

Tucked away in the upper Beaver Valley is what many consider one of Grey County's best-kept secrets – Hogg's Falls. Explore these secluded falls and the surrounding hills in one of two short looping hikes.

We suggest you hike either loop in a clockwise direction, beginning with a visit to the falls themselves.

Note: There are several navigation choices along this hike so keep your eyes peeled for Bruce Trail blazes (trail markers) and remember that white indicates the Main Trail and blue indicates a side trail.

Follow the white-blazed main Bruce Trail north from the parking lot. The Boyne River is visible almost immediately on your left and in only a few minutes, you'll find yourself at Hogg's Falls. Here the Boyne River cascades 7 m over the rock face on its way to join the Beaver River about 3.5 km north. Its wide shimmering curtain of water can be enjoyed year-round. In these natural surroundings, there are only faint traces of a long-ago mill owned in the 1870s by William Hogg, for whom the falls are named (as is Toronto's Hogg's Hollow).

Continue north along the main Bruce Trail, crossing Lower Valley Road until you reach Hogg's Falls Upper Side Trail. For a shorter hike, stay on the main Trail to continue on the lower loop. Those with more time to explore can opt for the upper loop by heading north here onto the blue-blazed Hogg's Falls Upper Side Trail.

The lower loop along the white-blazed main Bruce Trail leads through a beautiful natural amphitheatre surrounded by high hills. In roughly 400 m it intersects with the blue-blazed Hogg's Falls Lower Side Trail. Turn right (west) onto the side trail to continue through lovely forest and back across the Lower Valley Road. On the west side of the road, the side trail rejoins the main Bruce Trail where you'll turn right (north) to follow the white blazes back to the parking lot.

The longer upper loop leaves the main Bruce Trail at its intersection with the Hogg's Falls Upper Side Trail and follows the blue blazes along old logging trails north. It returns briefly to the road to avoid a wetland, turns right off the road and heads uphill to the east. Where the Hogg's Falls Upper Side Trail ends, turn right (south) onto the main Bruce Trail and follow it through a mature forest.

At Rock Mills Creek, pause for a moment to enjoy the cooling waters and the forested shade. After the creek, you'll climb again through forest to an open field, cross the field and drop down along a logging road to meet the Hogg's Falls Lower Side Trail. Turn onto this blue-blazed side trail and follow a forested track back across Lower Valley Road. On the west side of the road, the side trail rejoins the main Bruce Trail where you'll turn right (north) to follow the white blazes back to the parking lot.

Hogg's Falls Loops

Distance:	4.6 km Upper Loop or 1.8 km Lower Loop
Terrain:	Varied
Parking:	Hogg's Falls Parking Lot, Lower Valley Rd., Eugenia; 44.285307, -80.543081
Bruce Trail Reference:	Map 26



Hogg's Falls

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Following the Bruce Trail: explanation of the blazes

	Straight Ahead The next blaze is often in view from here		Tuxedo Blaze Emphasizes the white blaze on light coloured trees		Left Turn		Right Turn		Straight Ahead On a Side Trail
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