



## History

A meandering channel was the Carp River's natural configuration until the early 1900s when steam-powered dredges were used to widen, deepen and straighten the channel to improve drainage and create more viable farmland. It wasn't long before shoreline erosion and run-off from farmers fields reduced the river to a shallow, silt-filled channel. Rehabilitation work on the Carp River began in 2016, restoring nearly four kilometres of the river to its former meandering glory.



## Site Features

Approximately two kilometres of the path is currently available for public access. Please take any garbage with you and pets must be on a leash at all times.

- Pack your binoculars and camera to see what birds you can discover.
- Learn about the history of the site by reading the new interpretive signs
- Enjoy a peaceful walk or bike ride in nature

## The Living Classroom

A wetland discovery and educational experience in an urban setting. A destination for families to learn about biodiversity and hands-on learning for thousands of students from nearby schools. The potential of the site as a living classroom can be realized in the next development phase.

## Support

Help bring the living classroom to life by donating to the Mississippi Valley Conservation Foundation. Just a \$10 donation will grow the Carp River Conservation Area to help reach its full potential.





## Getting Here

The Carp River Conservation Area is a two-kilometre section of the newly restored Carp River. The site lies between Richardson Side Road to the north and Highway 417 to the south in Kanata. Please note there is no parking or washrooms available. Visitors can park at Insmill Park and walk a short distance to the site.



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# Carp River Conservation Area



Animating a river and its wetlands  
for education and discovery

