



The Old Mill Hiking Trails

Happy Acres & Stone Hill, Magaliesburg

Over 20km of dog friendly hiking trails, with routes of 1, 4, 5, 7 or 12 km.



Open Daily from 7:30 – 17:00

Light lunches available on Sat and Sun

Pre-ordered picnic baskets available.

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Entrance Fee:

Adults R50, Children R25
Maps provided with tickets

What to Do at the Happy Acres Old Mill

Most importantly, have a memorable time enjoying nature with family and friends.

Rules

Please respect the environment, our plants and animals.

- Removal or any fauna or flora is forbidden!
- All animals must be left where you found them. Many arthropods, especially scorpions are highly territorial and live for up to 40 years. Please respect them and leave them where you found them.
- No lighting of fires, except in the allocated braai spaces.
- Do not touch any caterpillars or butterflies.
- You're welcome to paddle in the river as long as you avoid trampling all over the plants along the river.
- People come to the country for peaceful time. Please keep your noise levels down.

For your safety and the safety of our dog's and animals.

- Do NOT cross the main road. There is a tunnel under the road to get to the other two Happy Acres properties.
- Do not walk alone. Walk in groups of at least 4 people.
- You're more than welcome to look for arthropods and other animals, but PLEASE do so in a way that doesn't do any harm. Lift rocks gently and put them back in the exact position you found them.

Dog walkers

- Only bring your dogs if their vaccinations are up to date.
- They're welcome to run free as long as:
 - You clean up after them at the Mill and in the camp grounds.
 - They are not aggressive to other animals.
 - They do not harass people.
 - They do not chase the birds, porcupines, rabbits, mongoose and other animals.

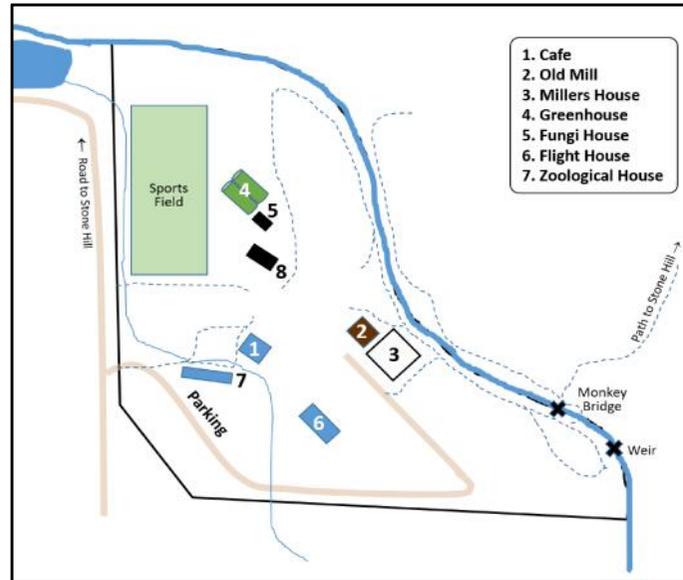
Old Mill Cafe

Join us for a cold or hot drink, a treat or a Greek style chicken meal under the trees.

Walking Trails

There are several walking trails. The various routes include a short walk along the river on the mill property, a walk to Stone Hill, or longer walks to Kingfisher Bend and Scorpion Hill. The routes are all very different so feel free to speak to someone who knows the routes before deciding which one to choose.

We are working on improving the signs along the routes. If you struggle to follow the printed map and markings, we suggest you download a map of the area from google maps which shows the paths fairly clearly.



Map of the Mill Property.

The Old Mill

The stone building used to be the Orient Magaliesburg Tobacco Mill built by Frederic Beer in 1891. The mill ran until about 1916 when the tobacco industry collapsed in the area. Several years later the millers house was extended into a hotel and all the machinery was sold as scrap metal.

Biodiversity Centre

For those interested in nature, and for all scholars studying life sciences, a visit to the various displays is a must!

- **Greenhouse** – The educational greenhouse is arranged according to evolutionary development and different environments. The more you look the more you will see!
- **Fungi house** – visit the display to explore the amazing world of fungi and the potential they have to solve many of our current environmental problems.
- **Flight house** – explore the butterfly house to see how many caterpillars, pupae or butterflies you can see. The warmer it is, the more you will see. The posters show which plants you should grow to attract the various butterflies.
- **Zoological House** – visit the invertebrate and vertebrate rooms and see whether you can work out the main development as the animals became more and more advanced as time went by. Find out what you can do to try slow down the rate at which our animals are going extinct.

The apparent biodiversity is highly seasonal as shown below. Whenever you visit, try work out where all the forms of life are, and how they are surviving through the season.

