From Rail....
The Napanee, Tamworth and Quebec Rail-
way was launched in 1879 to connect the
Bay of Quinte to the Ottawa Valley. Devel-
oped in stages by several railway companies,
the line reached Ottawa in 1913. The last
Canadian National train ran in 1979. In 1997 CN
 donated most of the rail
bed to the Cataraqui Re-
gion Conservation Authority. On sections which are
privately-owned, the CRCA has
agreed with the landowners to
use the former rail line as a trail.
The Conservation Authority formed a
management board representing landown-
ers, municipalities and trail users to develop,
maintain and promote the trail. The board’s
responsibilities include finding funds and
volunteers to help maintain and improve the trail.
The thriving railway was a lifeline connect-
ing mining, farming and logging communi-
ties between Napanee and Smiths Falls a
century ago. Today the railway-turned-trail
links history and nature.

.... To Trail
The 104 kilometre recreational trail is lined with history: ham-
lets and villages, active and aban-
donated farms, old mills, regen-
erating forests, historic bridges,
forgotten mines and the Rideau
Canal – a World Heritage Site.
The trail cuts through the granite of the Ca-
nadian Shield, crosses pastoral limestone
plains, fields, forest and wetlands. It offers
views of lakes, rivers and streams.
The Cataraqui Trail is a year-
round, shared-use recreational trail
for hikers, joggers, cross-country
skiers, mountain bikers, horseback
riders, bird watchers, naturalists
and snowmobilers with a current
Ontario Federation of Snow-
mobile Clubs trail permit.
The Cataraqui Trail is ideal
for experiencing nature, for
photography and offers mixed habitats that
are home to abundant wildlife.
It links parks, historic sites, museums, art gal-
leries and commercial areas.
The Cataraqui Trail is part of the Trans
Canada Trail, a nationwide network of trails
that cross Canada.
Cataraqui Trail Access Points

To Perth
- From Highway 15, take Portland Station Road. Trail is 0.7 km from Highway 15.

Highway 15 Km 34.5
- Access is at Highway 15, 2.5 km north of Elgin and 3.5 km south of Crosby.

Chaffey’s Locks Km 43.1
- Access is near the intersection of Indian Lake and Opinicon Roads, 1 km west of lock.

Perth Road Village Km 60.7
- Access is on Frontenac Road 10, 0.6 km north of Perth Road Village.

Sydenham Km 71.7
- Access is on Frontenac Road 19, Bedford Road beside the grocery store.

Harrowsmith Km 78.2
- Access is at Highway 30, 0.1 km north of gas station. This is where the Cataraqui and K&P Trails meet.

Yarker Km 87.5
- From Lennox & Addington Road 6, turn uphill on Cutler Road and then turn onto Sidings Street.

Camden East Km 95.0
- Trail is at Lennox & Addington Road 4 and Heritage Drive, 0.4 km north of the village.

Newburgh Km 98.7
- Trail is on Main Street at north end of village.

Strathcona Km 102.2
- Go to the south end of Finlay Street and the trail is to northeast of Strathcona Paper factory buildings.

Legend
- Village
- County Road or Highway
- Cataraqui Trail
- Distance in Kilometres
- Parking

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