

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

When travelling multi-use trails, you may encounter many different forms of trail use, such as hikers, bikers, horseback riders, ATV'ers and snowmobilers. Trail etiquette can be described as "the polite way to use trails."

- Respect the trail and adjacent landowners.
- Be aware and courteous of other trail-users.
- Stay to the right when approaching fellow trail-users.
- Obey all trail rules.
- Clean up after pets and keep them on a leash.
- Obey all posted signs.

Trail use is a privilege that cannot be abused or disrespected, so making trail etiquette a priority allows everyone to enjoy the outdoors and have a good time while being safe and courteous.



TRAIL ATTRACTIONS

- The Chester Connection Trail extends 35 km across the Municipality from Martin's River to East River.
- The Aspotogan Trail continues another 12 km from East River to Hubbards.
- The Gold River Bridge is the longest span along the trail at 367 feet.
- Trail Head Signs are located in Martin's River, Chester, East River and Hubbards.
- There are numerous parking areas and rest stops located along the trail which are identified on the map.
- From the trail there are numerous locations to view scenery, wildlife, flora, fauna and geology.



NOVA SCOTIA TRAIL PATROL

The purpose of the Nova Scotia Trail Patrol is to monitor trail activity, provide first aid assistance when possible and distribute information regarding trail etiquette and regulations. The Trail Patrol operates year round and can be identified by their logo and uniform, which is a fluorescent orange vest that identifies the individual as a Trail Warden.

CITIZENS ON PATROL - OFF ROAD (COPOR)

COPOR is a non-profit volunteer group of citizens operating under the umbrella of the Central Nova ATV Club, the Lunenburg County Crime Prevention Board and the RCMP. The function of this group is to assist the RCMP by conducting checks and patrols in remote areas such as trails and cottage country. Should questionable conduct come to the attention of a patrol, the RCMP is notified. Upon successful completion of training, each member is issued a photo identification card. The COPOR program is an example of involving the community to assist in reducing crime.



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*"Take nothing but pictures,
leave nothing but footprints."*



Municipality
of the
District of Chester

CHESTER CONNECTION TRAIL & ASPOTOGAN TRAIL

Check It Out!



In Case of an Emergency, call 911.

To report safety or maintenance concerns notify the Municipality of the District of Chester, Parks Coordinator at 275-3490.

TRAIL HISTORY

Connecting communities along the South Shore, the Aspotogan Trail and the Chester Connection Trail offers a scenic route to a healthy and active lifestyle.

About a century ago, a railway connection was constructed from Halifax along the South Shore. The Halifax and Southwestern Railway was affectionately called the Horribly Slow and Wobbly. It soon became part of the Canadian National Railway System. This railway system is now part of the Aspotogan Trail and the Chester Connection Trail, which winds its way from Hubbards to Martin's River, highlighting the South Shore's natural beauty at points of interest such as Goat Lake and Marriott's Cove.

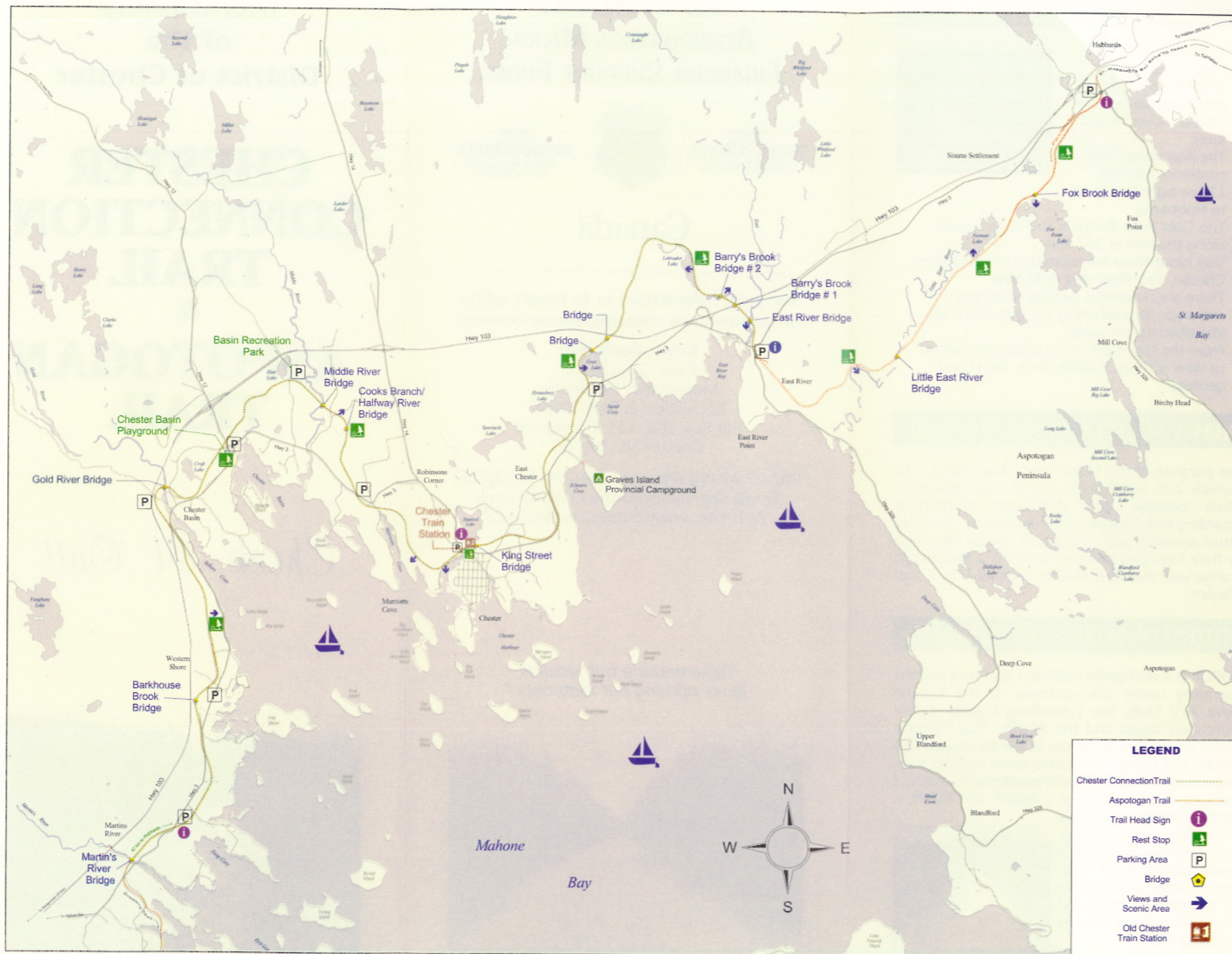
Enjoy the view of Gold River from above on the Gold River Bridge, or take a break in your travels at either of the Visitor Information Centres in Chester or Hubbards to learn about all the sights you can see!

The trail provides a flat terrain, ideal for easy travel. It is accessible during every season, including winter, where it provides a snowy haven for all cross-country skiers, snowmobilers, snow-shoers, and hikers.

TRAIL DISTANCES

Following is a list of distances as if you were travelling from Hubbards to Martin's River:

The Aspotogan Trail covers the area from Hubbards to East River, while the Chester Connection Trail covers the area from East River to Martin's River Bridge. (The total trail distance from Hubbards to Martin's River Bridge is 47 km.)



FROM	TO	DISTANCE
Aspotogan Trail begins in Hubbards		
Hubbards	East River	12 km
Aspotogan Trail ends in East River, and the Chester Connection Trail begins.		
East River	Goat Lake Rd	8.3 km
Goat Lake Rd	East Chester	2.3 km
East Chester	Chester	3.4 km
Chester	Marriott's Cove	3.0 km
Marriott's Cove	Lower Grant Rd	3.8 km
Lower Grant Rd	Chester Basin	2.1 km
Chester Basin	Gold River Bridge	2.1 km
Gold River Bridge	Western Shore	5.0 km
Western Shore	Highway 3	3.8 km
Highway 3	Martin's River Bridge	1.2 km
Chester Connection Trail ends at Martin's River Bridge.		
Aspotogan Trail.....		12 km
Chester Connection Trail.....		35 km
Total Distance for both trails is		47 km.