

## Big Bend Conservation Area

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This 16 hectare property is situated within one of the largest meanders of the Thames River, a Canadian Heritage River. A short trail takes hikers from the walnut grove parking lot, along the fishing pond, to the purple martin house. You can also access the trail from the parking lot by the bridge over the fishing pond. Visitors can extend their walk and create a loop by walking along the quiet roads within the conservation area's camping and picnic areas.

Other features of the conservation area include: Arn's Memorial Forest, open space for sports and games, fishing, and a serviced building with washrooms and showers.

Distance	1 km
Difficulty	Easy to moderate
Trail Use	Walking, pets on leashes, cross-country skiing (not groomed), snowshoeing
Trail Surface	Natural, boardwalk and steps
Cost	Free
Directions	Located on the Thames River, just east of the Village of Wardsville. Follow County Road 2 (Longwoods Road) east from Wardsville, turn south on Big Bend Road and travel 3 km to the entrance.
Facilities	Parking, boat launch, family and group camping, washrooms and showers (open May to October), picnic shelter, water tap
Contact	Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority, (519) 354-7310

