



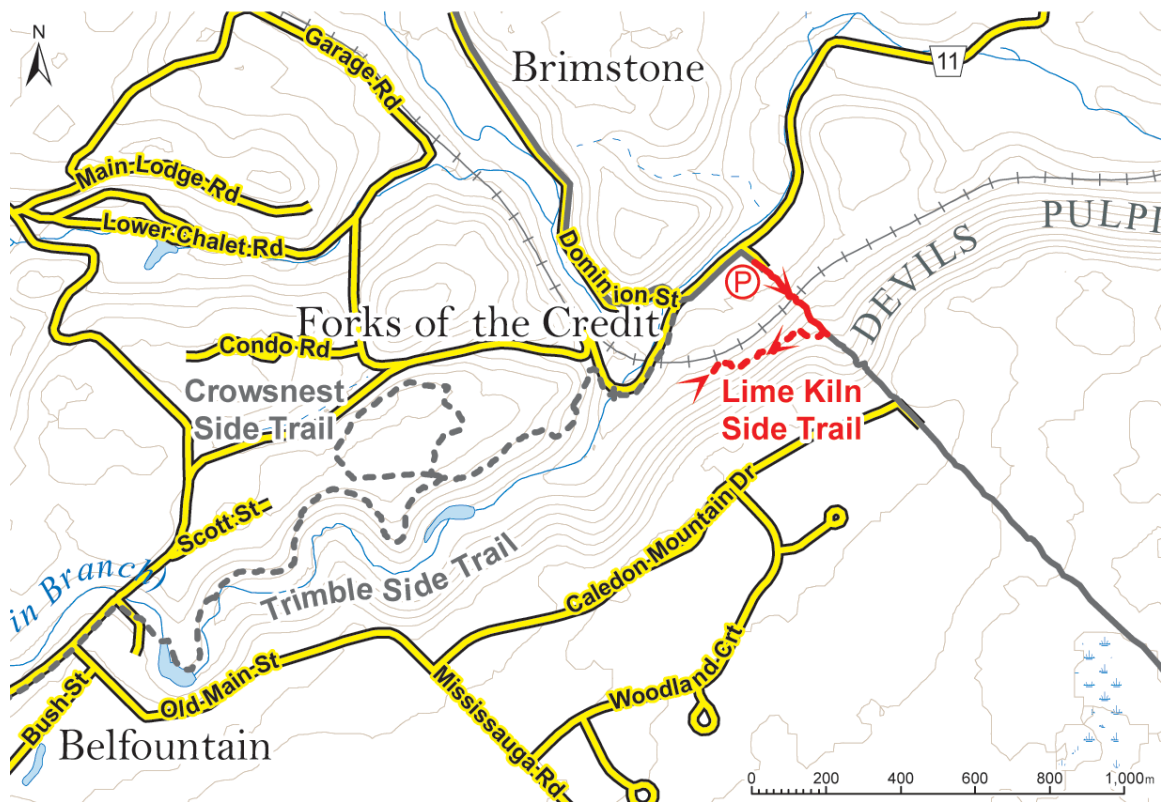
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THE BRUCE TRAIL
CONSERVANCY

Devil's Pulpit and the Hoffman Lime Kiln Ruins

Hike Length: 2.6 km (up and back, including the Lime Kiln)

Section: Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club



How to Get there and Where to Park: On the Forks of the Credit Road, park on the north side between Chisholm Street and the Dominion Road, just to the east of where the two branches of the river meet ("The Forks").

Description of the Hike: Follow the white blazes of the main Bruce Trail south on Chisholm St. on the south side of the Forks of the Credit Road. Your goal is Devil's Pulpit, a 10 m (35 foot) high cliff of *Amabel Dolostone*, the hard caprock of the Niagara Escarpment. The climb from the valley floor is more than 100 m (300 feet), but you will be rewarded for your efforts by a magnificent view to the north.

The valley is rich in history from a century ago. At least six quarries operated here from the 1880s to the 1920s. Stone was transported down from the quarries in narrow tramways, to be loaded on trains at a siding on the main railway line. The siding for the Yorke Quarry can be seen next to the train tracks just a short way west of the Trail, before the trestle bridge.

As you ascend the Trail above the railway tracks, you will notice some old railway rails that cross the Trail. Here you can take the newly-opened Lime Kiln Side Trail which leads for 600 m to the site of the pinnacle of early 20th century technology: a Hoffman Ring Kiln. The huge stone blocks spring out of the forest like a prehistoric ruin. The kiln was used for burning dolostone to create lime, a vital ingredient for early industrial and agricultural purposes. The Hoffman kiln allowed for a continuous fire as it was transferred from one chamber to another around the oval-shaped structure.

Retracing your steps to the white blazed main Trail, continue to follow the blazes south, up the Escarpment through a magnificent area of tumbled rock – nature's rock garden – until you reach the base of Devil's Pulpit. A short climb up the stairway will reward you with magnificent views across the Credit Valley and the satisfaction of having climbed 100 m (300 feet) from the valley floor. From both the Devil's Pulpit and the Lime Kiln, it is necessary to retrace your steps to return to your car. But at least you will be going downhill!