

## Media Advisory

### **Royal Botanical Gardens opens select nature trails beginning Saturday, May 16**

**BURLINGTON ON, May 15, 2020** – With the recent announcement of provincial parks reopening for passive use, and considering Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer guidelines, Royal Botanical Gardens will begin opening select nature trails to the public, beginning **Saturday, May 16**.

Trails that will open include Hendrie Valley Sanctuary trails, trails on the south shore of Cootes Paradise and Rock Chapel Sanctuary/Berry Tract trails. Trail use is limited to passive use such as hiking, and birdwatching. There will be no access to trailheads by motorized vehicle as parking areas at all trailheads remain closed until further notice. Any on-site facilities including washrooms will remain closed. Cycling and running on RBG trails remain prohibited. Cootes Paradise Sanctuary north shore trails remain closed until further notice.

### **TRAILS OPENING AS OF SATURDAY, MAY 16**

**\*Please note that all trailhead parking areas remain closed to the public.**

#### Hendrie Valley Sanctuary Trails:

- North Bridle Trail
- South Bridle Trail
- Grindstone Marshes Trail
- Creekside Walk
- Kicking Horse Trail
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#### Trails on the South Shores of Cootes Paradise:

- Princess Point Trail
- Sassafras Point Trail
- Ginger Valley Trail
- Caleb’s Walk
- Ravine Road Trail
- Chegwin Trail

#### Rock Chapel Sanctuary and Berry Tract Trails:

- Escarpment Trail
- Bruce Trail (side trail)
- Rock Chapel Trail
- Armstrong Trail
- Thornapple Trail
- Hopkin’s Loop

## **TRAILS THAT REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:**

Cootes Paradise Sanctuary North Side Trails:

- Anishinaabe waadiziwin Trail
- Hickory Valley Trail
- Grey Doe Trail
- Bull's Point Trail
- Marsh Walk
- George North

## **SAFETY ON RBG TRAILS**

All visitors to Royal Botanical Gardens trails must follow Provincial measures and guidelines to allow them to remain open safely.

Such measures include:

- Practice physical distancing by staying 2 metres (6 feet) apart from other trail users.
- Step off the trail to allow others to pass.
- Do not gather or arrange to meet friends or other groups.
- Pets must be leashed at all times.
- Pack out what you pack in.
- Bring your own water, sanitizer and PPE (personal protective equipment)

Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) is the largest botanical garden in Canada, a National Historic Site, and registered charitable organization with a mandate to bring together people, plants and nature.

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