

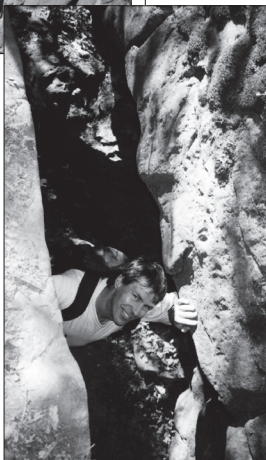
MOUNT NEMO C.A.



Don't worry

From here, catch the most breathtaking views of the Niagara escarpment. Between the fragrant cedars, you can even admire the turkey vultures' wingspans while they silently glide at eye level, against a backdrop of checkered fields. Don't worry, there's very little chance that your little ones will fall from this 85-metre cliff without rails. The crevices will prevent this from happening!

Seriously, I was enthralled by the Mount Nemo Conservation Area when I realized that here, children could disco-



ver the natural phenomena of cliffs and crevices. During our last visit, we accompanied two mountain climbers, aged four and five, who thoroughly enjoyed these famous crevices.

For little ones on foot or in strollers, there's a wide gravel path (**Bruce Side Trail**), a shortcut leading to the **Brock Harris** observation point in 10 minutes. From behind a solid, safe low wall, this belvedere offers a superb panorama. On a clear day, we can even make out the CN Tower, 60 kilometres away.

The crevices most accessible to young adventurers are located just left of the belvedere. The two we explored were about 30 metres from the cliff. Their narrow openings slope gently. Five metres down, their bottoms are lined with large stones. Natural footbridges cross over the crevices and give access to the edge of the cliff.

Beyond the first two crevices, the path sometimes gets as close as two metres from the escarpment, and crevices

abound. Incredibly tortuous, criss-crossed by roots, lined with moss-covered rocks, with spots of light piercing through the trees, this trail is beautiful. Its course is clearly marked by white paint on tree trunks. It leads you back to the parking lot in an hour.

TIPS (fun for 4 years +)

- With children 7 years and older, I recommend you take the 2.3 km **North Loop** (the first one to the left when you walk on the gravel path by the parking lot, with orange markers). Kids will love to spot the **Bruce Trail's** white marks (two marks on a tree means that there's a turn). The **South Loop** is less interesting. To download a map of the trails, go to Halton's website, select *Parks & Recreation* and click on *Maps and Trail Guides*.

- Accompanying adults who fear for their children's safety may want to stick to the first two crevices along the trail.

- Good walking shoes are a must; increased attention is required on certain slippery patches.

- You may use a stroller only on the gravel road leading to the belvedere.

Mount Nemo Conservation Area

• Mount Nemo
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D-2
West
of Toronto
45-min.



Schedule: Open year-round, 8:30 am to dusk.



Admission: \$6.25/adults, \$5.25/seniors, \$4.50/5-14 years, FREE under 5 (around \$5/vehicle in self-serve fee box when no attendant on duty) or show same-day receipt from another conservation area in Halton area.



Directions: From QEW West, take exit #102/Guelph Line northbound. From Hwy 401 West, take exit #312/Guelph Line southbound. Turn east on Colling Road (north of Sideroad 2).

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