

Smokey Hollow on Mill Street South in Waterdown was once a hub of industrial activity with numerous mills dependent on the flow of water from Grindstone Creek. As mills were supplemented by steam power, the milling complex around the falls in the 1890s consisted of seventeen buildings and was a "Smokey Hollow" indeed.

All of the mills had burned down by the early 1900's and never were rebuilt. By 1911 when the railway travelled through Waterdown there was little left of its industrial heritage.

Waterdown Falls and the surrounding area remain as a renaturalized section of the Bruce Trail, which is primarily used for hiking, walking, nature trips, and bird watching.



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