

Greenbelt Explore offers chance to experience its beauty

The Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation launched an interactive platform building on the success of the GreenbeltRoute. Greenbelt Explore includes the 475-kilometre Greenbelt Route, 12 one-day and overnight cycling loops, 21 Greenbelt Walks, and three Brewery Discovery Routes. The recommended itineraries can be customized to match any interests and deliver something for everyone.

Greenbelt Explore's signature offering is the Greenbelt Route, a 475-kilometre signed cycling route recognized as one of five inaugural Ontario Trails of Distinction. Visitors can select from dozens of categories to add stops at beaches, waterfalls, breweries, B&Bs, antique shops, museums and more to their adventure. Partnerships with regional tourism groups and cycling communities have added local loops to the map, taking cyclists deeper into Ontario's protected countryside for day-trips or multi-day adventures. "People in the GTA have amazing leisure opportunities close to home, and Greenbelt Explore is an easy-to-use gateway to plan any trip," Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation CEO Burkhard Mausberg said. "From enjoying the tastes of the Greenbelt on a Brewery Discovery Route or getting active on a cycling adventure, Greenbelt Explore has something for everyone."

In addition to the Greenbelt Route, Greenbelt Explore features three Greenbelt Brewery Discovery Routes showcasing the difference local makes. These curated itineraries feature Ontario craft breweries and cideries, along with Feast On restaurants, farmers' markets and more.

For active nature experiences, Greenbelt Walks offer a range of options for all ages and abilities. Explore offers about two dozen walks to choose from, ranging from Balls Falls in Niagara to Forks of the Credit in Peel and Lion's Head on the Bruce Peninsula. The guide ranks each walk as easy, moderate or advanced so hikers can plan ahead.

"We have a beautiful Greenbelt providing \$2.1 billion every year in recreation services, and Greenbelt Explore encourages people to get out and enjoy this protected landscape," Mausberg commented.

Visit www.greenbelt.ca/explore to customize your own adventure and explore Ontario's protected Greenbelt.