

# The Church Woods

Marked Trails:

Total Trail: 1.5 km

– Boundary Line



All Couchiching Conservancy trails are easy to moderate.

**Church Street, Shanty Bay, ON**



## Protecting nature for future generations



The most notable historic site in the village of Shanty Bay is St. Thomas Anglican Church, built in the 1800s from mud and wood cut from nearby forests. Immediately behind this historic structure is The Church Woods, a 25 acre stand that has been in the O'Brien family since 1832.

In 2006, the far-flung descendants of this family decided to sell the Woods, and offered it at a reduced price to the Shanty Bay neighbours. A group of neighbours enlisted The Conservancy to assist and led a community fund-raising drive to collect nearly \$600,000. The Township of Oro-Medonte provided a supporting grant, and the O'Brien family generously donated the remainder of the land value.

If you care for this place, please consider helping by making a donation, becoming a member, volunteering or attending an event.

### Nature Reserve Etiquette:

- Use at your own risk
- Pedestrian traffic only
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times
- Do not take from the forest
- Leave no trace

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