Hartman park is crisscrossed with stone walls and old farmhouse foundations that are evidence of the European-style agriculture practiced after colonial contact. However, there are many mysterious stone structures, with no obvious agricultural purpose, whose origins and purpose are unknown. It is very plausible that these are ancient remnants from the richly spiritual culture of the indigenous people who inhabited this land for more than 10,000 years before colonial contact. This intriguing stonework is scattered throughout the park. As you walk, notice the enchanting monuments left behind by the people who once walked this earth: cairns–rocks piled on boulders or stone piles regularly spaced over the ground; fragments of stone walls on the rocky ledge–sometimes originating at boulders that look like serpent heads–leading down into swamps; and stone niches and enclosures associated with boulders. Feel the reverence for the earth that the stonework evokes.

**Please leave the stonework in the preserve undisturbed.**

(Number) in photo captions refers to *The Heritage Trail* stations.

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