

TICK PREVENTION

Ticks on the trail

Ticks are a common outdoor hazard in many parts of Ontario, especially in grassy, brushy, and wooded areas. A few simple habits before, during, and after time outdoors can lower the chance of a tick bite and help people respond quickly if they find one.



- Wear long sleeves, long pants, closed-toe shoes, and tuck pants into socks. Choose light colours to make ticks easier to see.
- Use insect repellent with DEET and follow the label directions.
- Stay on cleared or marked trails and avoid tall grass, leaf litter, and dense vegetation.
- After being outdoors, check your body, children, and pets, especially armpits, ears, hairline, belly button, waist, behind knees, and groin.
- If you find an attached tick, remove it promptly with clean, fine-point tweezers. Grasp it close to the skin and pull straight out, slowly and steadily.
- After removal, clean the bite area and your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based product.
- Do not burn, squeeze, or smother the tick with petroleum jelly.
- Contact a health care provider if you cannot remove the tick, if part of it is deeply embedded, or if you feel unwell or develop a rash or other symptoms after a bite.

**Tick safety starts with prevention, careful checks,
and prompt removal.**

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TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Share the trail

Trails are shared spaces, and good etiquette helps everyone feel welcome and safe. A respectful trail culture also helps protect the land, wildlife, and the experience of other visitors.



- Expect other trail users and treat them with respect.
- Stay to the right and pass on the left when safe to do so.
- Give a friendly verbal signal or ring a bell before passing.
- Travel at a safe speed, especially around corners and busy sections.
- Walk or ride single file, even when trails are wet or muddy.
- Uphill users generally have the right of way; cyclists should yield to hikers, and hikers should yield to horseback riders where horses are permitted.
- Keep dogs on leash and clean up after them.
- Keep noise low and respect nearby residents, wildlife, and the natural soundscape.

A little courtesy goes a long way on the trail.

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BE DOG FRIENDLY

Dog friendly trails

Dogs can be great trail companions, but responsible dog handling is essential for the safety of other visitors, wildlife, and your pet. Many trail systems require dogs to be leashed and under control at all times.



- Confirm that the trail is dog-friendly before you go.
- Keep dogs on leash unless a trail specifically allows off-leash use.
- Clean up after your dog and pack waste out properly.
- Keep your dog close when others are passing.
- Do not allow dogs to chase wildlife or disturb vegetation.
- Bring water for your dog, especially in warm weather.
- If your dog is tired, overheated, reactive, or overwhelmed, shorten the outing.

**Responsible dog owners help keep trails
welcoming and pet-friendly**

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The logo for Mallorytown, featuring a stylized white silhouette of a boat or a structure on water, with the text "MALLORYTOWN" in a large, serif font and "FRONT OF YONGE TOWNSHIP" in a smaller, sans-serif font below it.