Water Slides
and swimming holes are a natural part of Paulina Creek. Join in the excitement and cool off while riding a set of three natural water slides. The scenery is lovely, the water cool, the falls and their sounds exciting. Grade-schoolers to Grandparents revel in the thrill of water slides in their natural setting. Younger children, with supervision, will enjoy the creek between the water slides, as well as dogs who love to swim will join in the fun.

Getting there:
Distance: 11.6 miles
Driving time, 20 minutes.

From the Chamber of Commerce:
Turn left on US 97 N for 6.3 miles.
Turn right on Paulina Lake Road for 3 miles
Turn left at the sign for McKay Crossing Campground for 2.3 miles
Turn left into campground, cross the bridge and park in the Day Use parking area

Grab a picnic lunch on your way out of town at the deli in Ray’s Food Place, or at Subway, and prepare for a day of family fun you won’t soon forget.
Before You Go
The weather and creek conditions can change suddenly. Check to make sure you can use the slides safely.

Amenities
The campground has vault toilets.
No amenities at Paulina Creek or the slides.

What to Bring
Sunscreen, mosquito repellent, food, and water.

Closed shoes are highly recommended to protect your toes on the water slides. There are a couple of bumps in the slides some find uncomfortable; padded bike shorts or, better, a folded hand towel tucked inside your shorts so that you sit on it will protect you. You may want towels, and dry footwear for the hike back, but the less you carry, the more fun the hike is.

The wading spot next to the parking lot can be a good place for birding, so bring your binoculars.

Getting to the Slides
Hike upstream from the parking lot at Peter Skene Ogden Trail, for 1.5 miles.

The slide area is unsigned. Here's the upper water slide from the trail. You can see the steep trail down to the pool and beach area to its left.

Continue hiking up the main trail to the spur that takes you down to the creek:

The slide area looks like this from the trail. There are several steep spurs that lead down to the river.

Take the left fork to go to the top of the upper water slide; the right to go to the lower slides, pools, and beach: The two lower slides begin in different places, but end in the same pool. Have a great time!