

This Too Shall Pass. But Until Then....

In these unprecedented times, we should all be grateful that the Bruce Trail exists. With so much postponed, constrained and cancelled, and despite a temporary but understandable closure, the trail remains a welcome constant – a safe place to enjoy nature, fresh air and much needed exercise.

So much of what Dufferin Hi-Land volunteers do couldn't be done. This newsletter would normally contain pictures and articles about successful spring hiking events – including our annual two day End-to-End, our biennial 25 K Challenge and the inaugural Shelburne Bruce Trail Day; reports on our AGM and announcements about upcoming social events. Most of what could be done has been dictated by the Province and the BTC. Through it all, we have adapted as best we could. What many think of as essential – the maintenance of the trail, the care of the land surrounding it, the acquisition of properties – has continued unabated. And as the Province has moved into Phase Three, our hiking schedule has returned, the 25 K Challenge has been moved to the fall and will now be run on consecutive days, Bruce Trail Day is going virtual and we have (hopefully) still been able to include much to interest our readers in this issue.

We hope that all of our members and their families and friends stay healthy, happy and remain optimistic. C.T.



Sun setting over Kilgorie and the Bruce Trail.

Around the Club

A bench was built to honour former Club President Ted Klich with a dedication ceremony on July 22 that went out on Zoom to those who couldn't attend. Ted joined the ceremony by phone. Much thanks goes to Carl Alexander and his wife Lynda Vera for choosing the site and building the bench. It is located about midway between Mulmur's 20 Sideroad and the Twin Silos (km. 43.5). Pictures below show the dedication plaque and the wonderful view to the south and east.



Ted's health had been failing for some time, so the original dedication ceremony was scheduled for the 3rd week in April in the hope that he could attend. The ceremony was delayed due to the pandemic. It is with much sadness that we report that Ted passed away July 24, but we are heartened that he knew of and participated in this honour.

Ralph Tremills – of Ralph Tremills Side Trail fame, amongst other things – turned 90 this spring. It was a subdued celebration due to the pandemic – nothing like the party for his 80th, when he and fellow octogenarian birthday boys John Irwin and Al Eagle were feted at the Mono Centre Pavillion at an event that raised \$23,000 for the BTC. Happy belated birthday Ralph, and may you have many more.



Dufferin Bruce Trail Club AGM. Wednesday, August 26, 5 pm. 67855 Centre Rd. (about 1km. south of County Rd. 21). Director's reports available on the Club's web site.

More Board news

As we get set to welcome three new Board members, congratulations are due to long time Board members Anthony Hopkins and Glenys Williams for achieving something all Board members aspire to do: retiring from the Board.

Tony was President from 2005-2012, Vice President for a year before that, and Director for a year or two before that, when he was briefly Club rep on the (then) BTA Board of Governors. His fund raising skills are legendary. Glenys has at various times been a Director at Large and a Social Director since 2005. Both have been instrumental in letting us know what has been done and what should be done when it comes to Board business. Their interesting and funny stories along with their reminiscences from days past will be missed at our meetings.

Let's hope they will continue to participate and help at Club hiking and social events. (Apparently, if Glenys continues to show up with her Welsh cakes, Tony won't be far behind).

Landowner Relations and Land Acquisition

by Carl Alexander

In the last year our Club had the continued good fortune of having landowners who allow the trail to cross their private properties. This generosity provides many kms. of off-road hiking, panoramic views, quiet woodlots and rushing streams. With the pandemic continuing, these walks are more important than ever to mental and physical wellness.

For many years the trail has crossed the Van Nostrand property between the Pine River Fishing Area and 15 Sideroad. This link is critical, allowing us to enjoy the fast flowing Pine River and the pond that was created in 1910 to provide water for the Dufferin Power and Light powerhouse. On July 31, ownership of the 86 acres was transferred to the BTC by means of a very generous land donation by the Van Nostrand family. We are truly grateful to the family for entrusting the BTC with the stewardship of this property which they've enjoyed since the 1950's.

Land Steward Director's Report

by Brian Cornfield

Bird Boxes continue to be popular again this spring at our Russel and Splitrock properties. At Russel, 12 of 16 boxes have nests - 5 are being used by Bluebirds, 5 by House Wrens and 2 by Tree Swallows. At Splitrock, 11 of 16 boxes have nests - 7 are being used by Bluebirds and 4 by Tree Swallows.

The BTC submitted an application to the Niagara Escarpment Commission this spring to expand the parking lot on the Russel property which is located across the road from our Rock Hill Corner property. With the present COVID-19 pandemic it is unknown if approval will be received this year or next.



Bluebird eggs

From the Archives

by Bryan Foley

Thank you to Brent Melanson, Ruth Moffat and Tony Hopkins for their donation of guide books to the DHL archives. And thank you to Brian Cornfield for forwarding Land Stewardship related pictures and to Jim Preyde for donating past newsletters. The Archives hopes to eventually have a complete collection of guide books - still missing are copies of two to eight. If any of our members come across old guide books, please consider donating them to the Archives.

Bee Balm in the Boyne Valley Park and other observations

About ten years ago, Guelph University, in conjunction with Ontario Parks, attempted some rehabilitation on a triangle of scrub land between the cropped fields on the south side of the trail between the Centre Road road allowance and the forest. Some of you may remember the sign that was tacked to a nearby tree, and the staked, triangular areas surrounded by burlap that were interspersed amongst a field of Goldenrod, Queen Anne's Lace and tall grass. I used to check on them occasionally, but nothing seemed to be growing. Eventually, the stakes and burlap were removed.

Three years ago I started to notice patches of pale purple Bee Balm growing in these spots. In the interim they've spread, and there are now even some patches on the north side of the trail. Bee Balm is an attractive native flower with a unique scent, and is an excellent pollinator plant.

Most of us are used to seeing tent caterpillars in the spring. This year we were also treated to an infestation of Gypsy Moth caterpillars. The egg nests are laid at the base of the tree and the caterpillars climb up the trunk, eventually defoliating the tree. They were particularly noticeable on the Walter Tovell Side Trail. To add insult to injury, they've been followed by what are called Web Worms. The eggs are laid further up and the caterpillars spin a nest which smothers the leaves, leaving an unsightly greyish brown mess. Fortunately these infestations occur many years apart.

Speaking of invasions – although Wild Grape is considered a native plant, I've never seen this much of it before. It happily encroaches on the treadway, and although it doesn't feed off of or technically kill the host plant, many trees are so covered with it they may not survive.

C.T.

The Beaver Valley Chapter of the Bruce Trail sponsors annual trips to the Cloud Forest region in Costa Rica every year. The Sendero Pacifica is the BTC's Friendship Trail in Costa Rica, and volunteers are invited to assist in the development of the trail as well as having a rich cultural experience. Last year, I and seven other volunteers went to Costa Rica for a ten day stint, with representatives from the Toronto, Beaver Valley, and Dufferin Hi-Land BTC Clubs.

The accommodations are within the San Luis Field Station, which is near the famous Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve. It is a large tract of land with new facilities including a large dining hall and dormitory. Trails have been developed on the property to attract visitors to the region, but also as a community centre for recreation and conservation. The setting is tropical rainforest with sweeping vistas that include numerous rainbows.

Trail work consisted of hauling tools and materials up the mountainside to improve and extend the trail system. We constructed a log bridge, installed waterbars for erosion, built stone steps, and cleared an outlook side trail. We were supervised by two American trail professionals that were living at the station and educated us on the finer points of trail construction and maintenance. Apparently, you can have a career working for room and board while working on trails around the world!

Interspersed with the hard work, we were treated to cultural experiences such as cooking classes, Indigenous history, birdwatching in the Cloud Forest and understanding the struggle between large agricultural interests versus conservation interests. A large part of the mission of creating the Sendero Pacifico Trail is to recreate a green space and wildlife corridor that reaches up to the Cloud Forest and down to the Pacific Ocean.

I have three indelible memories from the trip:

1. Looking DOWN at a double rainbow from a mountain ridge section of the Sendero Pacifico trail.
2. Being spread eagled on the ground at the highest point of the trail to keep from being blown off the peak.
3. Seeing the eerie aqua green fluorescence of a scorpion under a UV light during a night hike.

So, if you have a hankering for some hard volunteer work in a tropical paradise sprinkled with some unique adventure, sign up for the next trip.

DHL Club member and volunteer Craig Gutowski's wrote a previous article about his trip to Everest Base Camp.



Spelling in Dufferin

Have you ever wondered why Hi-Land is spelled this way? Is it because we're so friendly? Dufferin County is known as High County due to the elevation, so shouldn't it be High Land, or even Highland. And why isn't it plural? For that matter, what's with the hyphen and why is Land capitalized. I've even seen it spelled Hyland. And while we're at it, being as the rock at Splitrock is split in two, shouldn't it be two words? And what about Rock Hill. Being as that refers to the escarpment, shouldn't it be one word? Just wondering.



BTC Fundraiser

Join our friends from the Caledon Hills BTC at Guelph's Mustang Drive-In on Thursday, September 17th for a fun night out in support of the BTC. Hear CEO Michael McDonald talk about precious lands preserved and species at risk, then sit back and enjoy two movies, *The Biggest Little Farm* followed by *2040 Join the Regeneration* in the comfort of your own car. brucetrail.org/events/201-drive-in-movie-fundraiser-hosted-by-caledon-hills-bruce-trail-club-september-17-2020

I am pleased to advise that our organized club hikes will resume in September with full weekend and Tuesday schedules. As with other aspects of life in a COVID 19 world, things will not be quite the same. All of our hikes for the fall schedule are loops or out-and-back – no car shuttles. All require online pre-registration, rather than the usual sign in at the start of the hike. Pre-registration is limited to a number of BTC members and their guests set by the hike leader. There are many other modifications to our usual hike experience, which you can find in the introduction to the Hike Schedule, elsewhere in this newsletter. As always, hiker safety is our primary consideration. Welcome back!

GENERAL HIKE SCHEDULE

COVID 19 Guidelines: In order to reopen our hiking program in compliance with provincial regulations and BTC guidelines we have adopted the following:

- **Participation in all club hikes requires pre-registration on the BTC Online Hike Schedule.**
- **Registration is limited to 10 BTC members and their guests or a limit set by the hike leader. You will need your BTC member number to register. Your guests can use your BTC number.**
- **Pre-registration includes agreeing to the BTC waiver and providing information you would normally provide when signing in. You will not be required to sign in at the start of the hike.**
- **Hikers exhibiting symptoms of COVID 19 will not be allowed to participate, nor will hikers who have not pre-registered.**
- **Masks and other protective equipment are welcome, but are not required.**
- **Hikers will be asked to maintain a physical distance of at least 2 metres before, during and following the hike.**
- **Participants should bring their own first aid kit, hand sanitizer, sunscreen, bug spray, snacks, etc. No sharing.**
- **Hikers should be prepared to step off of the trail in order to maintain physical distance from oncoming hikers.**

All km. references are to The Bruce Trail Reference: Maps and Trail Guide, Edition 29. Descriptions are abridged. For full description, Hike Leader Contact Information and GoogleMap directions, please visit our website at https://hikes.bruce-trail.org/ecwd_calendar/dufferin_hi-land/.

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, September 5, 2020, 9:30am–12:00pm: Dufferin Hi-Land Side Trails, Hike 1 of 7

This series of loop or in-and-back hikes will explore all of the side trails in the section. Hikers completing all 7 hikes will be eligible for the Dufferin Hi-Land Side Trails Badge.

Map 20. Meet at roadside parking on Centre Rd (km 34.9), just north of River Rd in Kilgorie. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 7 km. We will hike a loop consisting of the Main Trail and Bell Lookout, Meladonna and Kilgorie Side Trails. Hike Leaders: Les Babbage and Nancy Morgan.

Sunday, September 6, 2020, 10:00am–12:00pm: Beeton Forest Loop

Beeton Forest, 7th Line, New Tecumseth, just south of Beeton. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 5 km. Loop hike around historic Beeton Forest. Several hills and beaver dam crossing. Hike Leader: David Francis

Saturday, September 12, 2020, 9:30am-12:30pm: Dufferin Hi-Land Side Trails, Hike 2 of 7

Map 20. Meet at Rock Hill parking lot (km 29.4) on 1st Line E, Mulmur, just south of 10 Sideroad. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 9 km. We will hike a loop consisting of Main Trail and Enchanted Forest, Moss Haven, Rock Hill Park and David Hahn Side Trails. Hike Leaders: Les Babbage and Nancy Morgan

Saturday, September 19, 2020, 09:30am-12:00pm: Dufferin Hi-Land Loop

Map 21: Meet at roadside parking at Prince of Wales Rd and 20 Sideroad (Km 41.7). Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Slippery and steep sections; Distance: 9 km. We will hike the Main Trail north and east to Km 47.4, returning via Centre Road and 20 Sideroad. Note: Dogs are not permitted. Hike Leaders: Lynda Vera, Helen Bailey

Saturday, October 3, 9:30am-12:30pm: Dufferin Hi-Land Side Trails, Hike 3 of 7

Map 20. Meet at north end of 2nd Line E, Mulmur (Access 2nd Line via 8 Sideroad from 1st Line E north of Hwy 89). Pace: Medium; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 9 km. We will hike a loop that will include the Main Trail, 2nd Line ECL, Oliver Creek, Mulmur Lookout and Boyne Creek Side Trails. Hike Leaders: Les Babbage and Nancy Morgan

Saturday, October 17, 9:30am-1:00pm: Dufferin Hi-Land Side Trails, Hike 4 of 7

Map 20. Meet at parking lot on north side of bridge over Boyne River on Dufferin Road 19 (Prince of Wales), 1.2 km north of Hwy 89. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 12 km. We will hike loops consisting of the Main Trail, Prince of Wales, Primrose Loop, Murphy's Pinnacle and Boyne Valley Side Trails. Hike Leaders: Les Babbage and Nancy Morgan

Sunday, October 25, 2020, 9:30am-1:30pm: Toronto Urban Hike

Meet at Dufferin Mall on Dufferin St, Toronto, 1 block south of Bloor St (park by Beer Store). Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Easy. Distance: approx. 12 km. We will explore some of Toronto's historic sites, a pasture of cows, a pack of water spouting dogs, as well as many sites you may never have known existed. Bring lunch, water, TTC fare (2 trips), mask! Hike Leader: Bryan Foley

Saturday, October 31, 9:30am-12:30pm: Dufferin Hi-Land Side Trails, Hike 5 of 7

Map 19. Meet at Splitrock Narrows parking lot on 2nd Line EHS, Mono, 1.5 km north of 25 Sideroad (north of Mono Cliffs Provincial Park). Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 10 km. We will hike loops consisting of Main Trail and Splitrock, Narrows, Ralph Tremills, 2nd Line EHS, Walter Tovell, Clifftop and Lookout Side Trails. Hike Leaders: Les Babbage and Nancy Morgan

Sunday, November 1, 2020, 09:30am-12:00pm: Dufferin Hi-Land Loop

Map 20, Bell Section. Meet at roadside parking at corner of Centre Road, south of River Road, Kilgorie (Km 34.9). Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 8.7 km. We will hike loops consisting of Main Trail, Bell Lookout, Melodonna and Kilgorie Side Trails. Hike Leaders: Helen Bailey, Lynda Vera

Saturday, November 7 & 8: Boyne Valley 25K Challenge NOTE: Nov. 7 Sold Out. Waiting List Only.

25 kms of hilly terrain, all in 1 Day! Hike supported with checkpoints providing refreshments and goodies. Successful hikers will earn the new 25K Challenge badge! See website for online registration details

Saturday November 14, 2020, 09:30am-2:00pm: Nottawasaga Bluffs

Blue Mountains Section, Map 22. Meet at intersection of 12/13 Sideroad and Conc. 10, Nottawasaga (km. 16.3) Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 17 km. Join us as we explore Nottawasaga Bluffs, Key Hole, Freedom Rock, Devil's Glen and Mad River Side Trails. Bring lunch. Good dogs welcome. Hike Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley

Saturday, November 28, 9:30am-1:00pm: Dufferin Hi-Land Side Trails, Hike 6 of 7

Map 19. Meet at Mono Cliffs Provincial Park lot (pass/fee required) on 3rd Line north of Mono Centre Rd (Dufferin Rd 18). Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 11.5 km. We will hike a loop consisting of Main Trail, and Carriage, South Outlier Connector, South Outlier Loop and McCarston Lake Side Trails. Hike Leaders: Les Babbage and Nancy Morgan

Saturday, December 5, 9:30am-12:00pm: Dufferin Hi-Land Side Trails, Hike 7 of 7

Map 19. Meet at Mono Community Centre in the village of Mono Centre on Mono Centre Road. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 8.5 km. We will hike a loop consisting of Main Trail and Laidlaw, Clifftop and Walter Tovell Side Trails. Hike Leaders: Les Babbage and Nancy Morgan

Sunday December 27, 2020, 9:30am- 1:30pm: Dufferin Hi-Land Annual "Walk off the Turkey Hike"

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 20, Boyne Valley. Meet at roadside parking on County Rd 19 where the Primrose Side Trail crosses the road (approx 2 km north of Hwy 89). Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 12 km (optional drop out). This is a get together, stretch the legs after Christmas hike, suitable for families and hikers of all capabilities. We will hike the Primrose Loop first 3.3 km returning to our cars where there is an option to drop out. Carrying on, we will visit Murphy's Pinnacle as well as the Boyne Valley Loop . Bring lunch (no turkey sandwiches!). Snowshoes or icers may be required (contact us). Good dogs always welcomed. Hike Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley

Tired of those pesky 3 a.m. phone calls reminding you to renew your membership? Why not banish them forever by getting a Lifetime membership? If you plan to live another 20 years you'll save money. If not, you'll still support a good cause. Plus you get a sweet \$1,000 charitable tax receipt.

TUESDAY HIKE SCHEDULE

Hike Leaders for all Tuesday hikes are Les Babbage, Inge Eckerich and Bob Slack. For Hike Leader Contact Information and GoogleMap directions, please visit our online Tuesday Hike Schedule at <https://dufferinbrucetrailclub.org/hikes/tuesday-hikes-internal/>

September 1, 2020, 09:30 - 12:00: Primrose Loop Side Trails

Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 20. Meet at roadside parking on County Rd 19 (Prince of Wales Rd), 1.5 km north of Hwy 89, where the Primrose Loop Side Trail crosses. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Moderate. Distance: 5.5 km. We will hike the side trail loop east of Dufferin Rd 19 and up and back to the intersection with the Main Trail.

September 8, 2020, 09:30 - 12:00: Hockley Valley - South Side

Caledon Hills, Map 18. Meet at parking lot on east side of 5th Line EHS, just south of Hockley Rd. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 5.7 km. We will hike the Main Trail and Hemlock Ridge, Glacier Valley and Griffith Ravine Side Trails between Km 50.4 and Km 55.2.

September 15, 2020, 09:30 - 12:00: Mono Cliffs - McCarston's Lake/Lookout Loop

Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 19. Meet at roadside parking at end of 2nd Line EHS, .8 km north of Mono Centre. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 5.5 km. We will hike a loop consisting of the Main Trail and McCarston Lake, Lookout, Clifftop and Walter Tovell Side Trails.

September 22, 2020, 09:30 - 11:30: Hockley Valley - Glen Cross/Isabel East

Caledon Hills, Map 18. Meet at roadside parking on 3rd Line EHS, 1 km. north of Hockley Road. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 4.1 km. We will hike the Glen Cross and Isabel East Side Trails loop.

September 29, 2020, 9:30am – 12:00pm: Boyne Valley Loop

Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 20. Meet at roadside parking at end of Centre Road, south of 5 Sideroad, 100 metres north of km 18.7. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 6.3 or 2.6 km. We will hike a loop consisting of the Main Trail and Boyne Valley Side Trail. Shorter hike returns to parking from Boyne River bridges by way of road allowance.

October 6, 2020, 9:30am - 12:00pm: Forks of the Credit Loop

Caledon Hills, Map 15. Meet at roadside parking on Forks of the Credit Road (km. 8.8), just east of Dominion Street. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 6.2 or 5 km. We will hike a loop consisting of the Main Trail and Dorothy Medhurst Side Trail. Shorter hike returns from junction with Cataract Side Trail.

October 13, 2020, 9:30am - 12:30pm: Kilgorie - Main Trail and Melodonna Side Trail

Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 20. Meet at roadside parking on Centre Road, 30 metres south of River Road (km. 34.9). Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 7.5 or 4 km. We will hike a loop including Main Trail, Melodonna and Kilgorie Side Trails. Shorter hike returns on Kilgorie Side Trail from 15 Sideroad.

October 20, 2020, 9:30am - 2:00pm: Terra Cotta Loop

Toronto Section, Map 14. Meet at roadside parking on Heritage Rd, about 1 km. south of 32 Sideroad (Ballinafad Rd), where the Main Trail leaves the road heading east. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 10.3 km. We will hike a loop consisting of the Main Trail and Terra Cotta Side Trail. Shorter hike to be determined. Bring lunch.

October 27, 2020, 9:30am - 12:00pm: Rock Hill Loops

Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 20. Meet at parking lot on 1st Line EHS Mulmur, just south of 10 Sideroad (km. 29.4). Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 5.4 or 3.6 km. We will hike a loop including Main Trail and Rock Hill Park Side Trail, then a loop including Main Trail and Moss Haven Side Trail. Shorter hike returns to parking lot from top of the Moss Haven Side Trail.

November 3, 2020, 9:30am - 1:30pm Cold Creek Conservation Area

Meet at Cold Creek CA main parking lot. Entrance is on 11th Concession, King, 3.5 km. north of King Rd. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Easy; Distance: 6.6 km. We will hike a loop, exploring the park's nature trails.

November 10, 2020, 9:30am - 12:00pm: Hockleycrest Loop

Caledon Hills, Map 18. Meet at parking lot on north side of Mono 5 Sideroad where the Main Trail crosses (km. 44.3). Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 6.1 or 4 km. We will hike the Main Trail, returning on Hockleycrest Side Trail. Shorter hike will turn back at the Hockleycrest Shortcut Side Trail.

November 17, 2020, 9:30am - 12:30pm: Scotsdale Farm

Toronto Section, Map 13. Meet at Scotsdale Farm parking lot, east of Trafalgar Rd about 1 km. north of 27 Sideroad. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Easy; Distance: 8.5 or 4.2 km. We will hike a loop consisting of Main, Bennett Heritage and Maureen Smith Side Trails. Shorter hike will loop back on Maureen Smith and Main Trail at Eighth Line.

November 24, 2020, 9:30am - 12:00pm: 30 Sideroad to 1st Line

Dufferin Hi-Land, Maps 19, 20. Meet at roadside parking on 30 Sideroad Mono (Km 13.3). Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Easy; Distance: 6.6 or 3.3 km. We will hike to Km 10.0 on 1st Line and back to Km 13.3. Shorter hike one way only.

December 1, 2020, 9:30am – 12:00pm: Boyne Valley/Mulmur Lookout

Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 20. Meet at roadside parking where 8 Sideroad, Mulmur bends into 2nd Line (km. 23.9). Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 6.6 or 4.0 km. We will hike to the stile on 1st Line (km. 20.6) and back. The shorter hike will turn back at the Mulmur Lookout Side Trail (km. 21.9).

December 8, 2020, 9:30 – 11:30am: Hockley Valley/Cam Snell

Caledon Hills, Map 18. Meet at roadside parking on Dunby Rd (km. 66.8). Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 6.5 or 3.8 km. We will hike the Main Trail and Cam Snell Side Trail. The shorter hike will turn back at the first Cam Snell intersection (km. 64.9).

December 15, 2020, 9:30 – 11:30am: Mono Cliffs/South Outlier

Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 19. Meet at Mono Community Centre parking lot in Mono Centre. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Easy, Slippery sections possible; Distance: 5.0 km. We will hike the Laidlaw Side Trail, Main Trail and South Outlier Loop. Shorter hike TBD.

December 22, 2020, 9:30 – 12:00 am: Island Lake

Island Lake Conservation Area. Meet at parking just east of Party City building (4th Ave at Hwy 10, Orangeville). Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Easy; Distance: 8.5 km. We will hike the Vicki Barron Trail loop. Shorter hike TBD.

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