

# YORKLANDS GREEN HUB



Opening green doors to the future.

## We ♥ Yorklands Walkathon

6 Routes to Choose From!

Register as an individual, bubble, or dog  
and walk any time in April



Thank you for registering for the We Love Yorklands Walkathon! We are grateful for your support. If you have any questions or need support please contact our staff member, David Alton at [dalton@yorklandsgreenhub.ca](mailto:dalton@yorklandsgreenhub.ca).

### The Yorklands Green Hub

We are a non-profit organization working to secure public access on part of the former Ontario Reformatory lands at 785 York Rd. in Guelph. We aim to establish a community sustainable environments centre in the superintendent's house with continuing outdoor enjoyment, education and research in building urban resilience.

This Walkathon is to draw attention to the natural and cultural beauty at this green space: the stone features, scenic meadows, streams, ponds and trails at this heritage parkland. It will also increase our memberships and resources to strengthen our operational outreach and advocacy for water stewardship, local food security and renewable energies. The Guelph Correctional Centre is currently for sale and we are proposing a partnership with the new owner for part of this landmark heritage site for public use. Your support can also advance our programming like Polli-Patches, Yorklands Food Hub and Ten Tall Trees. (more details on our website)

### Our fundraising goal

We are seeking \$10,000 to expand our operational capacity during this exciting and important year for the future of the Guelph Correctional Centre. We will also use it to fund professional support as we move ahead.

## How you can help

You, your family, or your dog can sign up as a walker in our **“We Love Yorklands Walkathon”**. During COVID, the walkathon is happening not on one day, but rather across the whole month of April. You can walk at your own pace, explore one or more of our routes alone or with your bubble, and learn interesting facts along the way.

Please contact David Alton at [dalton@yorklandsgreenhub.ca](mailto:dalton@yorklandsgreenhub.ca) to confirm that you're participating in the We Love Yorklands Walkathon.

In this package is a form where you can keep track of the donations you receive for the Yorklands. Over the course of the month, we encourage you to reach out to your community to collect donations in support of our vision. The Yorklands Green Hub accepts donations of cash and cheques. Cheques can be made out to Yorklands Green Hub. At the end of the fundraiser please send the donations and form to **Yorklands Green Hub, 42 Carden Street, Guelph, N1H 3A2 or contact us for pickup.**

## Options

This walkathon is designed for all movers and shakers - from those with mobility devices to our furry friends. You can register as:

- An Individual - walk by yourself and have your community rally behind you
- A Bubble - walk together with your bubble and make the walkathon a social event
- A dog - your canine pals can take the lead and compete for their own set of prizes!

## Routes

There are six routes in this Walkathon ranging from 1.5-11km in length. Pick the route or routes that make most sense for you. Since the walkathon lasts all month long you can complete your route(s) at your own pace and spread your walking across multiple days. Each route focuses on a different aspect of the Yorklands history and geography from the buildings, to the waterways, to the stones that built them. (Maps attached)

## Perks

To help spread the word of the Yorklands Green Hub and the walkathon there are a few perks you can receive based on how much you donate.

- If you raise more than \$100 you will win one of our unique cotton shopping bags.
- If you raise more than \$500 you will win a set of cards with stunning photos of our setting.
- We also have several unique pieces of artwork donated by local artisans. The top four fundraisers will have their pick from these pieces. Many thanks to our artists for these beautiful creations!
- Plus, we have a bundle from Pet Smart for the dog that raises the most funds. Many thanks to our furry friends.



**"Clythe Creek Summer" by Sharon Seibert**

7" x 9" original acrylic on canvas board framed to 11" x 13"

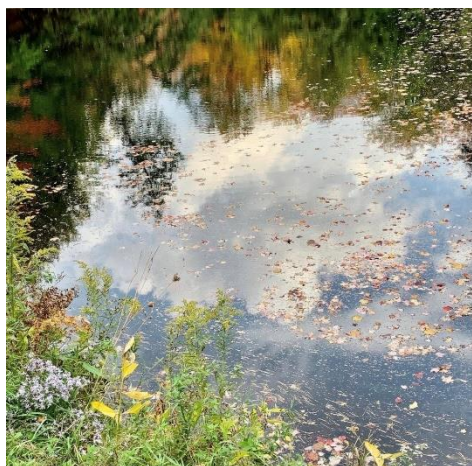
Sharyn Seibert is a Guelph painter, decorator, environmentalist and educator who believes in the healing power of nature. She takes inspiring hikes through Yorklands in all seasons and creates enchanted landscape paintings of this treasure in our community. Visit Sharyn's website at <https://sharynseibert.com> to see a full range of small to large acrylic paintings.



**"Greta Thunberg" by Alison Hall**

Felt Doll

For as long as she can remember, Alison Hall has been in love with textiles and fibres. On discovering needle felting 15 years ago, (when needle felting was basically unheard of) she began creating character dolls, experimenting with different faces and facial expressions. In 2015, she opened her Etsy shop wishing to bring fibres, as well as local wool, to the public so others could try felting too. Her latest creations have been 2 feet tall "mini-me's" that aren't that mini when you consider all the stabbing involved! Learn More here: <https://www.etsy.com/ca/shop/WoollyWonderlings>



**"The Pond in Autumn Light" by Rosanne Morris**

10" x 10", mounted in Acrylic Plexiglass

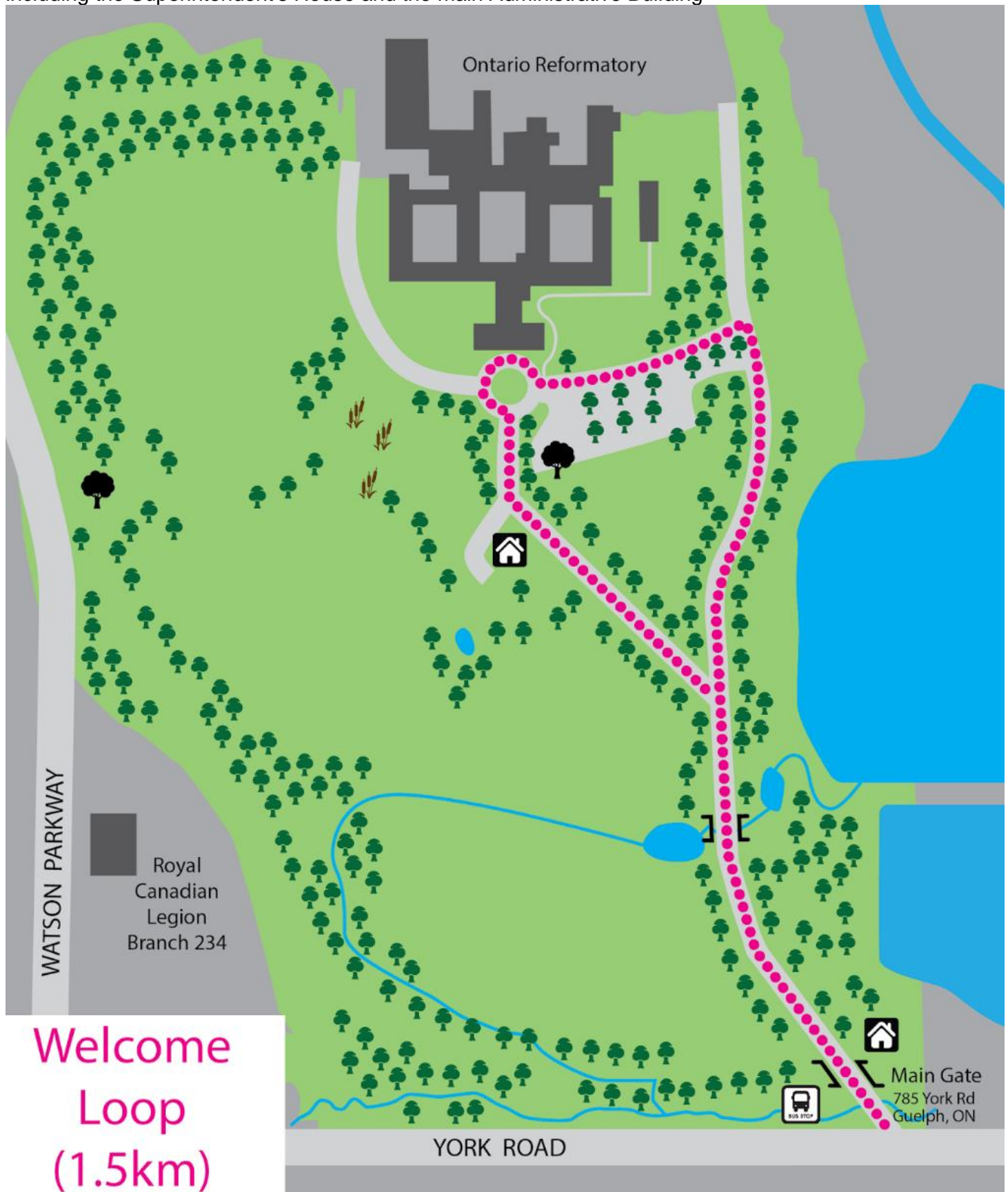
Rosanne Morris is a Guelph artist who is inspired to create while "forest bathing". Her recent discovery is the beauty of the Yorklands Green Hub. Visit Rosanne's website <https://rosannemorris.ca> to see photo-based digital paintings which demonstrate her practise of "Miksang", a Tibetan word for "good eye".

The Fourth art piece that the top fundraisers will get to choose from is a montage of photos of the Yorklands site. It is currently being printed.



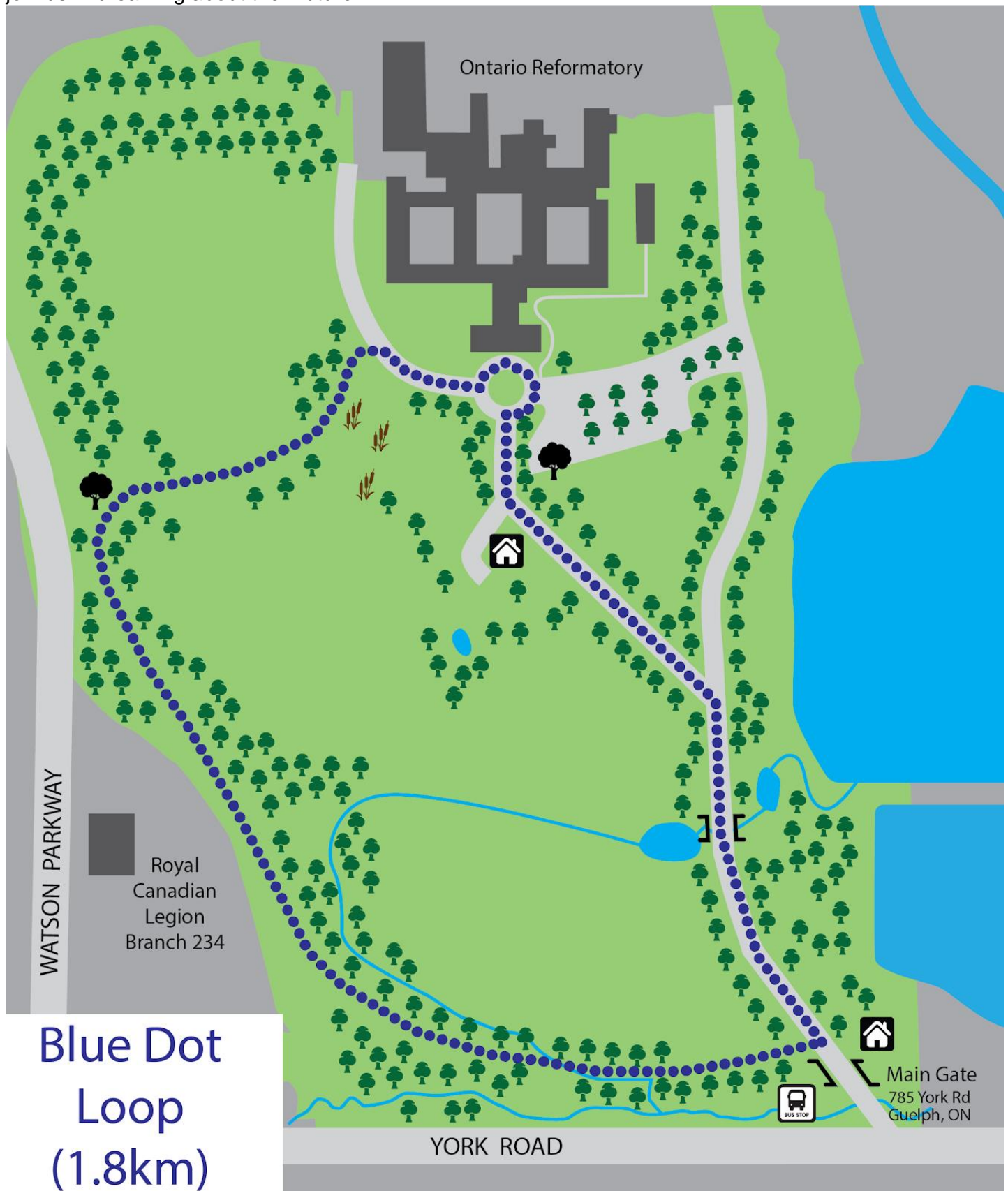
## **Route A - Welcome Loop (1.5km) \*This route is accessible**

Walk along the historic drive and see some of Guelph's century old limestone Heritage Buildings - including the Superintendent's House and the main Administrative Building



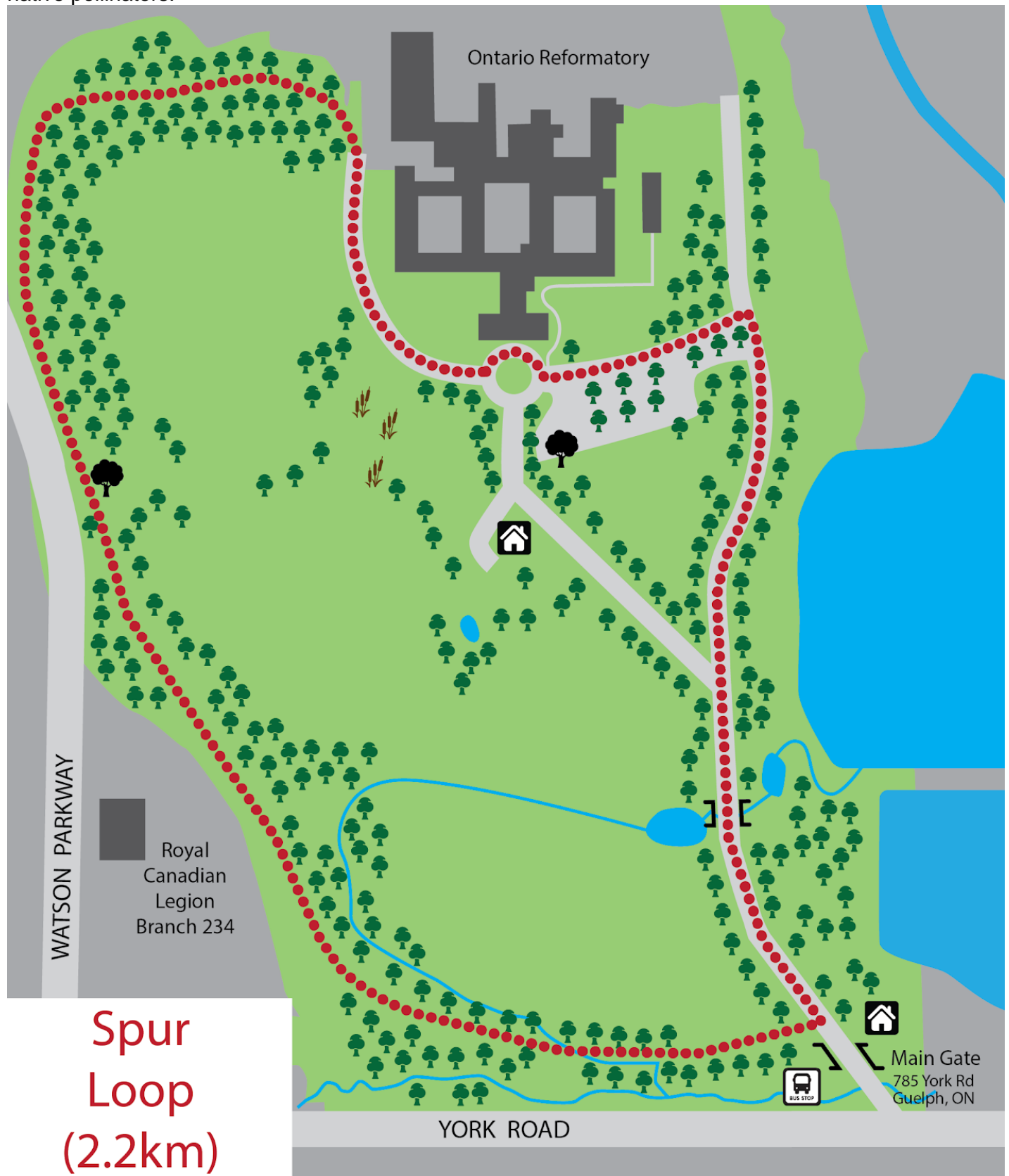
## ***Route B - Blue Dot Loop (1.8km)***

Our main loop for our monthly walking tours. Explore the main heritage features of the Yorklands and join us in dreaming about their future.



## Route C - Spur Loop (2.2km)

Note the meadows, wetlands and remnant woodland edges on the Yorklands. These originally were used to grow food for the former Guelph Correctional Centre. Help us turn this space into a haven for native pollinators.





## Route D - Pond Loop (3km)

Explore the many man-made ponds on the Yorklands and its surrounding area. These waterways were created by the inmates to manage flooding, stock fish, and learn about stonework.



## ***Route E -Quarry Loop (5.8km)***

Explore the various stonework on the Yorklands from the stone walls and bridges to the masonry of the main Administrative Building. This loop also connects to the historic quarry where these stones were collected.





## Route F - River Loop (11km)

For those of you who want a challenge, this loop connects the Yorklands to downtown - following along the Eramosa River.



# Walkathon Form

Use this form to keep track of all your donors and donations. As the Yorklands Green Hub does not have charitable status at the moment we are unable to issue charitable receipts. Submit this form with an envelope of donations to **Yorklands Green Hub, 42 Carden Street, Guelph, N1H 3A2** or **contact us for pickup.**

**Name of Walker:**

Route(s) Walked: A B C D E F

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