



The Friends of the Harte Trail

In keeping with our mission statement, our organization continues to access funding and donations from a number of sources. This has allowed us to accomplish a variety of projects that have enhanced the enjoyment of the Harte Trail by its many users.

- > On-going maintenance of the limestone surfacing and improved access points.
- > Installation of a bronze plaque at Elmhurst commemorating the railway history of the Harte Trail.
- > Creation of the Van Roon Prairie Garden at the west end by Cullen The garden contains numerous native shrubs and trees along with two planters filled with a variety of prairie flowers and grasses.
- > Signage, kilometre markers and notice boards.
- > Benches installed along the trail.
- > Winter snow clearing.
- > A number of bird houses have been installed along the trail. The Harte Trail is a great area for birding!



Harte Trail - 6.5 km



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Legend

- trail route
- Trans Canada Trail
- other trails
- park / open space
- P parking
- W washroom / refreshments

Points of Interest

- 1 Thundering Bison Trail
- 2 Preston Trail
- 3 Assiniboine Forest Trails
- 4 Van Roon Prairie Garden
- 5 Headingley Grand Trunk Trail

To View or print a large version of this map, or to view maps of many of the other trails throughout the city, go to www.winnipegtrails.com



Come out and enjoy the changing beauty of the Harte Trail through all the seasons!

Friends of the Harte Trail - Membership Form (\$10 per person, \$15 per family) Please print

Name: _____ Address: _____ Postal Code: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email (important): _____

Names of voting family members (18 years and older)

Mail to: **Friends of the Harte Trail**
c/o Naturalist Services Office
5006 Roblin Blvd.
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3R 0G7

Make payable to: Friends of the Harte Trail
Payment enclosed:
Membership: \$ _____

Separate Donation cheques must be made payable to Trails Manitoba with
Notation "For use of the Harte Trail" in Memo section of cheque.
Donation: \$ _____

Willing to help with: phoning _____ trail maintenance _____ fundraising _____ newsletter _____ events _____ public relations _____

SUPPORT- ***The Friends of the Harte Trail***

If you appreciate the on-going work done by the Harte Trail volunteers and wish to support their efforts, consider:

- > Becoming a member: Family \$15.00/yr. Individual \$10.00/yr (see attached form). Membership runs from October to October when our AGM is held.
- > Making a donation. For \$20.00 or more (excluding membership), a charitable receipt will be issued. A membership or donation includes a free Harte Trail T-shirt as long as supplies last. Additional T-shirts may be purchased for \$5.00. Your membership or donation helps to cover the costs of such items as newsletters, postage, printing costs, repairs to trail amenities, graffiti removal, event expenses etc. All adult members in good standing are entitled to vote on trail issues and the election of the executive at our October AGM. A copy of our constitution is available to members on request.
- > Volunteering your time. Please check off what interests you on the attached membership/donation form. You are also encouraged to put your name forward to serve on our executive. (two year term) New ideas and energy are always welcome!
- > Donating a bench. The Harte Trail is part of Winnipeg Parks and Open Spaces and participates in the Winnipeg's "Donate a Bench" program. The cost of the bench qualifies for a charitable tax receipt. The cost of a plaque, including your choice of wording, is extra. Contact the Friends of the Harte Trail for details.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

- > Cyclists - Wheels yield to heels. Please slow down when you meet walkers, especially when approaching from behind. Give a polite, audible warning or use a bell. Cyclists are encouraged to use a bell on all Winnipeg trails.
- > Dog Walkers - Please control your pet(s) and carry plastic bags for waste scooping. The Harte Trail is not an off-leash area.
- > Use caution at intersections along the trail. Stop signs are posted at all trail/road intersections for your safety.
- > Help keep the trail litter free for everyone's enjoyment. Use the garbage bins that have been provided. Remember, it is volunteers who maintain the trail and do the clean ups. Please help to make their job easier.
- > The Harte Trail is a significant wildlife habitat and corridor. Please respect the wildlife and their habitat while enjoying the recreational use of the trail.



For more information
E-mail: hartetrail@mymts.net

or check out

Trails Manitoba at
www.trailsmanitoba.ca

or

Winnipeg Trails Associate at
www.winnipegtrails.com

HARTE TRAIL



PROTECTING AND PRESERVING A CHARLESWOOD TREASURE

The Harte Trail, located in Charleswood, is a significant part of the Trans Canada Trail as it passes through Winnipeg. Established on the bed of an historic railway line, this limestone trail runs from Shaftesbury Blvd. to the Perimeter Highway.

TRAIL HISTORY

The Harte Trail, the first "Rails to Trails" conversion in the city, follows the old bed of the historic Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. Later acquired by the CN, this line was an important transportation corridor from 1894 until 1972 when the CN abandoned the line. The last train to use the tracks was the Prairie Dog steam train. The land was transferred to the City of Winnipeg and became part of the streets and roads plan for Charleswood. However, public pressure persuaded City Council in 1999 to declare the land a "public green space for the purpose of becoming part of the Trans Canada Trail in Winnipeg". The trail is named "Harte" after the old railway sub-division that once existed in this area.

The trail was officially opened at a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 2, 2000, when the Trans Canada relay runners carried the ceremonial waters from the Arctic and Pacific Oceans along the trail as part of their route across Canada. The relay culminated in Ottawa to meet the eastern relay teams carrying waters from the Atlantic Ocean.

After a great deal of effort by the Friends of the Harte Trail and its supporters, the section of abandoned rail bed east of Elmhurst Road was acquired from CN Rail, and, in 2009, the Harte Trail was extended to Shaftesbury Blvd. This project was accomplished with the support of the Winnipeg Trails Assoc. who accessed funding from all three levels of government. The Harte Trail is now 6.5 km. long and connects at the eastern end with the Preston Trail which allows trail users to travel north to Assiniboine Park. At Shaftesbury, it connects to the Thundering Bison Trail which takes you to Waverley, or into Fort Whyte to connect to the McGillvary and Bishop Grandin Trails.