

Glen Major Forest Hike

CUHKAAO Hiking Group



Glen Major Forest is an extensive forested area situated on the high grounds of the Oak Ridges Moraine. This site was an abandoned aggregate pit. After gravel extraction, the pit was rehabilitated by a series of measures including grading, seeding, planting and habitat creation. Through these efforts the site has become an interesting hiking destination. Unpaved trails wind through meadows as well as young and old forests. These trails could be muddy and slippery when wet. There are several rugged uphill and downhill sections which could be physically challenging for some hikers. In general, this hiking venue is considered to be moderately difficult. For safety reasons, **a walking stick is recommended for this hike**. Poison Ivy is common along trail edges. For your protection, please wear long pants.

Glen Major Forest has instituted pay parking. The daily rate is \$6. Your mobile phone and credit card are required to pay for parking. See sign below.

Because of the abundance of rain and warm weather recently, **there are more mosquitoes than usual in the forest**. For your protection, **please wear long pants and long sleeve shirts**. Insect repellent will also help. Alternatively, hikers can also consider wearing the mosquito net hat and net bug jacket.

Please note that there is **no washroom facility in the park**.

The hike will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. Please arrive at the assembly point 15 minutes before start time.

- Date:** **19 August 2023 (Saturday)**
- Starting time:** **9:30 am**
- Duration of hike:** approximately 3.0 to 3.5 hours
- Assembly point:** East Duffins Headwaters Aggregate Pit Trailhead Parking Lot, **1469 Concession Road 6 Uxbridge, ON**
- Registration:** Please e-mail Peter Li (李 斌) at cuaaohiking@gmail.com and provide him with the names, e-mail address, cell phone number, college and year of graduation of the participant(s). ***If you had not submitted a waiver form previously, please complete and submit a waiver e-form*** (<https://form.jotform.com/231490824079056>) ***for each participant.***
- What to wear:** hiking boots, hat, comfortable clothes, rain gear (if necessary).
- What to bring:** sun screen, drinking water, energy bar and snacks, sunglasses, insect repellent, walking stick (***recommended***)

Directions to East Duffins Headwaters Aggregate Pit Trailhead Parking Lot

Glen Major Forest has **two parking lots**. Please follow the driving directions to ensure that you arrive at the correct assembly point for the start of the hike.

Via Hwy 401(East) and Brock Road from Toronto

1. Take Hwy 401 (east) and **exit at Brock Road**.
2. **Turn left (north)** at the exit and continue to head north on Brock Road.
3. After passing the traffic lights at **Durham Road 5** at Claremont (*Durham Road 5, also called 9th Concession Road, is 16 km from Hwy 401*), the next east west road is the **Uxbridge Pickering Townline**. (UXB/PICK Townline is *2.1 km from Durham Road 5*).
(*Note: The townline is marked by a small road sign that reads*

TWP Uxbridge UXB/PICK Townline)

A photograph of the Brock Road and Uxbridge Pickering Townline intersection is provided below. Please pay special attention because this intersection is easily missed.

4. **Turn right onto the Uxbridge Pickering Townline** and follow this road for 2.6 km to the stop sign at Concession Road 6. (*Uxbridge Pickering Townline ends at Con. Road 6*)
5. **Turn left** and go north on **Concession Road 6** for 0.9 km
6. You will see (on your right) the sign “**East Duffins Headwaters** Aggregate Pit Trailhead” marking the entrance to the parking lot.
7. **Turn right into the parking lot** and report to the hiking leaders stationed at the notice board.

Via York Durham Line from Markham

1. Take **any convenient east bound road** (For example: Major Mackenzie Drive, 16th Ave or Hwy 7) to **York Durham Line** and **turn left**.
2. **Continue to go north on York Durham Line** to the roundabout at Durham Road 5. (*The roundabout at Durham Road 5 is 3.4 km north of Major Mackenzie Drive.*)
3. Take the roundabout and **turn right onto Durham Road 5**.
4. **Follow Durham Road 5 for 7.6 km** to the traffic lights at **Brock Road**.
(*Before reaching Brock Road you will drive through the Hamlet of Claremont. Please do not exceed the posted speed limit as there is a speed camera.*)
5. **Turn left** at Brock Road and go north for 2.1 km to **Uxbridge Pickering Townline**.
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Sign at entrance of Parking lot



Entrance to Parking Lot as seen from Concession 6



East Duffins Headwaters Aggregate Pit Trailhead Parking Lot



Please assemble in front of this notice board at trailhead

Road map

Please click the following link for a road map to East Duffins Headwaters Aggregate Pit Trailhead Parking Lot. Please zoom in to see connecting roads to the parking area.

https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zHm8AF_y8Ld8.kvRo09G_kHj8&usp=sharing



Intersection of Uxbridge Pickering Townline and Brock Road



The small road sign is mounted on top of a stop sign



Pay parking sign at Glen Major Forest



Mosquito net hat



Net bug jacket