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SKATE THE 8 IN THE SIX

The Bentway Skate Trail Opens December 21, 2018

The countdown has begun to the opening of **The Bentway Skate Trail** on Friday, December 21, 2018, when Toronto can finally ‘Skate the 8 in the Six’ again.

Last winter, The Bentway’s figure-eight skate trail officially opened to the public on January 6, 2018, in record-breaking cold. The Bentway was created to bring residents and visitors together in a public space, to enjoy the city and each other, and to connect outdoors year-round. Over the next seven weeks, one of the coldest winters ever, more than 50,000 visitors made The Bentway Skate Trail Toronto’s coolest ice.

“Who would want to hang out under an expressway? Lots of Torontonians, apparently,” declared Alex Bozиковic, Architecture Critic for The Globe and Mail. *“In praise of The Bentway,”* began a Toronto Star editorial. *“It’s very Canadian,”* proclaimed the CBC.

Skate rentals and skating lessons will be offered again this year, there will be curated food and beverage options on select dates, and an expanded winter village full of snuggly blankets, warming lounges, and fire pits.

More details and programming to come. The wait to skate The Bentway is almost over!

Access to The Bentway is Free and Accessible
Enjoy free Wifi Courtesy of Beanfield

For more information, please visit TheBentway.ca
Social Media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) using @TheBentway and [YouTube](#)
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The Bentway Winter Season is supported by the City of Toronto.

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About The Bentway

[The Bentway](#) is a unique and innovative public space that transforms 1.75km underneath Toronto's Gardiner Expressway into a new gathering place for our city's growing population.

The Bentway knits together seven local neighbourhoods with over 70,000 residents, becoming a gateway to the waterfront, while providing access to important attractions and destinations – from Fort York National Historic Site, Ontario Place and Exhibition Place to Harbourfront Centre and the CN Tower. The Bentway offers year-round activities and events, including gardens, a skate trail, recreational amenities, public markets, public art, special exhibitions, festivals, theatre and musical performances, and more. The initial phase of The Bentway is open to the public. Stretching from Strachan Avenue in the west to just east of Bathurst Street underneath the Gardiner Expressway, this section of The Bentway is located on the lands of Fort York National Historic Site, recognized by the Government of Canada as a site of national significance.

The Bentway is maintained, operated, and programmed by The Bentway Conservancy. The project was made possible through the collaboration of a range of city-builders and experts, including the [City of Toronto](#), [Waterfront Toronto](#), Judy and Wilnot Matthews, [Ken Greenberg Consultants](#), [PUBLIC WORK](#), [Fort York National Historic Site](#), and [Artscape](#). The Bentway is a proud member of the [High Line Network](#), an international network of projects that transform underutilized infrastructure into new urban landscapes.

About Fort York National Historic Site

[Fort York National Historic Site](#) is one of 10 Toronto History Museums operated by the City of Toronto. Since 1793, Fort York has been an important military location and is where Toronto was founded as an urban place. Located in the heart of downtown Toronto, this 43-acre heritage conservation district is home to Canada's largest collection of original War of 1812 buildings. Fort York offers permanent exhibits and immersive multimedia displays at the Visitor Centre, ongoing programming and events, site tours, military displays, historic cooking demonstrations, and the annual Indigenous Arts Festival. Fort York National Historic Site is also home to the first phase of The Bentway. For more information, visit <http://www.toronto.ca/fortyork>.