

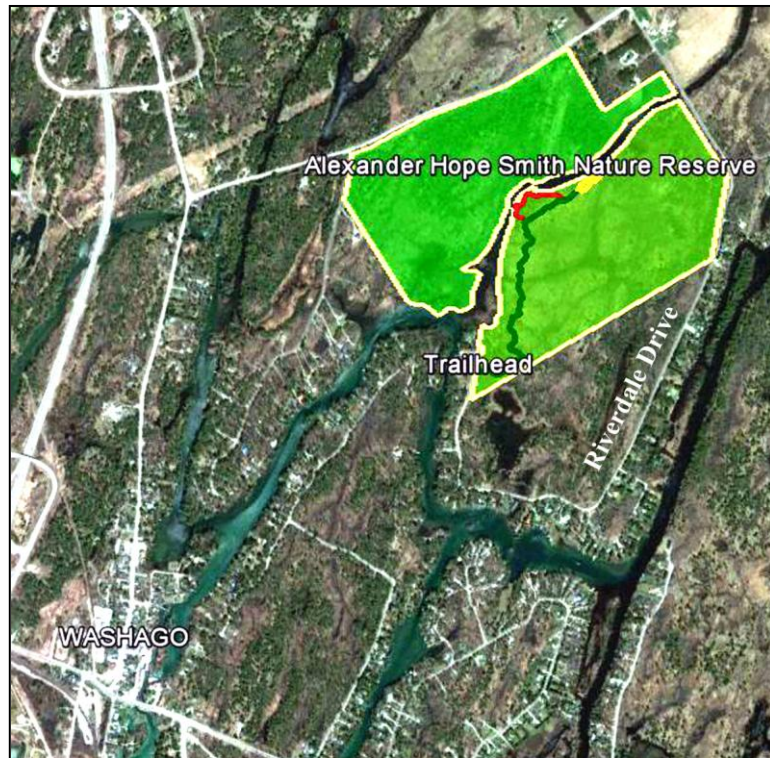
Alexander Hope Smith Nature Reserve

Located a short distance from Washago, this 223-acre nature reserve provides examples of wet hardwood forests, groves of conifers and hardwoods, a dynamic stream wetland and barren rock ridges.

Rare species such as butternut, eastern hog-nosed snake, five-lined skink and Blanding's turtles mix with local sedges, ferns and wildflowers.

The south parcel was donated to **The Couchiching Conservancy** by Elizabeth Monck Hope Smith in 2007; the north parcel was obtained from Stan Hope Smith in 2008 and is held in title by the **Ontario Heritage Trust**.

A walking trail (see over for detailed map) has been established in the south parcel to provide visitors access to this wonderful property.



The walking trail begins at the trailhead located at the Riverdale Drive cul-de-sac and wanders through a mix of habitats to Boyd's Creek. Local volunteers have created a well-marked and maintained trail system that is in three sections: **Hope Smith Trail** (green) 1 km; **Boyd's Creek Loop** (red) 0.3 km; and **Rock Chair Loop** (yellow) 0.3 km.



Please note that all dogs **MUST** be leashed at all times for the safety of the pet and the enjoyment of other trail users.

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