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Tuesday Spring Hikes 2020

March 3: Rattlesnake Point, Map 11,

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: Meet at Lower Parking lot at Rattlesnake Point on Appleby Line. *Entrance fee applies.* From Highway 401 take Guelph Line north, turn right on Campbellville Rd., right on Appleby Line. Entrance to Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area on the right after passing 14 Sideroad. From Highway 403, take Appleby Line north, entrance to Rattlesnake Point on the left 1 kilometre north of Derry Rd.

Hike Leader(s): Mohammad Shafiq

Pace: Medium – 3 to 4 km/hour

Terrain: Strenuous – hilly with steep climbs and some poor footing

Distance: 14 km

Description: We will hike the main Bruce Trail and side trails at Rattlesnake Conservation and Crawford Lake. Snack break at Crawford Lake Visitors Centre. It has very nice spacious sitting area and washrooms are available. On the trail there are interesting lookout points. Bring water, snack and icers. Dress for weather. No dogs please.

March 10: Glen Haffy Loop Hike, Map 17

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Location: Glen Haffy Conservation Area – Caledon Hills Club

Hike Leader(s): Doris Harper

Pace: Medium – 3 to 4 km/hour

Terrain: Moderate – some hills and/or some poor footing

Distance: 12 km

Description: We will hike the main trail through the conservation area, and the Glen Haffy Side Trail and one of the trails in the conservation area to form a 12 km loop. Bring water and snacks. Refreshment/Pub stop post hike.

March 17: Felker's Falls Loop Hike,

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Felker's Falls Loop Hike, Iroquoia Club, Hamilton

Hike Leader(s): Doris Harper

Pace: Medium – 3 to 4 km/hour

Terrain: Moderate – some hills and/or some poor footing

Distance: 12 km

Description: Scenic urban waterfall hike. After viewing Felker's Falls, we will hike the main trail, Mohawk Side Trail, Mountain Brow Side Trail, return to the main trail and hike back to the Felker's Falls Parking lot. It's St. Patrick's Day! Wear green, Pub stop after the hike!

March 24: Kythera Friendship Trail, Toronto Section, Speyside, Map 12

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Meet at Pear Tree Parking lot, km 11.4. From Regional Rd. 25 turn west on 15 Sideroad for 200 meters to parking on left.

Hike Leader(s): Peter Leeney - cell phone 905-301-4091

Pace: Medium – 3 to 4 km/hour

Terrain: Easy – mostly flat and usually good footing

Distance: 12 km “there and back”

Description: We will follow the Main Trail south for about 6 km and then return. Terrain is mostly flat with a few rocky sections.

March 31: Palgrave Forest, Map 17,

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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

Hike Leader(s): Tessa Shelvey – Cell # 416-320-8555

Pace: Medium – 3 to 4 km/hour

Terrain: Moderate – some hills and/or some poor footing

Distance: 9 km loop

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

April 7: Duncan Crevice Caves Loop Hike, Map 25

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Location: Duncan Crevice Caves Nature Reserve – Kolapore Uplands – Beaver Valley loop hike

Hike Leader(s): Doris Harper

Pace: Medium – 3 to 4 km/hour

Terrain: Moderate – some hills and/or some poor footing

Distance: 12 km

Description: We will hike the main trail and the Chuck Grant Side Trail to form a 12 km loop around Duncan Crevice Caves Provincial Nature Reserve. For the more adventurous, we can explore the short but challenging Metcalfe Crevice Side Trail. Bring water and snacks. Refreshment stop afterwards

April 14: Culham Trail – Mississauga,

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Streetsville Arena – 335 Church St., Streetsville - lower lot near ball diamond.

From Hwy 401 go south on Mississauga Rd. Pass Argentinia Rd. and at the next lights, turn left to stay on Mississauga Rd. Follow 3 km into Streetsville (where Mississauga Rd. becomes Queen St.) and turn left on Church St. Or from QEW or Hwy 403 go north on Erin Mills Pkwy. Just south of Erin Mills Town Centre Mall, turn right on Eglinton Ave. W, then left at lights on to Mississauga Rd. Follow for 2 km to right turn at Church St.

Hike Leader(s): Tessa Shelvey

Pace: Medium – 3 to 4 km/hour

Terrain: Easy – mostly flat and usually good footing

Distance: 8 km

Description: Nice easy walk along the Credit River. We will hike north for approximately 4 km and then return the same way. Cell on day of hike 416-320-8555.

April 21: Oak Ridges Trail at Mary Lake,

10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: Seneca College, King Campus. Enter at gatehouse on Dufferin St. approximately 2.5 km north of King Rd. *There is a parking fee* – details of costs and procedure to follow.

Hike Leader(s): Barbara Euler (cell phone on day of hike only 416-578-1744)

Pace: Medium – 3 to 4 km/hour

Terrain: Moderate – some hills and/or some poor footing

Distance: 14 km “there and back” with some loops

Description: We will hike on the Oak Ridges Trail and some of its side trails. We’ll visit some historic properties including Eaton Hall, Sir Henry Pellat’s barn, Mary Lake Augustine Monastery and will also stop at Pine Farms Orchard for apple products, baked goods and hot beverages. There will probably be some early spring wildflowers.

April 28: Forks of the Credit, Maps 14 and 15,

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Meet at Folks of the Credit / Dominion Street. Park at designated parking alongside the road. Go north on Highway 410 which becomes Hurontario Street, turn left on Folks of the Credit Rd., drive about 4 kilometres to roadside parking near Dominion Street.

Hike Leader(s): Mohammad Shafiq

Pace: Medium – 3 to 4 km/hour

Terrain: Moderate – some hills and/or some poor footing

Distance: 12 km

Description: We will hike the main Bruce Trail, Dorothy Medhurst Side Trail and return to car park. Drop out available at this point after 5 km. Then we head south towards Belfountain hiking Trimble Side Trail and Crow’s Nest Side Trail, stopping at Belfountain for snack break. Will walk to a local restaurant near Belfountain for coffee / tea. After that will return to cars tracing the same trail. Bring water and snack. No dogs please.

OR

April 28: Rattray Marsh and Waterfront Trail,

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: From QEW take Southdown Rd. exit (126) 3 km south to Orr Rd. Turn left and follow for 1 km to parking on right at Bradley Museum.

Hike Leader(s): Peter Leeney, cell phone 905-301-4091

Pace: Leisurely – 3 km/hour or less

Terrain: Easy – mostly flat and usually good footing

Distance: 8 km “there & back”

Description: This is an easy walk through Rattray Marsh and parts of the Waterfront Trail towards Port Credit.

May 5: Crawford Lake and Forestry Tract,

Iroquoia section, Map 11,

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Location: Parking lot of Scout Camp Manitou, 7484 Twiss Road opposite BT km 102.6.

Directions via Hwy 401 exit 312 (Guelph Line): From westbound, first go left (south) on Guelph Line. Then from westbound or eastbound, turn right (west) on Reid Sideroad 1.4 km, left (south) on Twiss Rd. 5.0 km to Camp Manitou gate on right, 250 m to camp parking lot.

Directions from QEW/403: Take Guelph Line north 14.8 km, turn left (west) on Derry Rd. (Halton Rd. 7) 1.5 km, then right (north) on Twiss Rd. 2.0 km to Camp Manitou gate on left, 250 m to camp parking lot.

NOTE RE PARKING LOT: If you arrive before 9:00, the camp gate may not yet be open. In this case, park on one side of the driveway until the ranger arrives, NOT blocking the ranger’s access.

Hike Leader(s): Bill McDonald, 519-489-0485 (cell 226-600-4280)

Pace: Medium – 3 to 4 km/hour

Terrain: Moderate – some hills and/or some poor footing

Distance: 14 km loop

Description: We'll follow the main trail north through Crawford Forestry Tract, along the escarpment edge overlooking Nassagaweya Canyon to km 108.5, then south on the Crawford Lake Side Trail to the boardwalk for lunch. Finally, we will continue south to the cars. NOTE Rocky portions: Hiking boots are strongly recommended and poles will be valuable.

Afterwards: refreshment/pub stop.

No dogs, please.

May 12: Limehouse, Map 12,

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Meet at Limehouse ball park, located on Fifth Line south of Sideroad 22, for shuttle to 22 Sideroad parking area.

Hike Leader(s): Barbara Euler (cell phone on day of hike only 416-578-1744)

Pace: Medium – 3 to 4 km/hour

Terrain: Moderate – some hills and/or some poor footing

Distance: 14 km shuttle hike

Description: We will explore 3 side trails in properties owned by the BTC and another in Limehouse Conservation Area while using the Main Trail to connect them. There are opportunities to drop out at approximately 7 km and 9 km.

May 19: Splitrock Narrows and Mono Cliffs, Map 19,

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Location: Splitrock Narrows parking lot. From Hurontario St. between Orangeville and Primrose, go east on 25th Sideroad to 2nd Line EHS. Turn north and go approximately 1 km to the parking lot on the right.

Hike Leader(s): Barbara Euler (cell phone on day of hike only 416-578-1744)

Pace: Medium – 3 to 4 km/hour

Terrain: Moderate – some hills and/or some poor footing

Distance: 14 km loop hike

Description: We'll explore the two side trails in the Splitrock Narrows property and several in Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. There should still be lots of spring wildflowers. If you would like a shorter hike (9.5 km), meet us at the junction of 25th Sideroad and 2nd Line EHS at approximately 10:15 a.m.

May 26: Mount Nemo, Map 10,

9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Location: Meet at parking lot at Walkers Line intersection with No. 2 Sideroad. *Parking fee applies.* From Highway 403, north on Walkers Line. On No. 2 Sideroad take a slight left to the car park at the base of Mount Nemo.

Hike Leader(s): Mohammad Shafiq

Pace: Medium – 3 to 4 km/hour

Terrain: Strenuous – hilly with steep climbs and some poor footing

Distance: 10 km

Description: Will hike the main Bruce Trail and side trails at Mount Nemo. Mount Nemo has very picturesque lookout points where you can enjoy the outlying farms. Toronto and Mississauga skyline are visible on a clear day. A number of photo opportunities. Optional lunch at a local restaurant after the hike. Bring water and snack. No dogs please.

OR

May 26: Red Hill Creek, Map 7,

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Meet at Felker's Falls parking lot near km 23.2 Map 7. Take QEW to Hamilton and take exit 89 Red Hill Valley Parkway. Follow 8 km and exit at Mud St. After 1 km turn left onto Paramount Dr. Then right on Ackland St. to parking on right.

Hike Leader(s): Peter Leeney - cell phone 905-301-4091

Pace: Medium – 3 to 4 km/hour

Terrain: Moderate – some hills and/or some poor footing

Distance: 12 km “there and back”

Description: We will hike through Red Hill Creek Valley and visit Felker's, Buttermilk, and Albion Falls.