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CHEDOKE CLUB HOUSE



CHEDOKE STAIRS

Hamilton's Chedoke stairs will be used 1 million times in 2017

Popular site for fitness enthusiasts

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The two-lane, 289-step Chedoke stairs are by far the most popular set along the escarpment. - John Rennison, The Hamilton Spectator

<https://www.thespec.com/news-story/7996614-hamilton-s-chedoke-stairs-will-be-used-1-million-times-in-2017/>

Next week, someone will make this year's one-millionth trip up or down the Chedoke stairs.

"I would say in and around the 20th of December," says Steve Molloy, project manager for the city's transportation master plan.

There won't be balloons or fireworks, but the city may mark the occasion in some way, he says.

The seven-figure total doesn't surprise regular user Mike Harris. It's a busy place, used mostly for exercise but also for travel.

"Come here on a Saturday or Sunday in the summer and it's packed," he says, estimating there can be 50 to 75 people at a time on the stairs.

The two-lane, 289-step Chedoke stairs are by far the most popular set along the escarpment. The Kimberly staircase on the east Mountain appears likely to come up short of half a million uses this year, and the Wentworth stairs, which were closed for several weeks for repairs this year, won't hit 400,000.

Molloy says he can't give a scientific reason for the higher usage at Chedoke, but suggests it may have something to do with the size of the parking lots at top and bottom.

Pedestrian traffic is tracked with permanent counters at 14 points, including the escarpment stairs, foot bridges across highways and trails. The city also measures bike traffic at four points in the lower city.

Molloy says the counter program (hamilton.ca/atcounts) began with a pilot project in the fall of 2011 using portable measuring units.

The city is regularly questioned about the usage of infrastructure such as escarpment stairs or foot bridges over highways, says Molloy, so having such data is helpful.

THE CHEDOKE STAIRS

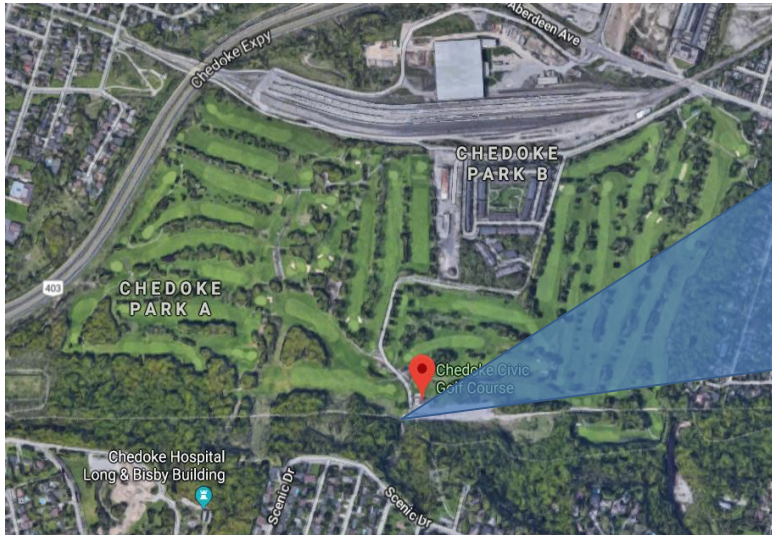
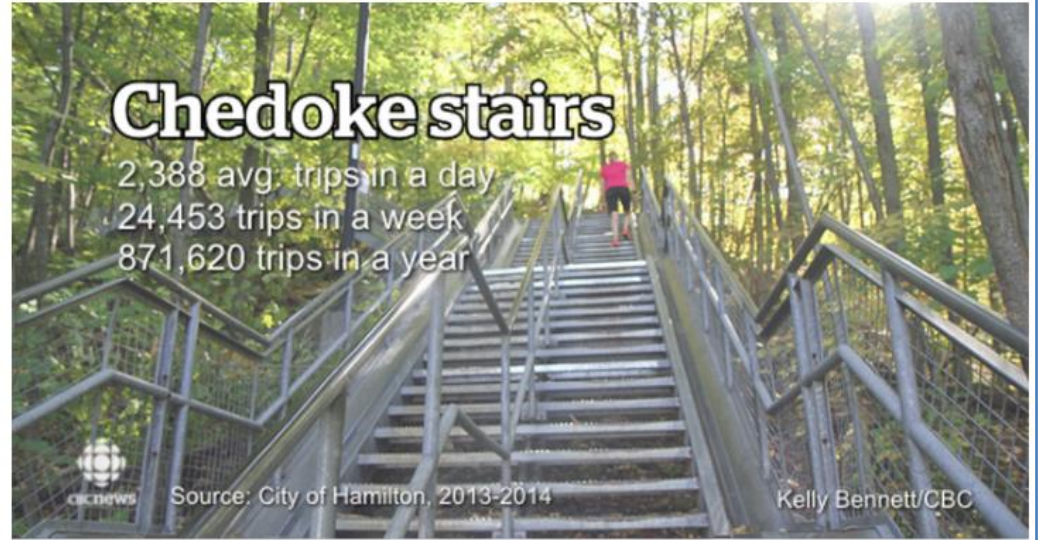


Image Credit: Google

Most popular stairs: Chedoke



<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/news/cardio-with-a-side-of-fall-foliage-hamilton-s-stairs-and-trails-1.3266999>

CHEDOKE RADIAL TRAIL



CHEDOKE RADIAL RAIL TRAIL

Downtown / Ancaster

Connection Points: **Downtown** (Corktown Park at Ferguson Ave / Young St)
Ancaster (Wilson St / Fiddler's Green Rd / Lovers Lane)

Distance: 12 km (1 hr leisurely)

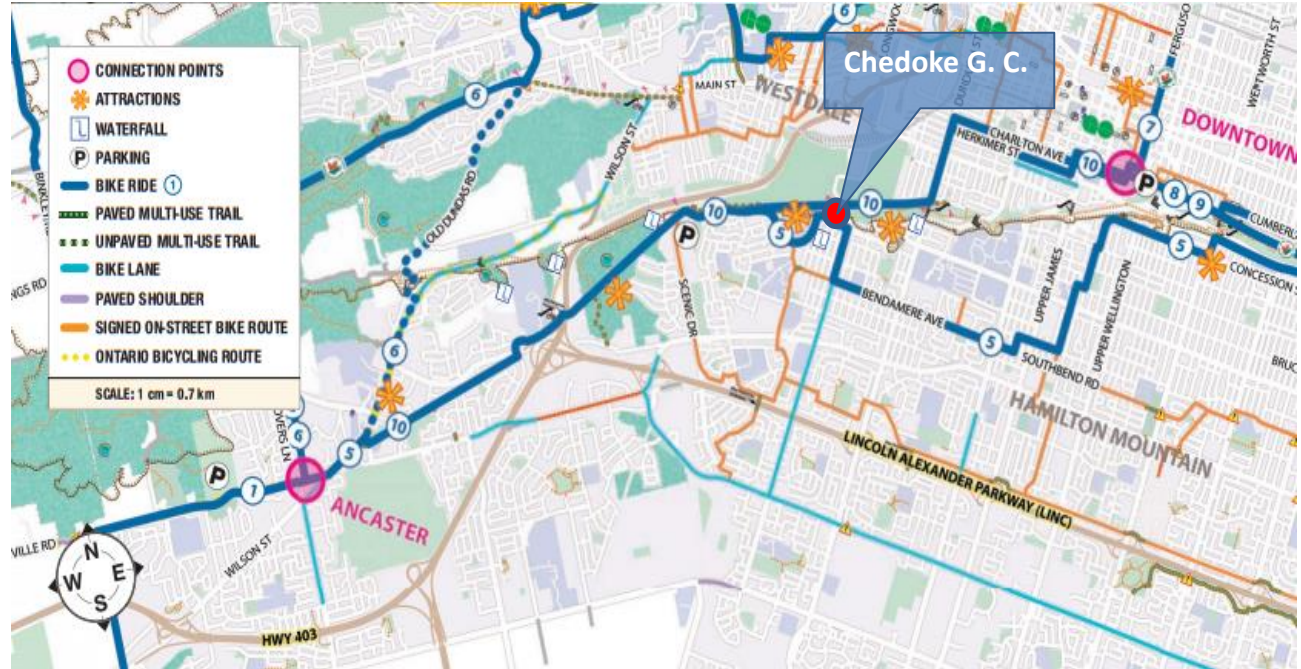
Route Design: **EASY**
Combination of paved on-street and unpaved on Chedoke Rail Trail; stairs with trough crossing Hwy 403
NB: no paved option west of Dundurn St

Take care on Charlton Ave (westbound) and on Herkimer St (eastbound) and at Wilson St

City Transit Access: Downtown: many HSR routes
Ancaster: HSR #16, HSR #5C/5A nearby

Inter-city Transit Access: Downtown: Hamilton GO Centre (GO Transit, Coach Canada, Greyhound)

Parking Access: See Map



CHEDOKE RADIAL TRAIL

The Chedoke Radial Recreational Trail is a pedestrian and bicycle pathway developed on the former right of way of the Brantford and Hamilton Electric Railway.

It is part of the Bruce Trail. Beginning at Hillcrest Avenue, the trail runs for 2.7 kilometers southwest, crossing the Chedoke Golf Course and traversing the escarpment to Scenic Drive.

Here, the trail links with a Hamilton Region Conservation Authority Trail that crosses the Iroquoia Heights Conservation Area and ends at Highway 403. Trail users experience the beauty of the Niagara Escarpment, and take in a magnificent view of the west end of Hamilton and the Dundas Valley.

The trail is considered accessible for those in wheelchairs or those pushing strollers, however the variation in slope (2 to 5%) may present some difficulties.



NIAGARA ESCARPMENT COMMISSION – PROTECTED STATUS

The lands that make up Chedoke golf course are deemed “protected” by the Niagara Escarpment Commission as denoted on the accompanying diagram.

This “protected” designation limits the ability for development that on the site but based on the City’s discussion with the Niagara Escarpment Commission, they would be open to a modest 20-25% increase in the footprint of the existing club house and parking lot.

Proponents can red more about the Niagara Escarpment Commission at:

<https://www.escarpment.org/>

