

Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club Newsletter

August 2025



As I hike the familiar trails of the Dufferin Hi-Lands, I'm reminded that nature is never truly at rest. It's always in motion—quietly, steadily shifting. Early August mornings offer subtle hints of the changing season: the quality of light, the transformation in plant life, and a slight chill in the air all whisper that autumn is on its way.

While Toronto continues to celebrate the last few days of summer, the hills of Dufferin County tell a different story. Breezes carry a trace of crispness, and although the trees still wear their lush summer greens, scattered bursts of yellow, orange, and red are beginning to peek through. Berry season is long-gone, making room for ripening wild grapes and apples. Animals also seem to sense that autumn is rapidly approaching. The skies are alive with the movement of Canadian Geese soaring overhead in a classic V-formation, their calls echoing across the hills as they prepare for a long journey south.

Changes are also happening at the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club. At our recent AGM, we elected a new Board of Directors. The Tuesday hiking group is gearing up for a fresh season of adventure with treks in the Duncan Caves Provincial Nature Reserve, Mono Hills Provincial Park and the Forks of the Credit. For anyone seeking a bigger challenge, we're offering a 25 km one-day hike through the Boyne Valley. October will bring a special treat—a musical hike through Splitrock Narrows in celebration of Bruce Trail Day. And in November, we invite you to come out to celebrating the club's 60 anniversary and Volunteer Appreciation, a great opportunity to connect with fellow hikers, bid on exciting silent auction items, and enjoy a catered lunch.

Details on these events and many more hikes can be found on our website.

Hope to see you out on the Trail. Don't forget to send us pictures of your adventures!

- Lorraine Campbell, Editor

Remembering Norm Wingrove



Norm Wingrove was a Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club member and volunteer for 50 years. He helped on many work parties and was trail captain from 20 Sideroad Mulmur to Lavender

starting in 1980, eventually scaling back to Dufferin Cty Rd 21 to Lavender. He was out on this section a month ago. He was always fun to work with, doing whatever task was at-hand. Norm's personality is a role model for us all: a steady worker, patient, kind and positive. In later years, he often included his nephew, Cohen in trail checks and maintenance. Norm attended most club events and socials; in fact he was the first to indicate he would be coming to this year's AGM on August 14.

Norm will be missed and always remembered with fondness.

Our heartfelt condolences to his wife Bernice, his extended family and community of friends.

Featured Badge

Caledon Fall Colours Badge

This badge is awarded upon completion of the Club organized three day end-to-end held annually over the Thanksgiving weekend. A registration fee is charged to cover the cost of bus transportation, refreshments, and the badge. Further details can be found here.



Bruce Trail Day

Music Walk @ Splitrock Narrows

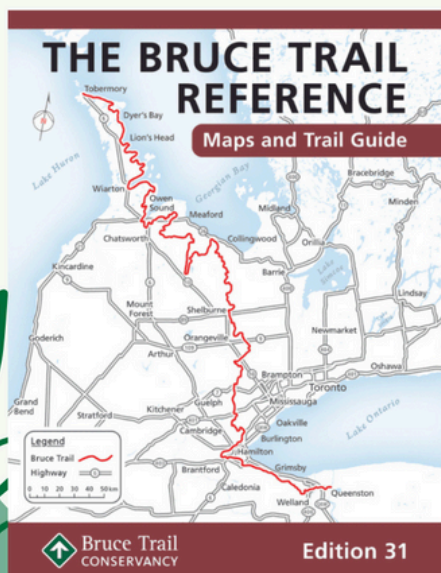
When: Sunday, October 5, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Where: "Split Rock Narrows", 755437 2nd Line EHS, in Mono.

Join us for a music-filled day on one of our most beautiful and serene properties!

Activities suitable for all family members, including bringing in several musical artists who will perform at locations spread along the Trail!



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Dufferin Hi-Land AGM 2025

The Dufferin Hi-Land AGM and summer social on August 14 was a resounding success, enjoyed by all who attended. The evening began with a heartfelt address from outgoing president John Dickason, who reflected on the year's achievements and shared thoughtful insights about the challenges ahead. His remarks were especially poignant as he has concluded his term as club president. Members expressed their gratitude for his dedicated leadership and service to the club.

We were pleased to welcome four new Board members, with Tom Thayer stepping into the role of president. Alison Campbell provided a financial update, confirming the club's strong and stable position.

After the formal proceedings, members gathered for a delightful potluck dinner and enjoyed reconnecting with one another. Special thanks to Carl Alexander and Lynda Vera for generously hosting this memorable event.



Outgoing president, John Dickason was presented with a well-earned bottle of scotch.



Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club 60th Anniversary Celebration



The dream of the Dufferin Hi-Land section of the Bruce Trail came to life in 1965, and we couldn't be prouder of how far it's come. To honor this milestone and all it represents, we're throwing a celebration!

- Date and Location: Sunday November 16, 2025
- Location: Monora Park Pavilion, Mono Township

Stay tuned for more information and registration details!

2025 Peninsula Hiking Festival

The 2025 Peninsula Hiking Festival will see the return of guided interpretive hikes and non-hiking programs, with the addition of some longer, more challenging hikes.

Friday night will feature live music with pizza and beverages from the Saugeen Peninsula's own Tagwerk Brewing. In addition, we'll be launching a new book by Beth Gilhespy and share stories around a campfire.

Saturday, join us after the hikes for a camp classic dinner and keynote presentation on Connecting the Past, Present and Future with Saugeen Ojibway Nation Archaeology by Caley

Patrick Nadijwon Doran. Caley's sound comes from Saukiing Anishinaabekiing territory, Saugeen Ojibway traditional territory. He is an Anishinaabe Interpretive Guide and Interpretive Program Manager with the Cape Croker Park Anishinaabe Cultural Experiences program.



Find out more information and register here.



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CanHist.ca will be hosting an evening with filmmakers Scott Jordan and Daryl Phillips for a screening of Full Circle. The film will be followed by a Q & A hosted by Kevin Callan.

This event will be held in the beautifully renovated Corbetton Church on the Museum of Dufferin grounds.

Snacks, drinks, and alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

For tickets and more information click here.

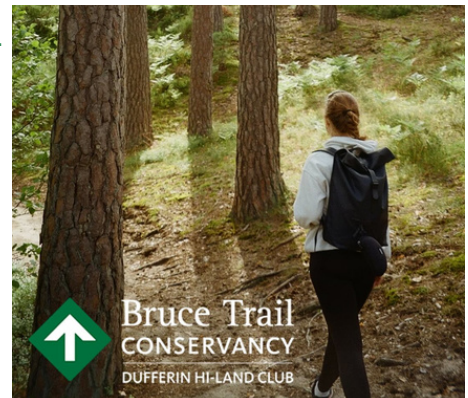


Novice Hikers - Fall Series of 10 Hikes

The Caledon BTC is offering a series of 10 hikes for people new to hiking. This hike series is ideal for anyone who is interested in learning more about hiking the Bruce Trail or wishing to do shorter distances. The pace will be moderate (15 – 20 minutes per km) and distances between 6.5 and 8.5 km. There will be opportunities for snack breaks and picture taking along the way. There will be eight loop hikes and two shuttles. The hikes are offered on Mondays and Thursdays beginning Monday September 22 and ending on Monday October 27. There is no hike on Thanksgiving Monday.

Registration is required for each hike and the hikes are posted on the BTC hike calendar under the Caledon Club. After completing all 10 hikes, (64km), participants will earn Dufferin Hi-Land 60th Anniversary badge.

For more information and to register for the first hike click here.



2025/2026 Board of Directors

At the Dufferin Hi-Land AGM, the following individuals were acclaimed to the positions as listed. We, your board of directors, look forward to the upcoming year of events and opportunities to help grow the club in alignment with the vision of the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

- President: Tom Thayer
- Vice President: Lorraine Campbell
- BTC Rep: Bill Duron
- Treasurer: Alison Campbell
- Secretary: Monica Lim
- Hike Director: Stuart Law
- Land Securement, Landowner Relations and Trail Maintenance Coordinator: Carl Alexander
- Land Securement Assistant: Jill Johnson
- Land Stewardship Director: Keith Gunn
- Volunteer Coordinator: Elizabeth Hawkins
- Director of Biodiversity: Liz Jansen
- Events Coordinator: Megan Logeman
- Communications – Website: Carol Waffler
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- Communications – Newsletter: Lorraine Campbell
- Community Outreach Director: Donald Stewart
- Director at Large: Steve Crocker
- Archivist: Bryan Foley
- Past President: John Dickason



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Upcoming Hikes

Mono Centre, Turnbull, Springwater, Third Outlier and Whitetail Refuge Side Trails

Date - September 2, 2025

We will hike the Main trail to Turnbull Side Trail and Springwater Side Trail. The short hike will return to parking lot by Main Trail. The longer hike will continue south on Main Trail to the newly opened Third Outlier Side Trail, connecting to the Whitetail Refuge Side Trail and returning to parking by way of the Laidlaw Side Trail. Bring water and snacks.



Find out more information and register here. 

Toronto End-to-End in Four – Kelso to Speyside

Date - September 28, 2025

Join us on a four-hike, end-to-end hike series covering the Toronto Section up to The Grange. Today's hike is the first of that shuttle series. We will make our way on the Main Trail from Kelso to Speyside. Please bring water, a snack, a lunch, and a smile. Hiking boots mandatory, poles are recommended. It will be very rocky in sections.



Find out more information and register here. 

GeoHike #1: Murphy's Pinnacle

Date - October 11, 2025

We will hike 7 km on side trails in the Boyne Valley Provincial Park. Visiting Murphy's Pinnacle will give us a view over the Boyne River Valley with the towers of Toronto visible on a clear day. The Pinnacle is a glacial age sand and gravel kame (we will learn what a kame is and how to make one!). A professional geologist will explain how the rolling hills of Mulmur formed and what it means for forest growth. In October, we might be able to enjoy the artistry of fall colours.

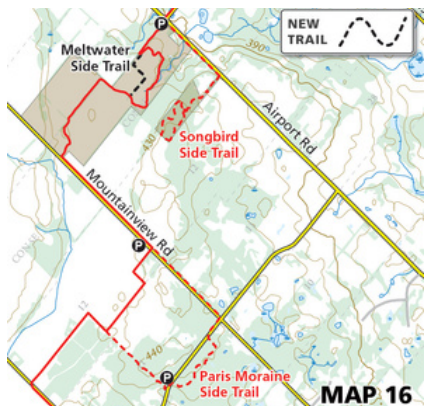


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Bruce Trail Updates: Changes and Notices



The eastern end of the Kilgorie Side Trail where it meets River Road is temporarily inaccessible due to a bridge reconstruction. The anticipated completion date of this project is September 18, 2025.

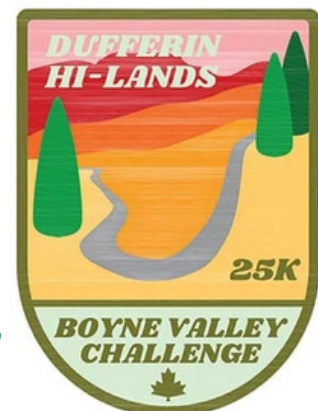


The Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club has created a new side trail on the BTC's Meltwater Moraine protected natural area (secured earlier this year). The Meltwater Side Trail is a 420 metre trail that creates a 1.3 km loop with the main Bruce Trail through the northeastern part of the property.

Boyne Valley 25K Challenge Hike 2025

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Challenge yourself, your family, friends or anyone, to complete the one day, 25 km hike through the spectacularly serene yet invigorating fields and forests of the Boyne River Valley section of Dufferin Hi-Land. All participants who complete the hike will be awarded our coveted badge! This is a loop hike that starts and finishes at the Bruce Trail Mulmur Hills Parking Lot. (BTC Map #20 1st Line East, Bruce Trail Parking Lot – Rock Hill, just east of Whitfield south of 10 Side Road).



Find out more information and register here.



International Friendship Trail

If you have hiked in the Boyne Valley, you may have seen a sign for the International Friendship Trail. As a founding member of the World Trails Network, the Bruce Trail Conservancy is working with international trail organizations to raise awareness of and support for public footpaths through the creation of Friendship Trails.



As part of this initiative, in May 2016, the Dufferin Highland Bruce Trail Club was twinned with the Bibbulmun Track in Australia which stretches 1000 km from Kalamunda in the Perth Hills to the historic town of Albany on the south coast. From the Karri Forest to the Coastal Heathlands, the Track traverses some of the most beautiful and wild areas of southwest Australia, which is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots. Passing through nine rural towns and many popular scenic spots, walkers can enjoy day-walks and the hospitality of local accommodation or embark on a six to eight week hike from end-to-end,

Friendship Trail Badge Series

By hiking the Friendship Trail route on the Bruce Trail and on the corresponding twinned portion on the international trail, you can earn badges! Once you have completed both sections, contact the Bruce Trail Conservancy, and we will send you the Friendship Trail badge and the corresponding trail badge - at no cost.



Calling all Volunteers

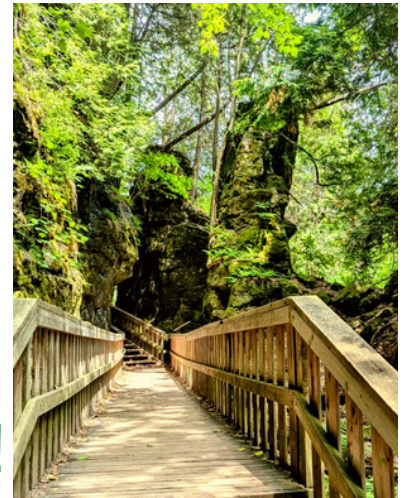
Are you interested in volunteering your time for a worthwhile cause, having a great time and working with some wonderful people? The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club is looking for a volunteer to serve as Treasurer on the Board of Directors.

In this role, you will oversee the financial affairs of the club, helping to ensure our continuing success and financial sustainability.

Responsibilities include:

- Communicate with the Bruce Trail Conservancy accounting office the nature of all receipts received and disbursements incurred during the month.
- Review the Quick Book accounting records produced by the BTC accounting office for accuracy and prepare a Treasurer's report highlighting large receipts and disbursements to present to the Board.
- Present the Income statement, Statement of Financial Position and the Treasurer's report to the Board.
- Make all cash deposits, including monies received from the sale of DHBTC products. Control the disbursements of all funds of the DHBTC, including expense reports and miscellaneous operating expenses.
- Maintain the cash box float used for sales at DHBTC events.
- Circulate, report and present the financial statement to members at the AGM.

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