Trail Information

The Ignatius Jesuit Centre (IJC) is home to over 19 km of trails that are open all year round. The trail network meanders through a diverse range of natural areas such as meadows, wetlands, forest and waterways, leading you on a journey alongside meditative spaces, naturalizing landscapes, ecological restoration projects and agricultural activities.

The Centre has trails on both the west and east side of Highway 6 North.

West Side: Trails at IJC

The IJC trails comprises seven different trail loops which cover 500 acres of land and offer a variety of experiences in every season. Through spring, summer, and fall, restoration projects including invasive species removal, reforestation and Marden Creek rehabilitation can be seen in differing stages of completion across the property. You may also witness an abundance of organic food growing at Ignatius Farm in the community gardens and in the fields of the Community Shared Agriculture (CSA). Winter brings the opportunity to cross-country ski on groomed Nordic ski trails.

East Side:

Old-Growth Forest Project Trails

The Ignatius Old-Growth Forest Project lands include three main trails that travel through both established mixed forest and areas that are being reforested or ecologically restored. Large sections of the James (Jim) Profit SJ and Creation Trails follow the banks of the Speed River.

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The two main trailhead access points are located off Hwy 6:

- West Entrance opposite the Centre, take the laneway at 5439A Hwy 6 N to the trailhead
- Cross Creek Entrance 53 Cross Creek
 Blvd. east off of Hwy 6 N, follow it to the
 community mailboxes where the trailhead
 is located in behind.

The Old-Growth Forest Project is a 93-acre nature sanctuary that is protected forever by a conservation easement with the Ontario Farmland Trust. It is the project's goal, with the help of local students, community partners and volunteers, to restore and protect the land's rich biodiversity and to assist the regeneration of retired farmland, from old-field meadow to old-growth forest.

Every donation to the project ensures that the **Ignatius Jesuit Centre** can continue to nourish and restore this land, creating a forest that will thrive far beyond our lifetimes.

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TRAIL MAP



Located just north of Guelph, Ontario, the **Ignatius Jesuit Centre** is a place of peace that welcomes a global community of people who seek to integrate their inner and outer life with God and with all Creation.

