

While many Portage residents and park users are familiar with the numerous recreational trails throughout the city, you may not know that several Portage parks have walking paths and trails as well. If you're looking for a quiet walk without the hustle and bustle often found on the busier recreational trails, give one of these trails a try.

Schrier Park offers an extensive nature trail system that includes shorter walking loops (1/4 to 1/2 miles) and longer connector trails (1 to 2 miles) to both the **Eliason Nature Reserve** and **Bishop's Bog**. This trail system can also be accessed from **South Westnedge Park** and **Eliason Nature Reserve**. Across the street from South Westnedge Park is the **West Lake Nature Preserve** which features its own 1-1/2-mile network of nature trails, boardwalks, and outlooks to enjoy.

Another great option for the nature trail enthusiast is the **Gourdneck State Game Area (GSGA)**. This nature area can be accessed from West Centre Avenue, Angling Road, and Vanderbilt Avenue. A great introduction to the GSGA is the 1.9-mile loop that begins at the West Centre Avenue access point across from Kirkland Court.

If you prefer paved pedestrian walking paths, **Harbor's West Park** and **Lakeview Park** have what you're looking for. Harbor's West Park features a 1/3-mile loop and Lakeview Park has 1-1/4 miles of paths with a 3/4-mile outer loop. Take a break from your stroll at Lakeview Park along the boardwalk or one of the piers overlooking Austin Lake. For a mixture of paved open space and unpaved nature paths, **Lexington Green Park** also has 3/4 miles of paths to traverse.

