

Join us for a guided hike to Castle Rock

Come celebrate the Municipality of Chester's newest green space at Castle Rock. Guided hikes through the day:

Saturday, March 24, 2018
10:00am to 2:00pm

Where to Park: Park at the trail parking lot at 7846 Route 329 (just south of the junction with highway 3). Signage will be in place to point you in the right direction from there. Use caution crossing highways 329 and 3.



How to Get There: From the parking lot it is 3.2km to the Castle Rock trailhead. Walk or bike (trail conditions permitting) to get there. At the north end of Labrador lake you will find your guides waiting to take you the rest of the way (point A on map to the right).

What to bring: Dress for the weather conditions of the day and expect wind exposure and colder temperatures on the peak. Bring water and energy snacks for everyone in your group.

Schedule: Guided hikes will depart the trail head every 30 minutes beginning at 10:00am. The last group will head up the hill at 2:00pm.

Hike Difficulty: See the map below. The rail trail portion is flat and easy. We will ascend using the yellow trail which has steep sections and small step ups and downs. We will descend along the blue/red trail which has moderate-easy slopes. The peak itself has exposed cliff faces so care must be taken at all times.

Dogs: Your dogs are welcome but please be considerate of wildlife and other people who may be wary of them. Keep them on leash at all times, and be sure to clean up after them.

Distance and Time: The total round trip from the parking lot is approximately 9km. Expect to spend 3-4 hours hiking. The last group of the day likely won't return to their vehicle until about 5:00pm

Amenities: At the trail-head, we will have a lovely cabin tent with a stove to keep you cozy and warm cocoa for you. There are no washroom facilities on the route so be prepared to use the woods which means to leave the trail, and to bury waste or pack it out.

