



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Black Oak Heritage Park Re-opening Easter Weekend**

Windsor's Black Oak Heritage Park will re-open this coming Easter long weekend at 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning, just in time for families and friends to enjoy one of the city's most important natural habitats.

Between now and March 30, Parks staff will finish prepping the park by removing hazards along the trail and ensuring wayfaring signage is in place that will help guide users around the approximately two kilometres of trails in the north section of the natural area.

Please note: The parking lot entrance at Broadway Street provides the only access to Black Oak Heritage Park. The south section of the park is not for public use and neither is the property owned by the Windsor Port Authority along the park's western boundary. Any trails seen in these sections are to be avoided, as their use would be in violation of the parks by-law and would also jeopardize the numerous rare and endangered species in the area. Please respect this sensitive habitat and if you see any unauthorized activities please contact 311.

Naturalist Karen Cedar says the park's Black Oak Savanna is one of the largest in Ontario, but it is also one of the most endangered habitats in Canada.

The designated trail is reserved for passive recreational activities only, such as hiking, bird watching, photography and leisurely bike riding.

In December 2015, both Black Oak Heritage Park and the adjacent dog park were closed due to construction work on the new bridge plaza and perimeter road which required the closure of Broadway Street. The dog park will also be re-opened Saturday and remain open until the new Dog Park being built in Malden Park is completed in the coming months.

It's also important to note that construction at the site of the Canadian Port of Entry for the Gordie Howe International Bridge, adjacent to Black Oak Heritage Park, is underway. Any entry into the construction site is considered trespassing. For your safety and the safety of the workers, please do not enter. As construction activities continue, access to the park from Broadway Street may not be possible.

Visit [www.wdbridge.com/en/construction-notice](http://www.wdbridge.com/en/construction-notice) for information on road closures.

Other nearby natural areas to explore include Ojibway Park and Tallgrass Prairie Heritage Park. For trail biking enthusiasts, Devonwood Conservation Area and Malden Park are both excellent options.

To learn more about this significant natural area, visit the City of Windsor YouTube page or [www.ojibway.ca](http://www.ojibway.ca).

For more on municipal services, call 311 or visit [www.citywindsor.ca](http://www.citywindsor.ca).

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