

**Eastern Bracken (Pteridium Aquilinum)**



**More trails to try in  
Muskoka Lakes Township**

**Hazlewood Trail:** This historic 2.5 km (one way) trail once linked Port Carling to Port Sandfield. It winds through a fine hardwood forest and skirts a large beaver pond well known for its bird life. The entrance is located off Hazlewood Road in Port Carling.

**Torrance Barrens Trails:** Three trails of 4.0, 6.0 and 5.8 km in are located near Torrance. The trails wind through a unique section of Muskoka, pas uninhabited small lakes, over rocky ridges and skirt the edges of extensive wetlands. Go 7 km south on Southwood Road/Muskoka #13 from Muskoka Road #169.

**Hardy Lake Trails:** These trails of 8, 7, and 3 km hug the picturesque and rugged shoreline of the lake and wander through the forests in the park. Located on Muskoka Road #169 near Torrance.

**Huckleberry Rock:** This 2.5 km trail leads the visitor to a scenic lookout over Lake Muskoka. The barren rock trail is pink in colour which contrasts with the green of the forest and the blue of the lake. Access is from the parking lot on Milford Bay Road.

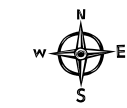
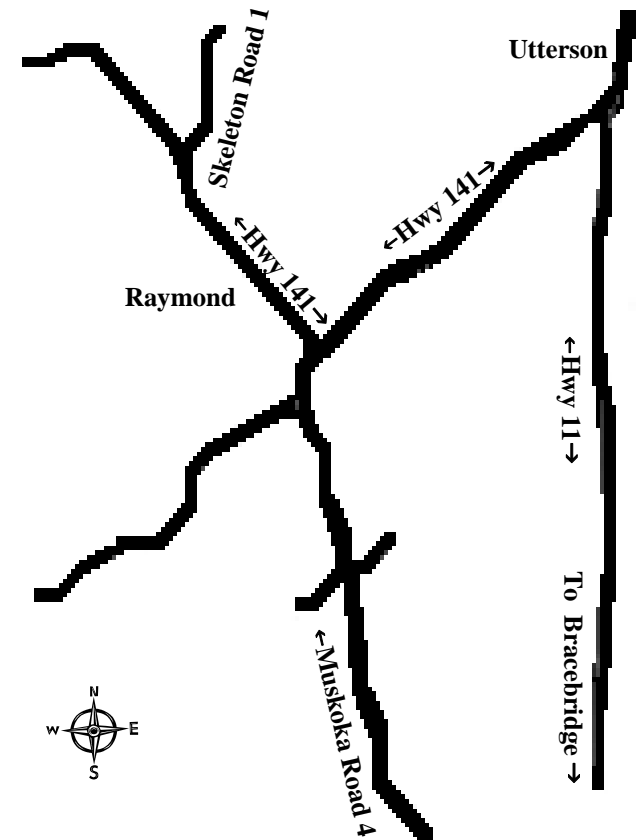
**Skeleton Lake Hatchery Trail:** This 1 km trail winds past old hatchery ponds and along the river draining Skeleton Lake. Interpretive signs and picnic facilities are available and the trail is wheelchair accessible. Located on Fish Hatchery Road near Raymond.

These trails in Muskoka Lakes Township were created for your use by volunteers with sponsorship from individuals and local businesses. We would all benefit if people using our trails would help in maintaining the cleanliness of the trail. Donations are gratefully accepted. Tax receipts are available for donations. Please contact the Township office for more information.



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**RAYMOND TRAIL**



**To Get There**

Take District Road 4 north of Bracebridge on-to Hwy #141 and thence to Skeleton Lake Road #1, one half kilometer past the Raymond Store. Park at the end of the gravel portion careful not to block to road.

From this parking spot the trail is 2 km one way, 4 km round trip.

**Suggested Uses:**

Hiking, mountain biking

**Cinnamon fern (Osmunda cinnamomea)**



## Highlights

The trail is a mixture of old Muskoka: fields, deep woods and moderate hills. Old corduroy (logs) placed in the road, perhaps in the last century, are still visible and helps to make the trail passable. The trail wanders through dense hemlock stands and through hardwoods that are at their best during the autumn. The hemlock stands are a favourite habitat for deer, especially during the winter.

A large gravel pit is bypassed but does indicate the importance of gravel to build and maintain our roadways. An abandoned hunt camp gives mute testimony to the hunting potential of this part of Muskoka and an important part of the lifestyle for many residents.

The trail ends at Skeleton Lake Road 2 and a short walk down the hill will take you to the public wharf on the lake.

Skeleton Lake is believed to be the result of a meteorite striking the earth eons ago.



## TRAIL USER'S GUIDE

These are semi-wilderness trails.  
Be prepared with appropriate footwear and gear.  
Trail distances are measured from the parking lot.  
Stay on the marked trail. Look for white markings and/or flagging ribbons.  
Please pick up any rubbish on the trail.  
Please leave flowers and plants for others to enjoy.  
Protect and do not disturb wildlife.  
Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints.

### Follow these Trail Markers

White  
Marks on  
Rocks &  
Trees

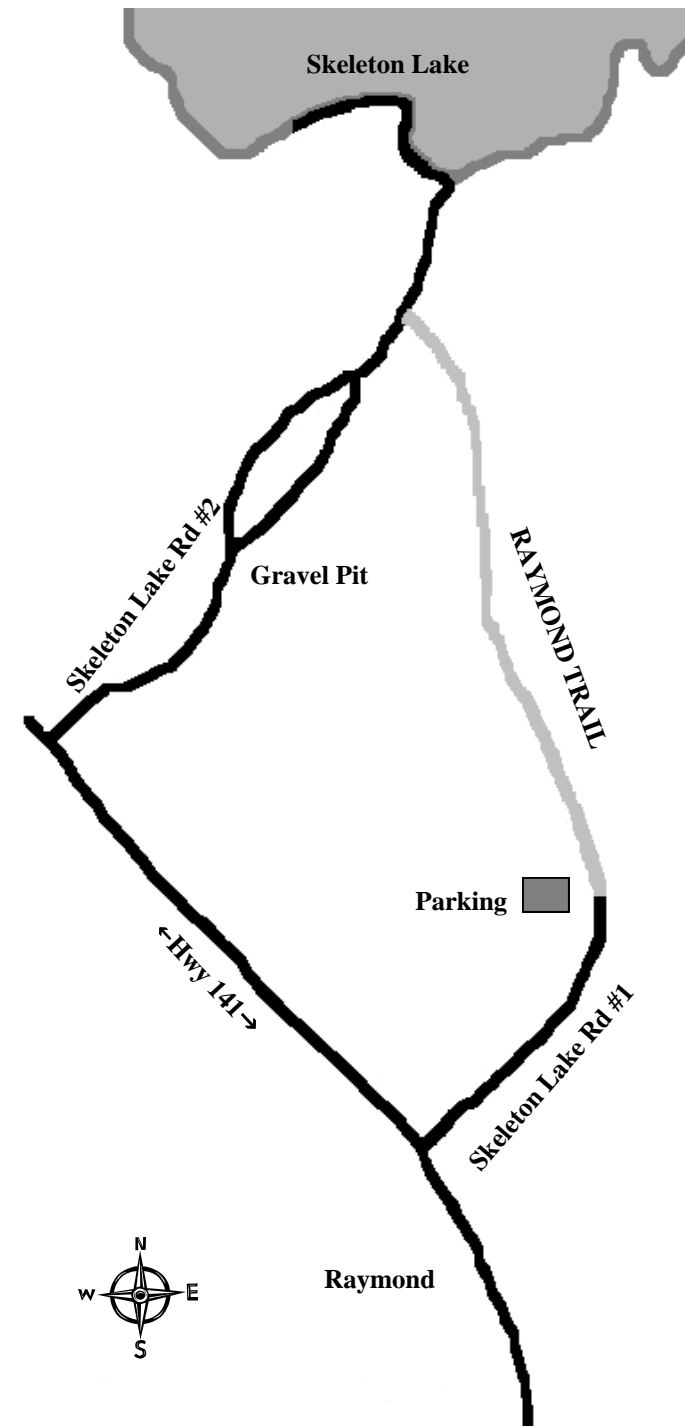


Ribbons  
on  
Trees

Walking is good for your heart.  
Walk 30 minutes 3 to 5 times a week.  
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