



# HI-LAND VIEWS

Summer 2017

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## A (Slight) Changing of the Guards

Those with a keen eye will notice that there is a new Editor for this publication. Before you get too upset, there is no need to worry – I will still be continuing as the Dufferin Hi-Land Trail Director. We would like to thank Larry Haskell and Tony Hopkins for the tremendous job they've done as long time Editors and I will do my best to continue with their tradition of excellence.

There have been a number of other changes in the Dufferin Club. We have two new members on the Executive, some new Board members, a new web master in Tom Thayer and a new social media coordinator in Susan Bate. We appreciate the fine job that their respective predecessors, Robert McIntyre and Margery Cruise, did.

Anyone who has spent any time walking or working on the trail has probably been rained on. It is understandable that after a hike some might be tempted to check themselves for leeches rather than ticks. And many have cancelled planned hikes due to rain or the threat of it. Yet somehow we managed to have beautiful dry weather for our three main hiking events, and the spring woodland forest plants have never looked better, the flowering trees and shrubs have never been more spectacular and the forest understory has remained lush into the summer.

It has been an action packed spring for the Dufferin Club, and I hope all enjoy this jam packed edition of our newsletter.

## Side Trail Badge Series

Mike McQuade and his daughter Josie and Aaron Walmsley and his son Tyler completed the Side Trail series of hikes and are proud recipients of Side Trail badges. The kids insisted that they should get badges, too, and the Dufferin Club – being both reasonable and generous – agreed. At this young age the kids are not sure if they want to grow up to be volunteer firefighters like their fathers, or something dangerous and exciting, like maybe a volunteer Trail Director.



# Dufferin Hi-Land AGM April 22 2017

by Tony Hopkins

Celebration, accomplishment, development: these were major themes at the AGM.

One major reason to celebrate was the Club's hosting of the Conservancy AGM at Mono Centre in September. The meetings and events ran without a hitch, and the silent auction – also splendidly organized – raised \$8,000. The usual small army of volunteers went all out, but the awards and the avalanche of thanks belong to Carol Foley for AGM planning and orchestration, and to Donna Powell, silent auctioneer supreme.

Dufferin loyalists often serve many years on the Club Board, but this year several people moved on.

We gave thanks and goodbye to Georgina Shelton, our past treasurer, whose sharp eye for detail helped guide us through Conservancy changes in financial reporting and to Margery Cruise, who raised the club profile locally and raised money by creating popular and profitable products for us.

Carl Alexander got thanks, but no good-bye, as he continues as Past President and continues to care for our Dufferin landowners.

The Board election was wonderfully short. Fifteen nominees nicely filled fifteen vacancies, leading to an acclaimed slate. Our new President is long time contributor and volunteer Jim Preyde.



*Carol Foley receiving recognition from (soon to be president) Jim Preyde.*



*Margery Cruise*



*Donna Powell*



*The usual suspects – can you spot the Board members?*

# President's Message

by Jim Preyde

The Dufferin Hi-Land Club has fantastic trails. The paths are clear and well marked. The structures are strong and sound. But that's not all that's great about our club.

For just a few examples, we have a team of enthusiastic hike leaders who plan great excursions throughout our club, other clubs and beyond; we have dedicated land stewards who routinely patrol Bruce Trail Conservancy owned lands to check for invasive species and other trespasses. There is a talented team that maintains our on-line media outlets and our newsletter, *Hi-Land Views*, and we have an archivist who keeps our records. And of course, the Dufferin Hi-Land club's Board of Directors, the board that I'm honoured to chair, is second to none. Our Board not only administers the business of the Club, we also reach out to other organizations.

Members of our Board often meet with local municipal councils to advance the interests of the Bruce Trail Conservancy. Recently, several of our Directors sat on a committee of Orangeville's Headwaters Hospital Foundation. They had approached us for assistance with their first annual Hike for Headwaters fund raising event. This hike took place on some of our landowners' properties as well as parts of our trails. The fundraiser was a great success. Not only did it raise money for a worthy cause, but it sparked much interest in the Bruce Trail. I'm confident we'll be working with the Foundation in the future.

The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club has so much going for it. If we as an organization are going to continue our work into the future we need to start appealing to a younger demographic.

To this end we have established a school outreach program; we hope to bring classroom kids from local grade schools out onto the trails with their teachers and volunteers. We have a team that takes the classes through Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. The DHL members of this team highlight features of the park such as flora and fauna, the formation of the escarpment, the human history of the area and of course how the Bruce Trail operates. At the time of this writing we've had one day with two classes out in the park. This program will be a journey of discovery for both the kids and our outreach team. But there's much more that can be done. If you're reading this you're probably a member of the Bruce Trail Conservancy. You know how spectacular our trails are and you know how close they are to home.

If you have little ones in your life, consider sharing this wonderful resource with them. At Mono Cliffs Park one can go right into the escarpment and see small trees that are centuries old. In our Rock Hill section the Main Trail takes you by deep crevasses, near caves and over a small natural stone bridge. It's pretty awesome stuff for kids of any age.

One of the best gifts we can give kids is good nostalgia. What better way to achieve this than by exploring the fascinating Bruce Trail and Niagara Escarpment with them? We also have opportunities for high school kids to earn community involvement hours.

Hiking is an inexpensive and easy way for kids to get exercise. The Dufferin Hi-Land Club offers fascinating trails for them to explore. Sparking an interest in the Bruce Trail now keeps the momentum moving forward.

The Dufferin Hi-Land Club and Land Steward Director Brian Cornfield are pleased to announce that approval has been received to create a new twenty car parking lot on our Reginald Brett property. The parking lot will be located on the south side of 30 Sideroad in Mulmur Township, just east of the 1<sup>st</sup> Line EHS road allowance. This new parking lot will ensure that the parking needs of Bruce Trail hikers in this area are met for many years. Construction of the parking lot is expected to take place in August of 2017.

## Baton Relay

The BTC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary baton wound it's way through the Dufferin section from April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Special thanks goes to those who carried it during the heavy rain and thunderstorms on the Monday and Tuesday. Below is a list of the Dufferin Club members who participated.

Carl Alexander, Helen Bailey, Sue Bate, Peter Blackmere, Sue Braden, Ruth Crawford, Margery Cruise, Inge Eckerich, Bev Ferguson, Karen Franchitti, Sandra Gallagher, Ron Goulet, Elizabeth Griffin, James Griffin, Larry Haskell, Jan Higenbottam, Ruth Little, Pauline Lloyd, John Matson, Sue McFarlane, Pat Peachey, Jim Preyde, Susan Preyde, Kathy Rymal, Elaine Saville, Sue Simons, Bob Slack, Barb Sonzogni, Carl Tafel, Ralph Tremills, Lynda Vera, Martin Warmelink, Glenys Williams, Ralf Wroblewski



*Dufferin's Carl Alexander handing the baton to David Little of the Blue Mountain Club.*

## BTC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Tobermory

by Pauline Lloyd

On June 10<sup>th</sup> a group of eleven hikers including some members of the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club ventured to Tobermory to participate in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the completion of the Bruce Trail. Mother Nature blessed the area with beautiful sunshine and splendid hiking conditions. The day was very well organized and full of activities for the large attending crowd. One of the highlights for me was listening to a very witty Philip Gosling (one of the founding members) speak to the participants and accept the Relay Baton from the children who completed the final leg. I was also thrilled to have Philip sign my special Edition 29 Guide book. The other highlight was the boat cruise to the Grotto. How fabulous to view the landscape and cliff top trails we have all hiked from a vantage point that allowed a totally different perspective. Wow, fifty years we've been enjoying this incredible ribbon of wilderness. Cheers to the next 50!!!



## Hike Director Report

by Les Babbage

It has been a very busy spring and early summer for hiking. This year we offered two versions of our club end-to-end - the annual two day event and the biannual one day. As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, both events were hugely successful. Congratulations and thanks to Carol Foley and Peter Blackmere who coordinated and to the many volunteers who handled parking, registration, checkpoints, sweeping and greeting the finishers. Thanks also to Carl Tafel and our trail captains who had the trail in immaculate condition, despite frequent and heavy rainfalls this spring. Many compliments were received from participants on both the event and the trail.

This spring also saw Dufferin hiking extending to greater community involvement, both through the school liaison program and a partnership with Headwaters Health Care Centre Foundation to support a major hiking event in support of our local hospital. Congratulations and thanks to all of those involved in these initiatives.

Our regular hiking programs on Tuesdays and weekends suffered somewhat from the spring monsoons with numbers of hikers down for many events. However, undeterred, we have put together another outstanding schedule of hikes for the fall season. Weekend highlights include end-to-end series in the Iroquoia, Toronto and Peninsula sections, the popular Changing Light and Trivia/Scavenger hikes and of course the not-to-be missed Walk Off the Turkey hike following our Christmas excesses. Tuesdays will see many of our favourite hikes and back by popular demand, the Trout Hollow expedition to the Big Head River in Meaford.

## Trail Director Report

by Carl Tafel

If you have poked your head outside in the last three months, you'll know that it has been wet, wet, wet. This has impacted the Trails Division in two ways – not only are we dealing with a tremendous amount of green growth, it is often difficult to schedule any work due to the threat or reality of constant rain.

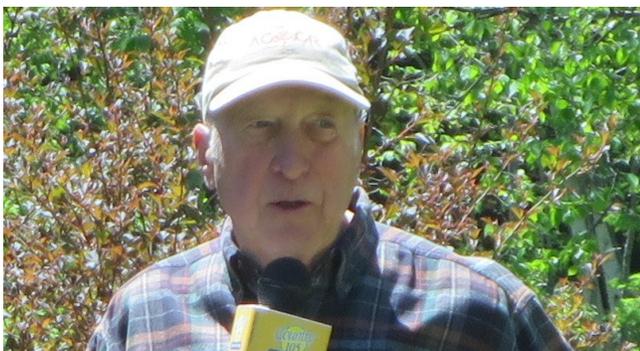
Although there have been a few sections of trail that have stayed frustratingly muddy all year, none of our trail has washed out. We did replace about one hundred and fifty feet of sideloggging on four different sections in the spring, which probably helped. We also opened up two Main Trail reroutes and one Side Trail reroute. I am grateful to Carl Alexander, Brian Cornfield, Everhard Olivieri-Monroe, Jim Preyde, Craig Gutowski and Ron Ritchie for helping me with this.

Staying on top of the grass cutting has been challenging, as it seems as soon as we finish with one round, we begin another. I would like to thank Carl Alexander, Norm Wingrove, Brian Cornfield and Mark Richardson for helping me with this. And as always, I would be remiss if I didn't thank our trail captains for their efforts maintaining their sections.

There have been some advantages to all of this wet weather. Everyone loves the sound of rushing water, and this has accompanied us on many of our trails as the levels in our streams and rivers have remained high. The butterflies seem to enjoy this weather, too, as I've seen considerably more of them this year. And the deciduous saplings that were planted last year and struggled through the drought, should have an easier time making it into their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> season.

## Headwaters Hike and Fundraiser June 3

Hosted by Bill Duron at his beautiful Lyric Pond property, this fundraiser raised over \$23,000, which will go towards the purchase of equipment for the Headwaters Hospital in Orangeville.



## Two Day End 2 End May 13-14 2017

The two previous two day End 2 Ends took place during terrible weather – for both participants and volunteers. Being as we were in the midst of one of the rainiest springs on record, this year's event was anticipated with much nervousness and sky watching. We even had to change the parking venue at the last moment because it was partially under water. It was therefore both a relief and a pleasant surprise that we had terrific weather – highs in the low to mid teens and no rain whatsoever.

Ninety-two people registered and eighty-five finished. Many compliments were received about the friendliness and helpfulness of all of the volunteers and the condition of the trail. The shuttle service provided to transport finishers to the new parking spot worked without a hitch. Much thanks goes to Peter Blackmere and all of the many Dufferin volunteers who made this event such a success.



*Happy volunteers and even happier finishers displaying their badges.*

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### Canada 150 Events on the Dufferin section of the Bruce Trail

As part of their celebration of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Municipalities of Mono and Mulmur have incorporated a number of hikes on the Bruce Trail in the Dufferin section. After registering and completing various hikes, participants are eligible for prizes. The Dufferin Club has contributed shirts, buffs and BTC family memberships.

The contest is running until the end of October and is open to everybody. For info and registrations please go to:

[mulmur.ca](http://mulmur.ca) and click on Canada 150 Events

or

[townofmono.com/news/mono-hiking-challenge](http://townofmono.com/news/mono-hiking-challenge)

# Dufferin Hi-Land One Day End 2 End 2017

by Carol Foley

Our bi-annual One Day End 2 End (walking the entire 56 km of our section of the trail in one day) took place on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Hikers met at Mono Centre for a 6:30 am. bus departure. Two buses took 65 people to Lavender where hikers began their trek.

It was a glorious day of sunshine with a slight breeze. The temperature started out at 13C and never crept above the 20C mark, making the weather perfect for a full day of hiking and for manning the check points (no snow to brush off cookies on this hike!). The torrential rains from the day before had drained, leaving the trail in good condition.

65 people began the hike. 17 people had to drop out. 48 white Trillium badges were given out to exhausted but very happy hikers at the end. The first hiker arrived at the finish at 2:22 pm., a whopping hiking average of almost 8 km per hour!!!! The last hiker came through just before 9 pm., thrilled to have finished, but tired.

The comments received throughout the day, and in emails since, have been about how welcoming our checkpoint people were and how well equipped they were with water, food and homemade snacks.

I have to agree.

Dufferin Hi-Land has the best support group of volunteers on the whole length of the Bruce Trail! Our checkpoints were amazing, with home baking and great big smiles; the trail was in excellent condition; the sweeps swept up the tired, the broken and the lost; our floaters were driving around to return people to their cars, and there was a great group of cheerleaders complete with cow bell at the end of the day. Thank you to those who assisted so early in the morning at the break of dawn to park cars, register and take photographs.

A very special thank you to all of our volunteers who brought their dedication and enthusiasm out to present such a successful event.



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Recently, I was asked if I knew the origin of Murphy's Pinnacle.

In the early 1900's William John Hilliard Murphy acquired 100 acres on and about what today is known as Murphy's Pinnacle, as well as 100 acres to the west of it bordering Prince of Wales Road, which still has a barn on it, although it is rapidly deteriorating.

Much of the 100 acres couldn't be farmed, due to the giant hill in the middle. This may explain why he planted an apple orchard. He sold the property to Carl Ritchie in 1949. Ritchie sold it to Dr. Syd Hopkins in 1957, who fixed the house up and rented out the farm. The properties were expropriated by the Ontario Government to create the Boyne Valley Park in the early 70's.

According to sources, Murphy built a house/cabin on the Centre Road access (south of the parking area - Map20 km 18.7 Ed. 28) which his son Ken (1922-1979) used as a retreat to get away from it all, distraught and plagued with memories of WW II (PTSD?). Evidence of a foundation is reportedly still visible near the stone wall, though with so much stone strewn about I was unable to find it.

Mr. Murphy (born February 27, 1890, died 1963 Mulmur, Dufferin County, Ont.) is listed as resting in Horning Mills Cemetery with his wife Maggie Rubina Leitch Murphy (1888-1974). However, there are no records to substantiate this and I was unable to find either grave when I visited the cemetery. One source suggested there was a first Mrs. Murphy who died giving birth to their son Ken in 1922.

On a non related topic which may be of interest, when walking through Horning Mills Cemetery I found the grave of Marilyn Suzanne "Erin" Fleming (1941-2003). At the top of the headstone is the quote "Hello, I must be going", a quote attributed to Groucho Marx. Ms. Fleming was, as it states at the bottom of the headstone, "Companion of Groucho Marx, 1969-1977". To learn more google Marilyn S Erin Fleming.

Thanks must be given to Martin Warmelink, James Griffin, Carl Tafel and Jamie and Susan McCutcheon for providing me with much of the information.



# Summer/Fall 2017 Weekend Hike Schedule

All km trail references are to Edition 28 of the Bruce Trail Maps and Trail Guide.

Visit <http://dufferinbruceclub.org/events/category/general-hikes/> for changes and additional hikes.

## Hike Rating Criteria:

**Pace:** Leisurely - 3 km/hr or less; Medium - 3 to 4 km/hr; Brisk - 4 to 5 km/hr; Fast - 5+ km/hr

**Terrain:** Easy - Mostly flat and usually good footing; Moderate - Some hills and/or some poor footing; Strenuous - Hilly with steep climbs and some poor footing

**Saturday, August 5, 9:30am – 3:30pm: Peninsula**

**End-to-End, Hike #1 of 9: Dyer's Bay**

**Sunday, August 6, 9:00am – 3:00pm: Peninsula**

**End-to-End, Hike #2 of 9: Tobermory**

**Monday, August 7, 9:00am – 3:00pm: Peninsula**

**End-to-End, Hike #3 of 9: Whippoorwill Bay**

Due to parking restrictions put in place by Parks Canada and the Village of Tobermory the hike schedule for this series has been modified. All dates will remain the same. For detailed information and to register, contact the Hike Leader, Rick McCoy at 519-829-4143 (evenings) or [rickpmccoy@rogers.com](mailto:rickpmccoy@rogers.com)

**Saturday, August 12, 8:30am – 2:30pm: Iroquoia**

**End-to-End, Hike #1 of 6**

Iroquoia Section, Maps 5 and 6. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 22 km. Meet at km 22 (Veever's Park). We'll carpool to km 0 in Grimsby and hike back, initially climbing the escarpment to the top and hiking up and down along the top half of the escarpment to Km 22.0. From QEW towards Niagara Falls, take the Red Hill Valley Parkway to the Greenville Ave Exit. Turn left on Greenville Ave and continue for about 2 km to roadside parking at Veever's Park. Well-mannered dogs welcome. Proper shoes/boots a must. Bring lunch snacks and water. Leaders: Pat Foley [pfoley@ilap.com](mailto:pfoley@ilap.com) and Tristan Goguen 416 250 5600 ext 205

**Sunday, August 13, 9:30am - 12:30pm: Dufferin Hi-Land Scavenger/Trivia Hike (Pre-Registration Required)**

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 19. Pace: Set your own; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: approx 8 km. Test your knowledge of Canadian and Bruce Trail Trivia. Meet at the top end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Line (Mono Cliffs Provincial Park), close to km 3.1. Bring snacks and water. Pre-register with hike leaders no later than August 8. Limit: 20 participants. The hike will be followed by a Pot Luck lunch at our house (bring your preferred beverage). Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley

**Friday, August 18, 7:00 - 9:00 pm: Changing Light Series, Hike 1**

All things and everything are constantly changing, impermanent. Never is a moment, an individual or the trail the same. Change may be imperceptible or, in this case, obvious. Same section, same times, 3 hikes, changing light. Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 19. Pace: Easy; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 6.5 km. Meet at km 10.0 roadside parking on 1<sup>st</sup> Line, just north of 25 Sideroad. From Hwy. 10 go east on 25 Sideroad, then north on 1<sup>st</sup> Line. Suitable for all hikers and families. We will explore the changing light, the effect on the landscape and the hiker. Bring water, sturdy footwear, camera, bug spray. Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley [bryfoley50@gmail.com](mailto:bryfoley50@gmail.com) or 519-942-6488

**Saturday, August 19, 8:30am – 3:00pm: Iroquoia End-to-End, Hike #2 of 6**

Iroquoia Section, Maps 6, 7 and 8. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 23 km. Meet at Tiffany Falls Conservation Area parking (km 45.0). We'll shuttle back to km 22.0 (Veevers Park) and hike back, taking in Felkers Falls, Red Hill Valley, Escarpment and Chedoke Radial Rail Trails. From Hwy 403 going west up the escarpment past Hamilton, take Exit 64 following Mohawk /Rousseau road north. Turn right on Wilson St. Continue for approximately 1.7 km to Tiffany Falls parking on the right (Conservation Area parking fee). Well-mannered dogs welcome. Proper shoes/boots a must. Bring lunch snacks and water. Leaders: Pat Foley [pfoley@ilap.com](mailto:pfoley@ilap.com) and Tristan Goguen 416 250 5600 ext 205



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**Friday, August 25, 7:00 - 9:00 pm: Changing Light Series, Hike 2**

All things and everything are constantly changing, impermanent. Never is a moment, an individual or the trail the same. Change may be imperceptible or, in this case, obvious. Same section, same times, 3 hikes, changing light. Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 19. Pace: Easy; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 6.5 km. Meet at km 10.0 roadside parking on 1<sup>st</sup> Line, just north of 25 Sideroad. From Hwy. 10 go east on 25 Sideroad, then north on 1<sup>st</sup> Line. Suitable for all hikers and families. We will explore the changing light, the effect on the landscape and the hiker. Bring water, sturdy footwear, camera, bug spray. Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley [bryfoley50@gmail.com](mailto:bryfoley50@gmail.com) or 519-942-6488

**Saturday, August 26, 8:30am – 2:30pm: Iroquoia End-to-End, Hike #3 of 6**

Iroquoia Section, Maps 8 and 9. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 19.6 km. Meet at the tunnel at Hwy 6 (km 64.6). We will shuttle to Tiffany Falls parking (km 45.0) and hike back, along the way capturing three waterfalls – Tiffany, Sherman and Borer's. From Hwy 403 going west up the escarpment, take the Hwy 6 north exit. Exit on York Rd and go west to Old Guelph Road. Turn right (north) and continue for about 1 km, then around the bend where the road becomes Patterson Rd. Look for a sharp right turn onto Old Guelph Rd and follow around to parking at the end. Well-mannered dogs welcome. Proper shoes/boots a must. Bring lunch snacks and water. Leaders: Pat Foley [pfoley@ilap.com](mailto:pfoley@ilap.com) and Tristan Goguen 416 250 5600 ext 205

**Friday, September 1, 7:00-9:00 pm: Changing Light Series, Hike 3**

All things and everything are constantly changing, impermanent. Never is a moment, an individual or the trail the same. Change may be imperceptible or, in this case, obvious. Same section, same times, 3 hikes, changing light. Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 19. Pace: Easy; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 6.5 km. Meet at km 10.0 roadside parking on 1<sup>st</sup> Line, just north of 25 Sideroad. From Hwy. 10 go east on 25 Sideroad, then north on 1<sup>st</sup> Line. Suitable for all hikers and families. We will explore the changing light, the effect on the landscape and the hiker. Bring water, sturdy footwear, camera, bug spray and HEADLAMPS. Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley [bryfoley50@gmail.com](mailto:bryfoley50@gmail.com) or 519-942-6488

**Sunday, September 10, 11:00am-3:00pm: Hardy Lake Provincial Park – Wilderness Trail**

Pace: Easy; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 8 km. Meet at 9:30am sharp at commuter parking lot at Hwy 9 interchange on Hwy 400 or at 11:00 at Hardy Lake PP. Take Muskoka Rd. 169 west from Gravenhurst to 1 km west of Walkers Point Rd. (total distance from Gravenhurst on Muskoka Rd. 169 is 17 km). Trail parking is on the north side of the road. We will explore the wilderness loop trail around Hardy Lake. Lunch and swimming at the Skinny Dipper Bridge at half way point. Leader: David Francis at 905-936-4446 or cell phone on day of hike 416-579-5432

**Saturday, September 16, 8:30am-2:30pm: Iroquoia End-to-End, Hike #4 of 6**

Iroquoia Section, Map 9. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 18 km. Meet at km 82.3 roadside parking where the Main Trail crosses Guelph Line just south of Number 1 Sideroad. Please exercise extreme caution! From Hwy 403 or 401 follow Guelph Line to just south of Number 1 Sideroad. We will shuttle back to km 64.6, then hike back to Guelph Line. Well-mannered dogs welcome. Proper shoes/boots a must. Bring lunch snacks and water. Leaders: Pat Foley [pfoley@ilap.com](mailto:pfoley@ilap.com) and Tristan Goguen 416 250 5600 ext 205

**Sunday, September 17, 2017 11:00am - 3:30pm: Dufferin Hi-Land Annual Urban Hike**

Pace: Moderate; Terrain: Easy; Distance: approx 15 km. Explore a part of Toronto and its history you may not be familiar with. Meet at Lambton Arena, 4100 Dundas St W. From the west, come across Dundas St W, turn left on Howland Ave (just past the Humber River bridge). From the east, come across Dundas St. W. or St. Clair to Dundas, turn right on Howland Ave (just past Dundas-Scarlett Rd- St. Clair intersection). Meet at back of the arena We will stop for lunch at a 16<sup>th</sup> Century English monarch's bar and grill, then continue exploring. Bring water, appropriate clothing and footwear. Contact Bryan or Carol Foley [bryfoley50@gmail.com](mailto:bryfoley50@gmail.com) or 519-924-6488

**Saturday, Sept 23, 9:00am – 3:00pm: Peninsula End-to-End, Hike #4 of 9 – Crane Lake**

**Sunday, Sept 24, 9:00am – 3:00pm: Peninsula End-to-End, Hike #5 of 9 – Cypress Lake**

For detailed information and to register, contact the Hike Leader, Rick McCoy at 519-829-4143 (evenings) or [rickpmccoy@rogers.com](mailto:rickpmccoy@rogers.com)

**Saturday September 30, 8:30am – 3:00pm:**

**Iroquoia End-to-End, Hike #5 of 6**

Iroquoia Section, Maps 9/10. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 20.2 Km. Meet at roadside parking on Twiss Rd (km 102.5). From Hwy 401, take Guelph Line South. Continue on Guelph Line, to Conservation Road, then west to Twiss Road and south to the bottom of the hill. Roadside parking is on the east side. We will shuttle back to km 82.3, then hike from Guelph Line back to the Calcium Pits on Twiss Road, taking in Mount Nemo, Cedar Springs and about 8 km of road work. Well-mannered dogs welcome. Proper shoes/boots a must. Bring lunch snacks and water. Leaders: Pat Foley [pfoley@ilap.com](mailto:pfoley@ilap.com) and Tristan Goguen 416 250 5600 ext 205

**Sunday, October 1, 10:00am - 2:00pm: Bruce Trail Day**

Family-friendly and novice hikes will depart from the parking lot at Mono Cliffs Provincial Park (3<sup>rd</sup> Line EHS, just north of Mono Centre Rd) starting at 10:00am.

**Sunday, October 1, 10:00am – 1:00pm: Keyhole Loop Hike**

Blue Mountain Section, Map 22. Loop hike. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Moderate to strenuous, hilly with some rocky climbs; Distance: 6 km. Meet at the Water Wheel in Glen Huron We will carpool to the trail at 10:00am sharp. We will explore the Nottawasaga Bluffs and Keyhole trails near Glen Huron. Leader: David Francis 905-936-4446 or 416 579 5432 on day of hike



Check the Dufferin Club web site for up to date hike information.

**Saturday, October 7, 8:30am – 3:00pm: Iroquoia End-to-End, Hike #6 of 6**

Iroquoia Section, Maps 10/11. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 19.4 km. This is the final hike of this series. Meet at the entrance of the Hilton Falls Conservation Area on the north side of Campbellville Road, just west of Appleby Line (near km 121.7). From Hwy 401, turn north on Guelph Line, then turn right on Campbellville Rd and continue for approx 3.8 km to the entrance of Hilton Falls Conservation Area. Due to paid parking, we will park a few cars here and shuttle the balance to Twiss Rd parking (km 102.5), then hike back to Hilton Falls, taking in Nassagaweya Canyon and Kelso bluffs. Well-mannered dogs welcome. Proper shoes/boots a must. Bring lunch snacks and water. Pub stop to follow.

Leaders: Pat Foley [pfoley@ilap.com](mailto:pfoley@ilap.com) and Tristan Goguen 416 250 5600 ext 205

**Saturday, October 14, 9:00am – 12:00pm: Glen Haffy Loop**

Caledon Hills Section, Map 17. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 10.2 km. Loop hike. Meet at roadside parking on Coolihans Sideroad (km 35.1). We will hike north on the Main Trail, looping back on the Glen Haffy Side Trail. Bring water and snacks. Well behaved dogs welcome (Please bring a leash). Leaders: Helen Bailey [helenbailey@dynamichcs.com](mailto:helenbailey@dynamichcs.com) or 289-231-4566; Margery Cruise, [margery.cruise@gmail.com](mailto:margery.cruise@gmail.com) or 519-217-5414

**Saturday, Oct 21, 9:00am – 3:00pm: Peninsula End-to-End, Hike #6 of 9: Barrow Bay**

**Sunday, Oct 22, 9:00am – 3:00pm: Peninsula End-to-End, Hike #7 of 9: Hope Bay**

For detailed information and to register, contact the Hike Leader, Rick McCoy at 519-829-4143 (evenings) or [rickpmccoy@rogers.com](mailto:rickpmccoy@rogers.com)

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**Saturday, October 28, 9:00am – 3:00pm: “To the Top” of the Dundas Valley Loop**

Dundas Valley Conservation Area (Map 8). Loop hike. Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: approx 22 km. Meet at the upper end of the Old Ancaster Inn north side parking lot. From Hwy 403 going west up the escarpment past Hamilton, take Exit 64 following Mohawk /Rousseau Road north. Turn right on Wilson St, continue for 0.75 km to the next traffic light. Turn left on Montgomery Dr, then another left onto Old Dundas Road. The parking lot is on the right hand (north) side of the road, about 75 m past the Old Ancaster Inn. We will hike from there to the top of Dundas Valley and back, taking in the lovely hamlet of Mineral Springs and a number of rolling trails throughout the Conservation Area. Also look forward to the last of the Fall colours in the area. Leader: Gilles Gagnon, 289-237-5663, [bluewater.gg@gmail.com](mailto:bluewater.gg@gmail.com)

**Sunday, October 29: Canadian Forces Base Borden Loop Hike.** Pace: Medium; Terrain: Easy. Distance: approx. 4 km. Part of this hike is in an urban setting so caution regarding traffic should be exercised.

Included in the hike will be a visit to Borden's Worthington Park which has an outdoor historical tank exhibit. Should be fun for kids of all ages, so don't forget your cameras. Bring water. Well-mannered dogs welcome. CFB Borden also has an excellent military museum. This won't be included in our hike, but a visit after the hike would be worthwhile. CFB Borden is a Canadian Armed Forces community so on very rare occasions, depending on the activities taking place at the base, they exercise controlled access to the facility. You may be asked your purpose for visiting at the entrance and be asked to present some photo ID.

Valid driver's licence or provincial health card or passport should be adequate. For information on meeting times and location contact Jim Preyde at 705-817-5960 or [duffhiland@hotmail.com](mailto:duffhiland@hotmail.com)

**Saturday, Nov 4, 9:00am – 3:00pm: Peninsula End-to-End, Hike #8 of 9: Sydney Bay**

**Sunday, Nov 5, 9:00am – 3:00pm: Peninsula End-to-End, Hike #9 of 9: Colpoy's Bay**

For detailed information and to register, contact the Hike Leader, Rick McCoy at 519-829-4143 (evenings) or [rickpmccoy@rogers.com](mailto:rickpmccoy@rogers.com)

**Sunday, November 5, 11:00am – 3:30pm: Mulmur Lookout Picnic**

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 20. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 14 km. There is no dropout point. Meet at roadside parking where the Primrose Loop Side Trail crosses County Rd 19 (Prince of Wales Rd). From the intersection of Hwys 10 and 89, continue north on County Rd 19 for approx 2 km. We will shuttle to the BTC parking lot on 1st Line East (29.4 km), then hike back through the Boyne Valley, stopping for a picnic at the Mulmur Lookout. Bring lunch, water, snacks. Refreshment/pub stop to follow. Leader: Cynthia Archer [archercynthiab@gmail.com](mailto:archercynthiab@gmail.com) or 416-573-4236

**Sunday, November 5, 10:00am – 1:00pm Hockley Valley Provincial Nature Reserve**

Caledon Hills Section, Map 18. Loop hike. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 6 km. Meet at Bruce Trail parking lot opposite Black Birch Restaurant on Hockley Road, 250 m east of 2<sup>nd</sup> Line EHS. We will explore the trails through the Nature Reserve. **Leader: David Francis 905-936-4446** or 416 579 5432 on day of hike

**Saturday, November 11, 9:00am – 2:00pm: Toronto End-to-End Hike #1 of 4**

Toronto Section, Map 14. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 13.7 km. Car shuttle hike. Meet at roadside parking on Tenth Line (km 38.5; N43.709749→, W79.962893→). From Hwy 10, turn west on Regional Rd 12/Olde Baseline Rd. Continue to junction with Winston Churchill Blvd, turn left/south and then right/west at the next intersection, Ballinafad Rd, then left/south onto Tenth Line. Parking is about 2 km on a large bend where the Walking Fern Side Trail departs from the road and Main Trail. Due to closure of parking around the Cheltenham Badlands, we will shuttle back to km 2.5 of Caledon Section and enjoy a bonus hike through the Badlands, then on to the Terra Cotta Forest. Bring lunch, water, snacks. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Leader: Les Babbage 416-763-8854 or [hikerles@gmail.com](mailto:hikerles@gmail.com)



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**Saturday, November 18, 9:00am – 2:00pm: Toronto End-to-End Hike #2 of 4**

Toronto Section, Map 13. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 12.0 km. Car shuttle hike. Meet at roadside parking on Sixth Line (km 26.2; N43.658281→, W79.985371→). From Georgetown take Hwy 7 west past the first intersection with Trafalgar Rd to 22 Sideroad. Turn left, then right onto Sixth Line. Parking is about 2 km west where the Main Trail leaves the road. We will shuttle back to km 38.5, then hike back through Silver Creek and Scottsdale Farm. Bring lunch, water, snacks. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Leader: Les Babbage 416-763-8854 or [hikerles@gmail.com](mailto:hikerles@gmail.com)

**Saturday, November 25, 9:00am – 3:00pm: Toronto End-to-End Hike #3 of 4**

Toronto Section, Map 12. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 14.6 km. Car shuttle hike. Meet at roadside parking on 15 Sideroad (near km 11.9; N43.584709→, W79.969888→). From Regional Rd 25 at Speyside, drive 0.5 km east on 15 Sideroad. Park where the Speyside South Side Trail leaves the road. We will shuttle back to km 26.2, then hike back through the Limehouse Conservation Area and Speyside Sanctuary. Bring lunch, water, snacks. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Leader: Les Babbage 416-763-8854 or [hikerles@gmail.com](mailto:hikerles@gmail.com)

**Saturday, December 2, 9:00am – 1:30pm: Caledon Hills**

Caledon Hills Section, Map 18. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: approx 11.2 km. Meet at 7<sup>th</sup> Line Bruce Trail parking lot on 7<sup>th</sup> Line, just off Airport Rd, approx 2km north of Hwy 9. We will hike to km 50.0, where the trail crosses Airport Rd, and back. Bring water and snacks. Well-behaved dogs welcome. Leader: Helen Bailey [helenbailey@dynamichcs.com](mailto:helenbailey@dynamichcs.com) or 289-231-4566

**Sunday, December 3, 9:00am – 2:00pm: Toronto End-to-End Hike #4 of 4**

Toronto Section, Maps 11 and 12. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 12.4 km. Car shuttle hike. Meet at the entrance to Hilton Falls Conservation Area on Campbellville Rd (near km 0.0; N43.505705→, W79.961589→). From Regional Rd 25 north of Hwy 401, drive about 5 km east on Regional Rd 9/Campbellville Rd. We will park cars as needed at the Hilton Falls CA parking lot, shuttle back to km 11.9, then hike back through the Speyside Resource Management Area and along the escarpment cliffs to Hilton Falls. Bring lunch, water, snacks. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Leader: Les Babbage 416-763-8854 or [hikerles@gmail.com](mailto:hikerles@gmail.com)

**Sunday, December 3, 1:00 – 4:00pm: Mono Cliffs Provincial Park**

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 19. Loop Hike. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Easy to Moderate; Distance: 6 km. Meet at the Mono Cliffs Provincial Park parking on 3<sup>rd</sup> Line EHS, Mono. From Airport Road take Dufferin Road 8 west to 3<sup>rd</sup> Line EHS, then north to parking. We will explore the many trails in the park. Leader: David Francis 905-936-4446 or cell phone on day of hike 416-579-5432

**Saturday, December 9, 9:30am-3:00pm: Humber Valley Heritage Trail**

Humber Valley Heritage Trail, Map 17. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Easy; Distance: 12 km. Meet on Humber Station Road at the intersection of the Caledon Trailway and the northern terminus of the Humber Valley Heritage Trail, about 3 km north of Old Church Road. We will carpool to the HVHTA parking lot along the Emil Kolb Parkway. This is a beautiful trail where you will see a variety of terrain and signs of wildlife. Bring water and lunch plus appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Leader: Bob Slack 519-215-7696 or [bslack14@yahoo.ca](mailto:bslack14@yahoo.ca)

**Saturday, December 16, 9:30am – 1:00pm: Mono Cliffs Loops**

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 19. Loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Easy; Distance: approx. 10 km. Meet at Mono Community Centre hiker parking area on County Rd 8/Mono Centre Rd. From Hwy 10 north of Orangeville, follow signs for Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. When you reach the 50 km/hr zone as you enter Mono Centre, look for the driveway to the parking lot on your left. We will hike the many side trails in Mono Cliffs. Route and distance will be determined by weather/trail conditions, but expect lookouts, ponds and trees preparing for winter. Dress for the weather. Snowshoes or icers could be needed. Bring water and snacks. Well-behaved dogs welcome. Leader: Les Babbage 416-763-8854 or [hikerles@gmail.com](mailto:hikerles@gmail.com)

**Saturday, December 23, 9:00am – 12:00pm: Boyne Valley Loop**

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 20. Loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: approx. 8.4 km. Meet at roadside parking on County Rd 19 (Prince of Wales Rd), 2 km north of the intersection of Hwys 10 and 89 where the Primrose Sidetrail crosses the road. Please dress for conditions and bring equipment as appropriate. Well-mannered dogs welcome. Leader: Helen Bailey [helenbailey@dynamichcs.com](mailto:helenbailey@dynamichcs.com) or 289-231-4566

## **Saturday December 30, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm: Dufferin Hi-Land “Annual Walk off the Turkey Hike”**

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Boyne Valley, Map 20. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous Distance: 16 km with a 8 km short option. Meet on County Rd 19 (Prince of Wales Rd) where the Primrose Side Trail crosses the road (approx 1 km west of km 17.8). We will walk to km 23.9 and back; the shorter hike will hike the Main Trail to km 19.9 and return by way of the Boyne Valley Sidetrail. Bring water, lunch. Dress appropriately, snowshoes may be necessary. Call if in doubt. Well-behaved dogs welcome. “Turkey Sandwiches not welcome!” Pub stop to follow. Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley 519-942-6488 or [bryfoley50@gmail.com](mailto:bryfoley50@gmail.com)

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Note: All km references are to the 29<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bruce Trail Guide

For all hikes bring water and a snack and in winter snowshoes and/or icers. Dress for the weather.

### **Tuesday, September 12, 2017 9:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Dufferin Hi-Land, approx 8 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike north from Hwy.89 to Murphy’s Pinnacle and back via Boyne Valley side trails.. We will meet at the west end of Superburger parking lot at Hwy 10 and 89. Map 20

### **Tuesday, September 19, 2017 9:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Dufferin Hi-Land, approx 6 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy-moderate. We will hike loops in Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. Meet at Mono Community Centre on county Road 8. Map 19

### **Tuesday, September 26, 2017 8:30 am - 3:00 pm**

Beaver Valley Section, 9.3 km. Pace Leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike the west side of the Beaver Valley from 12<sup>th</sup> Concession at km 72.8 to Hoggs Falls. Meet at Superburger parking lot Hwys 10 & 89 at 8:30 am or Hoggs Falls at 9.15 am. Follow the signs north off Hwy 4 approx. 2 km east of Flesherton. If meeting here please inform one of the hike leaders in advance. Map 26 BRING LUNCH

### **Tuesday, October 3, 2017 9:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Caledon Section , Approx. 6 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate. We will hike from Dunby Road south around the Snell loop side trail and back. Meet at Dunby Road (km 66.8) just east of 2nd line. Map 18

### **Tuesday, October 10, 2017 9.00 am -12:00 pm**

Caledon Section Approx. 6km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate. We will hike in the Forks of the Credit Provincial Park. Meet at parking lot behind Winners in Orangeville on Hwy.10. at 9am or Dominion Rd and Forks of the Credit Road at 9:30. Map15

### **Tuesday, October 17, 2017 8:30 am -3:30 pm**

Annual trek around Big Head River in Meaford. 14 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. Meet at Superburger, Hwy10 and 89 or at Beautiful Joe Park on Edwin St. West off Hwy.26 1 km west of Hwys.26 & 7 in Meaford at 9:45 am. If meeting here please inform hike leaders in advance. BRING LUNCH.

### **Tuesday, October 24, 2017 9:30 am-12:00 pm**

Dufferin Hi-Land, Approx. 8 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will hike the Rockhill Loop and other loops in the Pollock property. Meet at parking lot on 1<sup>st</sup> Line East, just south of Dufferin 17/10 Sideroad Map 20

### **Tuesday, October 31, 2017 9:00 am-3:00 pm**

Toronto Section, Approx. 8 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate. We will hike loops in the Silver Creek Conservation Area. Meet at parking lot behind Winners in Orangeville on Hwy 10 at 9:00am or at parking area ( km 38.7) on 10<sup>th</sup> Line south of 32<sup>nd</sup> Sideroad east of Winston Churchill Blvd at 9:45 am. Maps 13 and 14. BRING LUNCH.

### **Tuesday, November 7, 2017 9:30 am-12.00 pm**

Dufferin Hi-Land Approx. 6km . Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike the Kilgorie Loop. Optional hike up Centre Rd. (Kilgorie Hill!). Meet at Superburger, Hwy 10 and 89. Map 20

### **Tuesday , November 14, 2017 9:00 am-3:00 pm**

Beaver Valley Section 10.5 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike in the Duncan Crevice Caves Provincial Reserve. Meet at Hwy 89 & 10 or at the parking area km33.3 just east of Duncan on the Blue Mountain /Euphrasia Town Line at 10.00 am. If meeting here please inform hike leaders in advance Map 25 BRING LUNCH

**Tuesday, November 21, 2017 9:00 am-12:00 pm**  
Caledon Section 5.5 km Pace leisurely, terrain strenuous. We will hike the Tom East side trail and part of the main trail. Meet at the parking lot on Hockley Road, east of the main trail. Map 18

**Tuesday, November 28, 2017 9:00 am-12:00 pm**  
Blue Mountain Section 5-7 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will hike a loop through the Nottawasaga Conservation Area. Meet at Superburger Hwy.10 & 89 at 9.00 am or Nottawasaga parking area just east of Concession 10 South at 9.30 am.(km 20.4) If meeting here please inform hike leaders in advance. Map 22

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017 9:30 am-12:00 pm**  
Blue Mountain, Approx 7km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will hike from km 6.2 through the Noisy River Nature Reserve. Meet at Superburger Hwy 10 and 89 at 9.30 am or at Lavender Cemetery at 10.15 a.m. on the Mulmur/Nottawasaga Townline, 500 metres east of Lavender. If meeting here please inform hike leaders in advance. Map 21

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017 9:30 am-12:00 pm**  
Dufferin Hi-Land. Approx 7 km Pace leisurely, terrain easy/ moderate/strenuous.. We will hike loops in Mono Cliffs Park starting at the north end of the Walter Tovell Trail. Meet at the corner of 25 Side Road and 2<sup>nd</sup> Line EHS in Mono. Map 19

**Tuesday, December 19, 2017 9:30 am-12:00 pm**  
Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. Approx. 8 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy. Meet at Home Hardware parking lot off Hwy.10 in Orangeville.

Next scheduled hike January 2, 2018  
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Merry Christmas

***Question: If a tree falls in the forest on Monday, is noticed on Tuesday and is removed by noon on Wednesday; does it make a sound?***



**Moss Haven Side Trail**



***Answer: Yes. I would think it would make quite a racket, particularly since it took down five good size trees as it fell to the ground.***

**Contributions welcome:** Criticisms, witticisms and articles for potential publication in the next newsletter are welcome – the next deadline is Nov. 15. In many cases the facebook site is a better option as it is more current, has little space restraints and has more room for pictures.

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