

**Introduction**

The addendum below replaces the first part of the last paragraph of the Trail Description on the back of main Map 3. The text in italics is new. This reroute removes about 400 m from Haldimand Hwy 54 and results in a net gain of about 2.2 km of main trail. The km 46.3 on the map at the intersection of Haldimand Hwy 54 and Indiana Road becomes km 48.5.

**Addendum to Trail Description**

The trail exists to the right on Haldimand 54 and follows it north *and turns left on the gravel road at the entrance to the Ruthven Park National Historic Site. Just inside the entrance is the “gatehouse” where hikers are required to report to Park staff and identify themselves as Grand Valley Trails Association members (carry your membership card). In the case of a group hike, the hike leader may report to the Park staff member. The trail proceeds up the gravel road a short distance and turns left at the Carolinian Woodland Trail.* [NOTE: Portions of this new segment tend to be damp to wet, especially during the spring and fall.] *The GVT passes through this wooded area (shagbark hickory, hackberry trees, etc.) following a creek. Along this section one may see large black nets. These are used by volunteer birders as part of a study. The birds are caught, banded, information recorded and released. **Hikers must not interfere with the nets or any trapped birds.** The trail exits from the Carolinian Woodland Trail to a groomed grassy area that is the Thompson family cemetery and passes straight ahead, past the fenced off gravestones to the Riverside Trail. The trail proceeds downhill to an old flood plain passing northward with the Grand River on the left. Along this section one can view the Thompson mansion up on the right. Turning right it proceeds upward to the old mansion driveway. The trail turns left past the old gate supports of the main entrance to the Thompson estate, across a grassy area and then along an old road (part of the Indiana Trail) through the ghost town of Indiana, past the Indiana cemetery before swinging left at the back of the*

*Gingerbread House Restaurant and Country Inn. The trail passes downward where one may see mill ruins to the left of the steps if not overgrown with vegetation. Near the bottom the trail turns right and follows the old towpath. At this spot the canal was on the left and the “ditch” on the right was a source of moving water for the mill. The trail follows the towpath and eventually turns right through an open area, up to Haldimand 54 opposite Indiana Road and turns left at km 46.3. ... for 500 m to Canal Rd ...*

**Map**

See page two.

**Points of Interest / Historical Notes**

See the back of the main Map 3 for information about Ruthven Park National Historic Site, the Thompson estate and the ghost village of Indiana.

**Thank You**

The GVTA extends its thanks to the following supporters of this reroute.

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## IMPORTANT NOTES

**Reporting at Park Gatehouse**

Upon entering Ruthven Park National Historic Site report to a Park staff member at the “gatehouse” just inside the main entrance off Haldimand Hwy 54. Identify yourself as Grand Valley Trails Association member (carry your membership card). In the case of a group hike, the leader may do the reporting on behalf of the group.

**Bird Migration Study**

Approximately 300 m after leaving the gravel driveway of the Park and entering the Carolinian Woodland Trail, hikers will likely encounter “bird nets” on the right. The nets are used by volunteer birders to catch migrating birds, band them, record information and release them. Hikers are asked to refrain from any form of interference with this project.

