

About the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority

Historically, residents of the Lower Thames River watershed have experienced frequent river and stream flooding. The need for organized action in flood control was recognized and in 1961 the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority was established.

This Conservation Authority is one of the largest in southwestern Ontario. Municipal residents are appointed to the Board of Directors. The acquisition of flood prone hazard lands, wetlands, forest and valley lands, as well as the construction of water control structures are priority Conservation Authority projects.

The Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority aims to increase the conservation, restoration, development and management of all our natural resources.

With your cooperation and respect for our natural resources these areas may be enjoyed today and in the future.

Accessibility Standards for Customer Service

The Accessibility Standards for Customer Service, Ontario Regulation 429/07, were created under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA). The standards came into effect on January 1, 2008.

LTVCA's Policy Statement

The LTVCA is committed to providing optimal customer service to all of its clients and customers. Our goal is to ensure that people with disabilities are provided with an equal opportunity to enjoy the LTVCA programs and services as people without disabilities.

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The Canadian Heritage Rivers System

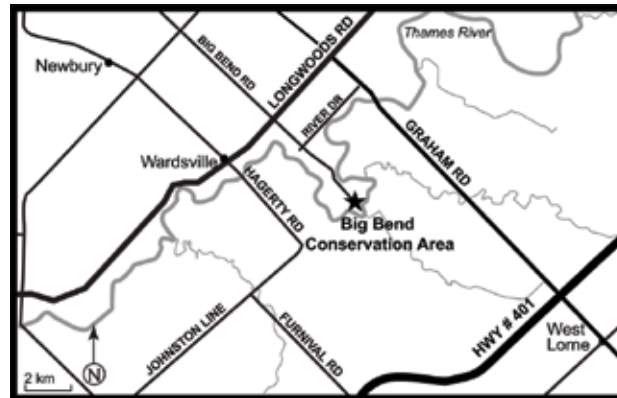
A Canadian Heritage River

Big Bend Conservation Area

The Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority acquired this 16 hectare property in 1964. Immediately north of the conservation area, a 20 hectare field also owned by the LTVCA, is leased out on an annual basis as agricultural land.

Directions

The address for Big Bend Conservation Area is **21239 Big Bend Road**. It is located on the Thames River, just east of the Village of Wardsville, in the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex. Follow Middlesex County Road 2 east from Wardsville, and take Big Bend Road 3 km south.



Coordinates

Lat/Long 42.644, -81.705

UTM 442235, 4721535

For INFORMATION on the Big Bend Conservation Area

contact

info@ltvca.ca

or call **519-264-2420**

The park is open for day use from
8 a.m. to sunset.

Big Bend Conservation Area



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of Conservation



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Features

An archaeological site located here was shared by hunting and gathering Native people over 3,000 years ago. Also located here are a boat launch to the Thames River which is a Canadian Heritage River, Memorial Forest, picnic shelter with tables and open space for sports and games, group and family camping (no reservations are necessary, but fees are collected on a regular basis), hiking, fishing for yellow perch and pickerel, a serviced washroom building with showers open mid-April to mid-October.

Natural Features

Yellow perch and pickerel are found in the Thames River. Big Bend is an effective use of floodplain lands along the Thames River. Carolinian Life Zone tree species are found here along one of the largest meanders of the Thames River.



To find out more about other tourism opportunities in Middlesex County, please visit:

Tourism Middlesex

<http://www.tourmiddlesex.ca/>

Facilities and Services

- Day Use
- Family Camping
- Group Camping
- Memorial Forest
- Picnic Shelter
- Trail
- Fishing
- Boat Launch
- Picnic Tables
- Forest
- Canadian Heritage River



Conservation Area Regulations

Ontario Regulation 115/1990

- Be Aware of Posted Regulations in the Conservation Area
- No hunting
- No motorized boats
- No snowmobiling
- Please put litter in bins provided
- Please do not pick plants or wildflowers
- Remember the importance of wildlife ... please do not disturb any animals
- Overnight camping fees apply
- All pets must be leashed -pick up after your pet

