

# NIVERVILLE



**SOLID LINE:** Trans Canada Trail/Crow Wing Trail identified by blue signs with white arrows.

**DASHED LINE:** LOOP TRAIL - NOT SIGNED

**Access Points:** Both parking lots in Hespeler Park (North or South) can be used as access points for the Trail as well as the entrance at Fourth Street South.

**Length:** Approximately 1.1 miles or 1.8 kms (Through Town)

**Through Town:** Go north along paved path through Hespeler Park to Fourth St. South. Turn left (west) to Second Ave. South. Turn right (north) to Niverville Heritage Centre. Follow path through Niverville Heritage Gardens and exit through parking lot. Continue north along Heritage Trail to Main St. (Hwy 311). Turn left (west) to Krahn Rd. Turn left (south) to do loop trail or turn right (north) to continue along Crow Wing Trail.

**Out of Town:** Go south along paved path in Hespeler Park to Crown Valley Rd. Turn right (west) and follow path until you get to trail loop at Wallace Rd. Come back towards Hespeler Park or continue west along Crow Wing Trail.

**To See:** Hespeler Park, William Hespeler Plaque, Niverville Heritage Gardens. Visit [www.niverville.com](http://www.niverville.com) and [www.wheretheyoubelong.ca](http://www.wheretheyoubelong.ca)

**History:** Niverville is named for an 18th century explorer and fur trader – Joseph-Claude Boucher, Chevalier de Niverville. This choice of name was made by the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1877 – one year before railway into town was built and an official town plan was registered. Although first settled by people of British ancestry, an influx of the first Canadian Mennonite farmers in 1874 soon eclipsed that. These settlers, landing at the nearby junction of the Red and Rat rivers, made their way east to the East Reserve, a gift of land from the Canadian government. The first grain elevator in western Canada, a unique round structure, had recently been built in Niverville by William Hespeler. His name has recently been given to Niverville's largest park. It was from this elevator that the first western Canadian barley was shipped to overseas markets.



For more information on the Crow Wing Trail:  
[www.mrta.mb.ca/Trails/CrowWing/home.htm](http://www.mrta.mb.ca/Trails/CrowWing/home.htm)

