The Morrison Dam Conservation Area offers many types of plants to see and enjoy. The trees are predominantly maple and beech, with white pine, ash, black cherry, hawthorn, and hop hornbeam also within the area. At the water's edge and in the marshy areas, cattails, sedges, and rushes grow. Wildflowers are widely dispersed throughout, far too many to list here, and we suggest bringing a guidebook or visiting our administration office to obtain more information on the large variety of wildflowers.

The Morrison Dam Conservation Area has many species of animals. The reservoir shore offers homes to herons, geese, and ducks, especially the vibrant wood ducks. The lake is stocked with rainbow trout. Bass, pike, crappie, and perch also live in the water. These fish live by eating the many smaller aquatic creatures like crayfish, water striders, mosquitoes, and backswimmers. Mammals also flourish, with squirrels (even white ones!). Larger animals such as beaver and white-tailed deer can also be seen.

The main trail at Morrison Dam takes about 40 minutes, and the majority of the trail is even and fairly flat. The main trail is barrier-free, and wheelchairs are welcome. The side loops tend to be deer runs and have been left in a more natural

# 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 trails.
- 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 and motorized vehicles of any kind are not permitted.
- Bicycles are allowed on the granular-surfaced trail only.
- Fires are permitted in the provided fire pit and barbeque.

state. The areas you will walk through are slightly shady, but with good overall visibility and scenic vistas of Morrison Reservoir.

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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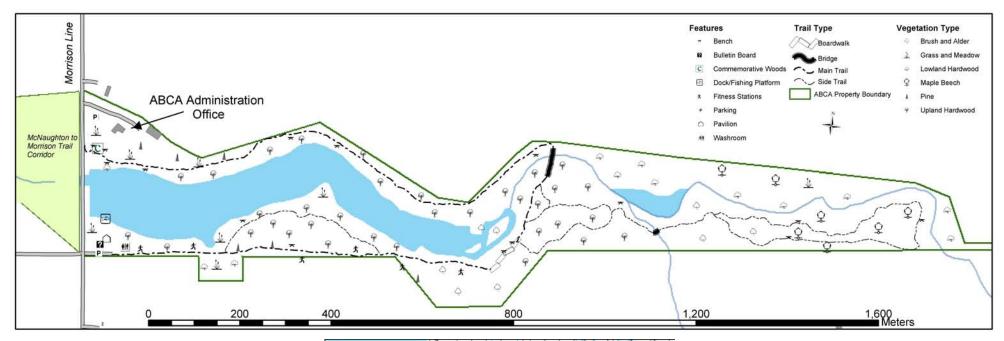
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# Take Only Pictures, Leave Only Footprints

Welcome to the Morrison Dam Conservation 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 Morrison Dam was completed in 1959, and since then the conservation



area has become a thriving lake ecosystem. The lake is stocked thanks to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation and the Lions Club of Exeter and we ask that you release any fish caught out of season. Crayfish, water insects and various water birds also inhabit the reservoir's shores. The Morrison Dam Conservation Area also offers track-set ski trails and

lots of trails for snowshoeing for the winter recreation enthusiast.

The four kilometres of trail is Morrison Dam's most popular feature. The MacNaughton-Morrison Trail connects with the Morrison Trail to form a 10 km loop. Be sure to stroll through the Commemorative Woods on the north side of the reservoir.

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Please help us support this area. Donations can be made at the donation box. Cheques can be mailed to the ABCA office.

The ABCA provides tax receipts for contributions over \$10.