

# *nowhen*

## Audience & Visual Guide

High Park Trails and Amphitheatre

August 5-15, 2021



# OVERVIEW

*Seven paths, seven stories, converging in celebration of the thing that unites us – place.*

Guests will gather in small groups at one of 7 different starting locations around the outskirts of High Park. Each group will be guided along a different route through the park, each with a different narrative, all converging together at the High Park Amphitheatre where the performance concludes.

## EXPERIENCE

Audience members will need a **smartphone and headphones**. You will be invited to download the app 'ECHOES' to your smartphones, and will be sent a link to the Tract you've selected. This app will play an audio experience as a Performer guides the group through High Park to the Amphitheatre. Each Tract is approximately a 30 minute walk at a relatively slow pace. Each Tract has different terrain, and different levels of accessibility; below is a brief overview, more details and photos can be found on pages 8-21 of this guide.

**Tract 1** takes you on mostly even terrain, including sidewalks and forest paths. This Tract also travels up a large set of stairs.

**Tract 2** takes you downhill on some narrow and more rough forest paths, up a metal staircase, as well as more even paved and dirt paths. A large part of this path is in the dogs-off-leash section.

**Tract 3** is mostly a journey through a well-traveled and fairly even forest trail. This Tract takes you down a metal staircase and is mostly in the dogs-off-leash section.

**Tract 4** is the most accessible terrain, and is almost entirely on paved sidewalk, except for a brief, but relatively smooth dirt & gravel section.

**Tract 5** takes you on a wide dirt path that can often be muddy in sections, and includes some more rough, narrow uphill forest trails.

**Tract 6** is also fairly accessible; it takes you on relatively level terrain; paved paths, with one fairly steep hill.

**Tract 7** is the most adventurous terrain, and will take you on some rough forest paths, uphill and downhill, as well as more flat and even terrain.

# EXPERIENCE

Things to bring:

- **Smartphone**
- **Headphones**
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Water bottle
- Sun safety items: sunscreen, hat, cooling cloth etc.

**Booking a Device:** A limited number of mobile devices are available to borrow.

If you would like to request one for use during *nowhen*, please email [boxoffice@canadianstage.com](mailto:boxoffice@canadianstage.com) or call 416-368-3110.

# ECHOES APP

Audience members will be asked to download the app 'ECHOES' to their smartphones. The app can be found here:

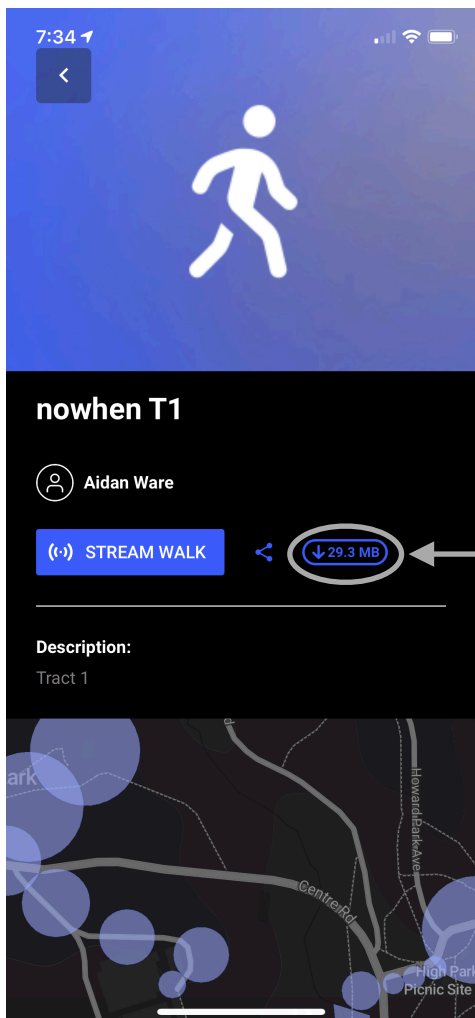
iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/echoes-interactive-sound-walks/id1021511722>

Google Play: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=xyz.echoes.android&hl=en\\_GB](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=xyz.echoes.android&hl=en_GB)

Audience members will need to bring **headphones**; the app will play audio as each group is guided on their Tract by a Performer.

ECHOES uses GPS to play audio at specific locations along the Tracts. You will be sent a link to your Tract which can then be opened in ECHOES.

Once you have received your Tract link, click on it, and it will open in the app and look like this:



The experience will work best if you **download** the WALK, instead of streaming it.

Staff will let you know when to start your audio, and will be on hand to troubleshoot any issues.

Click here to download the WALK.



# LOCATION

nowhen takes place on 7 different trails and paths throughout High Park, and at the High Park Amphitheatre. 7 different groups of audience members will begin at 7 different locations on the outskirts of High Park, and each group will travel a different route, and will join together in the High Park Amphitheatre. **For precise starting locations, please see individual Tract information**



# HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Dream in High Park outdoor experience has been designed with the safety and comfort of patrons, artists, and staff as the top priority. Canadian Stage will continue to monitor and respond to governmental policy changes and advice from health authorities to ensure we are always up-to-date and offering the safest experience possible.

## Things to know.

- **Face Coverings:** Patrons and staff will be required to wear masks at all times.
- **Reduced Contact:** As much as possible, interactions between Dream in High Park staff and patrons will be contactless. This includes ticket scanning, box office transactions, and health screenings. Staff will be equipped with masks to keep all guests safe.
- **Physical Distancing:** Staff, stanchions, barriers, and signage will be in place throughout the Dream in High Park site to ensure physical distancing is maintained for patrons.
- **Sanitation:** Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the Dream in High Park site. All high-touch surfaces will be sanitized both prior to and following each performance.

Please do not attend if you have a fever or are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of attending, or if you have had close contact with anyone suspected or confirmed of having COVID-19.

## Liability Waiver

While we have put measures in place to enhance safety and help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission from person to person, an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in public places where people gather. By attending Dream in High Park, you voluntarily assume all risks related to possible exposure of COVID-19. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in removal from the venue.

All residents and visitors of Toronto must follow the City of Toronto's current Public Health regulations. **[Click here to view the current Public Health Regulations for the City of Toronto.](#)**

# HIGH PARK

## Protect High Park

High Park is a unique and sacred ecosystem. We can all do our part to keep it vibrant for generations to come. Here are some guidelines on how to enjoy the park responsibly:

1. **Stay on paths.** They were created to allow you to enjoy nature without affecting it. Stepping off a marked path may seem innocent, but it can result in damage to animal habitats and nests and can cause harm to native plants vital to maintaining balance in the ecosystem.
2. **Don't disturb plants and animals by moving their things around.** This is their home. That branch might have a specific purpose. Best to leave everything as is. They will appreciate it.
3. **Leave no trace.** Anything you bring on your visit including wrappers, snacks and masks, should exit the park when you do.
4. **Open your heart.** The beauty of High Park is to be experienced with your heart. Be present, listen to the sounds, enjoy the views and smells, feel the freshness of the air, and your spirit will swell.

By following these responsible practices, we can minimize our impact on the natural environment in High Park. Enjoy your visit!

## Share the Space

We will be sharing the park and paths with other park users and the many creatures that call the park home. Please share space with other park users and wildlife as we encounter them on the journey.

## Poison Ivy

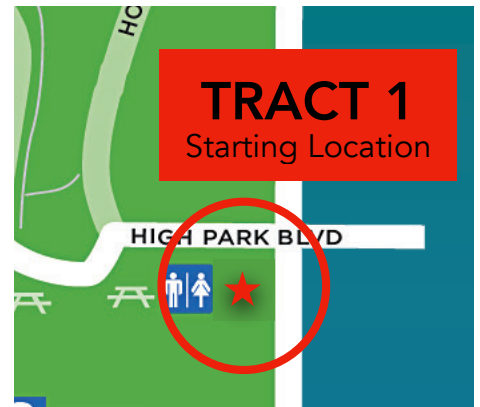
There is Poison Ivy in High Park! Please be sure to stick to the paths and keep an eye out for poison ivy; remember the saying "Leaves of Three? Leave it be!"



# TRACT ONE

## Location:

Tract One begins on the southwest corner of High Park Boulevard and Parkside Drive. Audience members will gather just south of the archway marking the entrance to the park.



## Getting there:

**TTC:** The 80 Queensway Bus stops at the corner of Parkside Drive and High Park Boulevard, just across the street from the Tract One Starting Location.

**Parking:** There is street parking on Parkside Drive, and on High Park Blvd. Parking can be busy near High Park so give yourself extra time to find a space. Alternately there is parking in High Park near the Amphitheatre (where the performance will end). If you park near the Amphitheatre, give yourself approx 15-20min to walk back out to the Starting Location, and leave extra time to find it if you are not familiar with this section of the park. **Please Note: The park is closed to vehicle traffic on weekends. The centre of the park (and Amphitheatre) cannot be accessed through Colborne Lodge Drive.**



# TRACT ONE TERRAIN

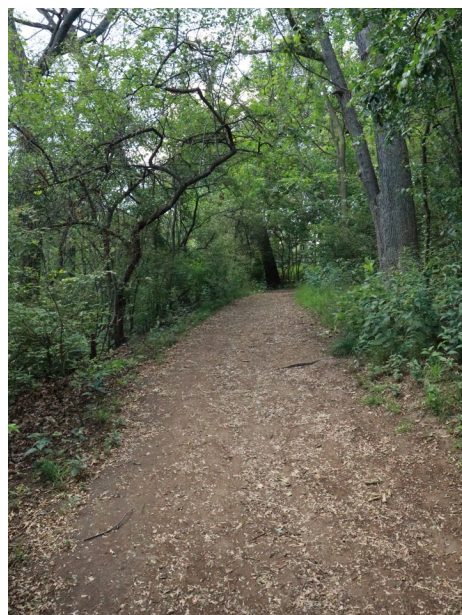
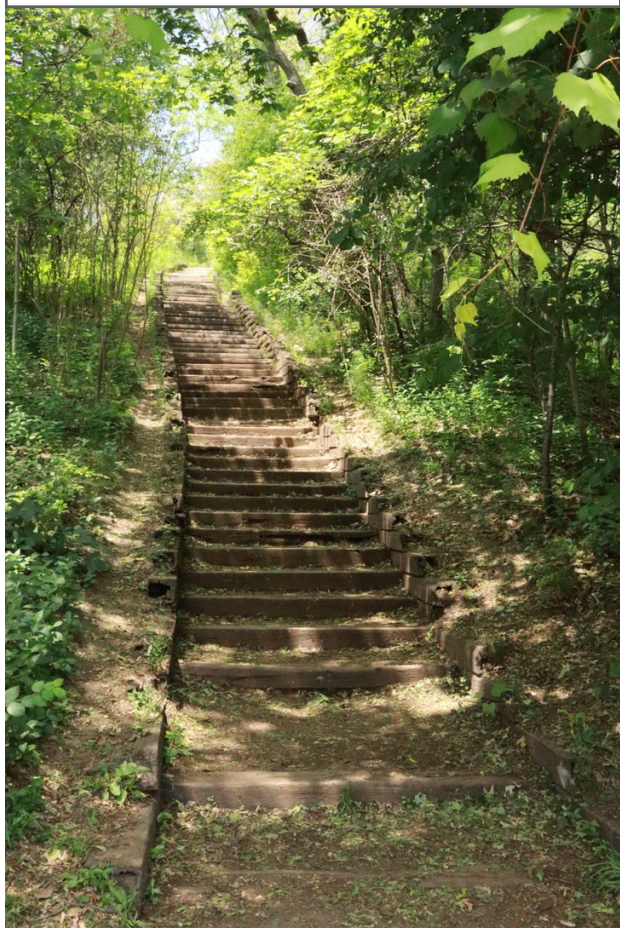
These are the types of terrain you'll encounter on Tract One:

Paved sidewalks, some with a slightly rough surface. Some sidewalks proceed down a hill.



Grassy areas.

A long, steep staircase with rough wood steps



A dirt path; this section can contain uneven ground and tree roots.

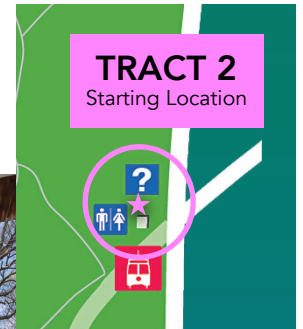
Tract One crosses 2 roadways. These crossings do not have ramped access.



# TRACT TWO

## Location:

Tract Two begins across from the 506 Streetcar stop and washroom building inside High Park. The closest intersection is Parkside Drive and Howard Park Avenue. Audience Members will gather at the map of High Park across from the washroom building.



## Getting there:

**TTC:** The 506 College Streetcar stops inside High Park (at the High Park Loop), directly next to the Tract Two Starting Location. The 80 Queensway Bus stops at the intersection of Parkside Drive and Howard Park Avenue; from there it's a very short walk to the Starting Location next to the Streetcar stop.

**Parking:** There is street parking on Parkside Drive, and on Howard Park Drive. Parking can be busy near High Park so give yourself extra time to find a space. Alternately there is parking in High Park near the Amphitheatre (where the performance will end). If you park near the Amphitheatre, give yourself approx 15-20min to walk back out to the Starting Location, and leave extra time to find it if you are not familiar with this section of the park. **Please Note: The park is closed to vehicle traffic on weekends. The centre of the park (and Amphitheatre) cannot be accessed through Colborne Lodge Drive.**



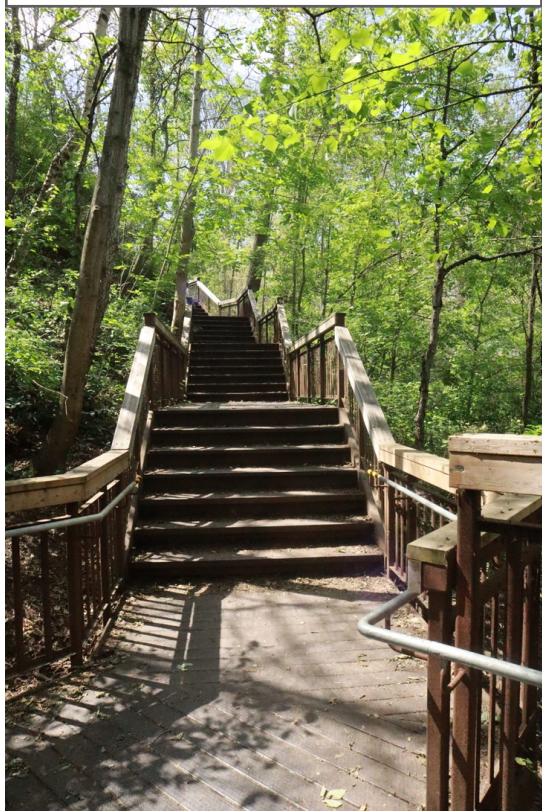
# TRACT TWO TERRAIN

These are the types of terrain you'll encounter on Tract Two:

Paved paths.



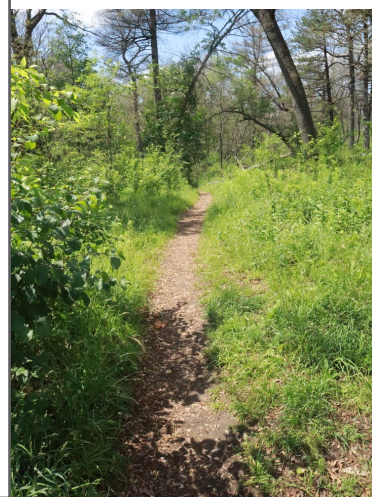
A metal staircase



Most of Tract Two is in the Dogs Off-Leash Area. Here you will encounter dogs and dog-owners off-leash.



Dirt paths; some are narrow nature trails, some are wider well-traveled paths. These trails can contain uneven ground and tree roots.



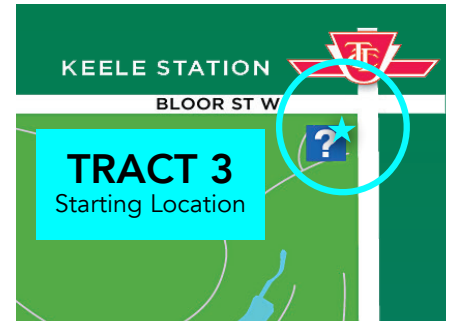
Some rough dirt and wood steps.



# TRACT THREE

## Location:

Tract Three begins on the southwest corner of Bloor Street West and Parkside Drive. Audience members will gather just past the stone fountains and benches at the corner.



## Getting there:

**TTC:** Keele Subway Station is across the street from Tract Three Starting Location.

**Parking:** There is street parking on Bloor Street West and Parkside Drive. Parking can be busy near High Park so give yourself extra time to find a space. Alternately there is parking in High Park near the Amphitheatre (where the performance will end). If you park near the Amphitheatre, give yourself approx 15-20min to walk back out to the Starting Location, and leave extra time to find it if you are not familiar with this section of the park. **Please Note: The park is closed to vehicle traffic on weekends. The centre of the park (and Amphitheatre) cannot be accessed through Colborne Lodge Drive.**



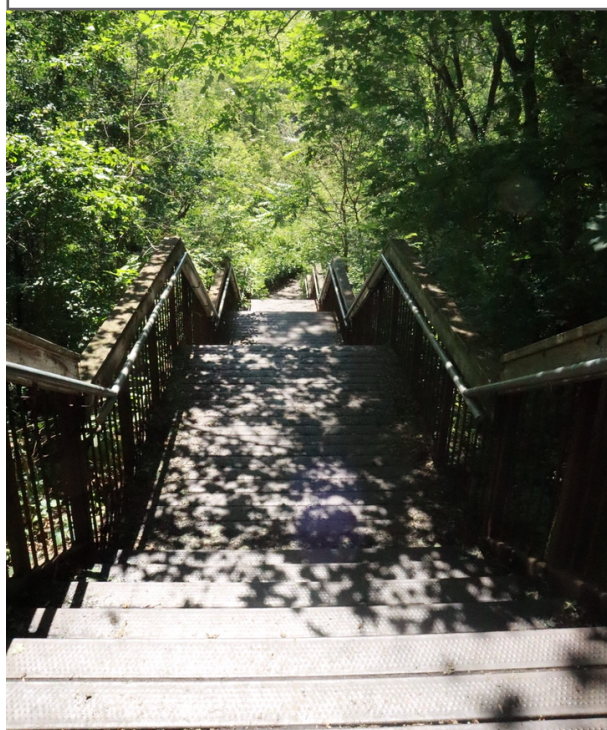
# TRACT THREE TERRAIN

These are the types of terrain you'll encounter on Tract Three:

Mostly dirt paths; some are rougher nature trails, most are wider well-traveled paths.



A metal staircase



These trails can contain uneven ground and tree roots. Paths will travel through several gates, and there are some rough 'steps'.

Part of Tract Three is in the Dogs Off-Leash Area. Here you will encounter dogs and dog-owners off-leash.

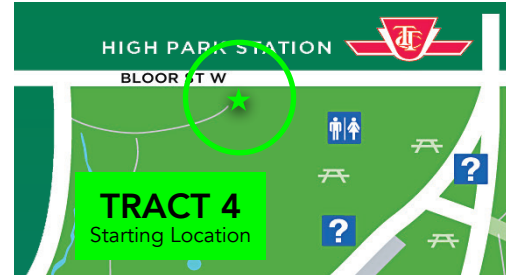
After a rainfall, parts of this path can become muddy.



# TRACT FOUR

## Location:

Tract Four begins on the south side of Bloor Street West, across the street from Mackenzies and 1968 Bloor Street West.



## Getting there:

**TTC:** The Starting Location is a short walk west along Bloor St W from High Park Subway Station.

**Parking:** There is street parking on Bloor Street West. Parking can be busy near High Park so give yourself extra time to find a space. Alternately there is parking in High Park near the Amphitheatre (where the performance will end). If you park near the Amphitheatre, give yourself approx 15-20min to walk back out to the Starting Location, and leave extra time to find it if you are not familiar with this section of the park. ***Please Note: The park is closed to vehicle traffic on weekends. The centre of the park (and Amphitheatre) cannot be accessed through Colborne Lodge Drive.***



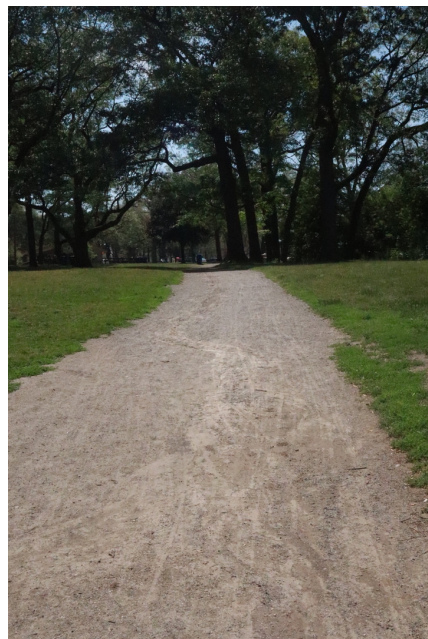
# TRACT FOUR TERRAIN

Tract 4 is the most accessible Tract, and is wheels-friendly for most wheeled devices. These are the types of terrain you'll encounter on Tract Four:

The Tract begins up a short hill. This hill is the steepest incline on Tract 4.



The majority of Tract 4 is on a paved sidewalk. The sidewalk has some gentle hills.



The path is packed gravel for a short time in the first part of the Tract.

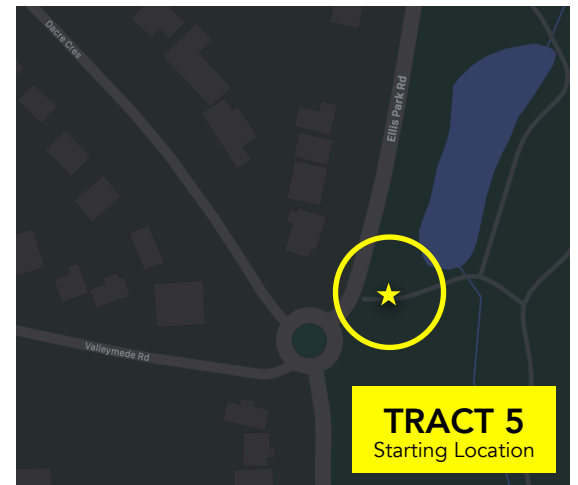


Tract 4 crosses 3 roadways; every crossing has a ramped sidewalk access.

# TRACT FIVE

## Location:

Tract Five begins on the east side of Ellis Park Road, accross from the intersection of Ellis Park Road, Dacre Crescent, and Valleymede Road. The Starting Location is accross the road from 68 Ellis Park Road



## Getting there:

**TTC:** The closest transit stop is High Park Station, which is approximately a 10 min walk away. From High Park Subway you'd walk west along Bloor street, south on Wendigo Way, and continue south on Ellis Park Road to the starting location.

**Parking:** There is limited street parking on Ellis Park Road and nearby residential streets. Parking can be busy near High Park so give yourself extra time to find a space. Alternately there is parking in High Park near the Amphitheatre (where the performance will end). If you park near the Amphitheatre, give yourself approx 15-20min to walk back out to the Starting Location, and leave extra time to find it if you are not familiar with this section of the park. **Please Note: The park is closed to vehicle traffic on weekends. The centre of the park (and Amphitheatre) cannot be accessed through Colborne Lodge Drive.**



# TRACT FIVE TERRAIN

These are the types of terrain you'll encounter on Tract Five:

A wide well-packed dirt path, which is often muddy in sections. (And more muddy after rainfall.)



A narrow, rough dirt trail up a hill. The hill is steep in sections, and can be uneven with some tree roots.



A grassy path.



Tract Five crosses 3 roadways. These crossings do not have ramped access.



# TRACT SIX

## Location:

Tract Six begins on the north side of the Queensway, just west of Colborne Lodge Drive.



## Getting there:

**TTC:** The closest transit stop is the 501 Queen St, Colborne Lodge stop. The Starting Location is just west of this transit stop. Please Note: There is ongoing construction on this transit line at Queen & Roncesvalles; please check for any changes to this route.

**Parking:** Parking in this area is approximately a 5-10min walk away from the starting location. There is parking on the south side of Lake Shore Blvd W just west of Colborne Lodge, a small amount of parking spaces on Colborne Lodge Dr. inside High Park, and a small lot at the south-east corner of the Park which can be accessed from Spring Rd & Parkside Drive.. Alternately there is parking in High Park near the Amphitheatre (where the performance will end). If you park near the Amphitheatre, give yourself approx 15-20min to walk back out to the Starting Location, and leave extra time to find it if you are not familiar with this section of the park. **Please Note: The park is closed to vehicle traffic on weekends. The centre of the park (and Amphitheatre) cannot be accessed through Colborne Lodge Drive.**

## TRACT SIX TERRAIN

Tract Six is wheels-friendly for most wheeled devices, and it includes a somewhat steep, paved hill. These are the types of terrain you'll encounter on Tract Six:

A tightly packed, well-traveled dirt path. This path can become muddy after rainfall.



A paved path, with some uneven sections.

A somewhat steep, paved hill.



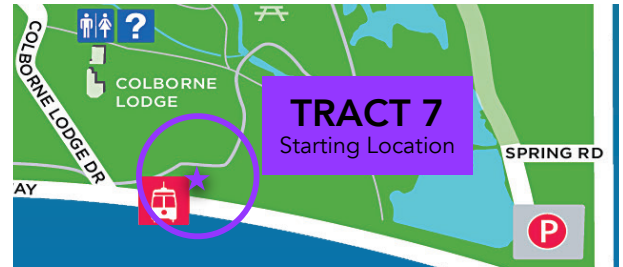
Tract 6 crosses 3 roadways; all crossings have ramped sidewalk access.



# TRACT SEVEN

## Location:

Tract Seven begins on the north side of the Queensway, just east of Colborne Lodge Drive.



## Getting there:

**TTC:** The closest transit stop is the 501 Queen St, Colborne Lodge stop. The Starting Location is just west of this transit stop. Please Note: There is ongoing construction on this transit line at Queen & Roncesvalles; please check for any changes to this route.

**Parking:** Parking in this area is approximately a 5-10min walk away from the starting location. There is parking on the south side of Lake Shore Blvd W just west of Colborne Lodge, a small amount of parking spaces on Colborne Lodge Dr. inside High Park, and a small lot at the south-east corner of the Park which can be accessed from Spring Rd & Parkside Drive.. Alternately there is parking in High Park near the Amphitheatre (where the performance will end). If you park near the Amphitheatre, give yourself approx 15-20min to walk back out to the Starting Location, and leave extra time to find it if you are not familiar with this section of the park. **Please Note: The park is closed to vehicle traffic on weekends. The centre of the park (and Amphitheatre) cannot be accessed through Colborne Lodge Drive. Parking can be busy near High Park so give yourself extra time to find a space.**



# TRACT SEVEN TERRAIN

Tract Seven contains the most challenging paths, for the more adventurous audience member. These are the types of terrain you'll encounter on Tract Seven:



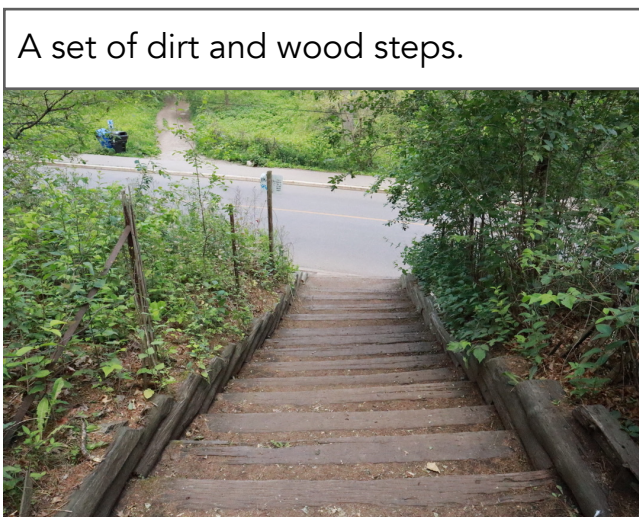
Tightly-packed dirt paths; a small part of Tract 7 can be muddy, especially after rainfall.



Narrow forest paths with uneven terrain and tree roots; these trails include some hills.



A grassy field.



A set of dirt and wood steps.

Tract 7 briefly passes through a section of the Dogs Off-Leash Area. Here you will encounter dogs and dog-owners off-leash.

Tract 7 crosses 2 roadways. These crossings do not have ramped access.



# HIGH PARK AMPHITHEATRE

nowhen ends in the High Park Amphitheatre, located in the centre of the park down a short dirt path from the Grenadier Restaurant.

Tracts 1,4,5, and 6 will enter the amphitheatre through the gate at the top of the hill.



Tracts 2, 3, and 7 will enter the amphitheatre through the gate at the bottom of the hill, next to the stage.



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