

## Answers to 31 Days of Trivia

1. What significant milestone is the GVTA celebrating in 2022?
  - In 2022, the GVTA is celebrating 50 years as an association.
2. The GVTA and a National Historic Site in Haldimand County continue to collaborate on trail improvement. What is the historic site and where is it on the GVT?
  - The Ruthven Park National Historic Site is located in Cayuga. The GVT passes by the entrance of this Historic Site. Collaboration ensures that the trail remains passable and available to all members.
3. Where was this photo taken along the GVT?
  - This is a parking lot to a trailhead off Alps Road. It leads to the Dryden Tract.
4. Where are you when you cross the Chippewa Rail Trail on the GVT?
  - This trail, part of the Trans Canada Trail system, begins at Seneca Park in Caledonia.
5. What is the name of the lookout in Victoria Park at the confluence of Irvine Creek and the Grand River?
  - Lover's Leap in Elora is a great viewing area. A side path shortly before the turn leads down to the Grotto pathway.
6. How many editions of the GVTA Guidebook have been published?
  - The GVTA Guidebook is currently in its 7<sup>th</sup> edition. A new Guidebook is being planned.
7. To whom or what is the current edition of the GVTA Guidebook dedicated?
  - Dedication in the Guidebook: "The Guidebook is dedicated to the many volunteers that have made it all happen and continue to do so."
8. Where was this photo taken along the GVT?
  - One of the author's favourite city trails – Kolb Park. This is a winter scene of the pond near main railroad tracks and highway
9. Name the four sections of the GVT.
  - Starting from the southern terminus and going north, the four sections are: Towpath (Haldimand County), Carolinian Crest (Brant County), Black Walnut (Waterloo Region) and Pinnacle (Wellington County).
10. What is the name of the GVTA e-newsletter? (Do you know where to find past issues online?)
  - Trail Markings is published quarterly. You can find past issues on our website under News & Events. You can find the link here: <https://www.gvta.on.ca/Newsletter.htm>
11. Where are you on the GVT when walking through the Grand River Arboretum?
  - You are in Fergus.
12. What rail trail can you connect to at Hardy Road (Trail Marker 45.0)?
  - S.C. Johnson Trail

13. Where was this photo taken along the GVT?
  - This is the West Montrose Covered Bridge.
14. Where was this photo taken along the GVT?
  - This is the lovely creek just outside of Bloomingdale
15. Where was this photo taken along the GVT?
  - This is a row of hydro towers in a field between Beke Rd and Brant Waterloo Rd.
16. Where on the GVT is Edinburgh Square?
  - Edinburgh Square is a historic site in Caledonia. From our Guidebook “It is a museum acting as a research centre, cultural centre and landmark for Caledonia. It is a former town Hall (1957).”
17. What major change was made to the GVT in 2020?
  - A portion of the trail was permanently closed. The GVT now ends at Belwood.
18. On what date in 2022 will the GVTA officially turn 50?
  - The GVTA became incorporated as a charitable organization on January 23, 1973. While the official date is January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the association will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary all year!
19. Where on the GVT will you find the Eagle's Cry Plaque?
  - The Eagle's Cry Plaque is located in Brantford on the S.C. Johnson Trail.
20. What type of hikes did the GVTA promote during the pandemic?
  - Due to the pandemic restrictions, the GVTA promoted a number of self-guided hikes for individuals or families to enjoy on their own. You can find them on our website at <https://www.gvta.on.ca/HIKES-ON-NEAR-THE-GVTA.htm>
21. Where was this photo taken along the GVT?
  - Taken from Homer Watson park, this is a panoramic view of the Grand River. Note the golf course in the distance.
22. Where was this photo taken along the GVT?
  - This view overlooks the Grand River from the GVT near Homer Watson Park. That is the Pioneer Memorial Tower in the distance.
23. What is the name of the app giving free access to all GVT maps?
  - The ONDAGO app provide access to all GVT Maps. Also known as the “Map APP” it is available free of charge through the APP store or Google Play. Find details on our website’: <https://www.gvta.on.ca/Map-App.htm>

24. Name one of GVTA's founding members.

○ Here is the list of Founding Members:

- Betty Grace Schneider
- David Grant Higgins
- Elmer Dezso Cserhalmi
- Frances Jane Schneider
- Frank Stephen Finch
- Lorraine Anne Mansfield
- Nikolaus Ebner
- Patricia Margaret Cross
- Richard Walter Steinberg
- Robert Wayne Hueln

25. In which year was the GVT extended from Brantford to Lake Erie?

- 1987. With the assistance of a Federal Grant, the trail was expanded south from Brantford to Lake Erie for a distance of 90 kilometers. At the same time, the trail was extended north from Elora to Alton for another 57 kilometers. Sadly, some of this trail was discontinued in 2022.

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26. Where was this photo taken along the GVT?

- These pink owls used to be along the GVT through the woods off of Ottawa Street. They were recently taken down.

27. Where was this photo taken along the GVT?

- This is a snow-covered bench outside of Winterbourne close to osprey nest

28. Initially, how long was the GVT?

- The GVT started at Rock Point Provincial Park on Lake Erie and ended in Alton, making a 280 km footpath.

29. How many kilometers does the GVT cover in 2022?

- The trail runs approximately 250 kilometres and stretches between Port Maitland, near Rock Point Provincial Park on Lake Erie, to the Village of Belwood.

30. What is the name of the list of do's and don'ts that all GVT hikers follow?

- The Trail User's Code is given to all our members, and linked in most of publications. You can find a copy on our website: <https://www.gvta.on.ca/Trial-Users-Code.htm>

31. How many badges can a GVT hiker obtain?

- As many as they like! We have a chevron badge for each trail section and an end-to-end badge available through the GVTA store.

Answers to 31 Days of Trivia, part of GVTA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

Find details here: <https://www.gvta.on.ca/50th-Anniversary.htm>

**The Grand Valley Trails Association (GVTA) is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization that maintains trails and promotes hiking in southwestern Ontario.**

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