

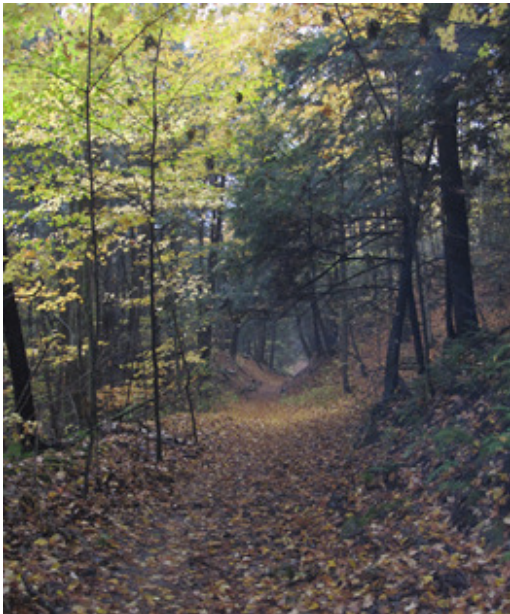
# Headwater Hikes

## Glen Major Forest Uxbridge

After the gentle walk to a regenerated gravel pit, Glen Major becomes a wild, bewildering place. Huge trees in mostly mixed hardwoods, with some sections of evergreens, tower above narrow trails winding around small mounds on larger hillocks on bigger hills, making it hard to get one's bearings.

The hills themselves are sand and gravel. While the drawing to the right shows eight first-order and a few second-order streams, much of the precipitation or melting snow at Glen Major infiltrates through these hills into ground-water, making it a vault for downstream with-drawals - a common reality of the Oak Ridges Moraine.

In addition, and in spite of the porous nature of the surface of Glen Major, pocket wetlands and either intermittent flows or their dry stream-beds can be seen at various locations throughout the hike.



The Hike we recommend overleaf takes a direct route to the lowest part of the property, where two streams emerge just above the trail within 100 meters of each other. On the way back, switch-back trails bring you up and out of the valley to a wonderful look-out with a bench. Catch your breath before plunging back into the mature mixed forest.

While Glen Major contains a regenerated pit, and is near the eastern terminus of Highway 407 and the expanding population of the Regional Municipality of Durham, it is part of 1548 hectares of mostly contiguous lands accumulated in the headwaters of Duffins Creek.

The protection of such an expanse of greenspace is both far-sighted and necessary to retain regional forest cover, biodiversity, and water quantity and quality in this area.

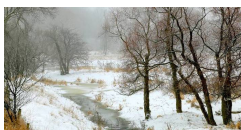
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- ♦ **Green Durham Association**
- ♦ **Toronto and Region Conservation Authority**



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## OHI Headwater Hikes—GLEN MAJOR FOREST

### Location

Concession Rd 6 ( Northern portion of Westney Road), Uxbridge, Ontario

### Map Search

Glen Major Forest, Uxbridge

### Watershed

Duffins Creek. See <http://trca.on.ca/the-living-city/watersheds/duffins-carruthers-creeks/>.

### Hike Type and Length

Single and multi-use trails for hikers, cyclists, horseback riding, with cross-country skiing in winter. Headwater Hike suggested below is around two hours.

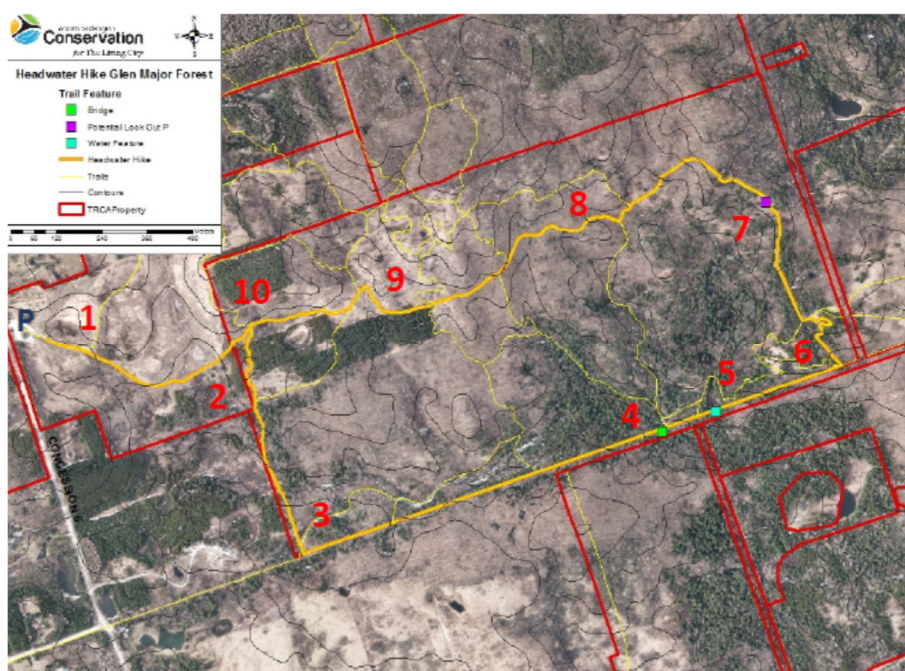
### Rating

Extremely rugged. Narrow, muddy trails with rocks and roots, steeply up and down. In addition, dense foliage on very hilly ground can make it difficult to get one's bearings.

## MAP AND DIRECTIONS

NOTE: Glen Major does not have numbered trails: it has numbered posts. Please see <http://www.trca.on.ca/dotAsset/47434.pdf>.

1. Take the trail from the Parking lot across the bottom of a naturalized gravel pit.
2. Take the first right, until you get to Post 31. Bear right again.
3. Turn left at Post 30.
4. A wooden footbridge, over a steady flow emerging from the Moraine.
5. A few metres further, a second stream emerges and flows under the trail.
6. Head uphill at Post 27—not before. Go past Post 25, then take the first right.
7. After the climb up the hill, the reward is a bench with a great view.
8. Ignore trails to the left and right, then cross the Trans-Canada Trail.
9. Take the first left after the Trans-Canada trail to find Post 32, where you keep heading straight.
10. Back at Post 31, turn right, then take the next left back to the parking lot.



Glen Major has huge trees towering above narrow trails winding around mounds on larger hillocks on even bigger hills, making it hard to get one's bearings. We strongly advise taking these directions and printing the map from the TRCA, as noted above.

Please read the Safety Guidelines and Disclaimers at [www.ontarioheadwaters.ca/Hikes/Safety](http://www.ontarioheadwaters.ca/Hikes/Safety).

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