

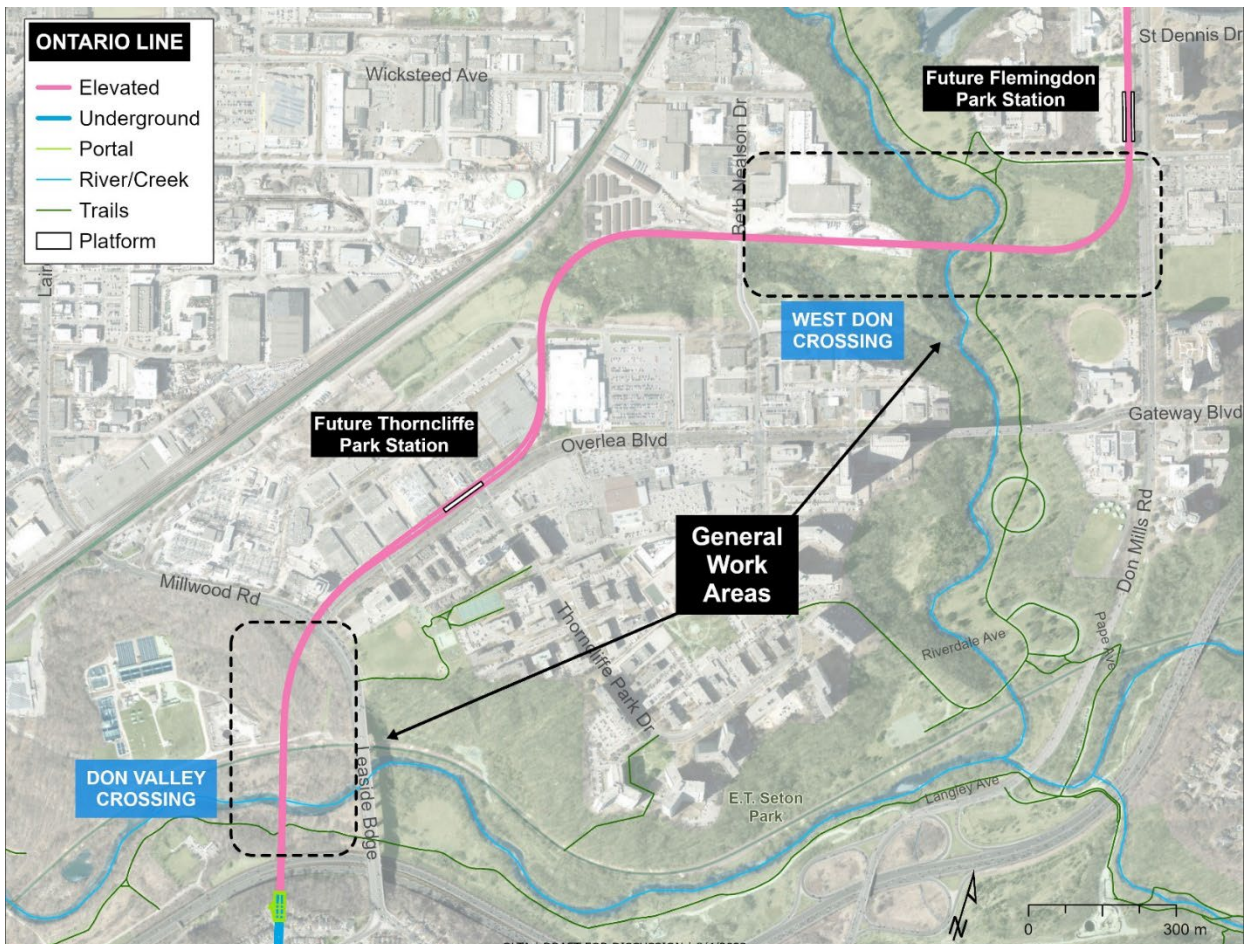
# Tree removals in the northern section of the Ontario Line

**Expected start date:** Mid-December 2023

**Expected completion date:** March 31, 2024

**Timing:** Monday to Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Some overnight work will be required from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.



## What is happening?

- In spring and fall 2023, crews began the first phase of tree removals in areas surrounding the future route of the Ontario Line, including around the future Don Valley crossing and the West Don crossing. A total of 2,787 trees have already been removed this year.
- An additional 960 trees will also be removed starting this winter until March 2024 from the Don Valley crossing and West Don crossing areas. These additional tree removal needs were determined by further planning work.
- This work is needed to create space to relocate utilities and accommodate construction of new bridges that will carry subway trains across the valley and through the northern part of the line.
- Metrolinx's Vegetation Guideline specifies how many trees need to be planted when any tree is removed, ranging from 1 to 50 new trees based on the size and location of the tree being removed. This guideline is used across our network to ensure more trees are planted than removed as we carry out the largest transit expansion in the history of the region.

- Metrolinx will work closely with the City of Toronto and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority on replanting trees in the area, where possible. Learn more at [metrolinx.com/vegetation](https://www.metrolinx.com/vegetation).

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## What to expect

- The Lower Don Trail west of the Leaside Bridge, the West Don Trail adjacent to E.T. Seton Park, and the E.T. Seton Park Archery Range will be closed overnight from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. for several weeks between September 2023 and March 2024. All other official city trails will remain open.
- Some unofficial mountain biking trails located within the work areas will be closed for safety reasons. Signage has been installed to inform trail users.
- E.T. Seton Park disc golf holes #4, #10, and #11 will be closed for safety reasons.
- Work areas will be fenced off and secured to ensure public safety. They will also be clearly marked with signage.
- Tree protection barriers will be installed prior to tree removals, as early as December 4.
- Some equipment may be left on site but will be properly secured and stored to ensure safety.
- Where required, crews will install barriers around nearby trees that are being protected and preserved.
- Construction equipment will require use of the West Don Trail and Lower Don Trail during daytime work hours. Crews will use flag persons to direct vehicles and equipment along trails safely.
- Please take care and watch for signs directing pedestrians and cyclists when travelling near work areas.
- People near the sites may hear noise caused by chainsaws and woodchippers.
- All the necessary permits have been obtained.
- Work may be postponed or rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances.

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## About the Ontario Line

- 15.6-kilometre subway line that will make it faster and easier to travel within Toronto and beyond.
- 15 stops and more than 40 connections to other transit, including GO train, subway, LRT, streetcar, and bus lines.
- Less than 30 minutes from one end of the line to the other.
- 28,000 fewer cars on the road each day.

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