



**Bruce Trail
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DUFFERIN HI-LAND CLUB

HI-LAND VIEWS

Summer/Fall 2018

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April is the Cruellest Month

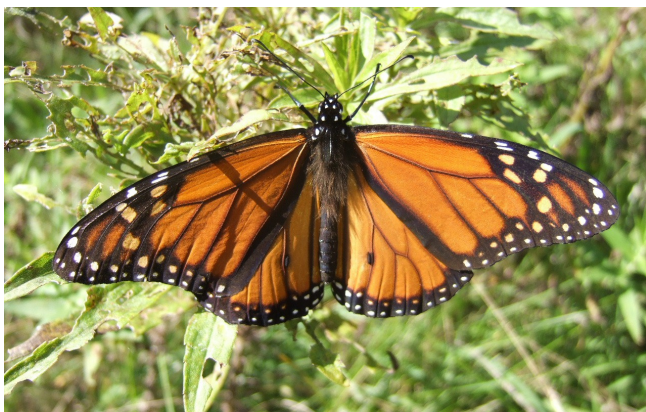
When T.S. Eliot wrote this immortal line, he could have been writing about this past spring in Dufferin.

Since the last newsletter was assembled, and before April was finished, we experienced two serious ice storms and an even more damaging windstorm. The ground remained frozen into early May, delaying the emergence of spring wildflowers and hibernating animals and planned Club tree planting. Much of May felt more like July. Although the weather moderated once we got into June, it remained erratic. Two droughts were avoided at the last minute with much needed rain, which came so fast on to the solid and cracked ground that it altered the course of streams and turned dry gullies into raging torrents as the water raced down the sides of ravines.

Despite this, our organized hikes and hiking events were hugely successful, our trails are in excellent shape and the forests and fields have remained lush and verdant. Even a hastily weather related rescheduled AGM was a success.

The next three months are perhaps the most enjoyable time of year to get out on the trail; as the weather cools, the bugs disappear and the fall colours return. With a hike schedule that runs to seven pages, there is no excuse not to be outdoors.

If we don't run into you on the trail, perhaps we'll see you at our booth at the Alliston Potato festival or on Bruce Trail Day.



BRUCE TRAIL DAY, SUNDAY SEPT. 30. – SAME GREAT DAY, NEW LOCATION

This year the Dufferin Club will be holding Bruce Trail Day at our beautiful BTC owned Splitrock property, located at 755437 2nd Line E in Mono, between 25 and 30 Sideroads. Starting at 10 am, there will be guided hikes, kid's activities, a BBQ, and – for the first 20 new members who sign up that day – free guidebooks courtesy of OPG.

Dufferin Hi-Land AGM May 5, 2018

by Tony Hopkins

Held at the Shelburne Public Library, the meeting began with President Jim Preyde paying tribute to James Griffin, our dear friend, dedicated hiker, and trail worker extraordinaire.

Again this year the Club's *finances* are splendidly sound. Income exceeded expenditure by \$3,200, and we were able to send \$20,000 to the Conservancy for land purchases.

The meeting approved Club *by-law changes* to accommodate the Conservancy requirement that all BTC Board members, including those from the Clubs, be elected at the Conservancy AGM. The overall Club executive number of sixteen was retained; but the previous arrangement of fifteen elected members, and one ex-officio member – the Past President – was changed to allow for fourteen elected members and two ex-officio members: the Past President and the Club representative elected to the BTC Board.

The club's *hiking program*, in addition to regular weekday and weekend hiking, was noteworthy for a number of specialized events. The Two Day End-to-End attracted 92; 65 signed up for the One Day. In both cases the demographic continues to trend toward the noticeably younger. The Club provided leaders for the Hike for Headwaters fundraiser, which raised \$23,000 for Headwater's Health Centre. The Winter Badge series attracted 25 hikers, and the Club mounted other specialty hikes such as the Changing Light, Dundas Valley Waterfalls, and Wildflower hikes. A new badge was created to reward those who hike all the Side Trails in the Dufferin section, and 12 club members gained Hike Leader certification.

Our substantial attention to *trail maintenance* continues. We claim, modestly, to provide hikers with one of the best maintained sections of the Bruce Trail. Three re-routes were opened, minor structural repairs continued and a small bridge near Black Bank was replaced. Because of the wet season, grass cutting was extreme.

An important *land stewardship* development was the establishing of a 20 car parking lot on the Brett property.

Our representative on the *Conservancy Board* noted that the BTC acquired 1,100 acres over the past year, securing 14 kilometres of trail through those purchases. BTC membership topped 10,000.

Dufferin *membership* reached 442, a 17% increase in one year, and the highest percentage increase of any Club in the BTC. The *newsletter* continued to publish on time and on budget, with the editor continuing to encourage e-distribution. Trees get saved, pictures are presented in living colour, and copies never get lost.

All nominees to the *Club Board of Directors* were acclaimed. Elizabeth Griffin and Bob Slack joined the Board. Previous Board member John Dickason was the Club choice for nomination/election to the BTC board.

As the reports from major club areas attest, Dufferin Hi-Land continues to flourish. Thanks to all who make that possible.



Hiking Events

by Carol Foley

Both the 2 Day End-to-End and the 20K Challenge were a success this year. Hikers came in happy and excited to have conquered our hills, and were all raving about the condition of our trails as well as our fabulous checkpoints. Many thanks to all our volunteers, both before the hikes (preparing checkpoint materials, planting flags, marking off parking directions) and during the hikes (manning checkpoints, parking cars, registration, sweeping), and of course, badge celebration at the end, and clean up afterward.

2 Day End-to-End

We had exceptional weather for the 2 Day End-to-End. Not always a Dufferin Hi-Land's tradition to provide the best in hiking weather, but we excelled this year. We had sunny temperatures of 20C and a nice dry trail for both our Saturday and Sunday hikes. On the morning of registration 145 hikers were listed. 136 started to hike and by Sunday, 120 hikers had earned their badges.

20K Challenge

Our registration was limited due to the fact that we only had 27 badges. 32 were registered; however, only 18 people showed up. The weatherman had forecast rain all day, but the day progressed with only a small amount of drizzle at one point, which was actually refreshing to our tired hikers. Even if we were disappointed in the turnout, everyone had a lot of fun.



WHAT WILL THE NEXT DUFFERIN HI-LAND'S CHALLENGE HIKE BE CALLED?

We are redesigning the Dufferin Hi-Land 20K Challenge hike, along with the badge to go with it. We realized that we missed out on a few hills in the Boyne Valley by keeping the hike at 20K. So we are adding an extra 5K of ups and downs to make it 25K of nothing but hills.

We are asking you to help design this: we need a new badge and a new name. How creative can you be? The person who submits the winning name/badge will be awarded a beautiful Bruce Trail fleece!

To help you get started, here is what we know: the hike will be held in June (beginning in 2020). It will be 25K, starting at the first line parking lot, going south to the Boyne Valley side trail, looping around there and returning to the start location. If you have done this section, you know the hills.

Please send submissions to cafoley@sympatico.ca by January 30th, 2019. They will be reviewed by a team.

Hike Director Report for August Newsletter

by Les Babbage

The spring hiking season had a little bit of everything, both in terms of hiking events and weather. On the positive side, our Two Day End-to-End was blessed with two perfect days of weather for a large crowd of appreciative hikers. Congratulations to Carol Foley and her team of volunteers for providing a well organized, enjoyable event. The 20K Challenge also returned to favourable conditions after a four year absence with a small band of veteran hikers meeting the challenge of our Boyne Valley hills. Thanks to Carol and her team for making this an enjoyable event.

Late winter storms resulted in an unprecedented number of hike cancellations on both the weekend and Tuesday schedules following severe snow, wind and ice storms in April. In the event of severe winter weather or severe thunderstorms at other times, please contact the hike leader and/or check the website for news of cancellations. We are a hardy bunch, but we don't hike when conditions are dangerous.

Other highlights of the spring and early summer included another successful round of Quadzilla hikes, our second annual Boyne Wildflower hike, a four hike Dufferin Side Trail series, a four hike Dufferin End-to-End series, and the start of a ten hike Sydenham End-to-End series.

Looking ahead, the Late Summer/Fall calendar includes a return of the Changing Light series, a three hike Blue Mountain End-to-End series, a camping and hiking weekend on the Peninsula, an excursion to the Torrance Barrens, an Urban Hike featuring street art in Toronto's West End, completion of the Sydenham series and - mark your calendars - the always fun Walk off the Turkey hike in December. The Tuesday hikers will again be hiking up and down the trail from Rattlesnake Point in the south to the Loree Forest and Metcalfe Rock in the north. We will also venture on to the Humber Valley Heritage, Cold Creek and Island Lake trails, as well as revisiting many of our favourite close to home locations.

This edition of our hike schedule is the first one produced by a new Hike Management System developed by our webmaster Tom Thayer. Thank you and congratulations on great work, Tom. Hike leaders are now able to enter and update their own hikes directly to the system by way of an online form, which produces hike descriptions in a standard format. The most noticeable change for hikers is that the descriptions on the website and in the online newsletter now contain a link to a Google Map showing the location of the meeting place for the hike. Please consider switching to email delivery of your newsletter in order to reduce printing and postage costs and free up more funds for land acquisition and trail maintenance.

Finally, I would like to thank Glenys Williams for her many years of service to the Tuesday hikers as a member of the planning/leadership team. We will miss her great hike ideas, not to mention her Welsh cakes! Although she is leaving Inge, Bob and I to do the hike planning, Glenys assures me that she will continue to provide sage advice to the group on the best places to find coffee after our Tuesday hikes.



100 white cedar trees were planted at the new Brett parking lot. Brian Cornfield, Bryan Foley, Ian Shelton and Les Babbage are pictured.

SAVE THE DATE! WED. OCT. 10, 8PM.

Once again, the Dufferin Hi-Land Club is partnering with Theatre Orangeville for a special fundraising evening. Join us and enjoy the Norm Foster play Lunenburg. Tickets are \$30, with \$25 going to the Dufferin Club. This is a great way to support your local Club and local Theatre. To reserve tickets, please call the Box Office at 519 942-3423 and let them know you're with the Dufferin Club.

Summer/Fall 2018 Weekend Hike Schedule

Dufferin Hi-Land E2E, Hike 4 of 4: Km 41.7 to Km 56.3 – Pre-Registration Required

Date: August 11, 2018

Location: Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 21, Black Bank

Hike Leader(s): Jackie Foster 416-986-6075 or jackie-foster@rogers.com; Tony Riggs 519-836-4978 or tony.riggs@gmail.com

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 14.6 km

Car shuttle hike. No dropouts. At the Land Owner's request, dogs are not permitted on this section. This hike will take us through farmers fields and meadowlands, along with experiencing the magnificent Black Bank Creek. For complete information and to register, please contact the Hike Leaders.

Changing Light Series, Hike # 1

Date: August 17, 2018, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 20. Meet at roadside parking on Centre Rd at km 34.9 in Kilgorie. From Orangeville, drive north on Hwy 10 through lights at Hwy 89 (Primrose). Follow Dufferin Rd 19 to River Rd, turn right to Centre Rd.

Hike Leader(s): Bryan and Carol Foley bryfoley50@gmail.com or 519-942-6488

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 7.5 km

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. 3 Hikes, Changing Light. This hike is suitable for families and hikers of all abilities. We will hike up to km 39.8 and back. Bring water, sturdy footwear, bug spray.

Changing Light Series Hike # 2

Date: August 24, 2018, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 20. Meet at roadside parking on 2nd Line EHS, just north of Km 23.9. From Orangeville, drive north on Hwy 10, through lights at Hwy 89 (Primrose), follow Dufferin Rd 19, turn right on 5 Sideroad, left on 1st Line EHS, then right on Sideroad 8. Follow around to the meeting point where the trail turns off the road to the east.

Hike Leader(s): Bryan and Carol Foley bryfoley50@gmail.com or 519-942-6488

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 7.5 km

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. 3 Hikes, Changing Light. This hike is suitable for families and hikers of all abilities. We will hike to Moss Haven Side Trail and return via Oliver Creek Side Trail. Bring water, sturdy footwear, bug spray.

Changing Light Series Hike # 3

Date: August 31, 2018, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 20. Meet at roadside parking at Km 15.2, on east side of Hurontario St, just south of Hwy 89. From Orangeville, drive north on Hwy 10, turn right on Hwy 89, then right on Hurontario.

Hike Leader(s): Bryan and Carol Foley bryfoley50@gmail.com or 519-942-6488

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 8 km

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. 3 Hikes, Changing Light. This hike is suitable for families and hikers of all abilities. We will hike the Boyne Valley Loop. Bring water, sturdy footwear, bug spray, headlamps.

Blue Mountains Section E2E, Hike 1 of 3 - Pre-Registration Required

Date: September 1, 2018, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: Blue Mountain Section, Maps 21 & 22.

Hike Leader(s): Jackie Foster 416-986-6075 or jackie-foster@rogers.com.

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Strenuous **Distance:** 20.4 km

Car shuttle hike. No dropouts. Hilly, variable terrain. Well-mannered dogs welcome. This hike will take us from Lavender through the Noisy River Provincial Nature Reserve and the Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area. Hiking boots are strongly recommended. Bring plenty of water, insect repellent, and lunch. For complete information and to register, please contact the Hike Leader

Speyside Loops - Pre-register with hike leader

Date: September 8, 2018, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Toronto Section, Map 12, Speyside. Meet at the end of 17 Sideroad of Halton Rd 25, north-east of Speyside. From Halton Rd 25, north-east of Speyside, turn north-west (right) onto 17 Sideroad. Park at the end of the road.

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 7 kms

This series of 3 loops is a combination of relaxing footpaths and challenging rocky trails and is best hiked in early spring or fall (mosquitoes can be really bad in late spring/summer). We'll hike a combination of main and side trails. Please wear hiking boots. Hike Leader: Karen Bergmann karen.bergmann92@gmail.com, 289-242-1110

Blue Mountains Section E2E, Hike 2 of 3 - Pre-Registration Required

Date: September 8, 2018, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Blue Mountains Section, Maps 22&23.

Hike Leader(s): Jackie Foster 416-986-6075 or jackie-foster@rogers.com.

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Strenuous **Distance:** 24.9 km

Car shuttle hike. No dropouts. Hilly, variable terrain. Well-mannered dogs welcome. This hike will take us from the Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area to the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park. Hiking boots are strongly recommended. Bring plenty of water, insect repellent, and lunch. For complete information and to register, please contact the Hike Leader.

Torrance Barrens Wilderness Hike - Pre-registration required

Date: September 9, 2018, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Meet at Torrance Barrens Park 11 am, Southwood Rd, Gravenhurst or Car Pool Lot at Hwy 400/Hwy 9 at 9 am.

Hike Leader(s): David Francis david.francis.trails@gmail.com

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate, Slippery Sections Likely **Distance:** 8 km

With a stunning rugged barren geology that resembles a moonscape, several long rocky ridges run lengthwise throughout the 4,700 acre reserve. The troughs in between the ridges are filled with low lying vegetation, shrubs, trees, wetlands, small ponds, and lakes. Bring water and lunch. Reserve a place with Hike Leader.

Blue Mountains Section E2E, Hike 3 of 3 - Pre-Registration Required

Date: September 15, 2018, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: Blue Mountains Section, Maps 23&24.

Hike Leader(s): Jackie Foster 416-986-6075 or jackie-foster@rogers.com

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Strenuous **Distance:** 20.6 km

Car shuttle hike. No dropouts. Hilly, variable terrain. Well-mannered dogs welcome. This hike will take us from the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park to the junction of the Beaver Valley section. Hiking boots are strongly recommended. Bring plenty of water, insect repellent, and lunch. For complete information and to register, please contact the Hike Leader.

Peninsula Weekend, Hike #1 of 2 - Pre-registration required.

Date: September 22, 2018, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Peninsula Section, Maps 36&37, Malcolm Bluffs. Meet at entrance to Cape Croker Park (day use fee of \$10 may apply) on Park Rd north-west of McIver Rd

Hike Leader(s): Lynda Vera lynda@westside10.com; Sweep: Carl Alexander

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate, Slippery and Steep Sections **Distance:** 16.8 km

Peninsula Main Trail Northbound. We will car shuttle to parking at Wright's Cres & Purple Valley Access Trail (Km 15.6) and take Purple Valley Access Trail to Main Trail. Possible drop-out at parking on Crooked Toe Road (Km 23.7) for return via Jones Bluff Side Trail to Cape Croker Park starting point. Bring: Lunch, snacks, liquids, insect spray, sunscreen, warm layers, rain gear. Optional: camping gear (make own campsite reservation at Cape Croker Park by phone: 519-534-0571). **Pre-register by Sept 15** with Hike Leader.

Peninsula Weekend Hike #2 of 2 - Pre-registration required

Date: September 23, 2018, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Peninsula Section, Map 37, Hope Bay. Meet at entrance to Cape Croker Park (day use fee of \$10 may apply) on Park Rd north-west of McIver Rd (km 32.4).

Hike Leader(s): Lynda Vera lynda@westside10.com Sweep: Carl Alexander

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate, Dependent on Conditions **Distance:** 15.2 km

Peninsula Main Trail Southbound. We will car shuttle to parking on Cathedral Drive (Km 47.6) and take Jack Post Side Trail to Main Trail. No drop-out. Bring: Lunch, snacks, liquids, insect spray, sunscreen, warm layers, rain gear. **Pre-Registration required by Sept 15** with Hike Leader.

Sydenham Section End-to-End, Hike 7 of 10 - Pre-register with hike leaders

Date: September 29, 2018, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Sydenham Section, Maps 29 and 30. Bighead River (Km 18.7) to Silent Valley Side Trail (Km 37.0)

Hike Leader(s): Les Babbage hikerles@gmail.com or 416-763-8854; Gilles Gagnon bluewater.gg@gmail.com or 289-237-5663

Pace: Brisk **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 19.5 km

Come join us as we continue our exploration of the natural wonders of the Sydenham Section. For complete information and to register, please contact the Hike Leaders.

Sydenham Section End-to-End, Hike 8 of 10 - Pre-register with hike leaders

Date: September 30, 2018, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: Sydenham Section, Maps 33 and 34. Lundy Lane (Km 135.4) to East Linton Access Trail (Km 119.2)

Hike Leader(s): Les Babbage hikerles@gmail.com or 416-763-8854; Gilles Gagnon bluewater.gg@gmail.com or 289-237-5663

Pace: Brisk **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 16.2 km

Come join us as we continue to explore the natural wonders of the Sydenham Section. For complete information and to register, contact the Hike Leaders:.

Palgrave Forest Loop Hike

Date: October 7, 2018, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Meet at Palgrave Forest Parking Lot, W side of Hwy 50, 2.2 km south of Hwy 9 or 0.5 km north of Palgrave Village.

Hike Leader(s): David Francis, 905-936-4446, cell phone on day of hike 416-579-5432

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate, Dependent on Conditions **Distance:** 5 km

Loop hike around this beautiful natural forest with some hills.

Thursday Hike: Dufferin Hi-Land - Boyne Valley

Date: October 11, 2018, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM **Location** ([Google Maps](#)): Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 20, Boyne Valley.

Meet and park east of Primrose at corner of Highway 89 & Hurontario St (Km 15.2).

Hike Leader(s): Lynda Vera lynda@westside10.com. Sweep: Carl Alexander

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate, Dependent on Conditions **Distance:** 9 km

Boyne Valley Hike - Car shuttle to Km 23.9. Hike southbound to Km 15.2.

Sydenham Section End-to-End, Hike 9 of 10 - Pre-register with hike leaders

Date: October 13, 2018, 10:00 AM - 4:30 AM

Location: Sydenham Section, Maps 33 and 34. Colpoy's Range Road (Km 156.1) to Lundy Lane parking (Km 135.4)

Hike Leader(s): Les Babbage hikerles@gmail.com or 416-763-8854; Gilles Gagnon bluewater.gg or 289-237-5663

Pace: Brisk **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 20.7 km

Join us as we explore the natural wonders of the Sydenham Section. For complete information and to register, contact the Hike Leaders.

Sydenham Section End-to-End, Hike 10 of 10 - Pre-register with hike leaders

Date: October 14, 2018, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Sydenham Section, Maps 34 and 35. Colpoy's Range Road (Km 156.1) to Warton parking (Km 172.5)

Hike Leader(s): Les Babbage hikerles@gmail.com-416-763-8854; Gilles Gagnon bluewater.gg@gmail.com-289-237-5663

Pace: Brisk **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 16.4 km

Join us as we complete our exploration of the natural wonders of the Sydenham Section. For complete information and to register contact the Hike Leaders.

Silver Creek Conservation Area - Pre-register with hike leader

Date: October 20, 2018, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Toronto Section, Map 13, Km 36.1. Meet at entrance to Silver Creek Conservation Area on Fallbrook Trail (#13478). From Hwy 7, north east of Georgetown, continue north-east onto Trafalgar Rd, where Hwy 7 curves to the south-east. Turn right onto 27 Sideroad and follow the curve as it blends with 8th Line (1.5 kms), BUT turn right and continue on 27 Sideroad to the end of the road (1 km), which is Fallbrook Trail. Turn right and park on roadside.

Hike Leader(s): Karen Bergmann karen.bergmann92@gmail.com, 289-242-1110

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 8 km

We'll hike a loop and in and back, starting with the Irwin Quarry Side Trail and then up the Main Trail to the Walking Fern Side Trail and back down to the longer Roberts Side Trail. This trail has easy foothpaths and some challenging rocks and roots. The Walking Fern Side Trail is a delightful challenge, like being in an enchanted forest.



Urban Hike - Pre-registration required

Date: October 20, 2018, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Toronto: Meet Dufferin Mall, Dufferin St, Toronto. 1 block south of Bloor (Park by Beer Store)

Hike Leader(s): Bryan Foley bryfoley50@gmail.com or 519-942-6488

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Easy **Distance:** 12 km

Toronto has an abundance of Street Art, not simply kids with spray cans but talented artists who have created brilliant art pieces. We will explore the architecture and street art in the neighbourhoods of Harbord Village, Palmerston Ave. and Little Italy, stopping for lunch at a local restaurant. Bring: Water, comfortable shoes, TTC fare, lunch money. This hike is suitable for beginners, families and the usual gaggle of fun hikers. Pre-registration by October 15 with the Hike Leader.

Thursday Hike: Dufferin Hi-Land - Boyne Valley

Date: October 25, 2018, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 20, Boyne Valley. Meet and park at Kilgorie (Km 34.9)

Hike Leader(s): Lynda Vera lynda@westside10.com. Sweep: Carl Alexander

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate, Dependent on Conditions **Distance:** 11 km

Boyne Valley Hike - Car shuttle to Km 23.9. Hike northbound to Kilgorie, Km 34.9.

Mono Cliffs

Date: October 27, 2018, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 19. Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. Meet at 2nd Line EHS roadside parking (Km 3.1), opposite the Mono Cliffs Outdoor Education Centre.

Hike Leader(s): Karen Bergmann karen.bergmann92@gmail.com, 289-242-1110

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 10 km

We will hike over to the switchback and down the South Outlier Trail and back up the Walter Tovell and Spillway Trails and around the McCarston's Lake Trail (with a stop at Jacob's Ladder) and back to the cars.

Humber Valley Heritage Trail

Date: October 27, 2018, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Meet at the HVHTA parking lot on the west side of Emil Kolb parkway, 2 km. west of Highway 50 and 2 km. south of Castlederg Road. To get to the entrance, follow the sign for Duffy's Lane.

Hike Leader(s): Bob Slack 519-215-7696 or bslack14@yahoo.ca

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 11 km

We will do a car shuttle to the northern terminus of the Humber Valley Heritage Trail. This is on Humber Station Road, north of Old Church Road, and hike back to the original meeting place. The trail goes through a variety of woodland, near the Humber River in places and past farm fields. Well behaved dogs are welcome. For information call Hike Leader.

Nottawasaga Bluffs

Date: November 3, 2018, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Blue Mountains Section, Map 22. Meet at intersection of 12/13 Sideroad Nottawasaga and Conc 10 South Nottawasaga (km 16.3)

Hike Leader(s): Bryan and Carol Foley bryfoley50@gmail.com or 519-942-6488

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Strenuous **Distance:** 17 km

Join us as we explore the Nottawasaga Bluffs, the Key Hole, Freedom Rock, Devil's Glen and the Mad River Sidetrail on this scenic 17 km hike. Bring: water, lunch, hiking boots. Hiking poles suggested. Gooooood! dogs welcome.

Mono Cliffs Provincial Park

Date: November 4, 2018, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Meet at the Mono Community Centre parking area, 100m south of Mono Centre. Take Airport Rd 12.7 km north of Hwy 9, then west 6 km on County Rd 8 (Mono Centre Rd) through village of Mono Centre to parking area.

Hike Leader(s): David Francis, 905-936-4446, cell phone on day of hike 416-579-5432

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate, Slippery and Steep Sections **Distance:** 5 km

Loop hike around Mono Cliffs Provincial Park with some hills, incredible views and cave walk.

Limehouse Loops - Pre-register with hike leader

Date: November 10, 2018, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Toronto Section, Map 12, near Km 21.5. Limehouse Conservation Area. Meet at roadside parking in the village of Limehouse on 22 Sideroad at Fifth Line. From Hwy 7 north-west of Georgetown, turn south-west on Sideroad 22. In Limehouse Sideroad 22 jogs left then right across a one-lane railway bridge. Parking is on your right immediately after the bridge.

Hike Leader(s): Karen Bergmann karen.bergmann92@gmail.com, 289-242-1110

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 8 km

Limehouse has two great sets of loops – the main loop that goes through the Conservation Area and crosses a lovely creek and leads to old lime kilns and goes through the “hole in the wall” and a second series of main and side trails a little further north that go through a beautiful forest.

Cold Creek Conservation Area

Date: November 17, 2018, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Cold Creek Conservation Area

Hike Leader(s): Bob Slack 519-942-8608 or bslack14@yahoo.ca

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Easy **Distance:** 8 km.

We will meet at the parking area at Cold Creek Conservation area, west of Bolton. The entrance is east off the 11th concession of King. This is an interesting area through forest and wetland. Boardwalk may be slippery so icers should be considered if there are early winter conditions.

Blue Mountain, Devils Glen - Pre-registration required

Date: November 25, 2018, 9:00 AM - 4:00 AM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Blue Mountain Section, Map 22. Meet at Devil's Glen Provincial parking off Country Road 124 (Km 30.1)

Hike Leader(s): Cynthia Archer 416 573 4236 (text) or archercynthiab@gmail.com.

Pace: Brisk **Terrain:** Strenuous **Distance:** 18 km

We will shuttle to roadside parking on 9/10 Sideroad at Km 12.6 and hike north along the Main Trail through Nottawasaga Bluffs to our cars. If there is enough interest, more hikes to complete the Blue Mountain section will be planned. Hike may change as per weather. Pub stop to follow. Please pre-register with Hike Leader.

Hockley Valley Loops

Date: December 1, 2018, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Caledon Hills Section, Map 18. Meet at Hockley Rd parking lot, just east of 2nd Line EHS.

Hike Leader(s): Les Babbage hikerles@gmail.com or 416-763-8854; Nancy Morgan nancyannmorgan@gmail.com

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Strenuous, Slippery and Steep Sections **Distance:** 14.3 or 11 km

We will hike the Tom East, Isabel East/Glen Cross and Cam Snell Side Trails, returning on the Main Trail. Drop out option available to shorten hike to 11 km. Bring water, snacks. Icers may be required if winter arrives early. Coffee/lunch stop after the hike.

Beeton Forest Nature Reserve

Date: December 2, 2018, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Directions to meeting place: from Hwy 9 go north on 10th Sideroad for 8.3Km to the junction with 7th. Line. Or from Beeton, go south on 10th Sideroad to 7th Line. Go east on 7th line to the parking lot entrance on south side, just before the Town of New Tecumseth Works Yard. Follow the road south to the parking area.

Hike Leader(s): David Francis, 905-936-4446, cell phone on day of hike 416-579-5432

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Slippery and Steep Sections **Distance:** 5 km

Loop hike around this recently designated Nature Reserve Forest recently secured by the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust. Hike includes beaver dam, Old Growth, Indigenous sites, Trail marker tree. Heritage Guide Neal Arbic will be accompany us on this hike to explain the history of the forest.

Splitrock/Mono Cliffs Loops

Date: December 8, 2018, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Meet at Splitrock parking lot on east side of 2nd Line EHS, 1.3 km north of 25 Sideroad.

Hike Leader(s): Les Babbage hikerles@gmail.com or 416-763-8854; Nancy Morgan nancyannmorgan@gmail.com

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 11 km

We will hike the Splitrock, 2nd Line EHS, Walter Tovell, Lookout and Ralph Tremills Side Trails and the Main Trail, visiting the Splitrock crevices, McCarston Lake and North Lookout. Bring water, snacks and warm layers. Icers may be required if winter arrives early. Pub/Coffee/Lunch stop after the hike.

Tuesday Hikes

Mono Cliffs - South Outlier

Date: September 4, 2018, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 19. Meet at Mono Community Centre in Mono Centre

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 6.5 km

Loop hike. We will hike the Laidlaw, South Outlier and Turnbull Side Trails.

Humber Valley Heritage Trail

Date: September 11, 2018, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Meet on east side of Winners/Party City building (Hwy 10 & 4th Ave) at 9:00am or HVTA parking lot on west side of Emil Kolb Parkway, approximately 2 km west of Hwy 50 and 2 km south of Castleberg Rd at 9:30.

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Easy, Moderate **Distance:** 11 km

Car shuttle hike. We will hike from Humber Station Rd at Caledon Trailway back to the HVTA parking lot. Bring lunch.

Pine River/Kilgorie Loop Hike

Date: September 18, 2018, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 20. Meet at Superburger at 9:30am.

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 7.5 kms

We will car pool to parking on Centre Rd at River Rd (Km 34.9), then hike the Main Trail and Kilgorie Side Trail.

Loree Forest Loop

Date: September 25, 2018, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Beaver Valley Section, Map 24. Meet at Superburger at 9:00am. We will car pool to 4th Line parking (near Beaver Valley Km 2.3)

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 10 km

We will hike Main Trail and Loree Side Trails. Bring lunch.

Walker's Woods/Oliver Creek Loop

Date: October 2, 2018, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 20. Meet at roadside parking on 2nd Line East, just north of 8 Sideroad (Km 24.2).

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Strenuous **Distance:** 5.2 km

We will hike the Main Trail and Oliver Creek Side Trail.

Forks of the Credit

Date: October 9, 2018, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Caledon Hills Section, Map 15. Meet at 9:30am at east side of Party City/Winners building (Hwy 10 at 4th Ave) in Orangeville or roadside parking on Forks of the Credit Rd at Dominion St (Km 8.8) at 10:00am.

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 12.2 km

We will hike the Main Trail, Mill Pond Side Trail and Trans-Canda Trail. Bring lunch.

Rattlesnake Point

Date: October 16, 2018, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Iroquoia Section, Map 11. Meet at parking on east side of Party City/Winners building at 9:00am or at Rattlesnake Conservation Area at 10:00am.

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 9 km

We will car pool to Rattlesnake Point CA and hike the Rattlesnake Point Side Trail, Main Trail and Leech Porter Side Trail. Bring lunch.

Walter Tovell/McCarston's Lake/Lookout Loop

Date: October 23, 2018, 9:30 AM - 12:30 AM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 19. Meet at roadside parking on 25 Sideroad at 2nd Line EHS.

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 7 km

We will hike the Walter Tovell, McCarston's Lake and Lookout Side Trails and Main Trail.

Metcalf Rock/Duncan Crevices Loop

Date: October 30, 2018, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Beaver Valley, Map 25. Meet at Superburger at 9:00am. We will car pool to parking on 9th Sideroad (Km 33.3).

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Moderate, Strenuous **Distance:** 10.3 km

We will hike the Main Trail and Chuck Grant Side Trail. Bring lunch.

Caledon - Hockleycrest Side Trail

Date: November 6, 2018, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Caledon Hills Section, Map 18. Meet at 9:30am at east side of Party City/Winners building (Hwy 10 at 4th Ave) in Orangeville or roadside parking on north side of 5 Sideroad, Mono (Km 44.3) at 9:45am.

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 7 km

We will hike the Main Trail to Airport Road and return via Hockleycrest Side Trail.

Terra Cotta Loop

Date: November 13, 2018, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Toronto Section, Map 14. Meet at 9:30am at east side of Party City/Winners building (Hwy 10 at 4th Ave) in Orangeville or at 10:00am at roadside parking on Heritage Rd (Km 43.8) where the Main Trail crosses.

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 11.3 km

We will hike a newly- created loop in and around the Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Bring lunch.

Rock Hill Loops

Date: November 20, 2018, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 20. Meet at Rock Hill parking lot on 1st Line E (Km 29.4) at 9:30am

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 6 km

We will hike the Main Trail and Rock Hill Park, David Hahn, Enchanted Forest and Moss Haven Side Trails.

Trimble/Ring Kiln Loops

Date: November 27, 2018, 9:30 AM - 12:30 AM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Caledon Hills, Map 15. Meet at 9:30am at parking on east side of Party City/Winners building (Hwy 10 and 4th St) in Orangeville or at roadside parking on Forks of the Credit Rd at Dominion St (Km 8.8).

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 7 km

We will hike the Main Trail and Ring Kiln and Trimble Side Trails.

Cold Creek Conservation Area

Date: December 4, 2018, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Meet at parking on east side of former Winners (Hwy 10 and 4th Ave) in Orangeville at 9:30 am or at Cold Creek CA, which is on 11th Concession, King, 3.5 km north of King Rd, at 10:00am.

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Easy **Distance:** 6.6 km

We will hike a loop, exploring the park's nature trails.

Boyne Valley Loop

Date: December 11, 2018, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 20. Meet at Centre Rd parking, south of 5 Sideroad (Km 18.7).

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 6.5 km

We will hike the Main Trail and Boyne Valley Side Trail.

Island Lake Loop

Date: December 18, 2018, 9:30 AM - 12:30 AM

Location ([Google Maps](#)): Island Lake Conservation Area. Meet at parking on east side of Party City/Winners building (Hwy 10 and 4th Ave) in Orangeville.

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Easy **Distance:** 8.2 km

We will hike the Vicky Barron Lakeside Trail loop.

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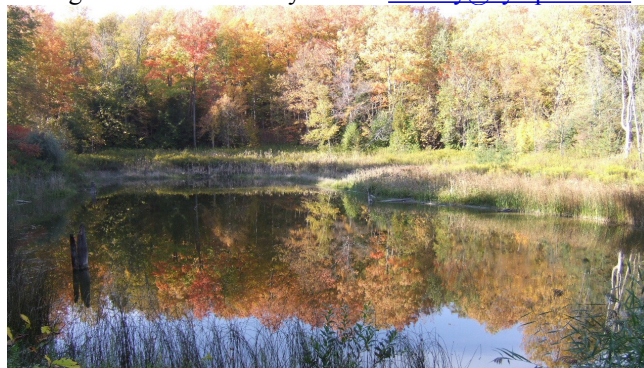
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