

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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Hiking Responsibly & Safely in the time of COVID-19

Hiking Program remains paused; however, most of the Bruce Trail remains open to local foot traffic. To keep yourself and others safe and healthy, please heed these guidelines:

Stay local

- Avoid travelling outside your municipality/region. Hike close to home.
- Most of the Bruce Trail remains open to local foot traffic.
- We are counting on people to be responsible and stay local when exploring the Bruce Trail for exercise during the provincial stay-at-home order.

Plan ahead

- Check what is open by visiting our [Trail changes](#) page and the [websites of parks and other public landowners](#).
- Be prepared to make parking reservations at popular parks and conservation areas.
- Be prepared to change your destination if you find the trail or trailhead busy.

Stay home if you are unwell

- If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, stay home.

Practice physical distancing

- Keep 2 metres / 6 feet distance from anyone not in your household.
- Wear a mask when you cannot maintain 2 metres/6 feet distancing.
- Limit groups to 5 people or less.
- Move aside to allow others to pass.

Respect closures

- Respect any trail or facility closures.

Expect no facilities

- Do not expect public washrooms to be open.
- Walk or hike for shorter spans of time.

Leave no trace

- Pack out everything you bring on your hike - including disposable face masks, food waste, and dog poop. Garbage cans are overflowing at many popular sites.

Land Acquisition Committee – Alternate Member Needed

Virtual Zoom Meetings

First Tuesday of every month

The Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) has several committees that are comprised of representatives from the 9 clubs. One of these is the Land Acquisition Committee (LAC). The committee consists of 9 club representatives, 4 BTC staff, and 2 reps from the BTC Board.

This committee recommends to the BTC Board the purchase (or receiving of donations) of land which forms part of the continuous, secured conservation corridor containing the Trail. The committee also, on occasion, considers revisions to the Optimum Route of the Trail, based on new information that has come to light.

The Caledon Hills representative is Dave Moule. He has been on the committee since the late 1990s, and hopes to continue in the role for a number of years to come. However, the BTC Board has directed that every club should have both a member and an alternate member, so that the club will be represented and the committee will have full attendance in the event that one of the regular members is unable to attend. Both the member and the alternate may attend meetings, but only one of them may vote.

Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month. Before Covid, the meetings were held in person at BTC Head Office in Dundas. Even before Covid, some members or alternates chose to attend virtually via Zoom conferencing. Now, under Covid restrictions, all meetings are held virtually via Zoom. Traditionally, meetings were held at 7 p.m., but recently the meeting time was changed to 4 p.m. on a trial basis.

There are no formal qualifications to be a member or alternate on the LAC. However, some knowledge or experience in the following areas would be beneficial:

- Knowledge of the Trail, not just in the club section, but throughout the entire length of the Trail.
- Knowledge of the Niagara Escarpment Plan, and planning principles generally.
- Experience in real estate, law, or surveying.
- Ability to read and understand maps.
- Basic knowledge of Excel spreadsheets.
- Some basic understanding of ecology, nature, forestry, flora and fauna.

If you are interested in this opportunity or have some questions, please email [Dave Moule](mailto:salydave445@gmail.com) at salydave445@gmail.com.

New CHBTC Badges

We are very excited to role out two new badges early this year:



Badge One - Wildflower E2E Badge

We are excited to announce that our new wildflower E2E badge, the Yellow Trout Lily, is now available. Visit our [website](#) for more information about how you can earn this badge.



Badge Two - A New Winter Badge

To earn this badge, you are required to complete at least 5 hikes during the winter season. Hikes are to be a minimum of 1 1/2 hours long and can be completed on organized group hikes or be self-directed. To qualify, each hike must take place in the Caledon Hills section.

Visit our [website](#) for more information on the new badges as well as to discover other badges that we are offering.



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