

GETTING THERE AND BACK

You can reach the suggested starting point on public transit by taking the UNIVERSITY/SPADINA subway to Eglinton West Station. The suggested tour end point is at the St. Clair Station on the YONGE subway line.



Mount Pleasant Cemetery

FOR MORE INFO

For more information on Discovery Walks, including brochures, please call Parks and Recreation Information at (416) 392-1111. For more information on area history, inquire at the Forest Hill, Northern District, Deer Park or Mount Pleasant Branches of the Toronto Public Library.

Discovery Walks is a program of self-guided walks that links City ravines, parks, gardens, beaches and neighbourhoods. Other Discovery Walks include: Don Valley Hills and Dales; Eastern Ravine and Beaches; Western Ravines and Beaches; Northern Ravines & Gardens; and Garrison Creek.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

The City of Toronto would like to thank the Toronto Public Library, Toronto District School Board, Toronto Field Naturalists, Toronto Transit Commission, Heritage Toronto, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto Public Health, Community History Project and the Task Force to Bring Back the Don for their support.

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DISCOVERY WALKS

CENTRAL RAVINES, BELT LINE & GARDENS

One In A Series of Self-Guided Walks



Belt Line Linear Park

Photo by Gera Dillon



Explore wooded Don River ravines and follow a lost historic rail line. Discover industrial heritage and the splendid park-like environment of Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

THE ROUTE

Although you can begin this Discovery Walk at any point along the route, a good starting point is Eglinton West Subway Station (see top left corner of map). After leaving the station, the route leads you along the Belt Line Linear Park. The trail then crosses Yonge Street and enters Mount Pleasant Cemetery. After exploring the cemetery, you will enter a system of natural ravines, which lead you to the St. Clair Subway Station.



Don Valley Brickworks

1 BELT LINE LINEAR PARK

Follow this 4.5 km recreational trail along the route of the 1890s Belt Line commuter steam railway which once circled the City. The tree-lined trail links neighbourhood parks and open spaces, providing an important natural corridor for wildlife movement across the city and connecting with Toronto's Don River Valley. Enjoy the trail year round by walking, jogging, cross-country skiing, birding and appreciating nature.

2 MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY



This cemetery, dating from 1873, was designed as an arboretum for the public to enjoy. Today, admire its spectacular floral and horticultural features, which provide a quiet oasis in the heart of Toronto. As well as containing one of North America's finest collections of trees, the cemetery is also the final resting-place for many famous Canadians.

3 DON VALLEY BRICKWORKS

Opened in 1889, the well known quarry and brick plant have been a source of bricks for many of Toronto's most famous historic architectural sites. Look for the exposed sediment layers in the cliffs of the quarry, which are one of the best locations on the continent for scientists to study the geological past. Explore this recently restored site which combines many of the goals of urban resource management, including protecting a significant geological feature, improving water quality, enhancing wildlife habitat and linking trails, all in a strategic section of the Don River Valley.

4 RAVINES OF THE DON VALLEY

Escape the bustle of the City exploring interconnected Moore Park, Park Drive and Vale of Avoca ravines. These natural areas and their streams provide a haven for wildlife, including raccoons, chipmunks, rabbits, skunks, snakes, frogs, many bird species, and even deer. Today, municipal by-laws protect these ravines and the City is restoring much of the vegetation.

 *Enjoy this Discovery Walk at different times of the year. You'll be surprised how it changes from season to season.* 

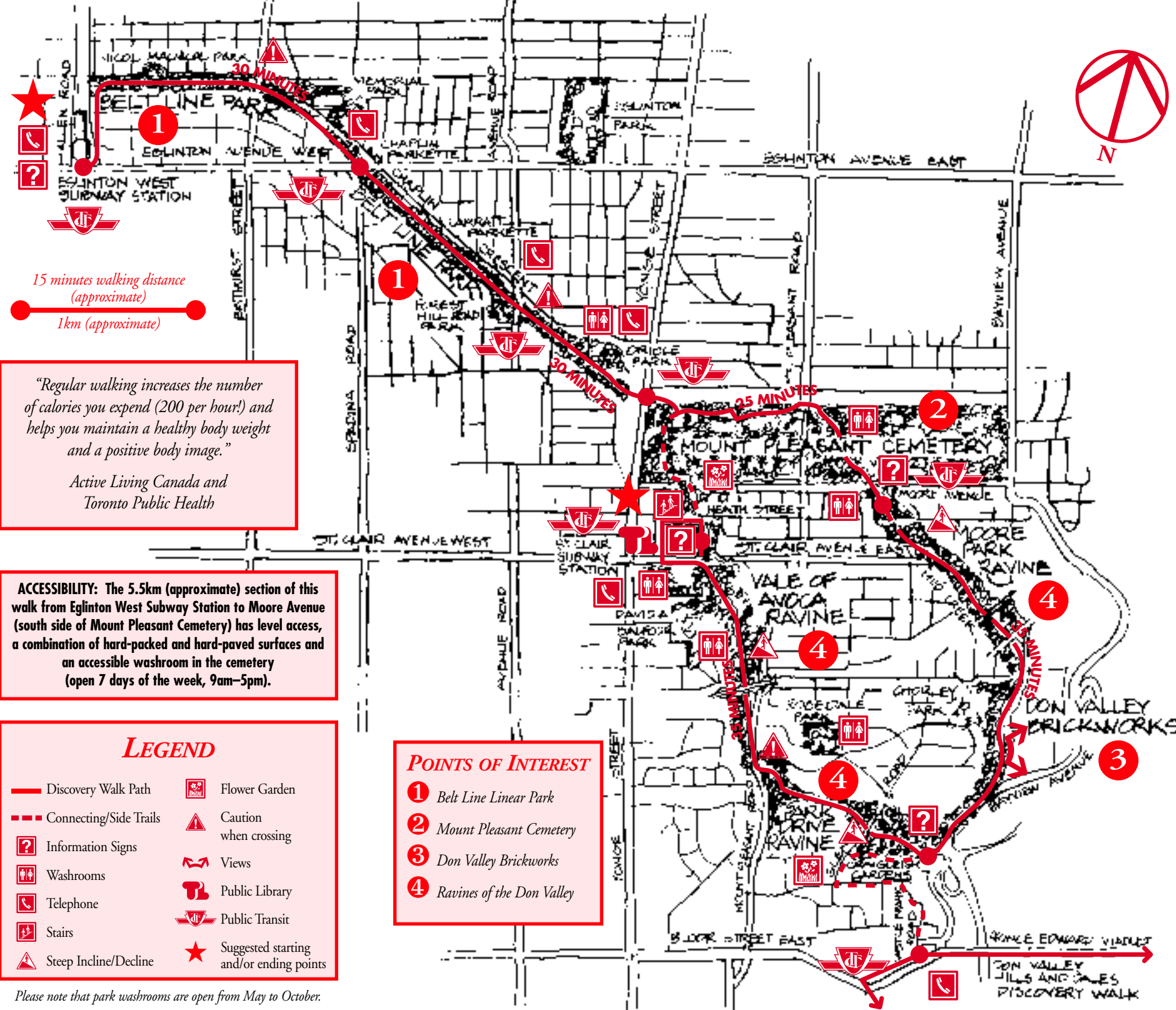


This walk is approximately 11km long with a walking time of about 3 hours (minimum). If you walk this route at a brisk pace, you will burn approximately 600 calories!



Bridge, David Balfour Park

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| • Stay on the trails | • All walks involve stairs and/or slopes |
| • Do not disturb wildlife | • Walking surfaces vary and can include hard pavement, woodchips, grass, limestones fines, sand and/or bare earth |
| • Keep dogs on a leash | • Steps and paths are not lighted and not cleared of ice and snow |
| • Be cautious when crossing roads | • Use at your own risk |
| • Leave flowers and plants for others to enjoy | |
| • Wear suitable clothing | |
| • Walk with someone — it's safer and more fun | |
| • Be aware of other trail users. | |



“Regular walking increases the number of calories you expend (200 per hour!) and helps you maintain a healthy body weight and a positive body image.”
Active Living Canada and Toronto Public Health

ACCESSIBILITY: The 5.5km (approximate) section of this walk from Eglinton West Subway Station to Moore Avenue (south side of Mount Pleasant Cemetery) has level access, a combination of hard-packed and hard-paved surfaces and an accessible washroom in the cemetery (open 7 days of the week, 9am–5pm).

LEGEND

Discovery Walk Path	Flower Garden
Connecting/Side Trails	Caution when crossing
Information Signs	Views
Washrooms	Public Library
Telephone	Public Transit
Stairs	Suggested starting and/or ending points
Steep Incline/Decline	

- POINTS OF INTEREST**
- ① Belt Line Linear Park
 - ② Mount Pleasant Cemetery
 - ③ Don Valley Brickworks
 - ④ Ravines of the Don Valley

Please note that park washrooms are open from May to October.