

## 20 Wesley Brooks Memorial Conservation Area/ Fairy Lake

Known locally as “Fairy Lake”, the Wesley Brooks Memorial Conservation Area is owned by the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and managed by the Town of Newmarket. The 4 hectare (10 acre) reservoir was created when a small dam was constructed, at the north end of the park, to provide flood control for the lower Holland River. The Office Speciality Company purchased the property in 1906. In 1955, the dam, which had been washed out during Hurricane Hazel, was reconstructed. The area south of the dam was dredged, in 1962, to create the small lake as it exists today. In 1959, the Town of Newmarket purchased the property and in 1965 donated the park to the Conservation Authority. As of 1979, the Town leased the area from the Authority.

This mature park area is surrounded by evergreen and deciduous vegetation. The main tree species are Black Willow, Eastern White Cedar and Manitoba Maple. A heavily wooded island and several marshy areas at the park’s southern end provide excellent nesting and feeding grounds for local waterfowl. The groomed trails, covered pavilion, washrooms and playground entice visitors to stretch their legs or enjoy a picnic. It has also become a focal point for community events such as free concerts, a family fishing festival and numerous holiday celebrations.

**Access Point(s):** Water St. east of Main St. South

**Main Intersection(s):** Water St. and Main St. South

**Total Approximate Distance:** 1.5 km around the lake

**Parking:** Off Water St.; also accessible from Cane Parkway

**Surface of Trail:** Paved

**For More Information:** Town of Newmarket



# LEGEND



Trail



Road



Regional Boundary



Municipal Boundary



River



Lake



Forest Area



Access Point



Parking



Washroom



Lookout



Leash Free Dog Area



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