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Eugenia Falls Conservation Area

Welcome to Eugenia Falls

Eugenia Falls has a rich and intriguing historical significance in the Russian Valley area. From gold rushes to sawmills, greenhouses and eventually hydroelectric power production, the village of Eugenia has many stories to tell.

When first discovered, Eugenia Falls had more water rushing over the edge and the noise almost caused the falls to wash away and, ensuring headwater retention, the waterfall is called Eugenia after Princess Eugenia, wife of Alexander II.

In 1912, Sandy Rowenauer discovered gold embedded in the rocks in the gorge below the discovery quickly drew hundreds of prospectors. The gold rush lasted only 2 weeks - and the majority went home to the family goldmine parties. The average gold miner could make only a family budget each day.

The power of the falls has long drawn local industry. Robert Purdy built the first house in 1918, soon adding a store and post office. With his brothers, Purdy built a sawmill and a gristmill. Over the years a stage and motor mill, a saw mill, a steel and cast company, a freight mill, and a lumber manufacturing business all used the power for their operations.

Almost 1000 dollars (roughly equal to several million dollars today) had been developed by the time improved with the power of Eugenia Falls, he purchased the falls to build a small power plant, he hoped to provide electricity to the city of Toronto but was rebuffed by the Hydro Electric Board. In 1919, a group of British businessmen formed the Vancouver City Power Company. They planned to build a dam across the falls, diverting the flow into a tunnel through the hills by the falls and into a power station below. As work on the tunnel was being completed, the government granted control of power delivery to the Hydro Electric Commission. The owners of Eugenia Falls had the choice but to wait for the Hydro Commission to acquire the property. The tunnel was blown up for safety reasons however, and when entrance arch is still standing.

In 1923, the Hydro Commission bought area properties and began the construction of a power station and dam upstream. When the dam was completed, a dam was formed and the water flow over Eugenia Falls diminished. Today, the Eugenia is a popular destination for cottagers, paddlers, and fishermen, while visitors to Eugenia Falls enjoy great views of this 70-meter cascade along the Bruce Trail.

The Hydro Commission purchased the Eugenia Falls Conservation Area from the Hydro Electric Power Company in January 1988 and manages the property today.



Eugenia Falls
OTHER FACTS
 Flow: 1000 litres per second
 Height: 70 metres
 Distance from Parking: 1.5 minutes
 Hiking: Bruce Trail - Main and Side Trails

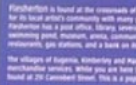
TRAIL DIFFICULTY LEVELS
 Easy to Difficult - rocky terrain, steep path, falls.

In case of an Emergency,
 Call 911 at 150 Petitioner Street, Eugenia
 Grey Highlands

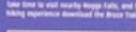


Closest Service Community
 Finlayson, 7 km
 (Highway 10 and Grey Road 4)

- Facilities & Services**
- Accessible
 - Picnic Area
 - Restrooms
 - Shelter
 - Trails
 - Views
 - Drinking Water

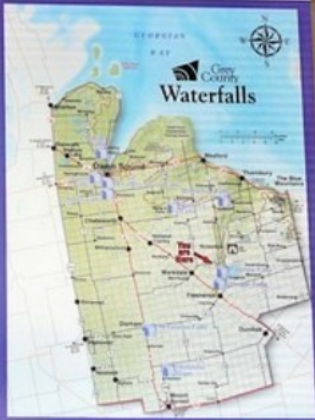


Finlayson is found at the crossroads of Highway 10 and Grey Road 4. It is known for its local artist's community with many galleries, antique stores and art studios. Finlayson has a good office, library, tennis courts, the Finlayson also offers trails, swimming pool, museum, audio, community centre, and library. You will also find restaurants, gas stations, and a bank on its scenic main street.



The village of Eugenia, Finlayson and Passant also offer some food and general merchandise services. While you are here be sure to visit the gateway to Lake Eugenia, located at 20 Cameron Street. This is a popular boat launch and picnic area.

Take time to visit nearby Hogg Falls, and take one of the Bruce Trail. For your best hiking experience download the Bruce Trail app on your mobile phone.



Hogg Falls
 1000m above valley road
 Grey Highlands
 600m above the last
 driving trail in the area
 Driving Time: 10 minutes



Miller's Falls
 600m above Miller's Falls
 600m above the last
 driving trail in the area
 Driving Time: 10 minutes



Thanks to the Finlayson School of Arts & Crafts for their donation of the sign. Photo credit: www.visitgrey.ca/waterfalls









Welcome to Walter's Falls

Welcome to Walter's Falls - a village built on a rich history of milling that continues today. In 1890, John Walter and his wife Elizabeth Payne founded Walter's Falls over 100 years ago. In 1901, John Walter built the first Mill here, harnessing waterpower from the stream and his response to nature's waterfall.

Over those early days, this very waterfall and stream have powered a series of mills - including a sawmill, a mill, a mill, and the Imperial Roller Mill. This extensive milling history has also included some industrial fire. In 1984, the Imperial Roller Mill burnt down after a fire. In the 1940s, Walter's Falls purchased the sawmill, and operated it until it was destroyed by fire in 1984. Once again the sawmill was rebuilt, only this time on the edge of town, where it remains operational today as Walter's Mill and Lumber Co.

If you've ever heard a local say that all roads lead to Walter's Falls, you may be surprised to find that it's true! John Walter purchased the block of land that now makes up the village for the sole purpose of developing paper and milling mills. It's remarkable that the roads leading from the township highway direct you straight to these mills, luckily for you, these same roads have led you to this beautiful waterfall, the home of the Falls Inn and some great Bruce Trail lines.

The Falls Inn and Spa opened in 2001 after 3 years of planning and construction. Owned and operated by the Hoffman family, the inn is decorated with the same fine handicrafts produced at this site for many years. Throughout the inn you'll find historic photographs of the old mill and paintings depicting past milling operations.

Before you set out on the trail or visit The Falls Inn, take a minute to imagine this site as a booming town of the century sawmill. Amidst the sight and sound of sawdust, dozens of men worked here and horse-drawn wagons delivered lumber from nearby forests. The remains of a progression western mill can still be seen standing here at the foot of the millpond.

From here, you can access the Bruce Trail and take the 4.8 km Walter's Creek Loop using the Walter's Creek Side Trail. Refer to your Bruce Trail guidebook or download the Bruce Trail App for comprehensive mapping of this line.



Walter's Falls

BRUCE TRAIL

Water: Walter's Creek
Class: Florida
Length: 4.8 km
Distance from Parking: 7 minute

WARNING: The Walter's Falls Creek Side Trail is a loop of the Bruce Trail that can be taken in either direction from the 100 ft x 2 or 4 hour hike. Pick up a map at the front desk of the Falls Inn, and after your hike, drop back in and treat yourself to a delicious meal overlooking the falls. Review the Bruce Trail section of this sign prior to starting your hike.

TRAIL DIFFICULTY LEVELS

Easy to difficult - rocky terrain, steep path, cliffs

In case of an Emergency,

911 You are at 113 Robert Street, Walter's Falls
Township of Chatsworth

Walter's Falls



Closest Service Community
Markdale, 20 km
(Highway 10 and Grey Road 10)

Facilities & Services

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Markdale is a quiet, small town with a busy main street located right in the centre of Grey County. Markdale is home to several industries including Chapman's Ice Cream, Public Services, Ontario Provincial Police detachment, fire department, Centre Grey Hospital, public library, arena and community centre, curling and golf club, grocery store, gas stations, post office, restaurant, and a bank.

There are several annual festivals, including the Rotary Club's Street Fête in July, an outdoor car show in August and the Agricultural Society's Markdale Fall Fair in late August. The village of Walter's Falls is home to a general store with a snack bar, a water powered feed mill and other services. As part of a thriving artist community, The Walter's Falls Group of Artists holds an exhibit and sale in late August every year at the Community Centre. www.waltersfallsartists.ca

The Bruce Trail

The Bruce Trail is Canada's oldest and longest marked hiking trail. Every year, more than 400,000 visits are made to the trail.

To follow the trail, you'll need to understand the consistent and intuitive trail markings. The Bruce Trail is marked with white blazes, 15 cm tall high and 5 cm wide, on trees, fence posts, stumps, and rocks. The blazes face approaching hikers, with two white blazes together marking an upcoming turn in the trail. The top blaze will be offset to indicate which direction the trail is turning. Blue blazes indicate that you are now joining a side trail, while a blue T-blaze indicates the end of a side trail.

For the best experience, purchase the Bruce Trail Reference Maps and Trail Guide with detailed maps and descriptions of the trail from end-to-end. You can also download the Bruce Trail App on your mobile phone. Leave only tracks and take only photographs. Stay on marked routes and respect the privacy of landowners along the trail.



English Falls
1000 ft high falls head
400 ft x 40 ft wide
100 ft long
10 minutes
10 minutes

Walter's Falls
1000 ft high falls head
400 ft x 40 ft wide
100 ft long
10 minutes
10 minutes



Head to the construction station at Grey Highway
Township Office (2016) to book tour.

For local waterfall excursions BWW 515





















































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