



# Headwater Hikes

## Robert Edmondson Conservation Area Milton, Regional Municipality of Halton

Edmondson is one of the shortest Hikes in this series, but perhaps the best for a young family.

Its longest trail takes less than an hour, is flat and easy to hike, and provides teachable moments as it crosses streams and passes through wetlands, hardwoods, and conifers.

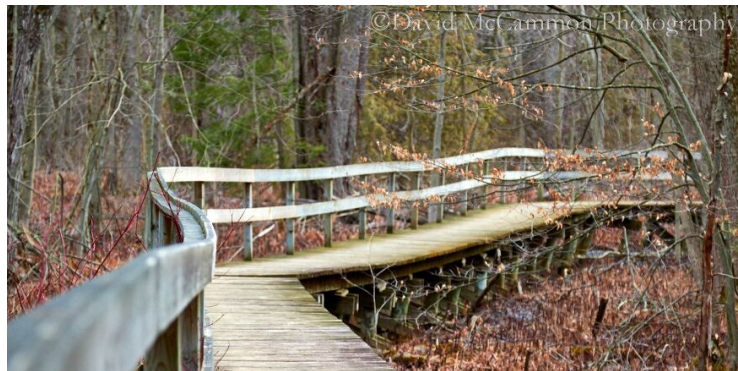
Like all our Headwater Hikes, Edmondson is full of water. The western creek fans out to create a large wetland, enjoyed from a fabulous boardwalk. And a large pond has been created where that creek meets a second one. The pond is very picturesque and has several picnic tables under willows along its eastern edge.

As Edmondson has a gate fee (don't ignore the need to deposit this in the box), you may wish to consider more than just the hike. Consider packing a picnic and/or a rod and reel. There are toilets, and while the pond is not stocked, those under 18 can of course learn to cast for free from the boardwalk at the pond.

Great in all four seasons, try and get out in the first half of May to see the unusual Marsh Marigolds, as per the top photo.



### Hike Partner



*Marsh Marigolds and the view of the pond  
provided by Halton Conservation  
Wetland Boardwalk provided by David McCammon*



## OHI Headwater Hikes— Robert Edmondson Conservation Area

<b>Location</b>	10027 1st Nassageweya Line, Milton, Ontario, L9T 2X7
<b>Map Search</b>	Robert Edmondson Conservation Area
<b>Watershed</b>	Part of Bronte Creek, managed by Conservation Halton. See <a href="http://www.conservationhalton.ca/conservation-halton-watersheds">http://www.conservationhalton.ca/conservation-halton-watersheds</a>
<b>Hike Type and Length</b>	Single use trail for hikers. Headwater Hike suggested below will take about 60 minutes.
<b>Rating</b>	Easy, flat trail. The short time on this trail can be augmented with fishing or picnicking.

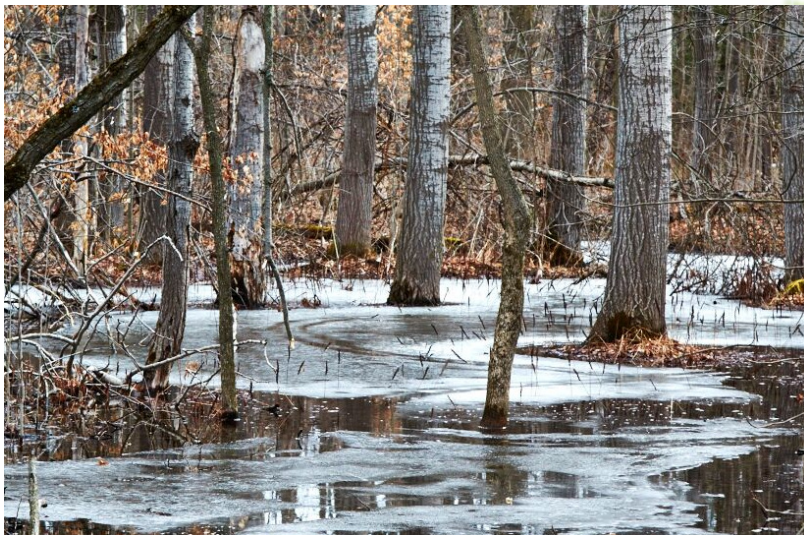
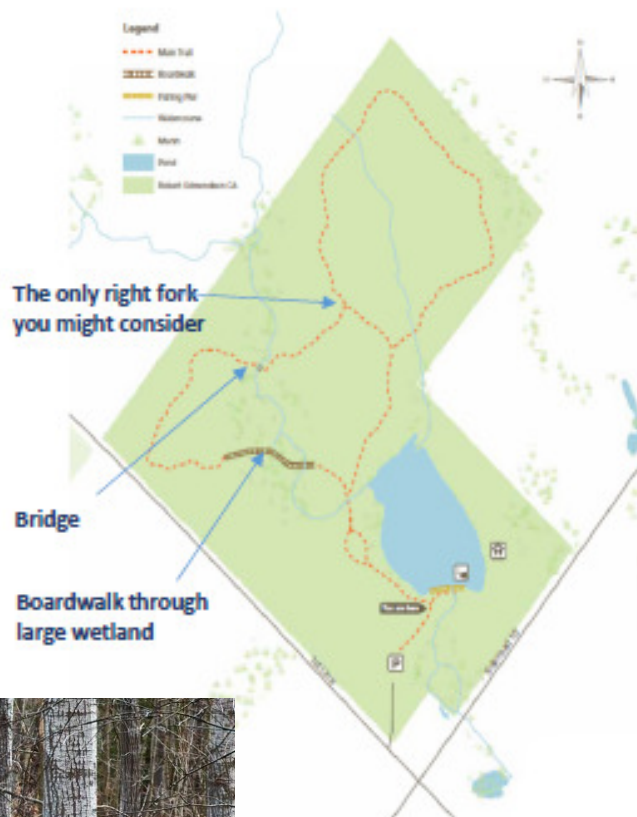
### MAP AND DIRECTIONS

An easy 60-minute stroll through diverse forests and many headwater features, Edmondson does not require the amount of detail as other Headwater Hikes.

We suggest you make the full circuit by taking every left fork in the trail.

If you have very young children, you can cut the Hike in half by making a right after the bridge past the wetland boardwalk, which means you would also take the next right.

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



*Frozen eddies in a vernal pool - David McCammon*

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