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Greenbelt Foundation Backgrounder

Uxbridge Trail Unveiling Event

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Overview

The Greenbelt Foundation has announced new trail improvements to the South Balsam Trail in Uxbridge, Ontario. The enhancements made to the trail include trail-bed upgrades for year-round use, installation of education signage, and improved wayfinding signage. The signage will highlight important natural features of Ontario's Greenbelt.

Background

The Town of Uxbridge is situated in a beautiful valley on the northern slope of the Oak Ridges Moraine, about 65 kilometres northeast of Toronto and is home to approximately 21,000 residents. Uxbridge is often referred to as the "Trail Capital of Canada" due to its vast trail systems spanning over 300 kilometres. Throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, Uxbridge has seen an increased number of trail users looking for outdoor recreation experiences.

Uxbridge is located within Ontario's Greenbelt on the Oak Ridges Moraine. The moraine is a unique and critically important part of southern Ontario's landscape and is an important ecological feature of the Greenbelt. It has often been called the "rain barrel of southern Ontario" due to its contribution to regional groundwater for over 6 million Ontarians. The moraine also provides idyllic natural spaces to explore—including the famous Oak Ridges Trail that spans the 160-kilometre length of the moraine and connects to trails throughout the Town of Uxbridge.

About South Balsam Trail

The South Balsam Trail is a 2.5-kilometre urban trail located within the town of Uxbridge. The trail passes through urban areas of the town, as well as natural features like old-growth forested areas and wetlands. The trail is graded as a "Moderate" difficulty due to a variety of terrain. Activities encouraged on the trail include hiking, running, dog walking, and cycling.

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