

## RE: Contact us, Trail Inquiry (Robin)

Ron Savage <[REDACTED]>

Sat 8/26/2023 2:44 PM

To: Robin Currie <robin@greybruceplumbing.ca>

Cc: Adam Brylowski <abrylowski@brucetrail.org>

Hi Robin

I had a look at the two areas you have concerns with.

Drivers can legally park along the shoulder of a public road if they obey the no-parking signs that may be present. The Bruce Trail maps often include suggested parking locations on public roads in safe areas.

The first location marked with your yellow star is a concern. Due to the trees, drivers turning north onto the side road can't see cars parked close to the intersection. Both sides would be a problem close to the corner. As this is a public road, the Township has jurisdiction over parking. I will ask the Township to place no parking signage close to the intersection. They and the police can enforce the parking problem at the corner. I will ask the BTC to move the suggested parking away from the corner on their mapping and APP. Guidebooks only come out every three years, so it will be a while before our new maps show the suggested parking change.

Your second marked area is also a problem - during the winter. During the summer, hikers would likely not park at that location. They would drive down to the nature reserve and park there. The road is closed in winter, and they probably park near your driveway during winter months. The snow banks and the plows having nowhere to turn would create a problem for you and the Township. I will ask Georgian Bluffs to place no parking signs near your driveway and back along the roadway.

After the Township installs the signage, this should significantly reduce your problem. Another solution in the longer term would be a Bruce Trail parking lot on the northwest corner of our property. I will ask the BTC staff to investigate this idea's feasibility and expense.

Best regards

Ron

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**From:** Robin Currie <robin@greybruceplumbing.ca>

**Sent:** August 25,

**To:** Ron Savage <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Re: Contact us, Trail Inquiry (Robin)

Good afternoon Ron - thank you for the response.

The map attached has two stars:

**Yellow star:** this is one of the bigger areas of concern as cars line up on the road, right at the corner. When turning onto the road, from Indian Acres heading west turning North, it is impossible to see them until you have made the turn. Often times there will be cars side by side - off loading. I was leaving Gordon Sutherland one day, to have a delivery truck turn onto the road and almost hit me head on, as he was trying to avoid rear-ending a car that was parked. If they aren't directly on the road they often park on the opposite side, on our lovely elderly widow

neighbours lawn. She is worried all the time - she is elderly and alone, and certainly does not maintain her property to have it turn into a parking lot.

**Red star:** this area becomes a concern in winter as that is where the winter maintenance stops. People then park in the dead end directly in front of our house, and when the groups are large, they will park one behind each other. In the winter it is barely one lane. There have been numerous occasions where we have not been able to get home as the road and our driveway were blocked.

The other issue is that when the grader comes to plough, he cannot do his job, or get the space he needs to turn around.

There is some grassy area at the end of the road that the Trail people maintain - people can park there, or they can park at the trail staging area at Grey Rd 17 in Benallen - we aren't sure why parking on the road is even an option.

Today we were told by a trail member that because it is the Bruce trail, and she pays for a membership she can park on the Bruce Trail - complete failure to recognize that it is a road - and at times a well travelled road.

Now, I know that some of this is unavoidable and not everyone has common sense, but numerous times we have been told that the section of road in question is flagged as a parking area by the Bruce Trail Conservatory on maps and on the website. That to me does not make any sense at all.

We are hoping that some education can happen, and any reference to the designated parking areas can be updated accordingly.

Thank you again for your time,

**ROBIN CURRIE**

Business Administrator

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**From:** Ron Savage <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2023 12:57 PM  
**To:** Robin Currie <[robin@greybruceplumbing.ca](mailto:robin@greybruceplumbing.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Contact us, Trail Inquiry (Robin)

Hi Robin

I am sorry you are having problems with hikers parking near your home. I would like to work with you to remedy the situation. Please send me a map of where the problem is located.

Best regards

Ron Savage - Sydenham Trail Director

-----Original Message-----

From: Robin <[sydenhambrucetrail@gmail.com](mailto:sydenhambrucetrail@gmail.com)>

Sent: August 25, 2023 9:50 AM

To: [sydenhambrucetrail@gmail.com](mailto:sydenhambrucetrail@gmail.com); [traildirector@sydenhambrucetrail.ca](mailto:traildirector@sydenhambrucetrail.ca)

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The following message was submitted via the web form by Robin  
([robin@greybruceplumbing.ca](mailto:robin@greybruceplumbing.ca)) on Fri Aug 25 2023 09:50:07 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time) :

I am a neighbour of the Bruce Trail north of Owen Sound. Our home is on a road portion where the trail passes.

We have been having trouble for years with people parking on the road to do their hikes, creating dangerous unsafe conditions. If not right on the road, they will often park on our lawns or in the farm land driveways obstructing farm equipment.

This past winter I was prevented from leaving or entering my driveway due to large groups of people parking and blocking the road off completely.

When we have approached people asking them not to park on the road, they are often ignorant and abusive.

Apparently the roadway is marked on Bruce Trail maps as a designated parking area. So they defend their dangerous actions by saying they are following the rules.

I feel the highway traffic act should supersede the Bruce Trail with regards to parking on a road way.

I would like this changed. There is parking further down the road at either end, there is no reason for people to park at an intersection, on the road.

I would be happy to email a map showing where the issue is, or discuss our concerns with anyone.