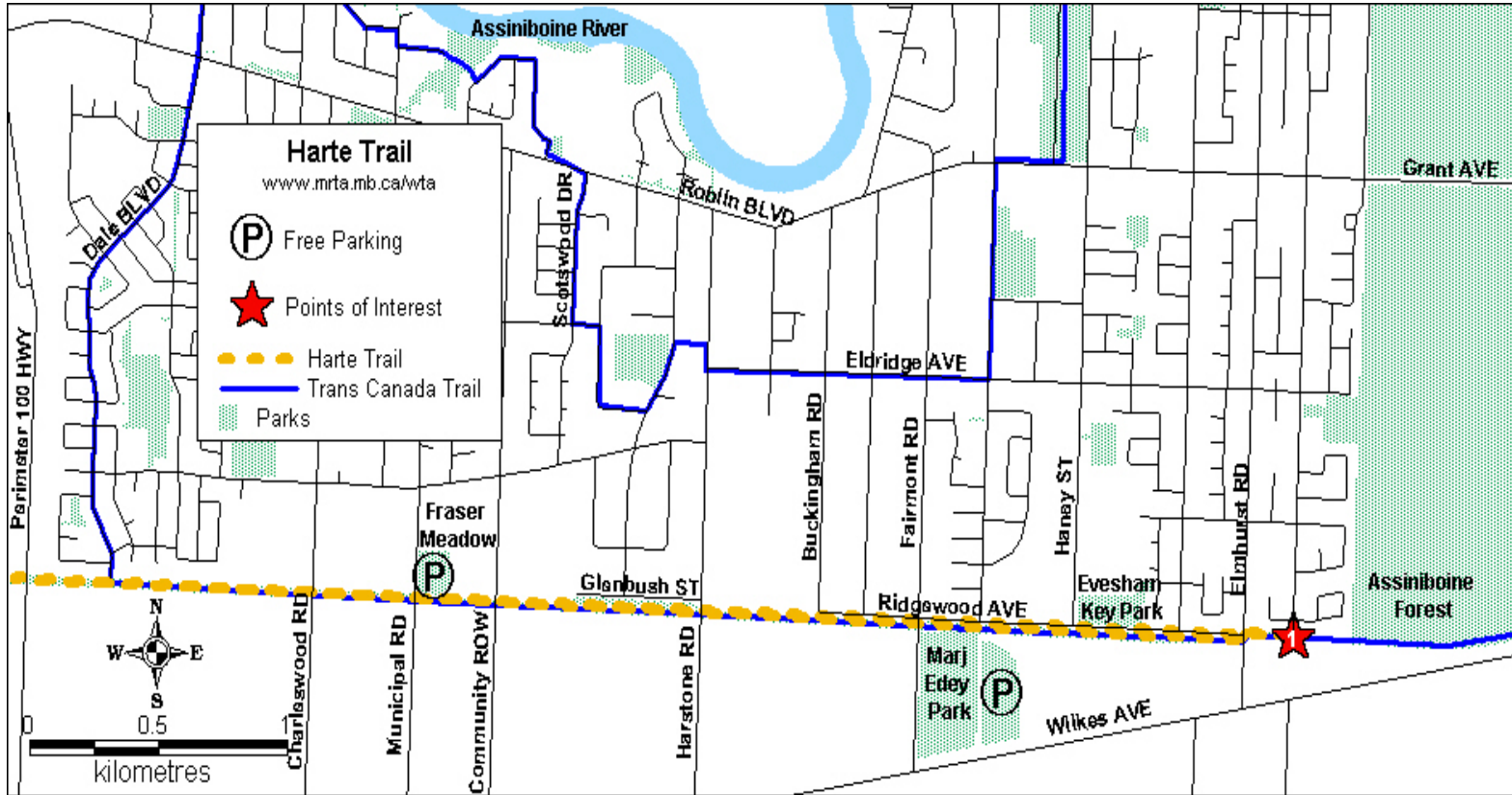


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The Harte Trail is the longest linear trail in Winnipeg and is located at the southern edge of Charleswood, running east west between the Perimeter Highway and the Assiniboine Forest. The trail is a significant part of the Winnipeg sector of the Trans Canada Trail.

The Harte Trail is an abandoned rail bed built by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad and operated from 1894 until 1972. The historical Prairie Dog steam trail saw the last use of the tracks. CN Rail transferred the right of way to the City of Winnipeg. The property was assigned to the streets department and was originally earmarked to become a four lane corridor for Charleswood. There was major public opposition to the south Westdale development (bound by Wilkes, the Perimeter, Charleswood Road and existing Westdale, which would have led the street development. The city designated the trail as a public green space in perpetuity for the purpose of becoming part of the Trans Canada Trail System. The Friends of the Harte Trail have accepted the stewardship of the trail as it runs from the southwest corner of the Assiniboine Forest to the Perimeter Highway.

## Harte Trail Features

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- Parking:** Parking can be found on residential streets alongside the trail. There a parking lot at Marg Edie Park off Ridgewood and parking lot at Fraser Meadows on Municipal Road.
- Distance:** ~ 5 km from Elmhurst to the Perimeter.
- Surface Type:** Crushed limestone
- Suitable For:** Walking, cycling
- Seasons:** Open year around, trail users compact snow in winter.
- Amenities:** Benches, interpretive signage of area habitat and wildlife.

