

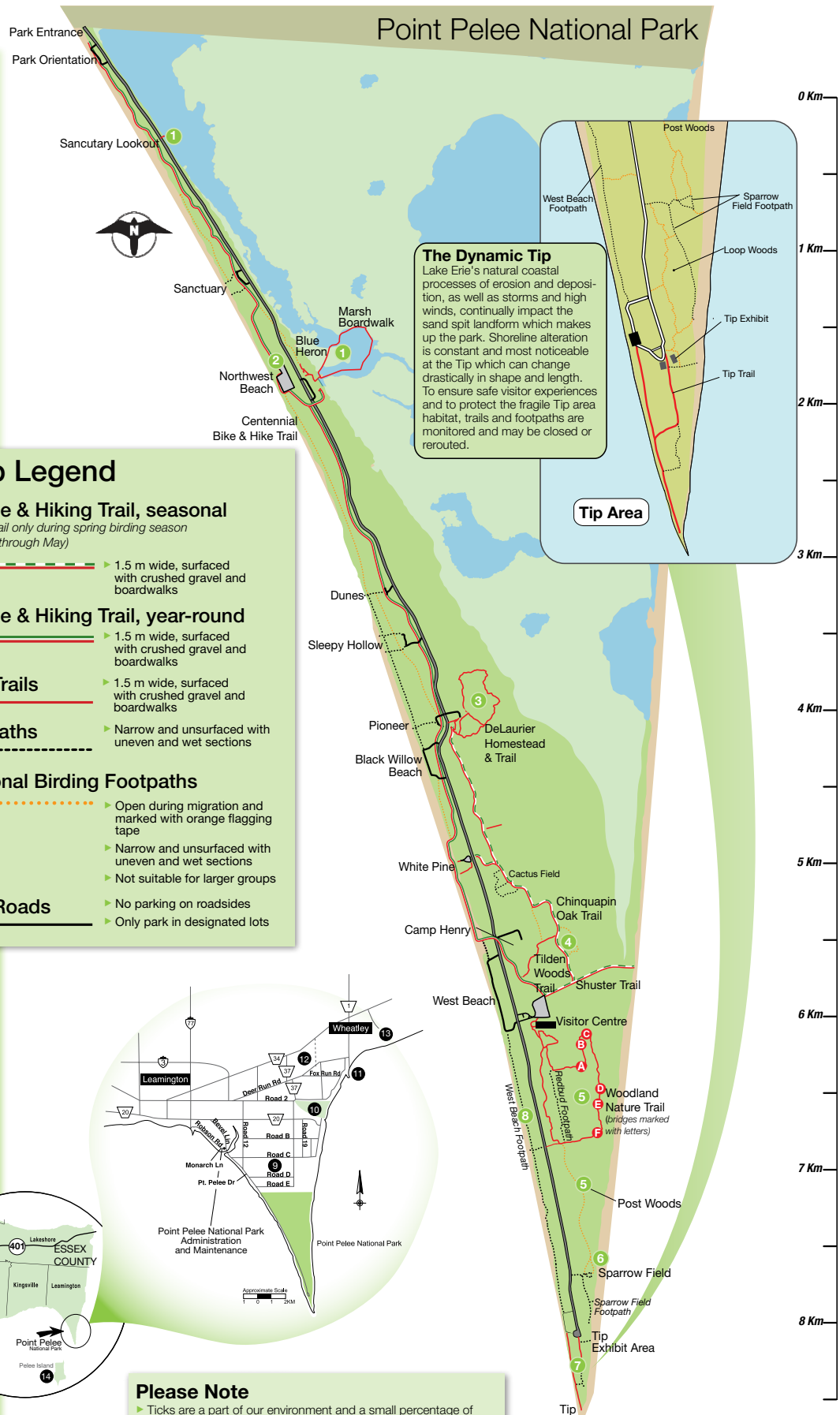
Birding Best Bets

In the Park

- 1 Marsh**
Staging area for waterfowl and the place to look for rails, bitterns and Herons. Accessed at the Marsh Boardwalk and Sanctuary lookout.
- 2 Northwest Beach/Blue Heron**
Songbirds sometimes become concentrated in this area where the forest habitat is narrow. Park at Northwest Beach and explore the area on foot.
- 3 DeLaurier Trail**
Open grassy areas attract sparrows and provide vistas for hawk watching. Pick up the Centennial Trail into Yellow-breasted Chat territory.
- 4 Tilden Woods**
Water-filled sloughs attract songbirds, especially waterthrushes. Explore the seasonal birding footpaths to get the most out of your visit to this area.
- 5 Woodland Nature Trail & Post Woods**
Upland and swamp forest meet along these trails, attracting a wide variety of songbirds.
- 6 Sparrow Field**
Restored savannah provides prime habitat for migrating sparrows.
- 7 Tip Area**
Wooded areas are excellent for migrating songbirds in spring and fall. Sandspit is a resting area for gulls and shorebirds. Surrounding lake is a staging area for waterfowl. Excellent hawk viewing in the fall.
- 8 West Beach Footpath**
Restored savannahs provide habitat for sparrows and thickets for Yellow-breasted Chat.

Outside the Park

- 9 Onion Fields**
Excellent for shorebirds and waterfowl. Roads are very narrow - use caution and avoid blocking traffic.
- 10 Hillman Marsh Conservation Area**
Managed shorebird habitat in spring. Staging area for waterfowl. 4 km diked loop trail.
- 11 Wheatley Harbour**
Roosting area for gulls and terns. Associated creek excellent for Great Egrets.
- 12 Kopegaren Woods Conservation Area**
Small woodlot with walking trails, good for spring migrants and wildflowers.
- 13 Wheatley Provincial Park**
Camping and walking trails. Creek through site is good for marsh species.
- 14 Pelee Island**
Several nature reserves provide excellent areas to see spring migrants. Pelee Island Bird Observatory active during spring and fall migration.
- 15 Holiday Beach Conservation Area**
Best place in Essex County to watch fall raptor migration. Wet woods great for songbirds in spring and fall. Marsh is a staging area for waterfowl.
- 16 Ojibway Prairie Complex**
Largest protected tall grass prairie and oak savannah in Ontario. Park specialties include Tufted Titmouse.



Map Legend

Bicycle & Hiking Trail, seasonal

Walking trail only during spring birding season (mid April through May)

- ▶ 1.5 m wide, surfaced with crushed gravel and boardwalks

Bicycle & Hiking Trail, year-round

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Park Trails

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Footpaths

- ▶ Narrow and unsurfaced with uneven and wet sections

Seasonal Birding Footpaths

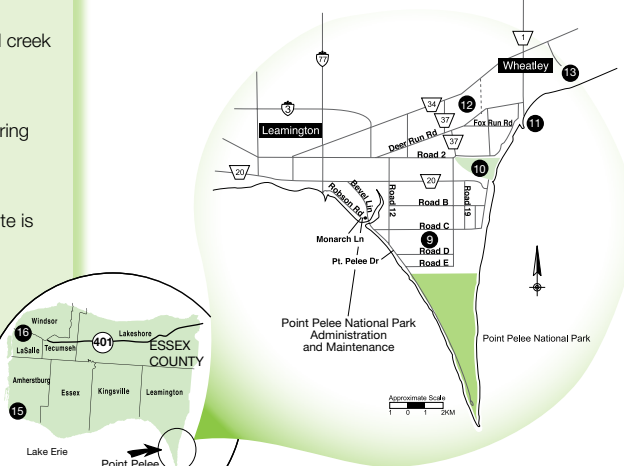
- ▶ Open during migration and marked with orange flagging tape
- ▶ Narrow and unsurfaced with uneven and wet sections
- ▶ Not suitable for larger groups

Park Roads

- ▶ No parking on roadsides
- ▶ Only park in designated lots

The Dynamic Tip
Lake Erie's natural coastal processes of erosion and deposition, as well as storms and high winds, continually impact the sand spit landform which makes up the park. Shoreline alteration is constant and most noticeable at the Tip which can change drastically in shape and length. To ensure safe visitor experiences and to protect the fragile Tip area habitat, trails and footpaths are monitored and may be closed or rerouted.

Tip Area



Please Note

- ▶ Ticks are a part of our environment and a small percentage of the park's black-legged tick population carries the Lyme Disease bacterium
- ▶ Information about precautions is available at the Visitor Centre