

Seaton Hiking Trail

The Seaton Trail in Pickering generally follows West Duffins Creek and stretches from Highway 7 in Green River, through Whitevale, beneath the Taunton Road Bridge, and terminates at the 3rd Concession near Brock Road. This map explains the hiking possibilities in the Whitevale area only.

There is free parking available at the Whitevale Park, but the lot can become full especially on the weekends in the summer. The trail also provides easy access for fishermen. The trail can be accessed at two locations in Whitevale depending on what direction you wish to hike:

Seaton Trail - Northbound: If you wish to head north on the trail, you can access it via a wooden staircase located directly at the northeast corner of the bridge (near the abandoned mill). Alternately, the northbound trail can be accessed from Mill Street, just east of the bridge. The "official" northbound trail consists of a flat pathway that heads northwest directly toward the Whitevale Dam; you will know when you are getting close because you will hear the waterfall. The walk to the Dam takes 10-15 minutes; it is very easy and can be hiked by people of all skill levels. If you wish to hike to the Dam by following the creek, you may do so at your own risk, as this portion of the trail is not actively maintained. Heading north of the Dam will take you beneath Highway 407 and ultimately will take you to the parking lot in Green River.

Seaton Trail - Southbound: If heading south on the trail, the trail can be accessed from Whitevale Park, on the southwest side of the Whitevale Bridge. The park entrance is located at the far south end of the playing field and is marked by a large sign and a small wooden bridge. The terrain on the southbound trail between Whitevale and Taunton Road varies significantly depending on how far south you travel. Generally, the closer you get to Taunton Road, the steeper the trail becomes. If you hike close to Whitevale, the trail is relatively flat with a few gentle hills. A number of staircases and wooden bridges have been constructed to assist hikers. Hiking south from Whitevale to Taunton Road takes approximately 1 hour; there are no access points between these two locations.

Trail Markings: White metal blazes are located throughout the trail and are numbered to assist in locating parts of the trail.

Single Blaze - head straight

Double Blaze - turn the direction of the top blaze (i.e. turn left if top blaze is to the left of the bottom blaze and turn right if the top blaze is to the right of the bottom blaze).

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Fishing

The Seaton Hiking Trail runs adjacent to West Duffins Creek. In Whitevale, the dam provides a physical barrier to separate migratory fish species such as rainbow trout and chinook salmon (downstream of the dam) from native brook trout (upstream of the dam). Please note, fishing at the dam is not allowed. As a general rule, no fishing is allowed in the Whitevale area of Duffins Creek from Mid November to the last Saturday in April each year; however, there are more specific date restrictions depending on the species of fish you are trying to catch.

Hiking Etiquette

- Be polite when encountering other hikers.
- Stay on the trail. Do not cut switchbacks or take shortcuts.
- Hike Quietly. Enjoy the peace and beauty of the nature that surrounds you; do not disturb it!
- Do not litter; this includes garbage, food waste, dog droppings, etc. Do not introduce anything into the trail system.
- Do not remove anything from the trail. If you find something beautiful, leave it for others to enjoy.
- No overnight camping is allowed.

