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## **PARKS AND TRAILS IN WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP CLOSED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**Woolwich, ON** – May 1, 2020 – Woolwich Township, in conjunction with the Grand River Conservation Authority (the GRCA), remind residents that the following parks and trails in Woolwich are closed during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Snyder's Flats Conservation Area
- West Montrose Covered Bridge
- Mill Race Trail

All municipal cultural, recreational and leisure facilities including playgrounds, sports fields, dog parks, basketball and tennis courts, park shelters and skateboard parks remain closed until at least June 30. Other areas in Woolwich Township parks including trails and outdoor spaces will remain open and available for residents to enjoy **local walkthrough access only**. Do not drive to parks or trails, respect signage and follow appropriate social distancing.

Snyder's Flats, owned and managed by the GRCA, is a 100-hectare former gravel pit that has been restored as a natural area with ponds, new forests, grasslands and other features. The conservation area is on Snyder's Flats Road, west of Sawmill Road near the village of Bloomingdale in Woolwich Township. This property and all GRCA owned and managed properties and trails remain closed until further notice.

The West Montrose Covered Bridge, also known as the "Kissing Bridge", was built in 1881 and is recognized as a historic site by Ontario's Archeological & Historic Sites Board. It is Ontario's last remaining covered bridge and has a 198' span across the Grand River at Covered Bridge Dr. and Rivers Edge Dr. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the West Montrose Covered Bridge is closed to visitors outside the community so local residents can continue to walk in their neighbourhood while social distancing.

The Mill Race Trail follows the division and reunion of the Conestogo River from the old Snider Mill in St. Jacobs to the dam at Three Bridges Rd. It dates back several generations and is known locally as "Lovers Lane". This trail and the parking lot at 32 Front St., St. Jacobs has also been closed to restrict access.

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