Southam Park Master Plan
Self-Guided Presentation

Image Source: Head of the Lake Historical Society
WHY DO A MASTER PLAN?

1. The park is currently an under-utilized space
2. Opportunity to examine existing and future uses
3. Create a “blueprint” for future park improvements
MASTER PLAN PROCESS METHODOLOGY

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PROJECT TIMELINE

- **Summer 2020**: Site Investigation + Analysis
- **Fall 2020**: Public Information Centre #1
- **Fall 2020**: Online Survey Launches
- **Winter 2020**: Develop Design Concepts
- **Winter 2020**: Design Concept Survey Launches
- **Winter 2020**: Public Input Gathered on Master Plan
- **Spring 2021**: Final Master Plan

**WE ARE HERE**

- **Fall 2020**: Public Information Centre #2 (TBD)
- **Fall 2020**: Master Plan Draft Developed

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**SITE HISTORY**

**HISTORIC USES**

Mountain View Hotel (1850-1937)

Hamilton and Barton Incline Railway (1892-1932)

James Street Stairs along the old railway line

Southam family gifted land to city in 1943, in honour of Major Gordan Southam, killed in WWI

*Image Sources (L-R): Memories of Wentworth; Hamilton's Jubilee of Confederation 1927; TrainWeb; TrainWeb; Upper Canada College; Hamilton Public Library & TrainWeb*
SITE HISTORY
AERIAL IMAGERY

1934

1950

1964

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1934
- Hamilton and Barton Incline Railway tracks
- Incline Railway Station
- Hamilton Hunt Club (Former Mountain View Hotel)
- Covered open-air structure
- Oval track
- Building
- Back entrance into the site

1950
- Foundations of former Railway Station
- Decorative gardens and fountain
- Stone structure and bench seating
- Mature trees
- Remains / foundations
- Walkway through park

1964
- James Street stairs
- Decorative gardens and memorial fountain?
- Stone structure
- Mature trees retained
- Walkway through park
- Decorative planting along Upper James Street

Site at this time operating as City of Hamilton public park

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RECENT PROJECT LINKAGES

Upbound Resurfacing & Keddy Access Trail Construction
Completion Timeline: November 2020
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Upbound Resurfacing & Keddy Access Trail Construction (Ongoing)

Mountain Brow Trail Feasibility Master Plan (Study Completed 2018)

Hamilton Recreational Trails Master Plan (Study Completed 2016)

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INVENTORY OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

OPEN SPACE

DESIRE PATHS

LACK OF FURNITURE

INCONSISTENT MATERIALS

DRAINAGE ISSUES

HISTORIC PANELS

MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN

MATURE CANOPY

UNUSED SPACE

VANDALISM

VIEWS INTO PARK

SAFETY + VISIBILITY CONCERNS

BRUCE TRAIL CONNECTION

FUTURE LINKAGES

UNKEPT SLOPE

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PARK OPPORTUNITIES

CONNECTIVITY TO SIGNIFICANT TRAIL NETWORKS + SITUATION ON MOUNTAIN BROW

OPEN SPACE FOR PROGRAMMING

HISTORICAL + CULTURAL INTERPRETATION

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We want to hear from you!

VISIT: www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation/improving-our-parks/southam-park

Project information and updates

Link to a user survey

Upcoming community consultation events

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