

NORTH RIVERFRONT TRAIL



Views of Fredericton's spectacular sunsets, elm trees, weeping willows, picnic shelters, benches and wide open areas to fly your kite, best describe Carleton Park, the start of the North Riverfront Trail.

Mirroring the southside Green, the 4.2 km North Riverfront Trail runs from the Bill Thorpe Walking Bridge westward along the St. John River to the Nashwaaksis Stream Nature Park.

Historically Carleton Park was the industrious site of railway yards and a succession of lumberyards. Situated between the Bill Thorpe Walking Bridge and Westmorland Street Bridge, this 11-acre park, now used as a boat launch for bass fishermen, is a great mid-way point for the popular 5.3 km north-south trail loop. Here walkers and cyclists can also enjoy the many species of aquatic wildlife that gather in front of the Ducks Unlimited conservation center.



From here the trail continues along the St. John River in front of riverfront condominiums; resumes its way by the mouth of the old Carleton Street piers that once supported the only highway bridge in the city; goes by Fredericton's dog park, beach volleyball court and rugby field until it ends in Nashwaaksis behind the Superstore on Brookside Drive.



Once a busy mill site, this area is home to the Nashwaaksis Stream Nature Park. Thanks to Business Fredericton North, in partnership with the Province of New Brunswick and the City of Fredericton, an area of wetland enhancement now provides shelters for both the trail users as well as the many members of the wildlife community.

