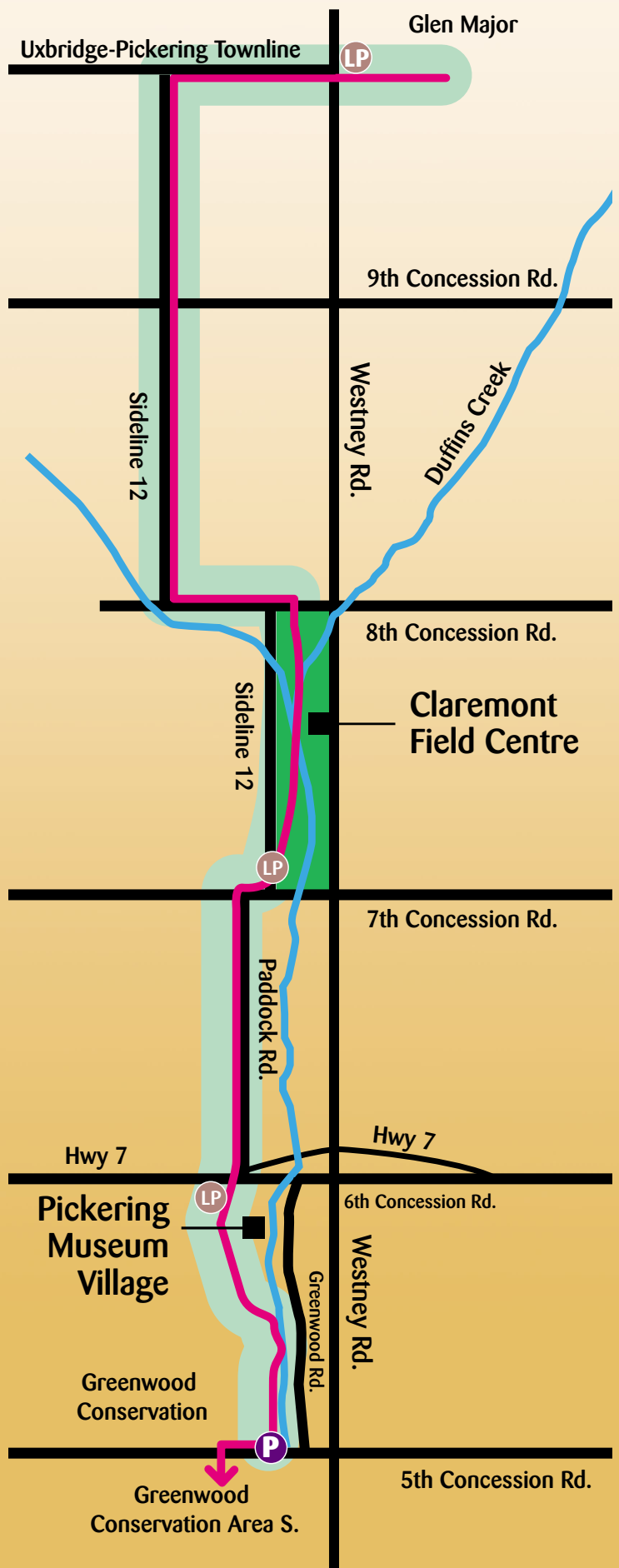
The Pickering Museum Village incorporates buildings from the 1800s and is situated in the Village of Greenwood, on the banks of the Duffins Creek. The Museum Village recreates the daily life of Pickering Township’s early settlers. The buildings date from as early as 1810 and include a general store, blacksmith shop, woodworking shop and town hall.

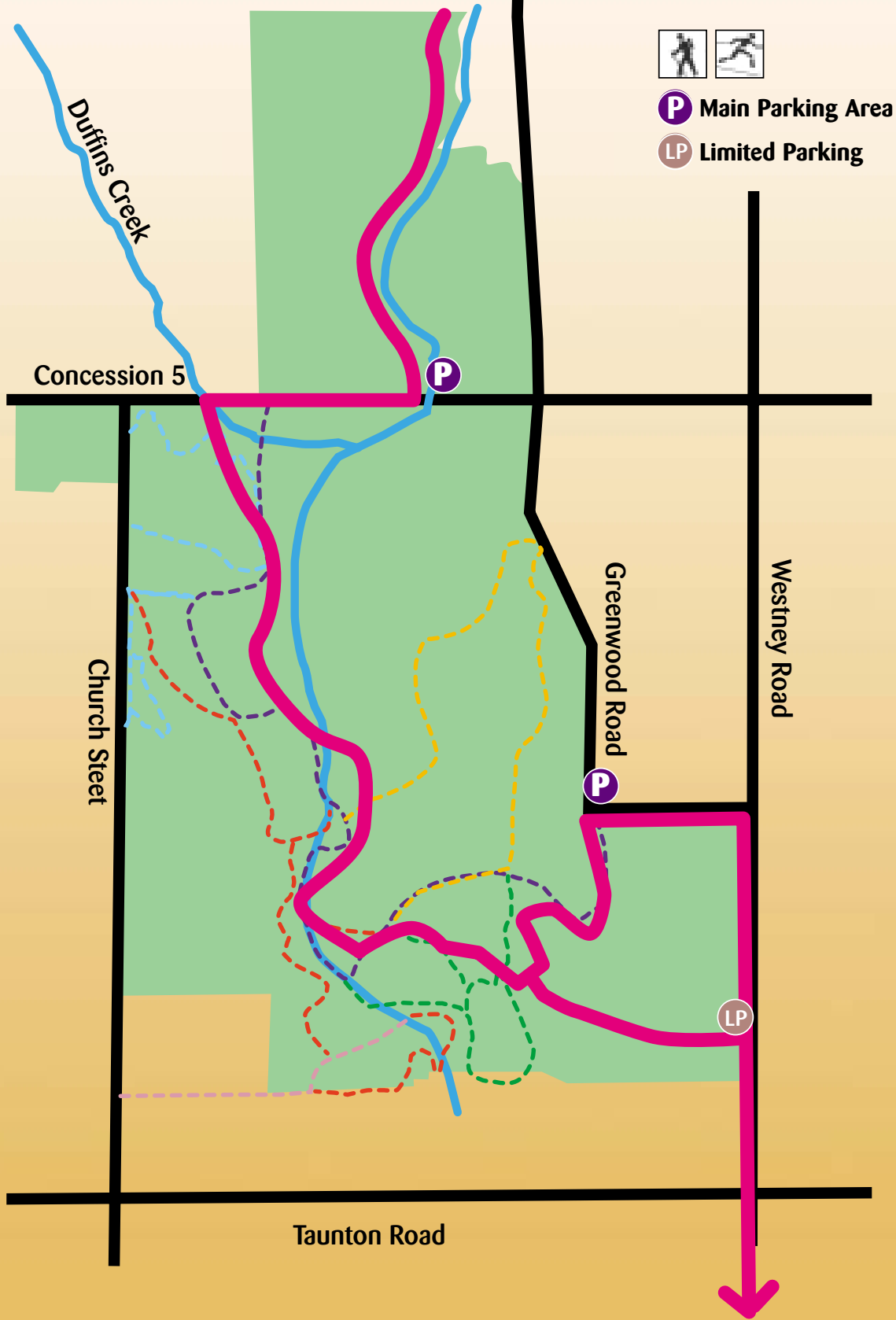


Claremont Field Centre:
hiking and cross country skiing only

P Main Parking Area

LP Limited Parking





GREENWOOD CONSERVATION AREA

Approximately 283 hectares of large tracts of undisturbed forests attract diverse wildlife that require interior habitat. Duffins Creek flows through the landscape, which is also home to the only portion of the glacial Lake Iroquois shoreline not yet urbanized.

To North Ajax



NORTH AJAX

From Mill Street and Church Street the trail follows Duffins Trail System travelling through the environmentally sensitive area of Major–Spink. An underpass is in place to cross Kingston Road, and two Duffins Creek overpasses, part of the mapped trail system, are in the construction stage. The trail is scenic, diverse and interesting, with cultural and natural history woven throughout. The creek is wide and fast, with steep embankments and cold water aquatic communities, including healthy self-sustaining populations of rainbow and brown trout.



DUFFINS MARSH (SOUTH AJAX)

Duffins Marsh covers 41 hectares and serves as a transition zone between Duffins Creek and Lake Ontario. This estuary contains dynamic sandy beaches with species endemic to the Great Lakes shoreline and is classified as an “environmentally sensitive area” as well as an “area of natural and scientific interest”. Duffins Marsh south of Bayly Street to Lake Ontario is owned and managed by the TRCA. However, the Town of Ajax has a management agreement with the TRCA for a small portion of Duffins Marsh. The Town of Ajax has TRCA approval for the trail system already implemented through this area.





P Main Parking Area

LP Limited Parking

- - - Future Trail



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www.cityofpickering.org



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