Dufferin Hi-Land Hike Director’s Report 2026

Our year kicked off with the annual New Year’s hike, followed by the Winter Badge Series. As I step into the Hike Director role, I’m grateful to join a club with such a welcoming program, bringing together familiar faces and people taking their first steps with us. I look forward to building on the enthusiasm and care of our volunteers.

Thank you to our hike leaders, organizers, sweeps and trail volunteers. Your generosity helps people feel welcome and supports safe, enjoyable days on the trail. As a new director, I’m especially grateful for the experience and encouragement I can learn from.

The year’s program highlights, with our autumn challenge still ahead:

- The annual New Year’s hike opened the hiking year.
- The Winter Badge Series kept the program going through the winter.
- The May 9–10 two-day End-to-End welcomed 50 hikers.
- The Seven Rivers Hike Badge Series.
- Weekly Tuesday hikes.
- Dufferin County Canadian Black Association “Introduction To Hiking”.
- The Full Moon Family Hike.
- Upcoming October 17: the 25 km Boyne Valley Challenge Hike.

Looking ahead, I want to keep our hikes safe, welcoming and suited to varied abilities. If you are new to the club, curious about leading or willing to lend a hand, I would love to hear from you. Thank you for welcoming me to this role. I look forward to sharing the trail with you.

Nick Howard

Hike Director, Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club

Source and editorial notes

Nick Howard supplied the annual program highlights and the May two-day End-to-End attendance figure of 50 hikers. These replace the earlier draft's selected web highlights. The program is presented in Nick's supplied order; no dates or outcomes are inferred for the Seven Rivers series, the association introductory hike or the Full Moon Family Hike.

Annual hike totals, unique leader counts, full-year attendance, funds raised, final cancellations and the full reporting period remain unverified and are not asserted. A complete volunteer and hike-leader roster has not been supplied.

The supplied 2025 report by Stuart Law informed the simple format and tone only. Its totals, roster and historical claims were not carried forward. Nick's first-person passages express appreciation and intentions as a new director, not personal responsibility for earlier events.

Sources

Nick Howard: annual program highlights and May two-day End-to-End attendance (50 hikers), supplied for this report.

The Bruce Trail Conservancy listing verifies May 9–10, 2026 for the End-to-End and October 17, 2026 for the 25 km Boyne Valley Challenge. The challenge remains upcoming as of September 30; a listing alone does not establish completion. The Full Moon Family Hike is not identified as the January 31 moonlight outing.

Bruce Trail Conservancy: End-to-End and Challenge Hikes 2026.
https://brucetrail.org/end-to-end-and-challenge-hikes-2026/