

A colourful walk through history

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Dozens of historic plaques, tablets, cairns, memorials and photographs, from the founding of Bolton's Mills in 1822 to the present, can be seen beside the walking paths along the Humber River in the old downtown Bolton village.

Starting at the Ann and Samuel Sterne Municipal Parking lot, walk east to the illustrated Humber River Heritage Park pavilion. Then cross the Queen Street bridge to enjoy the leaf change in reforested Bolton Mill Park before recrossing the river at the Humberlea bridge. Look over the dam at McFall Lookout Park on King Street East then follow Mill Street toward Founders Park, where George Bolton built the first mill. From there, take the shady gravelled path atop the Hurricane Hazel inspired flood control berm; enjoy river views as you meander back to Queen Street.

The story of piped drinking water in Bolton is described on the Region's Well #5 building beside Pump House Park.