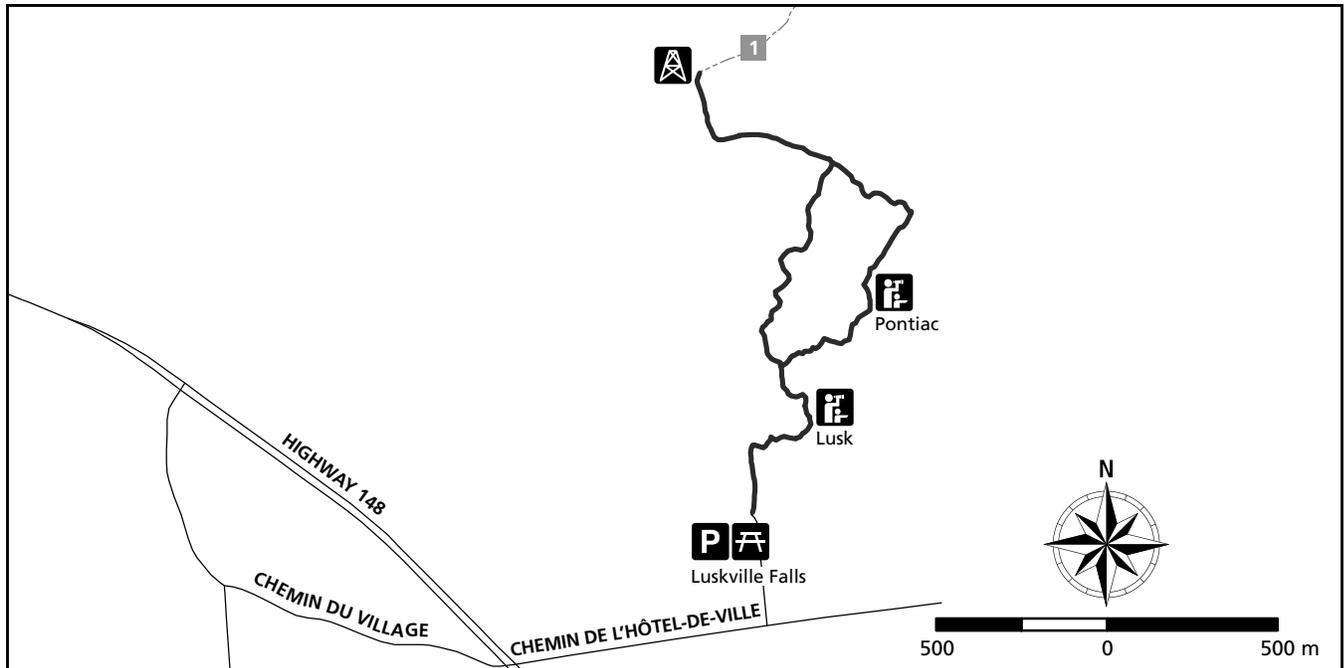


Luskville Falls Trail



GENERAL INFORMATION

Start: Luskville Falls Picnic Area, Chemin de l'Hôtel-de-Ville, Luskville

Distance: 4.5 km • **Level of difficulty:** Difficult • **Elevation gain:** 290 m • **Time:** 2.5 hours

Route: Follow Luskville Falls Trail; stop at Luskville Falls; stop at the Lusk, Pontiac and Fire Tower lookouts

Comments: The trail is very steep and can be quite slippery in wet conditions. Sturdy and comfortable footwear is recommended. Sandals are not recommended.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The Falls

Luskville Falls flows over the Eardley Escarpment, a unique natural habitat. The lower part of the falls is almost vertical and, below that, a stream winds its way from the base of the falls. Spring is the best time to visit the area, when Luskville Falls becomes a rushing torrent, with water from the melting snow.

Eardley Escarpment

The Luskville Falls Trail climbs for nearly 300 m up the Eardley Escarpment. Its summit is part of an ancient mountain

range composed of Precambrian rock, which has been eroded by water, wind and glaciers. About 10,000 years ago, the Champlain Sea was at the foot of the Escarpment.

Fire Tower

A fire tower is located at the northern end of the trail. In the past, forest rangers used it to monitor the horizon for signs of forest fires.

Lookouts

The Pontiac Lookout provides a panoramic view of the Ottawa Valley.

To the right, or west, the Pontiac Region can be seen. It was named in honour of Chief Pontiac of the Ottawa nation. The Lusk Lookout offers a view of rich clay plains. This lookout was named after Joseph Lusk, an Irish pioneer who came to Canada in 1820, and became a prosperous farmer in the region. A lake, a cave and a cabin in Gatineau Park also bear his name. His descendants founded the Luskville area in the municipality of Pontiac.