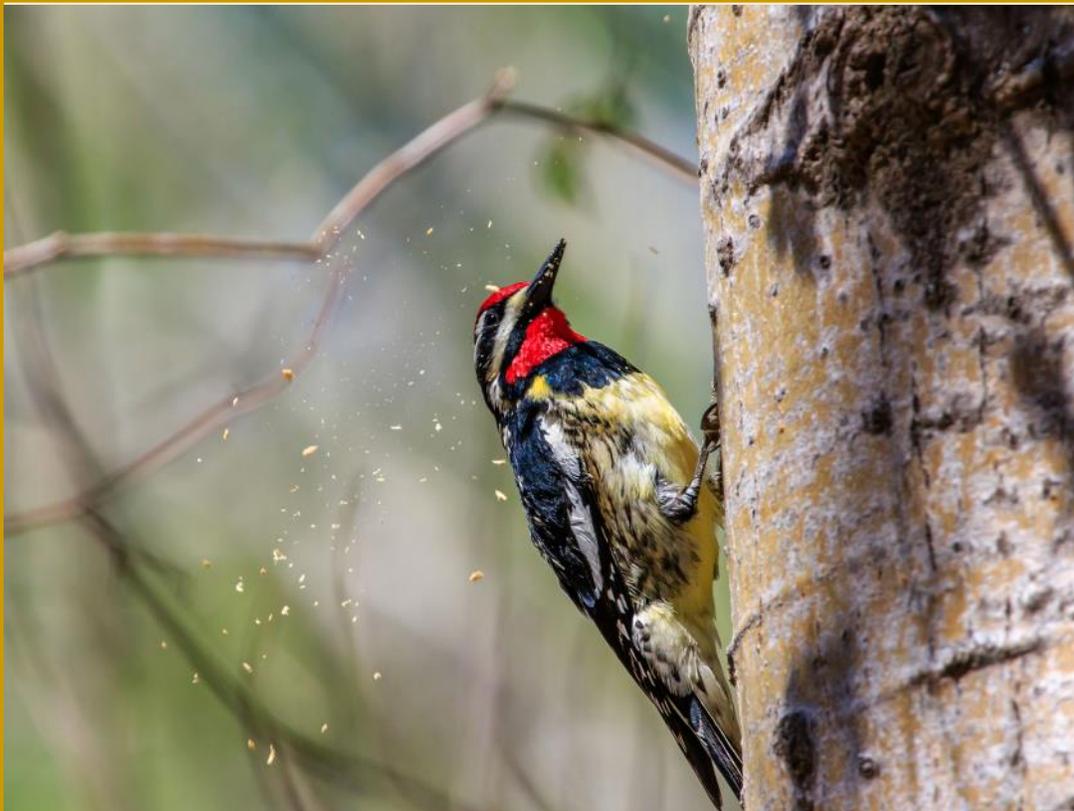


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During breeding season, the yellow-bellied sapsucker (above) taps at a nesting site, usually on a deciduous tree such as aspen, poplar or birch. This bird, photographed at Hemlock Ridges, appears to be excavating a nesting cavity.

The photograph below shows neat rows of shallow holes called sapwells that collect sap. The birds then lap up the sugary sap along with insects that get caught in the wells. Birch, maple, aspen, willows, hickory, alder, pine and spruce are among their favourite trees for collecting sap. (Information and photographs provided by Gary Hall.)



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**DEADLINE FOR THE FALL EDITION:
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Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently seeking someone to help us with Social Media. This person's role will be to provide support and to assist with the maintenance of the Club's social media platforms (Instagram and/or Facebook).

We also have an opportunity for someone to become our Webmaster. This person will be responsible for developing and updating content, as well as maintaining the website. This is a role where you can use or develop both your creative and technical skills. It is a great way to learn about the Club and the BTC.

If either of these volunteer opportunities are something you'd like to do, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Colleen Darrell at colleen.darrell@gmail.com. This is your chance to give a little back!

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President's Message — Marilyn Ross

What an honour to have been asked to be President of the Caledon Hills Club and be voted into the position. I have spent the last seven years as Hike Coordinator for the club and prior to that, the Tuesday Hike Co-ordinator as well as being a Trail Captain and Hike Leader. They have all been rewarding experiences and through them I have learned a great deal about the Bruce Trail Conservancy as well as about the Caledon Hills Club. I have met many wonderful new people and I look forward to taking on a new challenge and working with the dedicated hard working members of the board and the support volunteers.

A big thank you to Bob Ferguson who has contributed to our club as our President for the past four years: an excellent job well done. We are fortunate that Bob will continue on the board as Past President.

In collaboration with the Caledon Board of Directors and Support Volunteers as well as all the other volunteers who contribute their time and effort we will continue to make this club great by supporting the BTC mission of "preserving a ribbon of wilderness for everyone forever". This will be done by continuing to have our Christmas tree sales, our theatre and movie fundraising events, Bruce Trail Day, the End to End hiking events, our ongoing weekly hikes as well as the sale of our exciting badges, x-country skiing, and our many social events. We will continue to maintain our good relationships with our supportive landowners and maintain our trails to the highest standards, and we will continue to promote our club and the Bruce Trail by mail, email and social media.



And a big thank you to our members of the board who are stepping down from their position: Fred Somerville who was our Vice President and contributed to and supported our Christmas tree sales event; Sally Ker who was our Membership Coordinator on the board and supported the activities of the board; Carol Sheppard who is leaving her position as Director at Large and who left the Landowner Relations position a year ago where she had done an excellent job.

We have several board members changing their positions on the board: Heidi Bischof will move to Vice President from the Web Master position where she did an excellent job of updating our web site; Rob Martin will add the Hike Coordinator role to the Tuesday Hike Coordinator role and Heather Murch will be taking on the Membership Coordinator role moving from Director at Large.

And the following members are joining the team: Sandy Green will become a Director at Large on the board and take on the End to End Hikes. Elizabeth Ganong will be taking on the Student Hiking Program as a Support Volunteer for the Board.

Let's all work together for a great 2019. Let me know if you have ideas for our club.

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Tuesday Through the Seasons

by Rob Martin

I have been hiking with the *Tuesday Hikers* for a few years now. New hikers are joining regularly and on a couple of occasions I have been asked the question "Do you hike through the winter?" That got me thinking about "Tuesdays through the seasons."

Living where we do affords us the opportunity to experience, like it or not, the changes of the seasons. Each season presents the Bruce Trail in the Caledon Hills in a different way so as we hike the same pathways over and over they don't have to seem the same. Even hiking in a different direction can make things seem new!

Spring brings so many of us out onto the trails and although there may be some remaining icy sections or mud to contend with, a hike through the Hockley Valley in early spring before the leaves have fully opened affords splendid views of the hills and ravines that characterize Hockley. And, of course, the spring wildflowers add that welcoming splash of colour after the winter.

As you hike in the summer through the Glen Haffy Conservation Area beneath the full leaf canopies the wonderful shade can be so welcoming on a warm sunny day. Perhaps you are descending the Devil's Pulpit through the large boulders and experience "nature's air conditioning" as cool air rises from some ice still trapped in the deep crevices.

Arguably everyone's favourite season could be fall when the temperatures moderate and the fall foliage explodes into the array of colours that make a hike anywhere in the Caledon Hills visually more enjoyable than usual. Kicking through the leaf fall on the trails late in the fall can take any of us back to our childhoods.

And so we are at the original question; "Do you hike in winter?" While the season certainly can have its challenges, when you get the right conditions there is nothing like the crunch of the snow under your boots on a cold day or the beauty of snow-covered evergreens and the distinctive shadows cast by the winter sun lying low in the sky. The well-prepared layered hiker with their icers can enjoy plenty of winter conditions; perhaps even strapping on the snowshoes or cross country skis to enjoy Dave and Sally's groomed trails at Hockleycrest!

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A Letter of Appreciation

Thank you, Gary, for your article!

This thank you comes from a fellow member of the Caledon Club....I appreciate your highlighting the benefits of purchasing lands to reach the newly minted mission of the BTC, "Preserving a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever", and the increased responsibility and opportunities that increasing the focus on conservation and biodiversity entails.

I believe that if a trails organization that derives its name from a significant Ontario landscape feature does not consider securing the natural features of that landscape its highest priority, and doing its utmost to route the trail to afford the public the best possible appreciation of the essential features of such landscape, then it is failing in its responsibilities.

Klaus Wehrenberg, Aurora

Did You Know?

Our current club membership is 992 people. Help us reach the 1000 member milestone by introducing a friend to the Trail this summer.

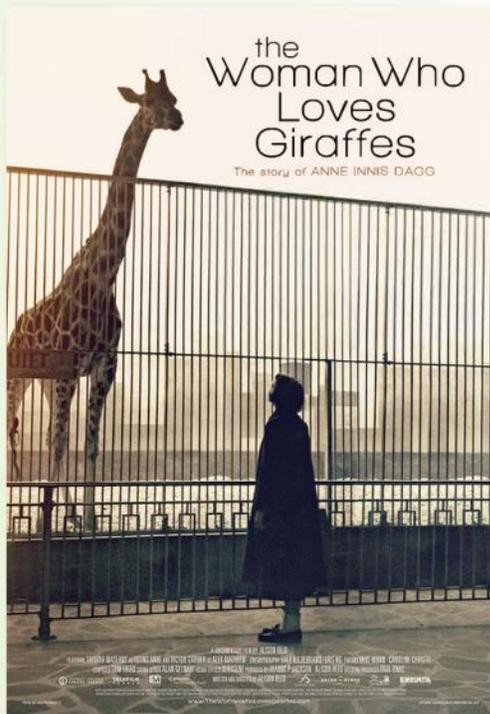
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Sunday, October 20 at Gorge Cinema
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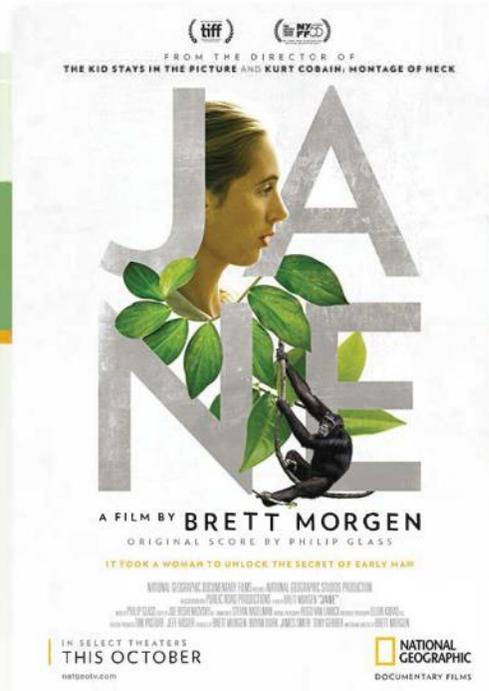
Join members and friends of the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club for a film screening and brunch in support of the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

The Bruce Trail Conservancy CEO will open the program with stunning visuals highlighting precious lands preserved and species at risk protected by the Bruce Trail Conservancy and its volunteers. One of two powerful feature films will follow.



THE WOMAN WHO LOVES GIRAFFES – 11:00 AM

The Woman Who Loves Giraffes is the story of Canadian woman, Anne Innis Dagg, who in 1956 at the age of 23, went to South Africa to study giraffes in the wild. After decades away, Anne returns to Africa to learn that giraffe populations have been decimated even more than those of primates or elephants. The film brings the past and the present together in a compelling story, including Anne's refusal for tenure by the university establishment and her eventual rewarding recognition as a pioneer in the study of giraffes.



JANE, A DOCUMENTARY – 2:30 PM

In 1960, Jane Goodall (age 26) went to northwestern Tanzania to research the behaviour of chimpanzees in their natural environment. With magnificent cinematography and a moving score by Philip Glass, we see Jane searching for observation points in the solitude of the mountains that she grew to love. The film combines recent interviews with Jane with archival footage discovered in 2014. With only 220,000 individuals left in the world, chimpanzees remain an endangered species.

Admission by donation

Admission to our cinema event is by advance donation. Seating is limited. Your donation for the 11:00 am or 2:30 pm film screening will help secure a conservation corridor along the Niagara Escarpment containing the Bruce Trail: *Preserving a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever.*

Additional Brunch Option

The Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club has arranged a brunch at the Elora Community Centre, 29 David St W, Elora, at 11:30 am (suitable for those attending the 2:30 pm screening). Numbers are limited. Brunch tickets: \$30 each (includes a \$10 donation to the BTC with a \$10 charitable income tax receipt). Note: You may wish to take advantage of parking at the Elora Community Centre and walking the very scenic and easy path from there to the Gorge Cinema. This 17-minute walk is highly recommended.

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2. IT'S UNSPOILED – Tourism is booming, but for the most part, we have the trails all to ourselves! That's because we get off the beaten path and get into areas that bus tours do not venture to.

#3. IT'S SAFE – Iceland is considered one of the safest countries in the world. You can walk around Reykjavik in the middle of the night – which is actually pretty cool because we visit during the midnight sun – and feel completely safe. It's not uncommon to see mothers leaving babies in strollers outside stores, while they shop.

#4. IT'S DIFFERENT – The geography and sites are unique, but the people and culture are very different as well. The majority of locals still believe in elves! And they don't take themselves too seriously – Google Reykjavik Mayor Jon Gnarr.

#5. DEALS! – There's no denying that this is not the most affordable hiking destination, but the deals on airfare these days are truly spectacular!

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The Trail Audit—by Peter Leeney

“Nine Clubs, One Trail, One Standard.”

(This quote is probably not attributable to Chris Walker, but it was definitely promoted by him.)

Wherever you hike on the Bruce Trail, you can expect to see the same blazes, the same signs, and similar construction techniques (with the possible exception of those quite attractive blaze boards in Dufferin Hi-Land with the dark brown background). Every two or three km stretch of Trail has a Trail Captain who is responsible for maintaining that section of Trail. A substantial yellow binder “The Guide for Trail Workers” describes all aspects of trail construction and maintenance. A smaller version of that volume, the “Basic Trail Maintenance Guide” provides Trail Captains with the essentials for keeping their section in a safe condition. Both of these publications can be viewed on the BTC website.

Trail Captains inspect their sections two or three times a year and submit trail status reports to their Club Trail Director. The work of these hundreds of Trails Captains and other maintenance volunteers keeps the Trail safe.

But differences can creep in and familiarity with a stretch of Trail may result in potential problems being overlooked. One further step is needed. For the last several years the Conservancy has been conducting an audit of the Trail – a methodical review of blazes, signage, structures, and various trail hazards that may arise (e.g. trees or water). The practice is to audit the entire Trail (including all side trails) over a five-year period. In 2019 the Caledon Hills Section and Iroquoia Section are scheduled.

At present there are two audit teams of two or three people each. The BTC Risk Committee is responsible for organizing the audit. Quite often local Trail Captains or club volunteers go along with the auditor and their knowledge of local conditions is very useful. The trail audit should not be viewed as “us vs. them”; it is part of a cooperative effort to ensure the Trail is safe and enjoyable.

Each day the audit team will cover probably 10-15 km of trail. After review by the Audit Coordinator the report is sent to the Club Trail Director and the Chair of the BTC Trail Development & Maintenance Committee (currently



Tree leaning over the Trail. Still possible to walk by, but probably an “A/B” item

Dave Moule). The report is keyed to the Trail Captain sections so the Club TD can conveniently distribute the findings to the respective Trail Captains.

Audit findings are categorized as “A” items (of critical importance that should be resolved within 48 hours), “B” items (important defect, should be remedied within a few months) and “C” items (generally comments on minor matters for the benefit of the Club and Trail Captain). An item might also fall in the “A/B” category which should be remedied within two weeks. Any “A” items discovered in the course of the audit are communicated to the Club Trail Director within 24 hours. Once a year the Risk Committee reports to the Bruce Trail Board on the number of “A” items encountered and when they were rectified.

The Audit is also an opportunity to update the inventory of structures, their condition and exact location. Every structure on the Trail (boardwalk, bridge, or stile) should have a metal plate with a number, usually affixed on the “Niagara” or south end on the right hand side. If you are hiking and notice a problem with a structure, you can report it to the Club by noting the number. All structure numbers in Caledon Hills will start with a “4”; in Toronto Section, with a “3” and so on.



The picture above shows a misleading turn blaze on the post. The Trail actually goes straight ahead. This is probably characterised as an “A/B” item. There had been a recent trail re-route in the area and removal of this turn blaze was overlooked.



A structure ID tag on some stairs in the Caledon Hills section.

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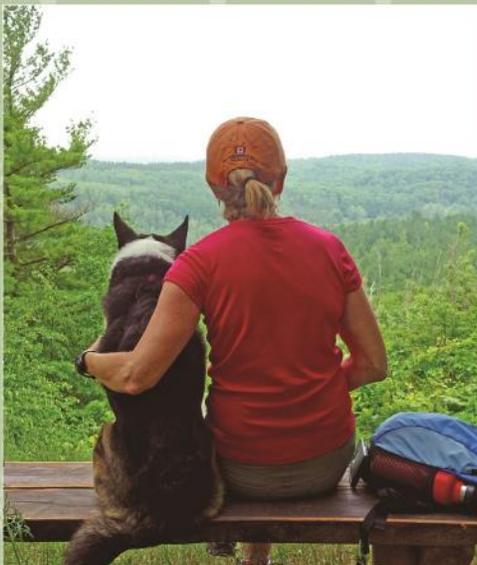
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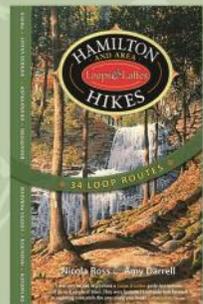
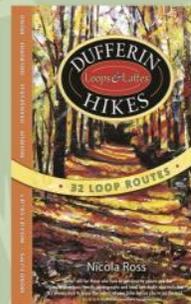
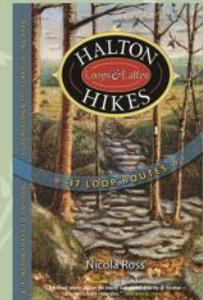
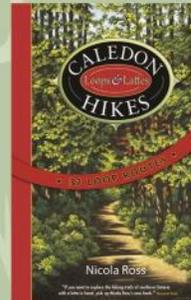


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- Please arrive 15 to 20 minutes before departure time.
- Bruce Trail map and kilometre references are from the 29th edition of the Bruce Trail Reference.
- Always carry your Ontario Health Card.
- Carry an adequate amount of water and food.
- If you have to carry an auto-injector or other medical device, make sure someone on the hike knows about it.
- Unless stated otherwise hiking boots are required and no dogs are allowed.
- Unless stated otherwise all hikes will depart at 9:30 am.
- Check the website regularly for updates to the hiking schedule.

While there are a few portions of the Bruce Trail within conservation areas that are wheelchair accessible, use of the majority of the Trail is suitable for foot traffic only. To participate in an organized hike you need to be able to complete the specified length of the hike on your own or with your own support person within the time allowed. Please refer to the hiking schedule for details.

Hike ratings have been standardized across most of the Bruce Trail Clubs.

Pace -

Leisurely - 3km/hour or less

Medium - 3 to 4 km/hour

Brisk - 4 to 5 km/hour

Fast - 5+ km/hour

Terrain -

Easy - Mostly flat and usually good footing.

Moderate - Some hills and/or some poor footing.

Strenuous - Hilly with steep climbs and some poor footing

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Please stay on the Trail.

SUMMER HIKES - 2019

Thursday June 6, Caledon Hills Section,
Hockley Valley, Map 18, Easy End to End #6,
This 9 km shuttle hike will take approximately 3
hours and is at a medium pace over moderate
terrain.

Saturday June 8, Caledon Hills Section,
Belfountain/Cataract, Canada 150 Historical
Hike #4,
This is a 12 km loop hike at a medium pace over
moderate terrain and will take approximately 3.5
hours.

Sunday June 9, Caledon Hills Section,
Caledon East, Map 16, Discovery Badge Blitz #3,
This 10 km shuttle hike will take approximately
3.5 hours and is at a medium pace over easy
terrain.

Thursday June 13, Caledon Hills Section,
Hockley Valley, Map 18, Easy End to End Hike 7,
This 10 km shuttle hike will take approximately
3 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate
terrain.

Saturday June 15, Beaver Valley Section,
Epping, Map 27,
This 13 km loop hike will take approximately 4
hours and is at a medium pace over moderate
terrain.

Thursday June 20, Caledon Hills Section,
Hockley Valley Provincial Nature Reserve, Map 18,
19, Easy End to End # 8,
This 10 km shuttle hike will take approximately 3
hours and is at a medium pace over moderate
terrain.

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Sunday, July 14, Caledon Hills Section,
Forks of the Credit, Map 15,
This 11 km loop hike will take approximately 3.5
hours and is at a medium pace over moderate
terrain.

Sunday August 4, Toronto Section
Scotsdale Farm, Map 13,
This 13 km loop hike will take approximately 3.5
hours and is at a medium pace over moderate
terrain.

Saturday August 24, Blue Mountains Section,
Black Bank, Map 21/22,
This 13 km shuttle hike will take approximately 4
hours and is at a medium pace over moderate
terrain.

Did you know?

**CONSOLIDATED HIKE LISTINGS
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**The nine clubs of the
Bruce Trail Conservancy
are working on
combining their hiking schedules
in a consolidated
online hike listing.**



Caledon Hills End-to-End

Thanksgiving Weekend

October 12, 13 and 14, 2019

The Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club invites you to join us for our annual “Fall Colours” End-to-End hike on Thanksgiving weekend.

Plan now to participate in one of the most enjoyable and challenging hiking experiences of the year, a 70.2 km hike through the spectacular fall colours of the Caledon Hills.

The cost for the three-day event is \$40.00. This fee covers daily bus transportation, refreshments, and the end-to-end badge on completion.

To register for the event go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/caledon-hills-bruce-trail-club-end-to-end-tickets-59357440703>

For further registration details, email Sandy Green, sgreenhikes@gmail.com or visit www.caledonbrucetrail.org.

Registration is limited.

Note: The two-day end-to-end will now be held in conjunction with the three-day event on even-numbered years only.

SUMMER TUESDAY HIKES - 2019

**FULL HIKE DESCRIPTIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE CLUB WEBSITE AT
WWW.CALEDONBRUCETRAIL.ORG**

See Page 11 for More Hike Information and Guidelines

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.

This will be a 3.5 hour work party helping to clear garlic mustard.

Tuesday June 11: Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Boyne Valley, Map 20. A 14 km shuttle hike that will take approximately 5 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

Tuesday June 18: Beaver Valley Section, Loree Forest, Map 24. A 13 km loop hike that will take approximately 4 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

Tuesday June 25: Caledon Hills Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18. A 12 km shuttle hike that will take approximately 4.5 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

Tuesday July 2:

OPEN – check our website for updates

Tuesday July 9: Grand Valley Trail, Carolinian Crest, Map GVT 7-8. A 13 km loop hike that will take approximately 4 hours and is at a medium pace over easy terrain.

Tuesday July 16: Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Boyne Valley, Map 20. A 12 km loop hike that will take approximately 3.5 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

Tuesday July 23: Caledon Hills Section, Hockley Valley South, Map 18. A 10 km shuttle hike that will take approximately 3.5 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

OR

Tuesday July 23: Sydenham Section, Bognor Marsh, Silent Valley, Map 30. A 12 km "there and back" hike that will take approximately 4 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

Tuesday July 30: Caledon Hills Section, Forks of the Credit, Map 15. A 10 km loop hike that will take approximately 3 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

Tuesday August 6: Rockwood Conservation Area. A 10 km loop hike that will take approximately 3 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

Tuesday August 13: Iroquoia Section, Smokey Hollow to Royal Botanical Gardens, Map 9. A 10 km shuttle hike that will take approximately 3 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

Tuesday August 20: Iroquoia Section, Crawford Lake, Map 11. A 13 km loop hike that will take approximately 4 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

Tuesday August 27: Blue Mountains Section, Devil's Glen, Map 22. A 12 km loop hike that will take approximately 5 hours and is at a medium pace over moderate terrain.

Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club

13th Annual

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

St. Francis Centre

208501 Highway 9

(Approximately 1 km east of Airport Road)

Sunday June 2, 2019

10:00 am – Enjoy a local hike

12:00 noon – Social Time

12:30 pm – Pot Luck Lunch (please include a list of ingredients)

1:30 pm - Presentation of Club Awards

The Isabel East Award

The Barry Westhouse Award

The Ross McLean Award

The Laurence Christie Biodiversity Award

The Junior Achievement Award

Friends and family are welcome. And remember to bring your own cutlery, dishes and lawn chairs.

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2019 Annual General Meeting—by Jean Kerins



Some of the 2019-2020 Club Board of Directors

The 2019 Annual General Meeting was held on April 7th. Now it is relegated to history, but it is worthy of being chronicled here, in brief, for posterity. Eighteen hikers joined leader Albert McMaster on a trek through the Alton trails before the meeting was opened at 2pm. Outgoing President Bob Ferguson welcomed the approximately 60 attendees and introduced each board member to speak to the group, highlighting items from their particular portfolio reports. All the board reports, including the financials can be found on our club website at <http://caledonbruce trail.ca/about-us/annual-general-meeting/>.

Board members Fred Somerville, Carol Sheppard and Sally Ker had advised the club that they would not be seeking re-election at this year's AGM. We are all

thankful for their tremendous volunteer efforts on behalf of the club. Several board members and support volunteers decided to jockey their positions and we welcome new board member Sandy Green. A full list of the 2019—2020 board and support volunteers and their portfolios can be found on Page 2 of this newsletter. Thank you Judy Leeny for running the official election.

Member Gordon Nicholls raised a topic under New Business regarding the election process for Bruce Trail Conservancy Directors at the BTC AGM held every September. Points raised included a lack of openness and transparency about applicants, the need to increase voter participation, and the need for a secret ballot, among other things. After some discussion it was decided that the best way forward would be for those interested members to submit their names to Gordon and he would write a letter to the BTC Board Chair on behalf of those members. Twelve members signed up to be included, and Gordon will keep them informed about the reply. *(Editor's note: If you would like to be kept informed by Gordon, please email the editor at jeankerins@yahoo.ca)*

Once the meeting formalities were concluded, Gary Hall, Land Stewardship Co-ordinator gave a very interesting presentation titled "A Closer Look at our Ribbon of Wilderness". Highlights included Gary's incredible photographs of some of the birds he has spotted in the Caledon Hills section twinned with recordings of their beautiful songs.

And last but not least, everyone enjoyed the interesting selection of dishes served at the pot luck dinner. A good time was had by all. Special thanks to Colleen Darrell and Greg Huffman who donated etched glasses to our silent auction helping to raise over \$500 at the event.

PLEASE GO GREEN!

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Save the Date

- Sunday, June 2* *Volunteer Appreciation Picnic—See Page 14*
- Sunday October 6* *Bruce Trail Day—Details to Follow*
- October 12,13,14* *Thanksgiving Weekend End to End—See Page 12*
- Sunday, October 20* *Elora Film Fundraiser and Optional Brunch—See Page 7*

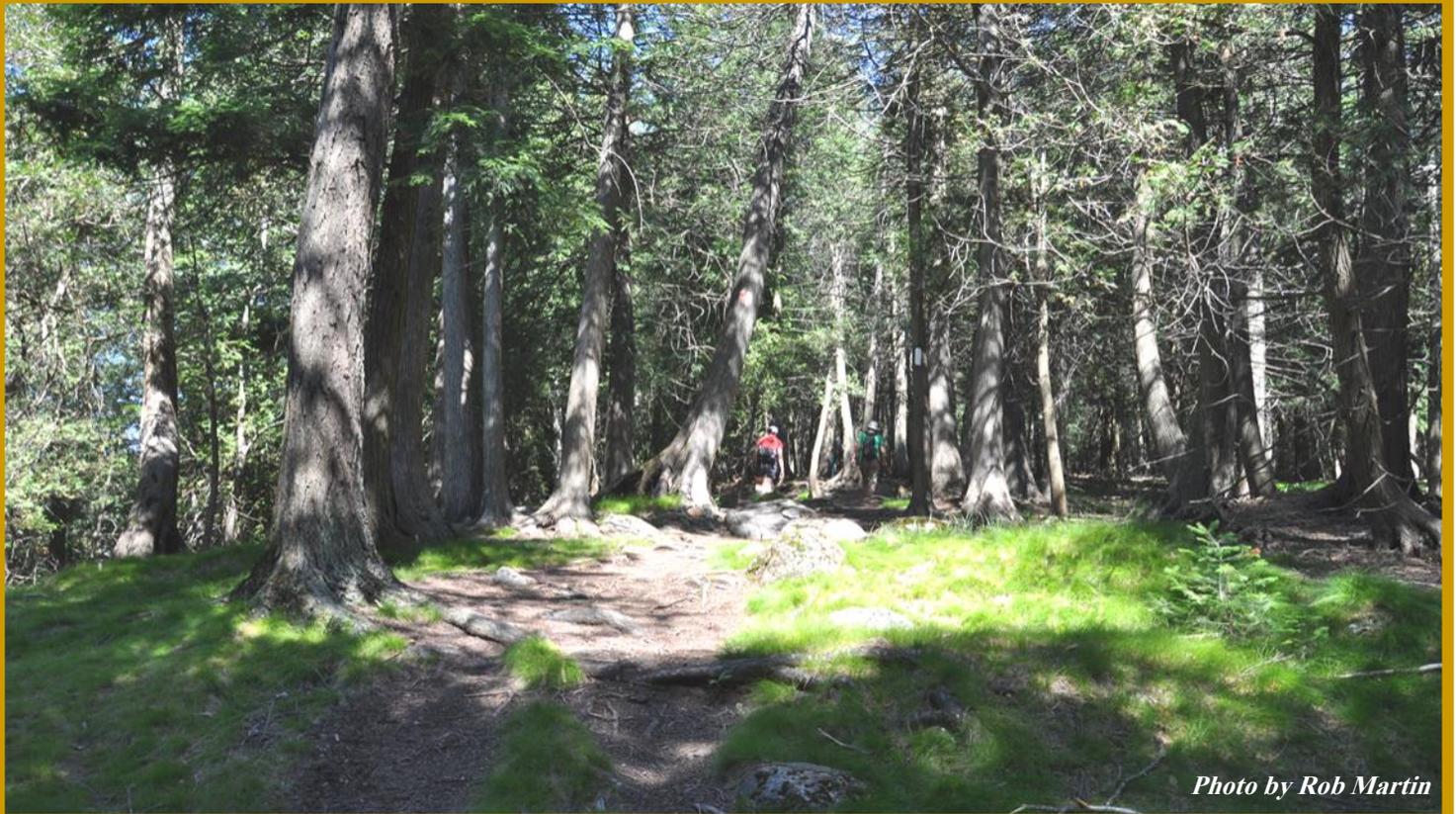


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