

A periodic E-newsletter of the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club, one of the nine clubs of the [Bruce Trail Conservancy](#). Cal E-News is meant to cover happenings between editions of the club's quarterly newsletter Caledon Comment.

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*"You do not need to be a member to use the Bruce Trail,
but if there were no members, there would be no Bruce Trail."
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Spring Bed & Breakfast Hike Outing

Sydenham Bruce Trail Section

Monday - Tuesday, May 27-28, 2019

Explore Kemble Mountain & the Ross McLean Side Trail in Sydenham. Hike Leaders: Louise Carberry and Susan Atkinsonh



Day 1:

Map 34; 29th Edition. Meeting time 9.30 a.m. at Grahams Hill Road Parking Lot. Km. 149.7. We will car pool from here to our starting location at the junction of Taylor Sideroad and Cole's Sideroad. Our hike will lead us up the Escarpment, through Kemble Mountain Management Area and back to our starting place. Approximately 12 kms.

Day 2:

Map 34; 29th Edition. Meeting time 10 a.m. at the large parking lot on Lindenwood Road. Km. 129. We will hike north through the Lindenwood Management Area and connect with the Ross McLean Side Trail loop at Lundy Lane and return to the parking lot. Approximately 12 kms.

Our group dinner will be at Nathaniels Restaurant at 215 8th Street in Owen Sound on Monday evening at 6.30 p.m.

To register: email louise.carberry@rogers.com by May 15th, 2019.

The Badlands

Cheltenham Badlands is now managed by Credit Valley Conservation. During their operating hours, CVC may close the trails if they deem conditions unsafe. Please obey their signs. If necessary, through hikers should follow Olde Baseline and Creditview Roads to rejoin the main trail. Park conditions are found on [CVC's webpage](#), scroll to the bottom.

WHAT ARE THE BADLANDS?

The exposed bedrock at the Cheltenham Badlands is Queenston Shale, and this iron-rich shale was deposited over 445 million years ago. Due to the removal of vegetation during land clearing and livestock grazing in the early 1900s, the shale has eroded into a series of hummocks and gullies, producing the distinctive landscape. The striking landscape of the Cheltenham Badlands is one of Ontario's geological treasures and is one of the best examples of Badland topography in the province. Today, the Cheltenham Badlands is recognized as a provincially significant Earth Science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest, and is owned and managed by Ontario Heritage Trust and managed by Credit Valley Conservation.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

Over the years, the distinctive landscape of the Cheltenham Badlands has been attracting increasing numbers of visitors, resulting in accelerated erosion of the sensitive red shale surface and permanently changing its unique appearance.

THERE IS NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE BADLANDS FEATURE

Although the Badlands site re-opened in September 2018, to protect the fragile and picturesque topography of the Cheltenham Badlands, the exposed red shale landscape is **still closed to the public**.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR HIKERS?

The Bruce Trail has been rerouted back through the Cheltenham Badlands. Although the Badlands site will close for winter, the Main Trail will remain open to hikers.

The parking area and Badlands Trail are now maintained by Credit Valley Conservation and provide access to a wheelchair accessible platform which offers views of this significant landmark. A 230 m roadside walkway leads from the viewing platform to the parking area. You can get more information about accessing the Badlands site from [Credit Valley Conservation's website](#).

The parking lot is only open during operating hours and parking (if space is available) is limited to 2 hours maximum. Parking rate: \$6.50 per hour or \$10 for two hours (cost per vehicle)

Roadside parking is available on the east side of Creditview Road, near the Trail access into the Badlands. Parking is limited to three cars.

A map and more details are available on the [BTC website](#).



The sign greeting hikers at the Creditview entrance



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