

Bruce Trail

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CALEDON HILLS CLUB

Please check the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club website regularly for additions or changes to the hiking program

Tuesday May 28: Caledon Hills Section, Palgrave Forest North,

This 9 km loop hike will take approximately 3 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain. There is no dropout point. No dogs please.

Depart: 10:00 a.m. Palgrave Forest parking lot on the south side of Finnerty Road.

Directions: Take Hwy 50 south 0.8 km from Hwy 9 and turn west onto Finnerty SR. Drive 750 m to the Palgrave Forest parking lot on the south side of the road.

Hike Description: Enjoy a nice loop in the Palgrave Forest. Bring a snack or lunch for break on the trail.

Hike Leader: Tessa Shelvey tjshelvey@yahoo.com
416-320-8555

Tuesday June 4: Caledon Hills Section, Songbird Nature Reserve, Map 17,

This less than 5 km loop hike will take approximately 3.5 hours and is at a leisurely pace over easy terrain. There is no dropout point. No dogs please. There will be a refreshment/pub stop afterwards.

Depart: 9:30 a.m. Corner of Finnerty Sideroad and Innis Lake Road; km 31.6.

Directions: Airport Road north of Caledon East, to Finnerty Sideroad, then east on Finnerty one concession to Innis Lake Road.

Hike Description: *This will be a 3.5 hour work party helping to clear garlic mustard* to create a 5 metre garlic mustard free corridor on each side of the trail. Work will not extend beyond 1:30 p.m. Because of limited parking on Airport Road, we'll meet at the corner of Finnerty Sideroad and Innis Lake Road and shuttle to the Songbird Nature Reserve.

Hike Leader: Gary Hall 905-880-4037 garyhall@rogers.com

Tuesday June 11: Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Boyne Valley, Map 20,

This 14 km shuttle hike will take approximately 5 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

There is no dropout point. No dogs please. There will be a refreshment/pub stop afterwards.

Depart: 9:30 a.m. BTC parking area at km 29.4 on the First Line East.

GPS Coordinates: N44.148246 W80.118529

Directions: North on Highway 10 to Primrose, north of Orangeville, then east on Highway 89, north on First Line East. BTC parking lot is on the east side of the road, just south of 10 Sideroad.

Hike Description: Hike through beautiful Boyne Valley Provincial Park.

Hike Leader: Ralph Shapiro 226-821-3288 shapirors@msn.com

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Tuesday June 18: Beaver Valley Section, Loree Forest, Map 24,

This 13 km loop hike will take approximately 4 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

There is no dropout point. No dogs please. There will be a refreshment/pub stop afterwards.

Depart: 9:30 a.m. Road side parking at the dead end of Maple Lane, km 65.9/0.0; the division between Blue Mountain and Beaver Valley sections. Do not block driveways.

GPS Coordinates: N44.504973 W80.331780

Directions: From Guelph, KW area: take Hwy 6 north to Arthur. In Arthur turn right onto Eliza St., turn left to stay on Eliza St. At the roundabout continue on Eliza St./Wellington County Rd.14. Turn right onto Grey County Rd. 4. Turn left onto Beaver Valley Rd./ Grey County Rd. 13. Turn right onto Grey County Rd. 119. Turn left onto Swiss Meadows Blvd. Turn right onto Maple Lane.

From Toronto Area: take Hwy 410 north to Hwy 89. Turn north onto Hwy 124. At Singhampton continue straight onto Grey Rd. 31. Turn left to continue on Grey Rd. 31 (about 5 km). Turn right onto Side Road 25. Turn right onto Osprey-Blue Mountains Townline. Turn left onto 4th Line. Turn right onto County Rd.119. Turn left onto Swiss Meadows Blvd. Turn right onto Maple Lane.

Hike Description: Starting at the beginning of the Beaver Valley section, we will hike across the top of the escarpment with scenic views of Georgian Bay and through the Loree Forest, then loop back to the parking area using the Loree Side trail. A long way to drive but a beautiful scenic hike!

Hike Leader: Doris Harper 519-589-4114 harpt7c@gmail.com

Tuesday June 25: Caledon Hills Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18,

This 12 km shuttle hike will take approximately 4.5 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain. There is no dropout point. No dogs please. There will be a refreshment/pub stop afterwards.

Depart: 9:00 a.m. 7th Line parking area.

GPS Coordinates: N43.960477 W79.979773

Directions: 7th Line parking is just off of the east side of Airport Rd., just north of Highway 9.

Hike Description: Meet at 7th Line parking - access trail km 42.2, shuttle to parking at 4th Line EHS, km 53.9, hike back to cars on main trail. (meeting time is 9 a.m.)

Hike Leader: Ralph Shapiro 226-821-3288 shapirors@msn.com

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Tuesday July 2: OPEN – check website for updates

**Tuesday July 9: Grand Valley Trail,
Carolinian Crest, Map GVT 7-8,**

This 13 km loop hike will take approximately 4 hours and is at a medium pace over easy terrain. There is no dropout point. There will be a refreshment/pub stop afterwards.

Depart: 9:30 a.m. Brantford Powerline Rd., west of Oak Park Rd., GVT Carolinian Crest section km 53.3

GPS Coordinates: 43.1742, -80.3510

Directions: From Hwy 403 exit 30, go north on Oak Park Rd. 0.5 km, then take Powerline Rd. 22 left (west) 0.8 km to the end.

Hike Description: We'll hike the Trans Canada Trail, view the Eagle's Cry plaque about the Six Nations legend of the Peacemaker, and return via the Grand Valley Trail along the Grand River. This is an area of hackberry forest, provincially significant wetlands, and former oak savannah, with several rare plants and animals.

Hike Leader: Bill McDonald 519-489-0485 (cell 226-600-4280) rec@sweettaker.ca

**Tuesday July 16: Dufferin Hi-Land Section,
Boyne Valley, Map 20,**

This 12 km loop hike will take approximately 3.5 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

There is no dropout point. No dogs please. There will be a refreshment/pub stop afterwards.

Depart: 9:30 a.m. Parking lot is 1 km north of Primrose, on the right hand side of County Rd. 19.

Directions: Parking lot on County Rd. 19, (Prince of Wales Rd.), about 1 km north of Primrose, on the right hand side of the road.

Hike Description: We will hike the Boyne Valley Side Trail through the Provincial Park and the Primrose Loop Side Trail, and part of the main Bruce Trail connecting them.

Hike Leader: Susan Atkinson 519-831-9474 susanatkinson19@gmail.com

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Tuesday July 23: Caledon Hills Section, Hockley Valley South, Map 18,

This 10 km shuttle hike will take approximately 3.5 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain. There is no dropout point. No dogs please. There will be a refreshment/pub stop afterwards.

Depart: 9:30 a.m. from the parking lot on Hockley Road east of 2nd Line near km 60.1 Map 18.

Directions: Take Hwy 10 north and just north of Orangeville turn right (east) on Hockley Road. Drive 3 km to parking lot on north side.

Hike Description: From the parking lot on Hockley Rd. we will do a car shuttle east to parking area at 5th Line EHS. We will hike back on the south side of Hockley Valley. Expect some hills.

Hike Leader: Peter Leeney 905-301-4091 peter.leeney@utoronto.ca

OR

Tuesday July 23: Sydenham Section, Bognor Marsh, Silent Valley, Map 30,

This 12 km "there and back" hike will take approximately 4 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain. There is no dropout point. No dogs please. There will be a refreshment/pub stop afterwards.

Depart: 9:30 a.m. Bognor Marsh Conservation Area parking lot on County Rd. 18 (Derry Line) Rockford/Owen Sound

GPS Coordinates: N44.538525 W80.782217

Directions: From Hwy 6 north; travel north on Hwy 6 to Rockford. At the traffic lights turn right onto County Rd. 18 (Derry Line). After 11 km, parking area will be on the left.

From Toronto area; Hwy 10 north to Hwy 89. Turn left onto ON-10/ON-89. After 5 km turn right onto Owen Sound St./ON-10 (signs for Dundalk). Follow for 47 km, then turn right onto Artemesia Holland Townline for 18 km. Turn left to stay on Grey Rd 29. Turn left onto Grey County Rd. 18 (9 km). Bognor Marsh on the right - 2.7 km.

Hike Description: Come and explore the BTC property of Silent Valley Nature Reserve and view the wildlife at Bognor Marsh. There are several interesting sites to explore in Silent Valley, including the ruins of the Wilson Homestead, the remains of a Cessna 205 that crashed in 1970 and fossils.

We will use the Bognor Marsh Side Trail to access the main trail. We will hike 3 km to Silent Valley, explore all the side trails, return to Bognor Marsh for a picnic lunch and hike the boardwalk around the Marsh to view any birds, turtles etc. The drive may be long, but the scenery is well worth a day in nature! Bring a packed lunch, snacks, lots of water, bug repellent and sunscreen. Cold drinks will be provided post hike.

Hike Leader: Doris Harper 519-589-4114 harpt7c@gmail.com

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**Tuesday July 30: Caledon Hills Section,
Forks of the Credit, Map 15,**

This 10 km loop hike will take approximately 3 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

There is no dropout point. No dogs please.

Depart: 10:00 a.m. Roadside parking at km 8.8 on the north side of Forks of the Credit Road at Dominion St.

Directions: Head north on Hwy 10 to Forks of the Credit Road (just north of Olde Baseline Road) and then west to Dominion St. (about 1 km west of McLaren Rd.).

Hike Description: A nice loop hike in the park. Two hills. Bring a snack or lunch for a break on the trail.

Hike Leader: Tessa Shelvey 416-320-8555 tjshelvey@yahoo.com

Tuesday August 6: Rockwood Conservation Area,

This 10 km loop hike will take approximately 3 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

There is no dropout point. No dogs please. There will be a refreshment/pub stop afterwards.

Depart: 9:30 a.m. Parking lot in the conservation area. There is an admission fee; \$7 adults, \$5.50 seniors.

Directions: From Guelph Line, go east on Hwy 7 to Falls St. Turn south to the entrance to the park. After going through the gatehouse, turn left to the parking area near the washrooms.

Hike Description: Spend a relaxed day in this recreational area on the Eramosa River. We'll explore the interesting geological features including potholes and caves (challenging climb into North America's second largest pothole is optional) as well as some of the history of the area as evidenced by the ruins of the Harris Mill.

Hike Leader: Barbara Euler 416-695-1838; Cell phone day of hike only 416-578-1744
bj Euler@rogers.com

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**Tuesday August 13: Iroquoia Section,
Smokey Hollow to Royal Botanical Gardens, Map 9,**

This 10 km shuttle hike will take approximately 3 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

There is no dropout point. There will be a refreshment/pub stop afterwards.

Depart: 9:30 a.m. Royal Botanical Gardens parking lot.

Directions: From Plains Rd. west, turn south on Botanical Rd. or Spring Garden Rd.

Hike Description: We'll follow Grindstone Creek from the falls at Smokey Hollow through Hendrie Valley arriving at the Garden Cafe in the RBG Centre where we have a reservation for lunch.

Hike Leader: Barbara Euler 416-695-1838; Cell phone day of hike only 416-578-1744

bj euler@rogers.com

**Tuesday August 20: Iroquoia Section,
Crawford Lake, Map 11,**

This 13 km loop hike will take approximately 4 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

There is no dropout point. No dogs please. There will be a refreshment/pub stop afterwards.

Depart: 9:30 a.m. Crawford Lake Conservation Area, outer parking lot. Note: there is an admission charge: \$7.50 per adult; \$6.00 per senior (65+), is the rate at time of printing.

Directions: Take Guelph Line south; just past Conservation Road you enter Crawford Lake Conservation Area on the left. Park in the outer lot.

Hike Description: We will hike the Crawford Lake ST, the Leech-Porter ST across the Nassagaweya Canyon, and take the main Bruce Trail circling back to the Visitor Centre.

Hike Leader: Susan Atkinson 519-831-9474 susanatkinson19@gmail.com

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**Tuesday August 27: Blue Mountains Section,
Devil's Glen, Map 22,**

This 12 km loop hike will take approximately 5 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

There is no dropout point. No dogs please. There will be a refreshment/pub stop afterwards.

Depart: 9:30 a.m. Parking lot at km 30.1 Map 22.

GPS Coordinates: N44.361302 W80.208208

Directions: Take Hwy 10 North. At Primrose turn left then in 5 km turn right on County Rd. 124. Follow for 30 km. In Singhampton turn right and follow #124 for 4 km to parking on the right.

Hike Description: We will follow the Main Trail south then return on the Mad River Side Trail to our starting point.

Hike Leader: Peter Leeney 905-301-4091 peter.leeney@utoronto.ca