

GOLD RIVER NATURAL AREA













Hike or bike to the banks of the Gold River, rest awhile, and contemplate the generations of travellers who have come before you.

For more information contact the Municipality of Chester's Recreation and Parks Services.
902-275-3490
recreation@chester.ca

In case of emergency dial **911**.
You are at **1458 Beech Hill Rd, Beech Hill**



Rudy Haase gifted this 75-acre property to the Municipality in 2015. Rudy's desire was for the land to be retained in its natural state, while allowing for low-impact recreation and learning opportunities. Along these trails you will encounter mature stands of Red Maple, Yellow and White Birch, Red Spruce, Eastern Hemlock, and White Pine. This property has been used and enjoyed by local families for generations for hunting, fishing, and wood harvesting – particularly ship's knees. We also recognize the important role the Gold River has played in the cultural history of local Mi'kmaq and early settlers.

-  Trail kiosk
-  Mountain bike
-  Parking
-  Snowshoeing
-  Picnic area
-  Gold River
-  Hiking
-  Washroom (may be seasonal)
-  All-terrain vehicles NOT permitted
-  Trail Junctions/Waypoints



MOST DIFFICULT. This route is a 1m wide woodland trail. Expect numerous roots and rocks. It is primarily dry with occasional wet patches, especially after rain. Slopes are gentle - downhill to the river, and uphill on the way back. Cyclists should have the skills to ride technical trails. 2300m



MODERATE. This route is a 1m wide woodland trail. Expect numerous roots and rocks. It is primarily dry with a few wet patches. Slopes are gentle throughout. Cyclists should have the skills to ride technical trails. On it's own, it is 650m long. Together with the blue trail, they form a 1300m, 'front-country' loop.



- Ticks are prevalent in the spring/summer and can be found throughout most of the year.
- Please stay on marked trails. Do not enter private property. Follow 'Leave No Trace' principles when dealing with waste. "Pack it in, and pack it out."
- Expect two-way traffic on all trails.
- Approximate round trip from the parking area to the river is 4.6 km. Allow 3-3.5 hours hike time.
- Keep dogs on leash at all times and clean up after them. Be considerate of wildlife, and other people who may be wary of your pets.
- Be aware that water levels in Gold River can vary throughout the year and may be very fast-flowing at times.
- Please report any issues to the Recreation & Parks Services at 902-275-3490
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited from these trails.