

# Township of Essa Recreation Guide Fall 2024





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**Fall Session is  
September 2nd, 2024 to  
December 1st, 2024**

# Message from the Mayor & Council

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## **Happy Fall Essa Residents,**

We have a very exciting array of programs for the fall. There is something fun for everyone ages 0 to 65 plus. There is a new badminton drop-in, Yoga and exercise program, and the classic fun pickleball drop-in and Preschool drop-in exercise. The Senior walking & exercise drop-in at Angus Arena and the Seniors exercise program at the Thornton Arena. WOW, there is public skating, shinny, and parent and tot skate, just to name a few.

Joining a program is a great way to meet new people in your community. Essa Council and Staff are working towards having programs that will help keep our Residents healthy and active in their communities. If you have a great idea for a program, please call or email Alex at (705) 424-9770 ext. 107 or [ajacobs@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:ajacobs@essatownship.on.ca). Alex would love to hear from you. It is back to School, please keep our students safe by doing the posted speed limit. Enjoy our fall colours and the true beauty of nature.

Kind Regards,

**Your Essa Council**

**Mayor Sandie, Deputy Mayor Mike  
Councillors Pieter, Henry & Liana**

## Message from the Parks and Recreation Team

### **Hello Township of Essa Residents!**

Park & Recreation has had a productive year in Essa Township. Highlights include the redesign of 35 Kevin Crescent Park, Thornton and the commencement of construction at the new park located at 191 Maplewood Drive, Angus. Additionally, tenders have been issued for two other parks, which we anticipate will be completed by the end of 2024. We are also excited to announce the launch of our Fall 2024 programming. Residents can look forward to a variety of activities, including yoga, sports, and other engaging options for all ages. Stay tuned for more details and opportunities to get involved!

Enjoy your fall,

**Chris Rankin - Manager of Parks and Recreation**

# Drop-in Gym Programs

With plenty of new and old drop-in programs returning in the Fall of 2024, there is something for everyone to try. Visit the Angus Recreation Centre to participate!

## Adult Pickleball (18+)

A dynamic paddle sport blending elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, played on a compact court with a unique perforated ball, offering fast-paced fun for all adults. Paddles and balls are available.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre

**Times:**

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays (11:30-1:30 pm)

Wednesdays (7:30-9:30 pm)

**Exclusion Dates:** Sept 2nd & Oct 14th

## Adult Badminton (18+)

New Program

A thrilling racquet sport played on a court divided by a net, where players use lightweight racquets to hit a shuttlecock back and forth, aiming to score points by landing it in the opponent's court. Racquets and shuttlecocks are available.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre

**Times:** Wednesdays (1-3 pm)

## All Ages Pickleball (5+)

Do you enjoy pickleball? Bring out your family and friends of all ages! Pickleball is a dynamic paddle sport blending elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, played on a compact court with a unique perforated ball, offering fast-paced fun for all adults. Paddles and balls are available.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre

**Times:** Saturdays (1-3 pm)

**Exclusion Dates:** Sept 15th, Sept 21st, Oct 5th & 26th

## Adult Inclusion Drop-in (18+)

New Program

Join our inclusive drop-in sessions, where residents of all abilities can connect, build community, and enjoy playing various sports together. Sports equipment is provided. Support workers get free entry.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre

**Times:** Fridays (1-3 pm)

**Exclusion Dates:** Oct 4th



## After School Gym (11+)



Join us for our after-school sports drop-in, a place where you can unwind, connect with friends, and enjoy playing a variety of sports.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre

**Times:** Tuesdays and Thursdays (2:30-4:30 pm)

## Preschool Drop-in (5 and under)

Explore our preschool drop-in program, where little ones can engage in fun activities, socialize, and learn through play in a supportive environment.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre

**Times:** Wednesdays and Fridays (10:30-12:30 pm)

## Senior Walking & Exercise Group (55+)

Do you want to have fun and get a workout? The Angus & Area Seniors walking and exercise group will restart on September 9th. This is a fun group that exercises to 60s music with lots of stretching, balancing, dance moves, tapping, and wall exercises, finishing up with an inside walk with fellow members. It is a great way to start your day. Sandie Macdonald has facilitated the exercise group for 23 years. We encourage everyone to join us to keep healthy and moving. This is a free program, just bring your water and indoor shoes!

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre

**Times:** Mondays and Thursdays (8:45-9:45 am)

**Exclusion Dates:** No classes if school busses are cancelled



## Drop-in Prices

**Ages 0-4: \$2      Ages 18-64: \$5**

**Ages 5-17: \$3      Ages 65+: \$4**



# Drop-in Skating & Shinny

Skating programs return to the arenas on September 30th. Lace-up your skates and join us for one of our many programs this Fall! All skate times are subject to change.

## Public Skate (All Ages)

Enjoy public skating sessions at our rink, where individuals and families can glide around the ice, have fun, and stay active together.

### Angus Recreation Centre:

Times: Saturdays (8-9:20 pm) & Sundays (12-1:20 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Oct 26th & 27th

### Thornton Community Centre:

Fridays (5-5:50 pm) & Saturdays (1-1:50 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Oct 12th, 25th, 26th,

## Parent and Tot Skate

Parent and tot skate sessions provide a fun and supportive environment for young children and their caregivers to enjoy skating together.

### Angus Recreation Centre:

Times: Tuesdays & Thursdays (11-12:20 pm)

### Thornton Community Centre:

Times: Tuesdays & Thursdays (11-12:20 pm)

## Leisure Skate (18+)

New Program

Experience leisure skating at our rink, a relaxed and enjoyable activity suitable for individuals looking to go for a leisurely skate.

### Angus Recreation Centre:

Times: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays (11-12:20 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Oct 14th & 25th

### Thornton Community Centre:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays (11-12:20 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Oct 14th & 25th

## Children Shinny (5-10)

New Program

Shinny hockey for children ages 5-10 offers a friendly and active introduction to the sport. Full equipment is required. Parents/Guardians welcome to support.

### Angus Recreation Centre:

Times: Fridays (5-5:50 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Oct 25th

### Thornton Community Centre:

Times: Mondays (4-4:50 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Oct 14th



## Youth Shinny (11-17)

Youth shinny hockey for ages 11-17 provides a dynamic and inclusive environment for players to hone their skills and enjoy friendly competition. Full equipment is required.

**Angus Recreation Centre:**

Times: Mondays (5-5:50 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Oct 14th

**Thornton Community Centre:**

Times: Tuesdays (4-4:50 pm)

## Adult Shinny (18+)

Adult shinny hockey for ages 18 and up offers a recreational and competitive opportunity for players to enjoy the sport in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. Full equipment is required.

**Angus Recreation Centre:**

Times: Fridays (10-11:20 am) & Saturdays (4-5:50 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Oct 25th & 26th

**Thornton Community Centre:**

Times: Mondays (5-5:50 pm)

Exclusion Dates: Oct 14th

## Drop-in Prices

**Shinny:**  
**All Ages: \$5**  
**Goalies are free!**

**Skating:**  
**5 and under: Free**  
**Ages 5+: \$3**

## EQUIPMENT RULES

Helmets are mandatory for all Public skate participants ages 10 and under and are highly recommended for all users.

Full equipment is mandatory for all Shinny programs.



# Registered Programs

New registered programs are coming to Essa Township! Grab a group of friends and sign up for a yoga class, or sign up your preschooler for a Monkeynastix session!

## All Levels Hatha Yoga (18+)

New Program

This 60 minute yoga class is designed to be accessible and beneficial for all students of all levels. We focus on movement, breath awareness, stretching and relaxation. Bring your own yoga mat, water and any yoga equipment you may use (ie, blocks, straps). Yoga mats are available if needed. This program is brought to you by Sidedoor Yoga.

### Angus Recreation Centre:

**Location:** Gymnasium

**Times:** Thursdays (7-8 pm) Sept 12th - Nov 14th

**Sessions:** 10

**Price:** \$130

### Thornton Community Centre:

**Location:** Meeting Room

**Times:** Mondays (7-8 pm) Sept 9th - Nov 18th

**Exclusion Dates:** Oct 14th

**Sessions:** 10

**Price:** \$130

## Adult Strength & Fitness

New Program

This structured high-Intensity interval style of workout is designed to improve overall physical fitness through a combination of cardiovascular, strength and flexibility exercises. All equipment is supplied. A yoga mat is encouraged for floor work and a water bottle is highly recommended. Yoga mats are available if needed. This program is brought to you by Sidedoor Yoga.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre - Banquet Hall

**Times:** Wednesdays (7-8 pm) Sept 11th - Nov 13th

**Sessions:** 10

**Price:** \$115



Register online by clicking [HERE](#)  
Or visit us online at [essatownship.on.ca](http://essatownship.on.ca)



## Senior Fitness



A fitness class catering to the unique needs of older adults. The focus will be on strength, mobility and balance. All equipment, including a chair, will be provided should the student require it. This program is brought to you by Sidedoor Yoga.

**Location:** Thornton Community Centre - Meeting Room

**Times:** Wednesdays (10-11 am) Sept 11th - Nov 13th

**Sessions:** 10

**Price:** \$115

## Monkeynastix (Ages 1-2)

This fun 6-week fitness movement education program designed for children ages 1-2 focuses on gross and fine motor skills, balance, coordination, spatial and body awareness utilizing a variety of safe activities with specialized equipment and music. This program is brought to you by Monkeynastix Barrie.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre

**Times:** Wednesdays (5-5:30 pm) Sept 11th - Oct 16th or Oct 23rd - Nov 27th

**Sessions:** 6

**Price:** \$92.50

## Monkeynastix (Ages 2-3)

This fun 6-week fitness movement education program designed for children ages 2-3 focuses on gross and fine motor skills, balance, coordination, spatial and body awareness utilizing a variety of safe activities with specialized equipment and music. This program is brought to you by Monkeynastix Barrie.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre

**Times:** Wednesdays (5:45-6:15 pm) Sept 11th - Oct 16th or Oct 23rd - Nov 27th

**Sessions:** 6

**Price:** \$92.50

## Monkeynastix (Ages 3-4)

This fun 6-week fitness movement education program designed for children ages 3-4 focuses on gross and fine motor skills, balance, coordination, spatial and body awareness utilizing a variety of safe activities with specialized equipment and music. This program is brought to you by Monkeynastix Barrie.

**Location:** Angus Recreation Centre

**Times:** Wednesdays (6:30-7 pm) Sept 11th - Oct 16th or Oct 23rd - Nov 27th

**Sessions:** 6

**Price:** \$92.50

# REGISTRATION

Registration for Fall programs will open to the public on August 19th at 5pm.



# Facility Rentals

## Facilities

The Township of Essa offers a diverse array of facility rental options within Angus, Thornton, Baxter and Utopia. Whether you are planning a private event, family gathering, birthday party or tournament, we have the perfect venue to make your occasion unforgettable!

### Rental opportunities include:

Gymnasium  
Ice & Floor Pads  
Halls & Meeting Rooms  
Pavilions & Park Spaces  
Sports Fields and Diamonds  
Outdoor Pads

## Hall Rentals

All rentals with alcohol are subject to the Municipal Alcohol Risk Management Policy and Agreement.

Please click [HERE](#) to complete and submit a rental request form.

Visit the Facility Rentals webpage by clicking [HERE](#) to view the Fees Schedule and to find out more information about facility rentals.

For Rental Inquiries Contact :



(705) 424-9917 ext. 108



[parksandrec@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:parksandrec@essatownship.on.ca)





**Angus Recreation Centre**  
**8529 County Road 10**

This multi-purpose facility features a full-sized rink, gymnasium, fully equipped hall and skatepark. From hockey, indoor soccer and fitness classes, to dances and birthday parties, the Centre can accommodate a wide variety of functions all year round.



**Thornton Community Centre**  
**246 Barrie Street**

This multi-purpose facility features a full-sized rink, fully equipped hall, outdoor splash pad, ball diamond and park. This facility is perfect for all your event needs.



**Outdoor Pads**  
**Various Locations**

The Township of Essa is equipped with 3 Outdoor Pads for Community use and rentals. Perfect for a game of ball hockey! More information available online.



**Baseball Diamonds**  
**Various Locations**

The Township of Essa has many baseball diamonds in its inventory. Diamonds are located in Angus, Baxter, Thornton, Ivy and Elmgrove. Available for Community use and rentals.

# Parks

**The Township of Essa offers a diverse array of Parks and Open Spaces for residents and visitors to utilize. With all our offerings, there's something for everyone in our parks and facilities to enjoy!**

Communities within the Township of Essa have access to many enjoyable spaces and parks including ball diamonds, soccer fields, dog parks, playgrounds, splash pads, skate parks, fishing parks, multi-sport courts used for basketball and pickleball as well as outdoor pads.

## Dog Parks

**The Township of Essa is home to two dog parks located in Thornton and Angus. When visiting a dog park, please remember...**



1. Owners will be held liable for all actions of their dog
2. Owners must be present at all times
3. No other animals allowed
4. All owners are responsible to **“Stoop and Scoop”** and to dispose of excrement in the appropriate waste receptacle





# Have you Heard?



## New Park!

We recently revamped Cunningham Park in Thornton with all new playground equipment!



191 Mapewood Drive  
Mapewood Park

## Coming Soon!

In replacement of Stonemount Park, Mapewood Park is coming to Angus!

Renderings are subject to change

## Coming Soon!

Heartland Park is coming to Baxter!

Renderings are subject to change



Heartland Park in Baxter





# Fishing

## Fishing Parks

The Township of Essa is home to four designated Fishing Parks, which are scattered throughout the Township. These designated Fishing Parks are enjoyed by many fishing enthusiasts year-round. The designated fishing parks are located at the following locations:



**Essa Centennial Park**  
**Angus Community Park**  
**Nottawasaga Fishing Park**  
**Don Ross Drive Park**



**Did you know you need a Fishing Access Pass to fish on Essa Township property?**

The money collected from the fishing access passes goes back into maintaining our parks for all anglers to enjoy. Seasonal or Day fish passes can be purchased at the township office or online [HERE](#)

# Splash Pads

The Township of Essa currently has 2 splash pads which are open from Victoria Day to Labour Day each calendar year. The hours of operation for the Splash Pads are 10:00am to 8:00pm, however Post-Labour Day hours are on a “weather permitting” basis.



Splash Pads are located at the following locations:

Angus Community Park  
6 Huron Street, Angus

Thornton Arena Ball Park  
246 Barrie Street, Thornton

Maplewood Park- **COMING SOON**  
191 Maplewood Drive, Angus



## Splash Pad Rules

The Splash Pads are not supervised; Use at your own risk

Adult Supervision is required

Children who are not toilet-trained must wear a swim diaper

No food, drink or glass containers are permitted on the surface of the Splash Pad(s)

No running, rough play or climbing on the equipment is permitted

Surface(s) of the Splash Pad(s) are to be kept clean of litter, debris and graffiti

No dogs or pets or allowed on the surface of the Splash Pad(s)

No bicycles, skateboards, strollers or sharp objects are permitted to be on the surface of the Splash Pad(s)

**Let's Work Together by Keeping the Area Safe and the Surface(s) Undamaged!**

Contact the Parks and Recreation Department to report any concerns.



(705) 424-9917



[parksandrec@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:parksandrec@essatownship.on.ca)

# Trails

**Essa Township is home to a variety of trails within its boundaries and we continue to work towards providing connectivity for our residents.**

## Township of Essa

**The following trails are maintained by the Township of Essa:**

### **Pine River Trail**

The Pine River Trail is a 1.5 km trail that meanders through the Nottawasaga Fishing Park and LeClair Park. Enjoy the picturesque Nottawasaga River while hiking this trail.

### **Rippon Trail**

The Rippon Trail is a 1 km trail that connects Peacekeepers Park at the north end of Mill Street to the Nottawasaga Fishing Park, and the Pine River Trail.

### **Thornton Cookstown Trail**

The Thornton Cookstown Trans-Canada trail is a 15.6 km shared use trail between the villages of Thornton and Cookstown. This trail is a part of nearly 24,000 km of trail that goes through 13 provinces and territories. It travels through green pasture land and forest, and crosses the Cookstown Creek.

## County of Simcoe

**The following trails are located in the Township of Essa but maintained by the County of Simcoe:**

### **Baxter Tract of Simcoe County Forest**

### **Foster Tract of Simcoe County Forest**

The County of Simcoe provides nature and hiking enthusiasts with a plethora of trails scattered throughout Simcoe County forests.

For information on these tracts, please contact the County of Simcoe at 705-726-9300.

## Conservation Area Trails

The following trails are located in Essa but are maintained by local conservation authorities:

### Utopia Conservation Area Trails

The Utopia Conservation trails encompass an area of 100 acres which is used as passive green space. The conservation area is open to the public for passive recreation and features the historic Utopia Grist Mill.

### Tiffin Conservation Area (Tiffin Centre Loop Trail)

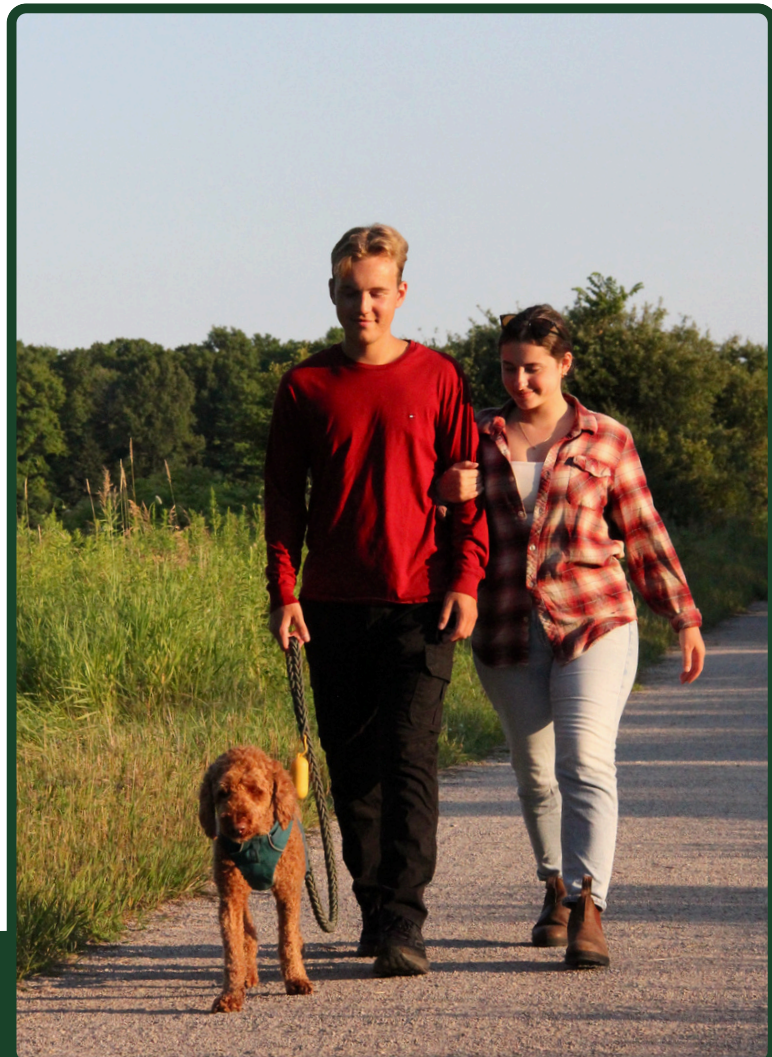
The Tiffin Centre is a spectacular place for a walk or to bring your gear and bike, cross-country ski or snowshoe on 5 km of looped trails that meander through a mixture of wetlands, forests, open meadows and ancient lake beds. It is home to the Tiffin Centre Loop Trail which is situated in the Township of Essa.

### Ganaraska Hiking Trail

The Mad River section of the Ganaraska Hiking Trail encompasses a 50.5 km section of trail that runs through Angus and Glencairn. The trail follows the Mad River in the direction of Creemore and Glen Huron, where the Ganaraska Trail meets the Bruce Trail.

This trail is maintained by the Ganaraska Hiking Trail Association. For more information this trail, please contact the [Ganaraska Hiking Trail Association Inc.](#)

Click [HERE](#) for more information on trails in the Township of Essa.





# Maps

Essa Township is home to a variety of trails, parks, facilities, and conservation areas. Explore where they are located below!

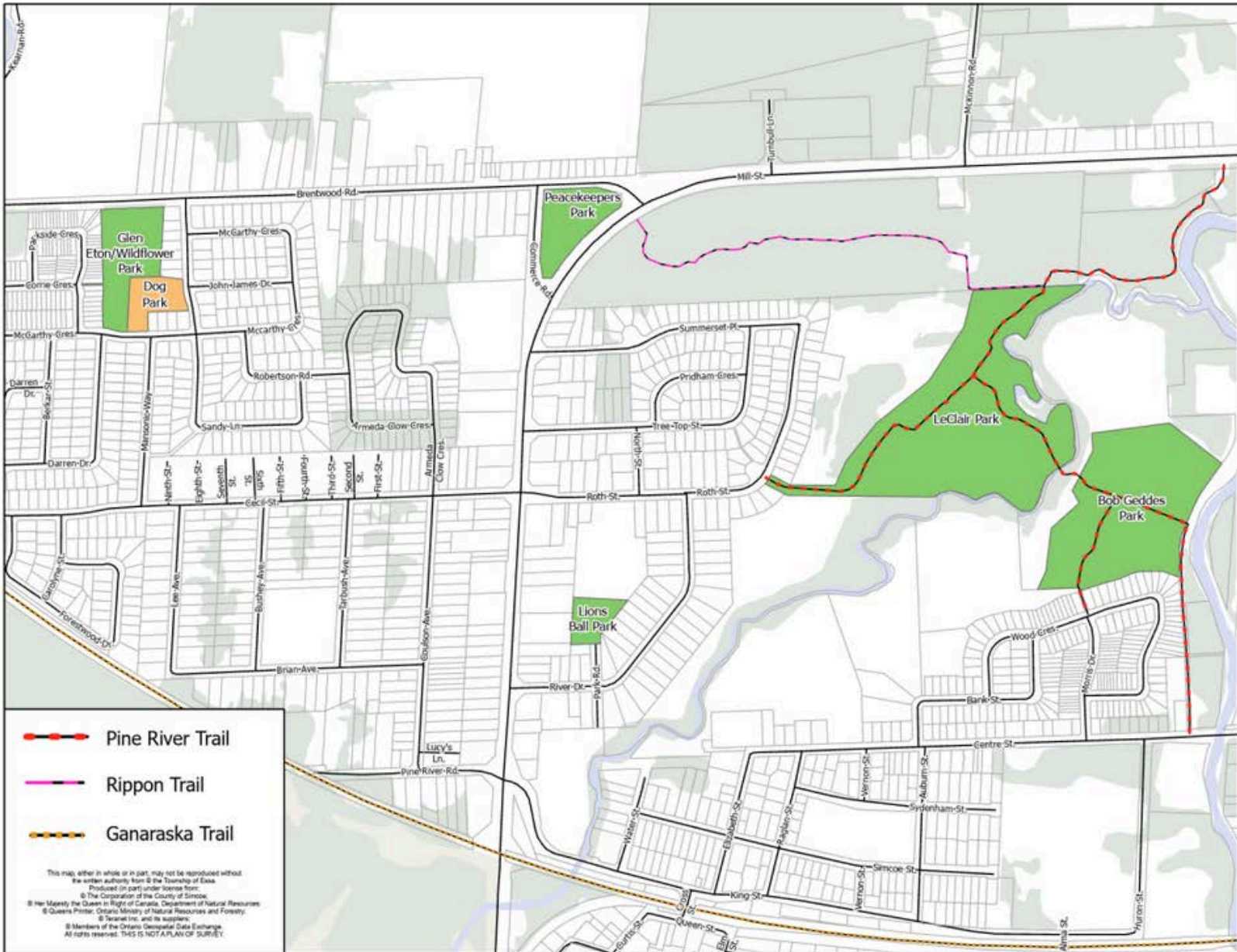
## Thornton



**Burke Family Park: 35 Kevin Crescent**  
**Earl Cunningham Park: 3 Henry Street**  
**Thornton Arena Park: 246 Barrie Street**

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**Thornton Arena Ball Park: 246 Barrie Street**  
**Thornton Soccer Pitches/Dog Park: 4256 7th Line**

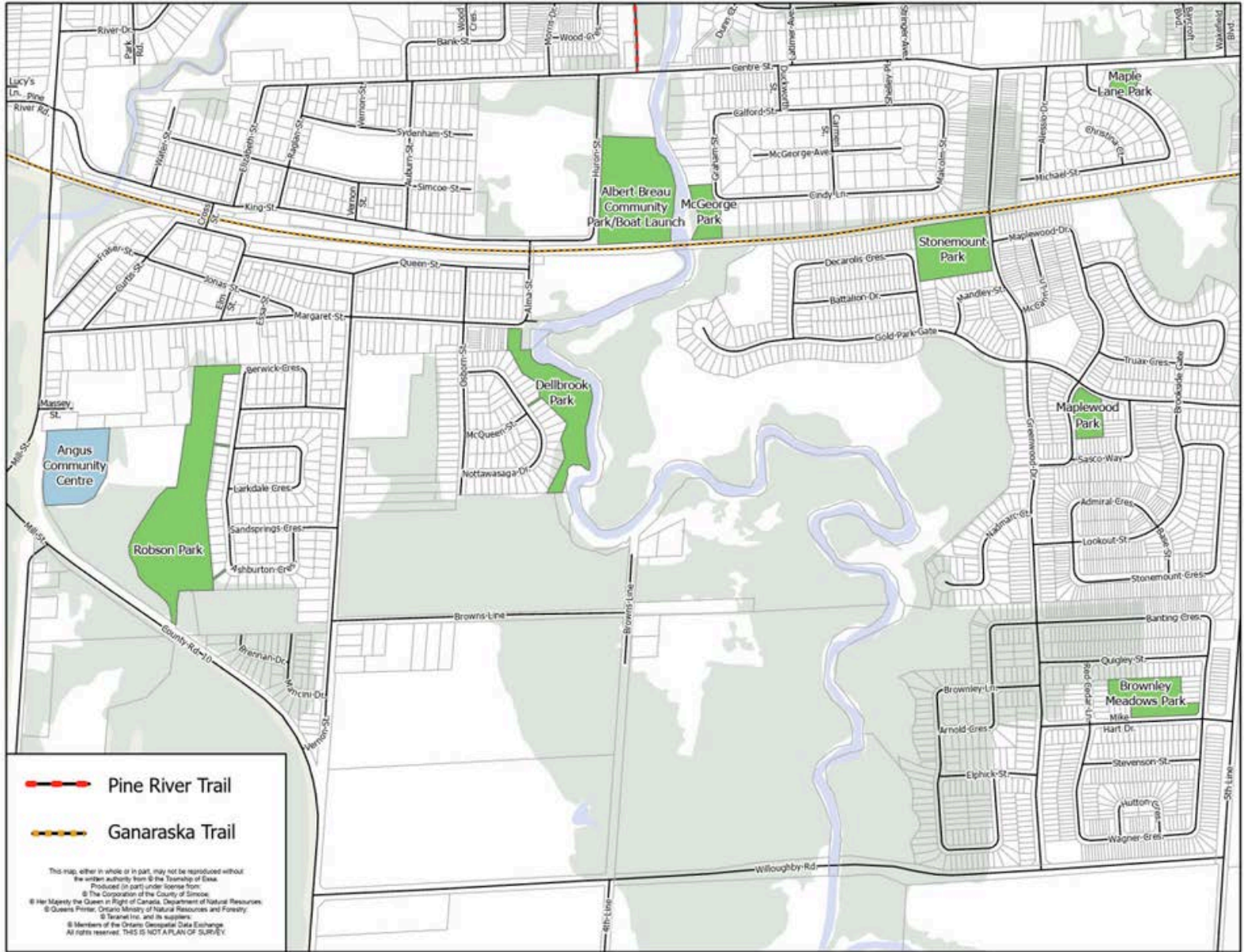
# North Angus



- Bob Geddes Park: 147 Centre Street**
- Glen Eton/Wildflower Park/Dog Park: 42 McCarthy Crescent**
- Lions Ball Park: 4 Park Road**
- LeClair Park: 54 Roth Street**
- Peacekeepers Park: 12 Commerce Drive**



# South Angus

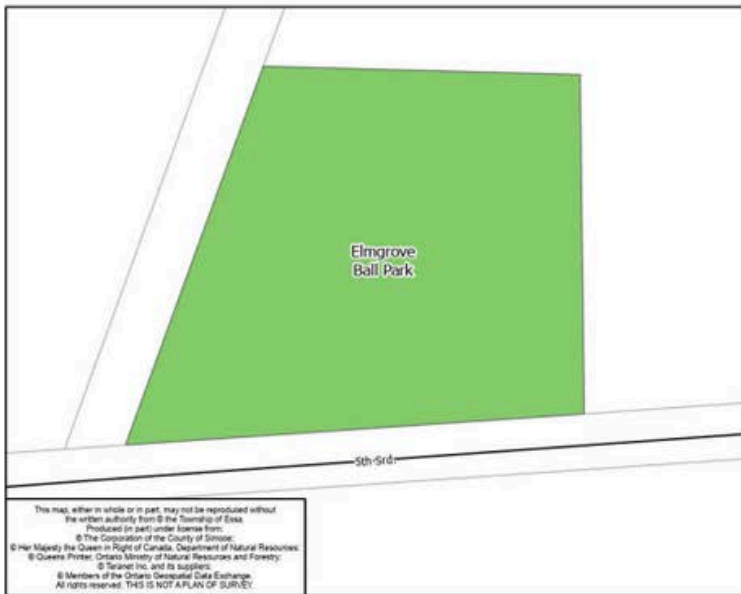
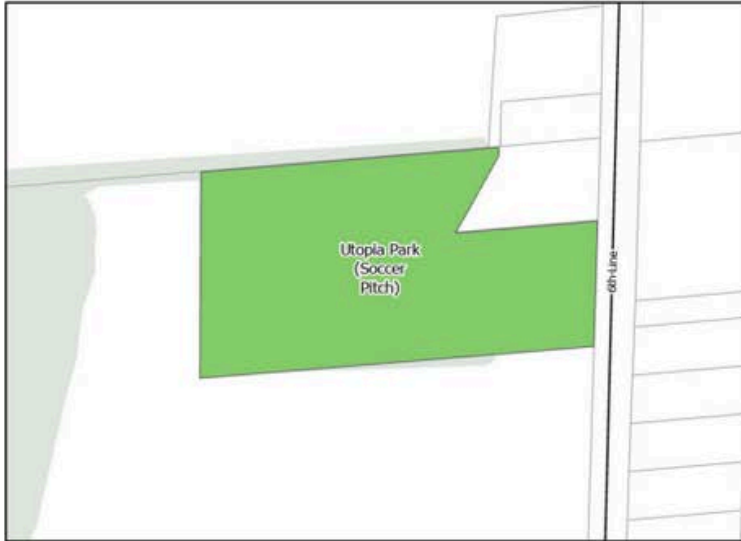


- Albert Breau Community Park/Boat Launch: 6 Huron Street**
- Angus Community Centre: 8529 CR 10**
- Brownley Meadows Park: 60 Mike Hart Drive**
- Dellbrook Park: 240 Margaret Street**
- McGeorge Park: 107 Graham Street**
- Maplewood Park: 191 Maplewood Drive**
- Maple Lane Park: 8 Michael Street**
- Robson Park: 23 Berwick Crescent**



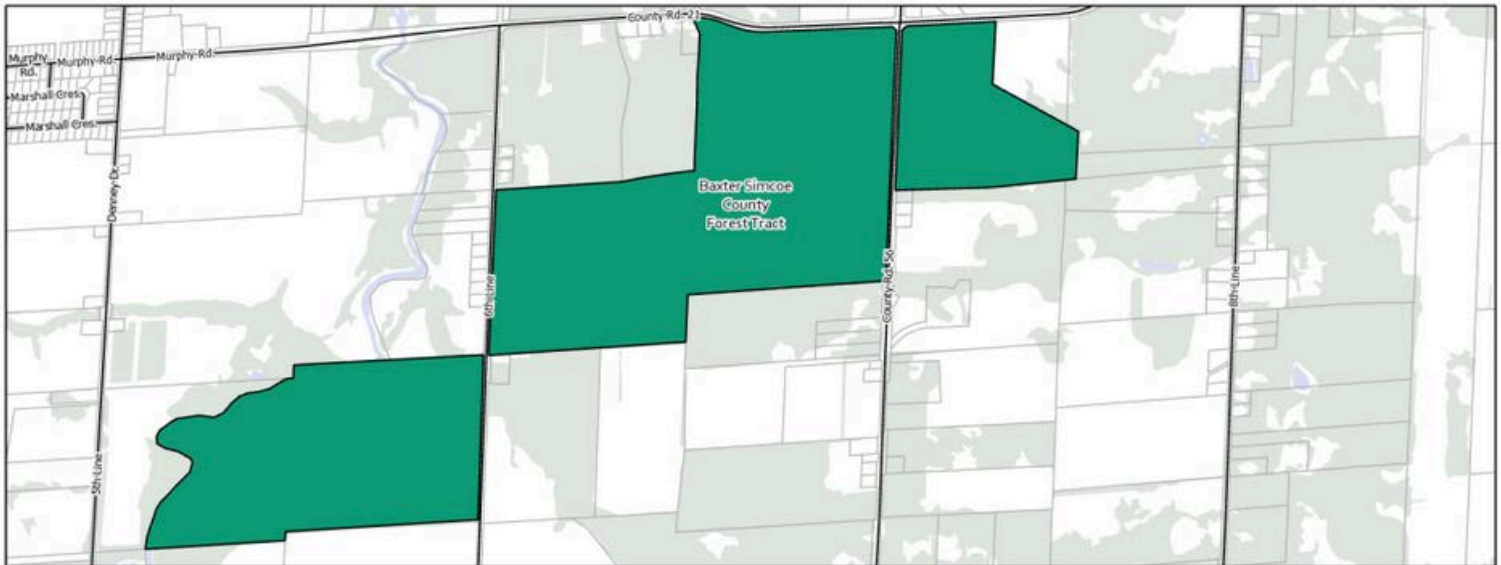


# Rural Parks



**Egbert Park: 5200 10th Sideroad**  
**Elmgrove Ball Park: 6580 5th Sideroad**  
**Utopia Park (Soccer Pitch): 8378 6th Line**  
**Victoria Ball Park: 5079 20th Sideroad**

# County Tracts




**Baxter Simcoe County Forest Tract:**  
Located across from the Township of Essa  
Administration Building (5786 CR 21)  
**Foster Simcoe County Forest Tract:** Located  
off of the 19th Sideroad and 6th Line



**Tiffin Conservation Area:  
8195 8th Line**

For more information,  
click [HERE](#)



**Utopia Conservation  
Area: 8609 6th Line**

For more  
information,  
click [HERE](#)





# All-Terrain Vehicles



The Township of Essa is fortunate to have many beautiful natural spaces, please respect the natural environment while enjoying the recreation it offers. Under By-Law 2021-16 All-Terrain and Off-Road Vehicles are approved to travel on ALL municipal roads under the jurisdiction of the Township of Essa.

Off-road vehicles are allowed on permitted roadways between the hours of 7:00am and 11:00pm and are prohibited between 11:00pm and 7:00am

20KM per hour on roadways with a posted speed limit of 50KM per hour or less. 50KM per hour on roadways with a posted speed limit of greater than 50KM per hour.

## Rider Tips and Rules

### **For on-road riding in Essa, an off-road vehicle driver must:**

- Be at least 16 years old;
- Hold at least a valid G2 or M2 license;
- Wear an approved motorcycle helmet, securely fastened under the chin with a chin strap; and
- Wear a seatbelt, where provided.

### **Off-road vehicles on the road in Essa, must travel at speeds less than the posted speed limit:**

- No more than 20km/h on roads with a posted speed limit of 50km/h or less.
- No more than 50km/h on roads with a posted speed limit greater than 50km/h.

### **For off-road riding, an off-road vehicle driver must:**

- Be at least 12 years old, unless directly supervised by an adult or while driving on land occupied by the owner of the vehicle; and
- Carry the vehicle's registration permit or a true copy.

Drivers and passengers must wear an approved motorcycle helmet, securely fastened under the chin with a chin strap.

**Let's Work Together to Keep Our Roads Safe!**  
**Click [HERE](#) for more information and to view the All-Terrain Vehicle  
By-Law 2021-16**

# Bicycle Safety

## Bicycle Safety - It Starts With YOU!!

Every bike ride begins with putting on a helmet. It's important to wear a helmet that fits correctly. Wearing a helmet while riding your bike is the law in Ontario for cyclists under 18.

It's important to be safe while riding your bike. We have compiled a list of bike safety tips that should be followed to have a safe enjoyable ride.

- Always wear a helmet
- Wear bright clothing
- Make sure your bike has reflectors mounted on the front and back
- Ride a bike that fits
- If riding on the road, ride in a straight line on the right side of the road in the same direction as traffic
- Know the rules of the road
- If riding on the sidewalk, be mindful of pedestrians
- Walk your bike across streets and make sure you look all ways for traffic
- Ride in a straight line
- Use hand signals

### Left Turn



### Right Turn



### Stop







**In 2021 the Township of Essa initiated its Operation Brain Freeze campaign in an effort to promote safe cycling etiquette, with a focus on the importance of wearing property fitted helmets.**

Operation Brain Freeze is a well loved program that allows Municipal Law Enforcement Officers to interact with youth in our communities that practice safe cycling and wear properly fitted helmets. Youth that are "caught" by Officers are awarded a certificate, a voucher for a frozen treat, in addition to a bike safety booklet from the Ministry of Transportation.

In 2022 Essa expanded Operation Brain Freeze to include a monthly draw to award a prize. When youth are caught by Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, their name will also go into a monthly draw for the chance to win bicycle safety equipment!



Operation Brain Freeze runs from May 1 to September 31 each calendar year. We would like to wish all youth the best of luck in getting caught, and remember -  
**CYCLE SAFELY!!**

# Arts, Culture & Heritage

## Community Landmarks: A Historical Overview

### Thornton Arena

The Thornton Arena was built on land donated by the Stewart Family and the first artificial ice was installed in 1969. A fire in September 1973 led to a rebuild and reopening of a new Arena in the same spot in the fall of 1975.

### Angus Arena

In 1972 Angus residents came together to fund raise for an Arena. With the clearing of trees and debris, hard work, holding dances, raffles and soliciting for funds, the doors to the Arena finally opened in September 1977.

### Thornton Library

For many years, the Thornton Library operated out of the back of a local store. The current location of the Thornton Library opened in November 1997.

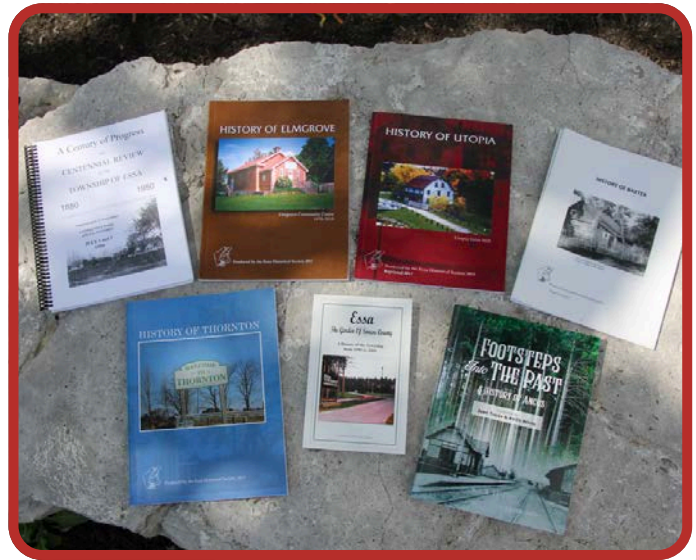
### Angus Library

The current Angus branch building opened in 2011. The previous space was in use from 1967 to 2011.

Are you interested in the history surrounding the Township of Essa?

The following books are available for purchase at the Essa Public Library or the Administration Centre:

- "Footsteps Into the Past: A History of Angus"
- "Essa: The Garden of Simcoe County"
- "History of Utopia: Utopia Grist Mill"
- "History of Thornton"
- "History of Ivy"
- "History of Egbert"
- "History of Elmgrove"



### Community Arts and Cultural Organizations

- Maclaren Art Centre: Hub for contemporary art and cultural programming.
- South Simcoe Arts Council: Promotes arts in the South Simcoe region.

### Cultural Enterprises and Museums

- Borden Museum: Showcases military history and the heritage of CFB Borden.
- Museum on the Boyne: Preserves the history of the Alliston area.
- Simcoe County Museum: Features exhibits on Simcoe County's history and culture.

### Cultural Heritage

- Utopia Grist Mill: Preserves milling heritage.

### Cultural Spaces and Facilities

- Essa and District Agriplex: Hosts various agricultural and community events.

### Festivals and Events

- Barrie Fair: Held at the Essa and District Agriplex.
- Essa Salmon Derby: Fishing competition held in Angus

### Natural Heritage

- Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority: Conserves natural resources of the Nottawasaga Valley.
- Peacekeepers Park: Honors peacekeepers.
- Pine River Trail & Thornton Cookstown Trail: Scenic trails for outdoor activities.



# Community Events

Discover what's happening in our community! Join us in creating memorable experiences and strengthening our community bonds.

## Essa Riverbank Fishing Derby



Sept  
22nd



8am - 2pm



Nottawasaga  
Fishing Park

Entry Fee \$20 (Free with Essa Seasonal Fishing Access Pass  
Register at the Nottawasaga Fishing Park.

More information will be provided at the registration table.

### Prize #1

Largest Salmon  
caught and released

### Prize #2

Most Salmon  
caught and released

### Prize #3

Most Fish  
caught and released

Fishing Derby will be monitored by Fishing Martials

\*Please note everyone needs a valid provincial fishing license to fish in Ontario

Want to promote your event in the Winter Recreation Guide?

Reach out to the Recreation Programmer to find out more.



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# THORNTON CORN ROAST

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BURGERS, CORN, HOTDOGS & REFRESHMENTS  
BOUNCY CASTLES & FISH POND



CASH DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED  
**SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2024 | 4-6PM**  
**THORNTON ARENA PARKING LOT**

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE  
THORNTON AREA ACTION COMMITTEE  
& THE THORNTON LIONS CLUB



# Community Organizations

Explore the programs and services being offered by community organizations in the Township of Essa.

Early ON Child and  
Family Care

Essa Public Library

Borden Family  
Resource Centre





☺ BELONGING, WELL-BEING, EXPRESSION AND ENGAGEMENT.



# ANGUS

## SATELLITE LOCATION

### PROGRAMS

#### STAY, PLAY & LEARN



**Ages 0-6 years old**

Parents, caregivers and their children utilize our open space to engage with each other through play, exploration and imagination.

#### BABY & ME

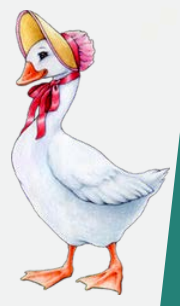


**Ages 0-12 months old**

Come with your little one to enjoy sing-a-longs, storytime and baby play while connecting with other parents and caregivers.

#### PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE (infant)

**Ages 0-18 months old** Enjoy this 5 or 10 week program with no toys, or materials as we focus on the intimate connection with you and your baby and building attachment through rhymes, stories and songs.



Do you have questions or concerns about your **child's development**? Ask us how we can support you through our developmental screenings and to connect you with our community partners.

VISIT [WWW.E3.CA](http://WWW.E3.CA) TO REGISTER FOR OUR PROGRAMS AND TO SEE OUR SCHEDULE

📍 8527 County Rd 10, Angus, ON L0M 1B0  
(Behind the Angus Recreation Center Arena)

🌐 [www.e3.ca](http://www.e3.ca)

📞 (705) 435-4308



*Join us today*

## DO YOU HAVE YOUR LIBRARY CARD YET?

Residents of Essa Township qualify for membership, giving you access to thousands of physical and digital items and unlimited checkouts.

Non-residents can purchase a membership for \$50 per year.

### Programs

Enjoy unique programs for kids, teens, adults, and seniors including Hobby Circle, Writers Group, book clubs, movie nights, PA Day family movies, Senior Socials, and more.

See what's coming up on our online calendar

### Upcoming Special Events

- Oct 24** Simcoe Reads LIVE debate  
(visit [www.SimcoeReads.ca](http://www.SimcoeReads.ca) for details)
- Nov 21** Essalicious

### Library of Things

Borrow kitchen appliances, ukuleles, maker kits, puzzles, board games, audio equipment, digital library, yoga mats, light therapy lamps, and more.

### Locations & Contact

Angus Branch - 8505 County Rd 10, Angus  
Thornton Branch - 34 Robert St, Thornton  
705.424.6531 | [essalib@essalibrary.ca](mailto:essalib@essalibrary.ca)



Or ask to join our e-mail list and be first to hear about new events and programs.



# Borden Family Resource Centre

The Borden Family Resource Centre provides community based family services which support and enhance the quality of life of the CFB Borden community.



## The Centre provides support to...

- CAF Members, Veterans, DND civilian employees and their immediate families
- Families and other individuals of significance to CAF members who have died while serving
- Others who provide direct support to the CAF

# Le Centre de ressources à la famille de Borden

Le Centre de ressources à la famille de Borden offre des services communautaires axés sur les familles qui soutiennent et qui améliorent la qualité de vie de la communauté de la BFC Borden.



## Le Centre offre du soutien aux suivants...

- Membres des FAC, les vétérans, employés civils du MDN ainsi que les membres de leur famille immédiate
- Familles et autres personnes importantes pour les membres des FAC qui sont morts en service
- Autres personnes qui appuient les FAC



## Information

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**Borden, ON**

**L0M 1C0**

**705-424-1200 Ext. 3994**

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[cfmws.ca](http://cfmws.ca)**

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# Get Involved

## Calling all Instructors!

### Interested in working with the Township of Essa this Winter?

We're on the lookout for individuals to join our team as contracted instructors to bring the joy of movement and sports to our community!

#### We are looking for:

- Zumba Instructors
- Basketball Instructors
- Beginner Skate Instructors

Reach out to the Recreation Programmer for more information



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# Parks & Recreation Survey


**We want to hear from you!**


Scan the QR Code or click  
**HERE** to take our survey




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