

Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club Newsletter



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Happy New Year! I hope your upcoming year will be filled with lots of hiking, connections within the community and opportunities to support the biodiversity of our natural world. As I flip through the calendar of the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail club, I am excited to see the variety of hikes, special events and celebrations on offer throughout 2026.

Up here in the Dufferin Hi-Lands, 2025 was a year that we won't soon forget. The March ice storm hit the area especially hard, forcing our trail to close for several weeks. During that period, Board members, volunteers, and people from the community worked tirelessly to clear debris and fallen trees, restoring the trail to a safe condition. Not long after reopening, we marked the occasion with our end-to-end hike. This was followed by the Summer Solstice hiking series in June which was a highlight of the year for many of our members. In August we gathered for our AGM, welcoming several new Board members and saying goodbye to loyal friends. September brought the opening of the Pine River Reserve parking lot, offering safer access to one of the trail's most stunning sections. We finally wrapped up the year with a wonderful Volunteer Appreciation celebration in November.

Looking ahead, 2026 promises even more excitement. A fundraising event at Theatre Orangeville, another end-to-end hike, the Summer Solstice celebration, and Bruce Trail Day in October are all on the horizon. Updates about these events will continue to be shared through our website and social media channels. A heartfelt thank-you goes to Carol Waffler and Savannah Rogers for their dedicated work keeping everyone informed and engaged on everything that is happening.

Lorraine Campbell, editor



Upcoming Hikes

February 3

Glen Haffy - Coolihans Sideroad to Hwy 9

- Pace - Leisurely
- Distance - 6.8 km

February 7

Pine River Discovery Hike

- Pace - Medium
- Distance - 6 km

February 10

Hockley Valley - Tom East Loop

- Pace - Leisurely
- Distance - 5.6 km

February 17

Mono Cliffs/Laidlaw and South Outlier Side Trails

- Pace - Leisurely
- Distance - 5 km

February 21

Dufferin Hi-Land Winter Badge Hike - #4 of 4

- Pace - Medium
- Distance - 7.3 km

February 24

Glen Haffy - Oak Ridges Side Trail

- Pace - Leisurely
- Distance - 5.2 km

February 28

Mono Cliff Provincial Park in Winter

- Pace - Medium
- Distance - 15 km

January 20

Hikes are led by experienced leaders from the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club. You must pre-register. Check the website for more information about dates, times and meeting locations. 

Tales from the Trail

It is always great to hear hiking tales from our members. Let us know about all your adventures on the trail. Don't forget to send pictures!



Our New Year's Day hikes at Mono Cliffs were a great success. The weather was cold but the camaraderie was toasty warm! The day started out very cold but the sunshine on the snow and ice was magnificent. Loved the blue sky too. We even saw a partridge in a tree and a coyote in the woods! The hot chocolate and treats after were really appreciated.



It is always a joy to ski on the beautifully groomed trails at Hockleycrest.

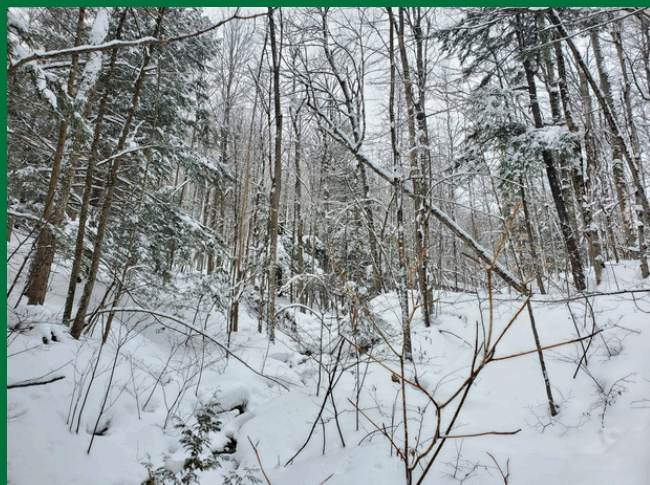


Happy Hiking!

We had lots of fun on our annual Christmas Day hike at Bronte Creek Provincial Park. There was even a real manger in the barn!



Winter wonderland on the Dufferin Hi-Land section of the Bruce Trail.



inaturalist App

How you can help biodiversity and many species with the iNaturalist App.

Many of you may not know that there is an app that can help the Bruce Trail Conservancy every time you are out hiking or walking. It is called iNaturalist and every year this app keeps getting better and better.

The iNaturalist app is used worldwide by enthusiasts and professionals alike. Because of this, it has become one of the most popular and most used apps for tracking, identifying, protecting wildlife species throughout the world. The Dufferin Hi-Land club employs this app for off-trail identification of various species within our properties and we also have specialized iNaturalist hikes, as part of our Summer Solstice Series, to teach people how to configure and use the app while on the trails to help us further our understanding of what species exist within our section and assist us with our biodiversity efforts. We would love to see you out there! 😊

Along with iNaturalist, there is an app named Seek, that is produced by the iNaturalist group, which integrates with iNaturalist to provide almost instant identification of species. You can setup both apps to post your findings to the Bruce Trail Conservancy project, which would allow automatic postings, therefore assisting with the cataloging of species. Do not underestimate the importance of these reports. In this day and age, where the environment seems to be under attack from all fronts, identification and/or reporting of a single protected species could make a huge ecological impact.

If you are interested in learning more, please feel free to reach out to our biodiversity committee or leaving a message on our website. We would be more than happy to assist you with getting these apps up and running. [Click here for more information.](#)

Cheers and Happy Trails,
Tom Thayer





EVENT CALENDAR



JAN

1st : Mulumur turns 175



16th : Family Day
Winterfest
@ Mansfield Outdoor
Centre

FEB



MAR

16th-20th : March Break
Community Days @
Mansfield Ski Club



11th: Maple Madness
@ 4M Maple

APR



MAY

Mulumur Hills Tree Sale
@Township Office



Annual Spring Market
@ Superburger

Strawberry Festival
@ Maple Grove Market

JUN



JUL

4th: Historic Dominion Day
Allstar Baseball Games @
Mansfield Community Park



Authors in the Hills of
Mulumur
@ Foley Barn

AUG



SEPT

26th: Mulumur 175
Celebration BBQ @
Township Office



17th: Hops in the Hills
@ Mansfield Outdoor
Centre

OCT



NOV

Christmas in Rosemont
@ Rosemont General Store



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DEC

Talisman Resort

The Bruce Trail Conservancy recently announced a significant purchase of the former Talisman Mountain Resort lands within the Beaver Valley section of the Trail.

This purchase enables the Bruce Trail to secure an additional 885 metres of hiking paths, protects over 120 acres of ecologically sensitive Niagara Escarpment land, and provides opportunities for habitat restoration.

Check the Bruce Trail Conservancy website or listen to a CBC Ontario Morning interview with guest Michael McDonald, CEO, Bruce Trail Conservancy to learn more.



Become a Member of the Bruce Trail Conservancy

By becoming a member of the BTC, you are helping to secure a Conservation Corridor through the Niagara Escarpment, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. Your fees help the BTC achieve its goal of establishing a continuous habitat for rare flora and fauna, purify Escarpment waterways, clean our air, allow forests to thrive and house the Bruce Trail, a 900 km. footpath that offers many hiking options.



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When you join, be sure to select the Dufferin Hi-Land Club you enjoy the following additional benefits:

- Connection with hiking and bio-diversity enthusiasts in your local area
- Guided Hikes
- Volunteer opportunities, such as helping to maintain the Dufferin section of the Bruce Trail

Click here to become a member.



Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show

The Bruce Trail Conservancy will be returning to the Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show. We will have our booth setup, so come over and say hi, as well as Adam Brylowski will be speaking about the Bruce Trail! For further details you can go to their website. 

- Location: The International Centre, Mississauga
- Dates: February 20, 21 & 22



Introducing Alan Selby

We are pleased to announce that Alan Selby will be joining us to serve as treasurer on the Dufferin Hi-Land Board of Directory. Alan recently retired from working at Dufferin County where he served as the county treasurer for over 13 years. Prior to that, he served as treasurer at Grey Highlands and the County of Victoria. He has been a member of the Municipal Finance Officers Association since January 2000. Originally from Toronto, Alan attended high school at Eastdale Collegiate. After finishing secondary school, he attended the University of Waterloo where he specialized in mathematics and statistics, graduating in 1982 with Bachelor of



Mathematics. He received his designation as a certified general accountant in 1987. Alan currently lives in Shelburne and is very active in the community. In 2023, he served as a member of the Dufferin Climate Adaptation Working Group which authored the Together for Change proposal which outlined a strategy for the County, local municipalities, and community members to build climate resilience in the Dufferin County. He has also worked as a volunteer at Theatre Orangeville. Finally, Alan is an avid football fan and has been a member of the Toronto Argonauts Football Club since 1980. Welcome aboard Alan!

Theatre Orangeville Fundraiser

Tickets are now on sale to see *Common Ground* at Orangeville Theatre! For her second seating in the Director's Chair, Jennifer Stewart is delighted to bring this provocative rom-com to life.

Pam is blindsided when her husband of four years leaves her a note telling her he's left her for another woman. She leans on her best friend Lizzy for support as she picks up the pieces of her life. She gets a call from Jake, a potato farmer (and the other woman's husband). He is equally bewildered by a similar note left for him. Jake is new to the area and has no Lizzy in his life, so Pam reluctantly agrees to meet him. Over time, they find common ground in their shared experience. Full of wit, warmth and humour, *Common Ground* is a heartwarming comedy about love - both lost and found.

- Date: Wednesday February 4, 2026.
- Cost: \$35 per ticket.

To buy tickets call the Orangeville Theatre box office directly at (519) 942-3423. Please let them know you are purchasing tickets for this event for the Bruce Trail Club.

For more information click here. 



THEATRE ORANGEVILLE

David Nairn, Artistic Director



Town of Mono Winterfest 2026

X-COUNTRY SKIING, SKATING, SNOWSHOEING, HORSE-DRAWN SLEIGH RIDES, BONFIRE, LIVE MUSIC, BBQ LUNCH COUNTER, SNOWFLAKE DRAW, COMMUNITY INFORMATION BOOTHS, INDOOR ACTIVITIES AND WINTERY FUN

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

12 P.M. - 4 P.M.

MONO COMMUNITY CENTRE
754483 MONO CENTRE RD,
MONO

MNR Proposal: Hunting in the Boyne Valley Provincial Park

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has put forward a proposal to expand the size of the Boyne Valley Provincial Park and permit hunting within its boundaries. Learn more about the proposal by visiting: Environmental Registry of Ontario- Notice 019-9306 (Note: Boyne Valley is listed as no. 31)



Become a Volunteer

The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club is always looking for volunteers to help us with publicity, social media, hikes, and trail maintenance. It is a great opportunity to connect with the local community, find out more about hiking opportunities in Dufferin and support the Bruce Trail mission of securing a ribbon of wilderness for everyone, everywhere. Click here to find out more about volunteering with the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club.



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