

# Little Rocks

## THAT STAND OUT





**P**ainted Rocks.  
Friendship Rocks.  
Kindness Rocks.  
Positivity Rocks.

Whatever you call them, they're small stones that have been painted with encouraging, inspirational or just fun messages, that are then left outside in public places where others can come across them. This activity has become a bit of a trend that has grown in popularity since the COVID pandemic began.

There is a short rail trail in Georgetown, stretching from John St. to Wildwood Road, that could have connected to the Trans Canada Trail, had the Town of Halton Hills not declined to assume ownership after the railway company abandoned it. The remaining rail line was given to adjacent landowners and the possibility of a longer trail was lost. Still, local residents enjoy using the short trail year-round. In spring when the pandemic lockdown took effect, adults and children began placing painted rocks along this trail. Here is a selection that Mike Davis found and photographed.





► The shape of the rock and its placement add interest to this art.



▲ A message nestled among debris in its natural state.





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While these rocks can be fun to paint and display, they shouldn't be left in natural, wild areas. Ontario Parks points out that not everyone may be using eco-friendly paint, and the wrong paint could be harmful to wildlife. Rocks are weathering down to dust and component minerals needed to keep things growing. Removing rocks from nature and leaving painted rocks in wild places are bad ideas.

► An eye-catching piece placed among tree trunks.







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▲ Not a rock, but a tile with a good message for the future: "Keep Calm We Will Survive".

*If you painted any of the rocks we feature here, please contact us at editor@NEViews.ca or 905.866.7888. We'd like to acknowledge you in the magazine!*

