

A Brief History of Smythe Park

Carrying Place trail

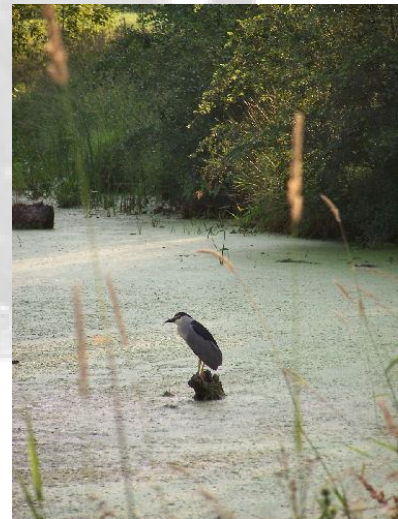
- The Toronto Carrying Place trail cuts through Smythe Park, crossing the Black Creek at a footbridge about halfway down the park.
- Apparently this footbridge exists near the point where Governor Simcoe stopped for lunch on September 22, 1793, before crossing the creek.

Conn Stafford Smythe's Quarry

- Smythe Park is named after Conn Stafford Smythe, a famed owner of the Toronto Maple Leafs, and the person responsible for the construction of Maple Leaf Gardens (known as the "house that Smythe built").
- At this site Smythe owned an active gravel quarry from the 1930s - 1950s. This quarry extracted the gravel from a portion of the Davenport Gravel Bar.
- Smythe Park was the winner of a quarry restoration award - awarded by the Aggregate Producers Association of Ontario - Bronze Plaque Award - for outstanding examples of state of the art pit or quarry rehabilitation.

Smythe Park today

Great Blue Heron



Black Crowned Night Heron

