



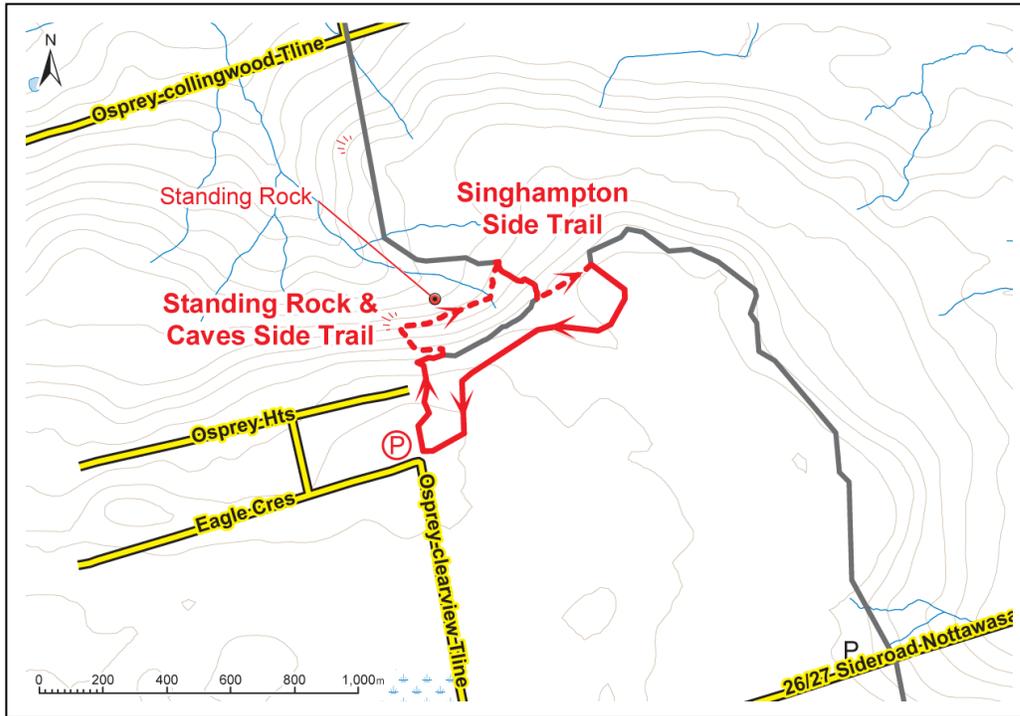
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THE BRUCE TRAIL
CONSERVANCY

Singhamton Caves

Hike Length: 3.5 km

Section: Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club



How to get there and Where to Park: From Singhamton (on Simcoe Road 124, between Shelburne and Collingwood), drive north on the Townline for 6 km. When the road dead-ends, park on the east (right) side.

Hike Description: This hike combines the blue-blazed Standing Rock and Singhamton Side Trails with the white-blazed main Bruce Trail. In this section, each blue-blazed side trail leads you back to the main Trail, and each junction is signed. You should not get lost!

From your car, the white blazes will lead you straight north to a lookout area. Before you is the forested beauty of the Pretty River Valley; its mature deciduous forest is especially beautiful in the fall.

The edge of the Niagara Escarpment is cut here with narrow, deep crevices, and you can clamber through the tight fissures. These crevice caves, open to the sky, were created when huge blocks broke away from the cliff face. Mosses and liverworts form a moist green carpet on the crevice walls, and 27 species of fern have been recorded within this small area.

The blue-blazed Standing Rock Side Trail heads down the Escarpment to a rock pillar, isolated 80 m north of the edge. It is a testament to the powers of erosion over eons. Move carefully among the rock debris as you follow the blazes.

The Singhamton Side Trail at its eastern end will connect you back to the main Trail, which then swings to the west to return you to your car.