

Stratford Side Trail

- 0.0 Sebben Bridge** (43.37862,-80.93006) This trail commences at the Sebben Bridge on the main Avon Trail, and proceeds west on the north side of the Avon River to Road 111 .
- 0.8 Sebben Bridge/Road 111** (43.376364,-80.937691) Cross Road 111 and continue following the south bank of the Avon river. Upon leaving wooded path, enter greenbelt, pass Devon East Playground (Note: Blue Blazing ends), continue until greenbelt turns left (S) along right-of-way between houses 270 & 288 Devon St.
- 2.2 Devon St.** (43.374797,-80.952754) The trail turns right (W) along the Devon St. sidewalk to Romeo St. S.
- 3.0 Romeo St. S.** (43.375931,-80.963161) Carefully cross Romeo Street and turn right (N) along the sidewalk past Gallery Stratford.
- 3.1 Romeo St. S.** (43.375931,-80.963161) The trail turns left down the steps, at the north end of the gallery lot, right onto a path, through a metal gate, into Millennium Park. Past the pond and sculptures, up the stairs to a wooden bridge, turns right (N) and crosses Lake Victoria on an old rail bed. Exiting bridge turn left (W) along the north edge of the lake passing through Burnham Wood Arboretum.
- 3.5 Lakeside Dr. N.** (43.37674,-80.9655687) The Trail turns left (S) over the Festival Bridge to the south side of the lake. It turns right (W) and follows the path between the lake and Lakeside Dr. Highlights: Festival theatre (km 3.8), Footbridge to Tom Patterson Island (km 4.0), Tom Patterson Theatre (km 4.7). Cross Waterloo St at the William Hutt Bridge and continue past the bandshell and cenotaph to the York Street Visitors Kiosk (refreshments, washrooms, boat rentals available May 31 – Sept 30 daily 10 am – 6 pm) Continue along lower walkway at the river's edge passing Thomas Orr Dam.
- 5.2 Huron St. Bridge** (43.372052,-80.984765) the trail passes under the double-arched stone bridge and turns left up steps into the Shakespearean Gardens. Leaving the gardens follow the edge of the river. Pass Stratford Central Secondary School on the left to St. Vincent St. S. Cross the street and continue west along T. J. Dolan Dr., under the railroad overpass to St. David St. Cross St. David and continue along TJ Dolan Dr. for another 200 m to join Centre St. and John St. S.
- 6.1 John St. S.** (43.370357,-80.995355) The trail crosses John St S. entering the TJ Dolan Natural Area. It follows a wide wood chipped path into a wooded area. In 500 m at km 6.6 the side trail provides options.
- 6.6 TJ Dolan Natural Area**
Option 1: cross the river and follow the north side of the river to O'Loane Ave (Rd 122) = 1.6 km
Option 2: continue straight following the south side of the river to Lorne Ave W (Rd 32) = 1.7 km
Note: this option is drier during rainy periods.
- 8.2 O'Loane Ave** (43.36656,-81.01645) The trail turns left (S) over the bridge along the shoulder of O'Loane Ave to Lorne Ave W. To avoid the roads, immediately after crossing the bridge go down the steep embankment on the south side of the river following the paths in the TJ Dolan.
- 8.4 Lorne Ave. W.** (43.364026,-81.017369) The trail turns left (E) along the shoulder of Lorne Ave. W. for about 300 m to the Lorne St. entrance of the TJ Dolan Natural Area.
- 8.7 TJ Dolan Natural Area** (43.364026,-81.014101) The south route, described west to east takes you back to km 6.6 and into the city. The trail turns left (E) into the natural area. Where there are three forks, it follows the centre one passing a short section of chain link fence on the left and cedar trees. It follows close to the river as it winds its way east. Continue to stay left, past the Stratford Wastewater Treatment facility. Follow the fork to the left towards the river and then right with the river on your left and a chain link fence on your right. It follows this path for 0.6 km reaching the end of the fence. At km 10.4 the loop is complete.
- 10.4 End of Loop** (43.369755,-81.000489)



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The AvonTrail is a 120 km hiking trail from St Marys to Conestogo, linking the Thames Valley and Grand Valley Trails. Thanks to the generosity of landowners, the trail runs through scenic farmland and meanders along country roads, rivers and streams. The trail is marked at regular intervals by white rectangular blazes, with blue blazes used on the Stratford Side Trail. These trails are maintained by 80+ member volunteers.

take a hike!

Join us for our Tuesday Morning Ramble!

Everyone is invited to join us as we explore sections of the Avon Trail Tuesday mornings with a 1.5 to 2 hour hike, year round, weather permitting. Meet at 8:50 am in the Stratford Allman Arena riverside parking lot. Hikers depart promptly at 9:00 am.

Did you know?

A person weighing 130 lbs burns 160 to 180 calories on a one hour hike :)



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Stratford Side Trail Map



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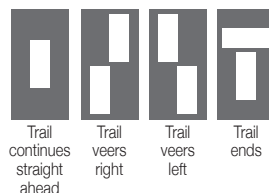
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The Side Trail is an 10.4 km off-shoot of the Avon Trail, directing hikers with blue blazes and otherwise following the south edge of the Avon River through Stratford. At The T.J. Dolan Natural Area, west of John St. there are loop options within the area.

Enjoy your hike, stay hydrated and be sure to check AvonTrail.ca and facebook for details and updates before beginning your trek.

Access Markers

Access points along the trail are marked with diamond shaped logo signs.



Blazes The main trail is marked at regular intervals by white rectangular blazes on trees, fence posts, utility poles and other suitable objects. Blue blazes are used to mark a side trail. Stratford Side Trail has blue blazes on the first 4 km (east end) only. There are no blazes within city limits.



Avon (main) Trail

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Distance Indicators

Parking

- KM 0.8** Sebben Bridge/Road 111, shoulder south side of bridge, 43.376364,-80.937691
- KM 2.2 to KM 6.0** city streets or parking lots where permitted
- KM 6.1** John St. S., TJ Dolan Natural Area parking lot 43.370357,-80.995355
- KM 8.4** North west shoulder of O'Loane Ave at the intersection of Lorne Ave. W. 43.365800,-81.017284
- KM 8.7** Lorne Ave. W. Shoulder at west entrance of TJ Dolan Natural Area 43.363884,-81.013762