

DHBTC Event Coordinator Report for the 2026 AGM

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Events Report: August 2025 to November 2026

I reviewed the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club "What's New" archive on our website for events covered between August 2025 through November 2026.

I have recapped events that I worked on with the team and some ones I wasn't necessarily involved with. You may find more detailed information about certain events in the other board reports. Events generally included here are some scheduled hikes, meetings, fundraisers, community events, volunteer/conservation activities, races, presentations, or other time-specific activities. The list is not exhaustive.

Event Calendar

Date	Event	Category
Aug. 14, 2025	DHBTC Annual General Meeting	Club / Governance
Sept. 20, 2025	TD Tree Days @ Splitrock Narrows	Conservation
Sept. 2025	Pine River Parking Lot Opening & Hike	Trail / Community
Oct. 5, 2025	Bruce Trail Day	Community / Trail
Oct. 18, 2025	Boyne Valley 25K Challenge	Hiking / Fundraising
Oct. 25, 2025	Common Buckthorn Removal	Conservation
Nov. 16, 2025	60th Anniversary Volunteer Appreciation	Anniversary / Volunteer
Feb. 1, 2026	Mono Winterfest	Community
Feb. 4, 2026	<i>Common Ground</i> Theatre Fundraiser	Fundraising
Feb. 20–22, 2026	Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show	Outreach
Feb. 21, 2026	Black History Month Celebration	Community
Feb. 23–27, 2026	Invasive Species Awareness Week	Conservation
Apr. 19–25, 2026	National Volunteer Week	Volunteer
May 3, 2026	Ronald Ritchie Celebration of Life	Community

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May 9–10, 2026	Dufferin 2-Day End-to-End	Hiking / Challenge
June 6, 2026	American Chestnut Management	Conservation
June 10–14, 2026	The Ribbon 200	Trail Running
June 20, 2026	Celebrate Your Awesome	Community
2026	Mulmur 175 End-to-End Challenge	Hiking / Community
2026	Nicola Ross' East Coast Trail Presentation	Education
Oct. 4, 2026	Bruce Trail Day	Community / Trail
Oct. 17, 2026	Boyne Valley 25K Challenge	Hiking / Fundraising
Oct. 24, 2026	Common Buckthorn Removal	Conservation
Nov. 14, 2026	DHBTC AGM & Volunteer Ceremony	Club / Governance

The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club (DHBTC) supported a broad range of events and activities including the Annual General Meeting, the 60th Club Anniversary Event, Volunteer Appreciation, Annual 25K Challenge and E2E, Biodiversity and Invasive-Species Removal Projects, Bruce Trail Day Celebration, Fundraising Activities, Community & Outreach events, Educational Presentations and more.

The club's 2025 program was particularly significant because 2025 marked the 60th anniversary of the Dufferin Hi-Land Club, resulting in additional anniversary-related activities and volunteer recognition.

August 2025

Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 14, 2025

Time: 4:30 p.m. event start; AGM at 5:00 p.m.; potluck dinner afterwards

Location: 678155 Centre Road, Mulmur, Ontario

The AGM provided an opportunity for members to review club activities, hear reports from the Board and various committees, vote on the 2025/26 Board of Directors, and participate in a potluck dinner.

September 2025

TD Tree Days: Tree Planting at Splitrock Narrows

Date: September 20, 2025

Location: Splitrock Narrows

The Bruce Trail Conservancy and the DHBTC Biodiversity Committee participated in a TD Tree Days planting event at Splitrock Narrows, in conjunction with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority.

Pine River Nature Reserve Parking Lot: Official Opening Ceremony and Hike

Date: September 2025

Location: Pine River Nature Reserve / 15 Sideroad and Prince of Wales area

The club held an official opening ceremony and hike associated with the new Pine River Nature Reserve parking lot. The parking lot was created to provide safer trail access and reduce impacts on nearby landowners.

Biodiversity Event: Common Buckthorn Removal

Scheduled date: October 25, 2025

Time: 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Location: Splitrock Narrows

Volunteers were invited to remove invasive Common Buckthorn and improve native habitat at Splitrock Narrows.

October 2025

Bruce Trail Day: Music Walk at Splitrock Narrows

Date: Sunday, October 5, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Location: Splitrock Narrows Reserve, 755437 2nd Line EHS, Mono

The event combined guided hikes with live music and community activities. The Bruce Trail Conservancy provided bus transportation for interested participants. We estimate approximately 150 people attended

Boyne Valley 25K Challenge Hike

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025

This was the club's annual 25-kilometre challenge through the Boyne Valley section. Participants completing the challenge received the club's 25K badge

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Orangeville HollyFest

The club promoted and had a booth to sell memberships and merch at Orangeville HollyFest, a community Christmas market featuring more than 100 local vendors, free admission and seasonal activities.

November 2025

Dufferin Hi-Land 60th Anniversary Volunteer Appreciation Event

Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025

Time: 12:00–5:00 p.m.

Location: Monora Park Pavilion, 500 Monora Park Road, Mono

Cost: \$20

The event celebrated 60 years of the Dufferin Hi-Land Club and recognized the contributions of volunteers, landowners, members and community supporters. Lunch, entertainment, awards and a silent auction were included.

The club specifically used the occasion to recognize long-serving volunteers and present the Ted Klich and Norm Wingrove awards.

February 2026

Mono Winterfest

Date: Sunday, February 1, 2026

Time: 12:00–4:00 p.m.

Location: Mono Community Centre, 754483 Mono Centre Road

Activities included cross-country skiing, skating, snowshoeing, horse-drawn sleigh rides, live music, a BBQ, a snowflake draw and community information booths.

Bruce Trail Club Fundraiser: *Common Ground*

Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Cost: \$35

Location: Orangeville Theatre

The DHBTC was supported via a fundraising performance of Chris Spurway's play *Common Ground*.

Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show

Dates: February 20–22, 2026

Location: International Centre, Hall 5, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga

The Bruce Trail Conservancy operated a booth at the show and promoted a presentation about the Bruce Trail. The show featured more than 320 exhibitors and more than 100 adventure presentations.

Dufferin Hi-Land/Mulmur 175 End-to-End Challenge

Period: 2026

The Mulmur 175 Challenge is a 41.1-km route following the Dufferin Hi-Land section from Primrose to Lavender. Participants completed the route in sections or as an End-to-End challenge and received a commemorative badge after completing the required checkpoints.

Dufferin 2-Day End-to-End

Dates: May 9–10, 2026

Our annual two-day hike covered the Dufferin section of the Bruce Trail and included routes through Boyne Valley, Kilgorie, Honeywood Ridge, Black Bank and Lavender. Participants completing the hike earned the Red Trillium Badge.

June 2026

The Ribbon 200 Race

Dates: June 10–14, 2026

The Ribbon 200 is a major trail-running event covering the Blue Mountains, Dufferin Hi-Land and Caledon Hills sections. Distances included a 200-mile course, a 100-mile point-to-point course and a 72.5-km Blue Mountains End-to-End route. Lots of lessons learned for this event and the organizer presented to the Club at a recent Board Meeting.

Celebrate Your Awesome

Date: June 20, 2026

Location: Second Street and Alexandra Park, Orangeville

The event celebrated Pride, diversity and community. The day's program included music, a story time, dancing, poetry, a drag show, a comedy performance and community vendors.

American Chestnut Management / Biodiversity Activity

Date: June 6, 2026

DHBTC Biodiversity volunteers and Bruce Trail Conservancy ecologists worked on the ongoing monitoring and maintenance of approximately 90 American Chestnut saplings, including mulching, replacing tree guards and assessing survival rates

October 2026

Bruce Trail Day

Date: Sunday, October 4, 2026

Location: Splitrock Narrows, 755437 2nd Line, Mono

The event included biodiversity hikes, live local music and family activities. Record number of attendees

Boyne Valley 25K Challenge Hike

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2026

Time: 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Location: Bruce Trail Mulmur Hills Parking Lot, 1st Line East, Mulmur

Cost: \$45 BTC members / \$55 non-members

The annual 25-km challenge is a loop hike through the Boyne Valley. Participants who complete the route receive the club's exclusive challenge badge. The event is intended for hikers aged 13 and over.

Common Buckthorn Removal Event

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2026 **Location:** Splitrock Narrows

Volunteers are invited to remove invasive Common Buckthorn using hand-pulling and extraction techniques while learning about biodiversity and habitat restoration.

November 2026

DHBTC Annual General Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2026

Location: Mono Community Centre, 754483 Mono Centre Road, Mono

Schedule:

- **3:00–4:00 p.m.** Pre-AGM hike at Mono Cliffs Provincial Park
- **4:30–6:00 p.m.** Annual General Meeting
- **6:00–8:00 p.m.** Potluck dinner
- **6:30–7:30 p.m.** Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony

The event is free and open to everyone, although voting at the AGM is restricted to Dufferin Hi-Land BTC members. RSVP on the website 😊