Plants and wildlife abound due to the many ecosystems and the results of these separate areas meeting one another. There is a vast array of shrubs, such as elderberry, dogwood, and cranberry all growing on some of the property. White cedar takes a significant portion of the area, while the remaining trees are predominantly maple and beech. Pine and hawthorn are present as well. Wildflowers make their appearance, and every once in a while you can see wild strawberries.

In the Bannockburn Wildlife Management Area, you have the possibility of seeing many animals that are familiar throughout the region. White-tailed deer, rabbits, and beavers can all be found within the park. Smaller animals like squirrels and mice are abundant. Birds include herons, pheasants, ruffed grouse, and many other songbirds and waterfowl. The creek and river also are home to fish, such as trout, bass, pike and perch.

Hiking trails at Bannockburn provide a slightly challenging hike. The numerous slopes have stairs to help your climbs. While walking the trail, the hilly areas provide many vistas through the trees, especially in the deciduous forest. The boardwalk is barrier-free from the parking lot to the Bannockburn River. The walk itself takes about an hour.

### Rules for use of the Conservation Area

- Check the sign board for permitted uses.
- Promote safe and responsible trail use.
- Be courteous and share the trail with other users.
- Stay on the marked trail and don't create new ones.
- Place litter in the provided receptacles.
- Park only in designated areas.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash no longer than 2 metres (6 feet). Clean up after your pet.
- Do not injure, damage, or remove any plant, animal, or structure.
- Report vandalism and incidents to the ABCA.
- Horses, motorized vehicles and bicycles of any kind are not permitted.
- Campfires are not permitted.
- Hunting and camping are prohibited.



The ABCA owns 9,500 acres of land for environmental purposes. To learn more about these islands of nature, visit the ABCA office or Website.

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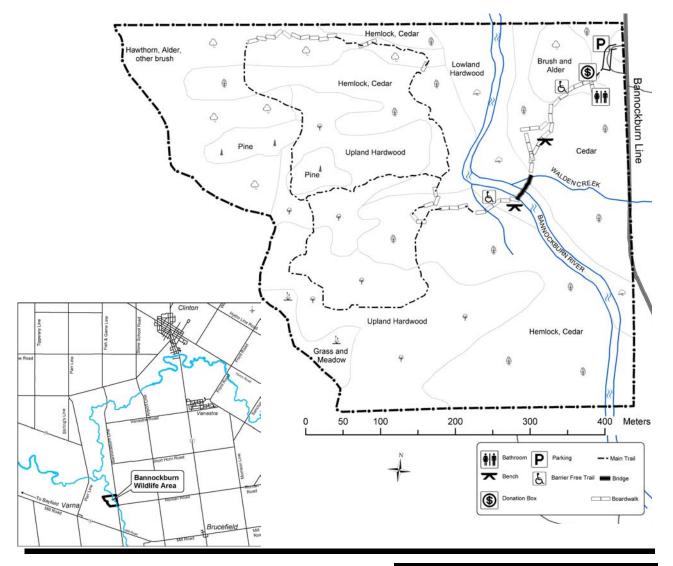
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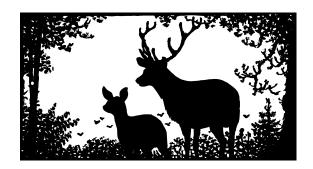
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## Take Only Pictures, Leave Only Footprints

Welcome to the Bannockburn Wildlife Management Area. Please enjoy your visit and please respect the area so others may enjoy it also. If you are interested in observing the birds and wildlife, the best time to see animals is early morning or late evening. Please observe wildlife from a distance and let them go about their activities you're visiting their home.

The Bannockburn Wildlife Management Area was purchased in 1973 to help protect the Bayfield River valley and to provide habitat for wildlife. As such, there are a few different ecosystems in the Bannockburn area, as interaction between them promotes species diversity. Within the Management Area, you will find a wet meadow, white cedar forest, the Bannockburn River, Walden Creek, a deciduous forest, an old field and mixed scrub, and a marsh.





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