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Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club Newsletter



Hiking in September feels like a study in contrasts. The warmth of summer continues to linger during the day, casting some of the year's most captivating light across the landscape. Sunbeams pierce the forest canopy, tinged with the first hints of gold as leaves begin their seasonal transformation. When evening falls, everything changes, the air turns crisp and the shadows lengthen. It is a month suspended between two worlds—afternoons bathed in sunshine and nights edged with chill. In the forest some trees still cling to their summer green foliage while others are ablaze in scarlet. The hum of summer insects has faded but squirrels and chipmunks are busy, frantically gathering enough food for the cold months ahead. When the weather cooperates, a September hike on a sunny afternoon can be the most enjoyable time of the year.



As we head into the fall, the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club has a great lineup of hikes and events to enjoy. The hiking schedule on page 2 of this newsletter includes a variety of challenges with something to suit everyone. If you are interested in joining us for a hike, be sure register on the website. Off the trail, there are opportunities to connect with fellow members, including our 60th Anniversary Appreciation Lunch in November. We will be getting together at the Menora Park Pavillion with a catered lunch and a silent auction. This year's celebration will feature two new awards in honour of long-time members of the Dufferin Hi-Land Club, Norm Wingrove and Ted Klich. You can read more about them on page 4. Finally, please join us on October 5 for Bruce Trail Day at Splitrock Narrows. This event is suitable for all levels of hikers and will be featuring a musical hike that celebrates both the beauty of the Niagara Escarpment and the vibrancy of our local arts scene.

Lorraine Campbell - editor

October Hikes

October 4

GeoHike #1 - Murphy's Pinnacle

- Pace - Medium
- Distance - 7 km

October 5, 18

Dufferin Stained Glass Series (multi-day hike)

- Pace - Medium
- Distance - 19.4 km, 21.3 km

October 7

Duncan Caves/Metcalf Rock Loop

- Pace - Leisurely
- Distance - 10 km

October 12

Toronto End-to-End, Speyside to Scottsdale Farm

- Pace - Medium
- Distance - 16.6 km

October 14

Pretty River Valley Provincial Park

- Pace - Leisurely
- Distance - 7.5 km

October 19

Toronto End-to-End, Scottsdale Farm to Terra Cotta

- Pace - Medium
- Distance - 14 km

October 21

Humber Valley, 5 Sideroad to Glenn Haffy Side Trail

- Pace - Medium
- Distance - 7 km

October 25

GeoHike Series #2, Splitrock Nature Reserve

- Pace - Leisurely
- Distance - 5 km

October 26

Toronto End-to-End, Terra Cotta to The Grange

- Pace - Medium
- Distance - 14 km

October 28

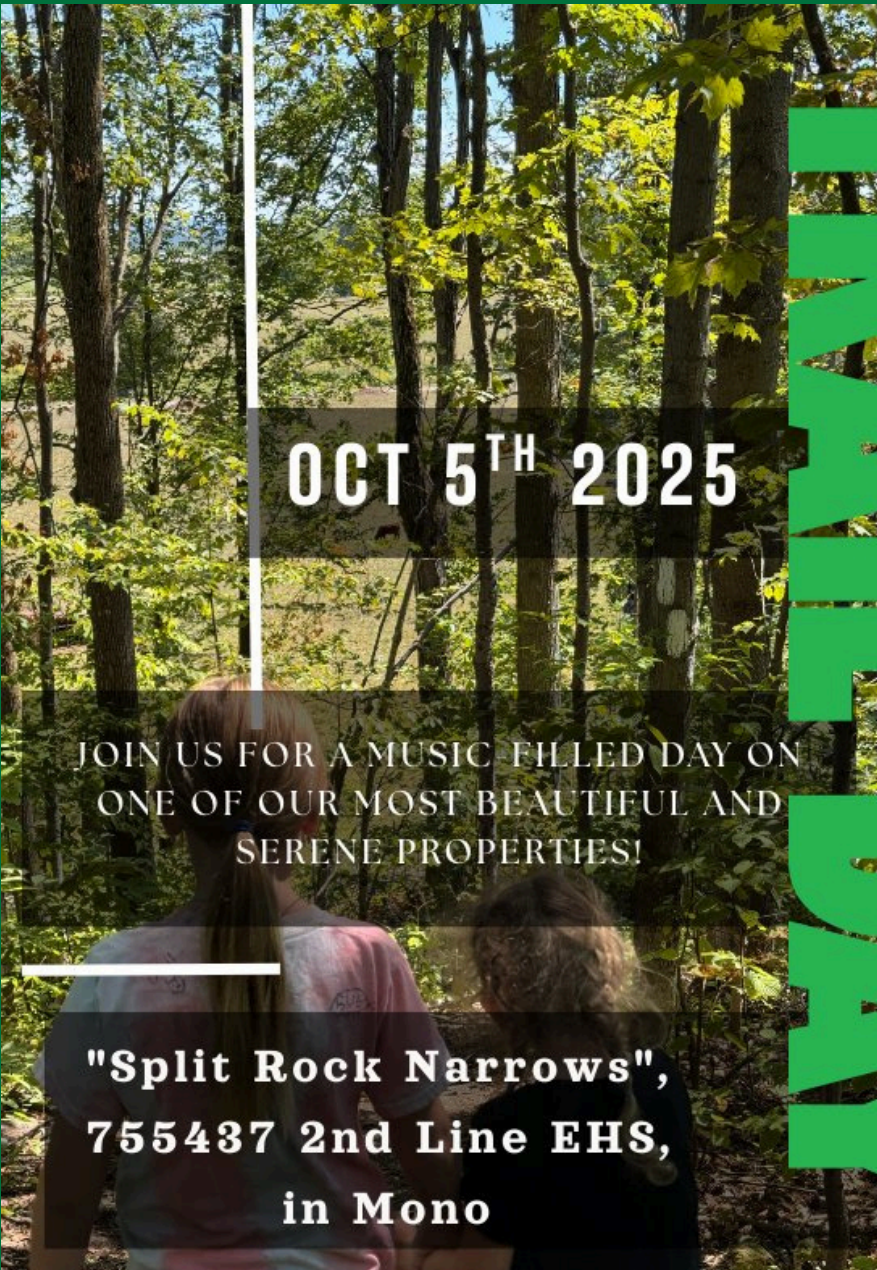
Hockley/Humber Valley

- Pace - Medium
- Distance - 7 km



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.





OCT 5TH 2025

JOIN US FOR A MUSIC FILLED DAY ON ONE OF OUR MOST BEAUTIFUL AND SERENE PROPERTIES!

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Awards



The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club runs on the strength of volunteers. Whether it's maintaining trails, leading hikes, organizing special events or greeting hikers at checkpoints, our organization wouldn't exist without the support of hundreds of volunteers. During our Volunteer Appreciation Lunch in November, the DHBTC will be proud to offer two new awards in recognition of the outstanding contributions of long-time volunteers Norm Wingrove and Ted Klich.

The Norm Wingrove Award

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. In memory of Norm's fifty years of volunteering with Dufferin BTC, the award recognizes members whose dedication and commitment, or specific achievement during the current year, made a distinct impact on the mission and success of the club.

The Ted Klich Award

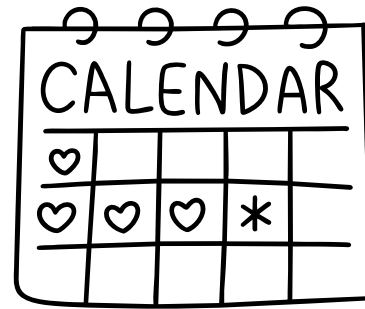
Ted Klich served as president of the DHBTC from 2001 - 2005. His leadership and commitment established the club's continuing trajectory of achievement and success. In memory of Ted's exceptional tenure as club President, the award recognizes an individual whose exceptional service and dedication over time have had a significant impact on the mission and success of the club.

To nominate someone for the Ted Klich or Norm Wingrove award, please provide a supporting statement of 150-250 words outlining their accomplishments and fitness for the award. You can send the completed application to awards@dufferinbruceclub.org. Nominations must be received by October 25, 2025.





YOU'RE INVITED!



Tickets are now on sale for the Bruce Trail Club Fundraiser at the Orangeville Theatre!

- 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.

Full Circle - 10 Days Circumnavigating Killarney Provincial Park.

Join us for 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.



- Date: October 4, 2025
- Cost: \$20 per ticket
- Location: Corbetton Church (Museum of Dufferin).

Click here for more information. 




The feature film **Butterflies on the Brink**, a story of triumph, setbacks and dedication to secure the future of the Mottled Duskywinged Butterfly. All proceeds go to the Bruce Trail Conservancy to urgently protect the conservation corridor along the Niagara Escarpment containing the Bruce Trail.

Click here for more information. 

Tree Planting at Splitrock Narrows



As the flagship volunteer and urban greening program of the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation ([TD FEF](#)), TD Tree Days aim to provide the public, TD colleagues, and community members, with an opportunity to volunteer to revitalize and steward rural green spaces by helping to plant trees and shrubs. TD Tree Days events are hosted by local non-profit organizations, municipalities, and Indigenous groups that specialize in environmental stewardship. On Saturday September 20, The Bruce Trail Conservancy together with the Dufferin Hi-Land Biodiversity Committee participated in the TD tree planting event at Splitrock Narrows. This event was held in conjunction with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority. The day was a huge success and we were able to surpass our goal of planting 200 trees with over 35 volunteers!

There will many more Tree Day events all over Southern Ontario throughout the fall. Check here for future opportunities to volunteer. 



Happy Birthday Dr. Gosling!

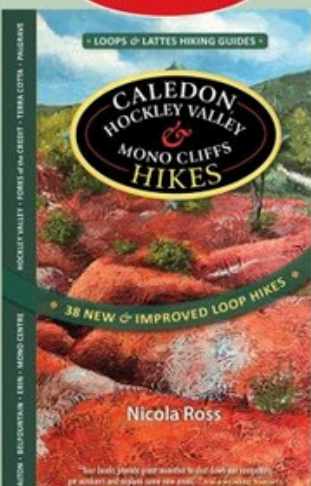
On August 22, 2025 the Bruce Trail Conservancy wished a very happy 97th birthday to Dr. Philip Gosling, the last living founder of the Bruce Trail.

An avid naturalist, Philip played a key role in establishing the Trail in the 1960s, going door to door to secure handshake agreements and find a home for what would become Canada's oldest and longest marked footpath.

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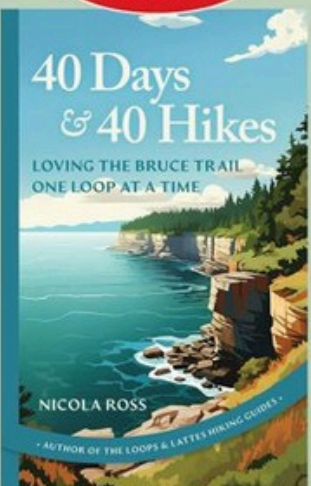
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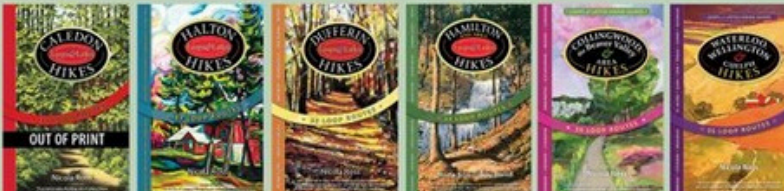
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Pine River Parking Lot Opening

The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club has created a parking lot 35 metres west of the intersection of 15 Side Road and Prince of Wales!

Parking lots are important. They are safe parking spaces for trail access that lessen trail user impact on local landowner properties, decrease snow removal issues and reduce risk to drivers. The work was completed Aug 14, and the parking lot is now in use. The location will be added to the Bruce Trail App early September.

Many thanks to Carl Alexander (DHBTC Land Securement, Landowner Relations and Trail Maintenance Coordinator), Township of Mulmur Road Foreman Bruce Crawford, and Tim Patton of Lorne Patton Construction Ltd.

Date: Wednesday October 1 (with rain date Thursday October 2)
 Location: Corner of 15 Side Road and Prince of Wales Road, Mulmur

Please arrive by 9:30 am. The official opening ceremony will be at 9:45 am with official opening target 9:45 am.

Hike: After the ceremony Stuart Law (DHBTC Hike Director) will lead a hike through the Pine River Reserve. No registration necessary.

Hope to see you there!

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 and your family to get out
HIKING

Join us October 1st for a ribbon cutting to celebrate our expanded parking lot. Followed by a guides hike. Ceremony starts at 9:45am



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CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS, LANDOWNERS,
AND GENEROUS COMMUNITY

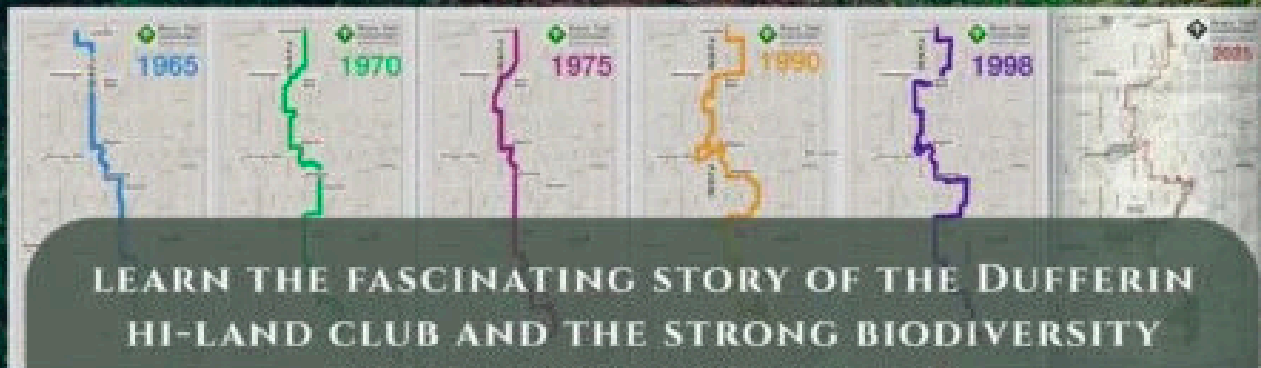
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HI-LAND CLUB AND THE STRONG BIODIVERSITY
THAT SHAPES EVERY SEASON**

Boyne Valley 25K Challenge Hike 2025

Date - 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. 

Featured Badge

The Side Trail Badge is awarded to those hikers who complete all of the blue-blazed Side Trails of the Dufferin Hi-Land section, either by participating in an organized series of Side Trail hikes or by completed the series as a self-guided hike. Once the hikes are completed, contact us and you will be sent your certificate. [Click here](#) for instructions on submitting your hike log for the badge.



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Biodiversity

Common buckthorn is an invasive shrub that outcompetes native plants and threatens biodiversity. Come out for a fun morning of buckthorn busting to help us remove this plant and make space for native plant and animal habitat at Splitrock Narrows.

Small plants can be pulled by hand, while larger plants require the help of an extractigator—a specialized tool for prying plants from soil. Once removed, buckthorn is hung upside down in trees so the roots dry out and die.

Bring gardening/work gloves, water and sunscreen, and wear long pants and closed toed shoes. Please note that we will be working off trail for this activity, so we will be walking through some meadows with tall grasses and goldenrod as well as some forested/shrubby areas.

If we finish our work early, there will be the option to go for a nature hike through the property.

Click here for more information and to register. 




VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club needs all sorts of people with energy and passion, open minds and willing hands. Whether you're into event organizing or enjoy hands-on tasks, we've got roles to match with your interests. If you want to connect with fellow hikers, join our group hikes or social events. If you prefer working solo, we have positions that cater to that preference.

Here are a few of upcoming events that need volunteers:

- Bruce Trail Day - October 5, 2025
- 60th Anniversary Appreciation Lunch - November 16, 2025
- 25K Hike – October 18, 2025

If you have a passion for book-keeping, the DHBTC Board of Directors is looking for a treasurer. This position will involve reviewing monthly accounting records produced by the BTC, making cash deposits, maintaining a cash box at special events and presenting financial reports to the Board. Click here for more information. 

You can view our volunteer opportunities and sign up here. 

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