

# HALTON HILLS CHAPTER OF THE TORONTO BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

Newsletter #32 ~ July 1st, to September 30th, 2018



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## SAVE THESE DATES:

**Sunday, July 1 – CANADA DAY HIKE and PARADE.** Let's enjoy the day and help promote the Bruce Trail Conservancy's mission: *"Preserving a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever"*. If you would like to take part in the parade please wear your best hiking gear. See hike schedule for more details.

**Sunday, July 15 to Saturday, July 28** The Halton Chapter of the TBTC will be featured in Young's Pharmacy window. Be sure to walk by and take a look!

**Saturday, July 21, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** We will have a booth/display at Georgetown Farmer's Market promoting the Bruce Trail. Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down our display as well as to help in our booth. Please let Janet know if you are able to help for an hour or two at [haltonhillshiking@gmail.com](mailto:haltonhillshiking@gmail.com)

**Sunday, August 12 is the 27th Annual Acton Leathertown Festival – 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Join us at the Festival in Downtown Acton, where the Halton Chapter will have a booth and display. Food, vendors, entertainment and more – check it out at [www.Leathertownfestival.com](http://www.Leathertownfestival.com). Volunteers are needed for set up and take down, as well as to help in our booth. Please let Janet know if you are able to help at [haltonhillshiking@gmail.com](mailto:haltonhillshiking@gmail.com). There will also be a hike that day which will end at the Festival. See Hiking Schedule for more details.

**Saturday, September 16: The Limehouse Corn Roast and Silent Auction** will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Limehouse Memorial Hall in the heart of the village of Limehouse. Enjoy a delicious BBQ along with locally grown corn. Bidding on the many items at the silent auction is an excellent opportunity to find some great buys and to do some early Christmas shopping while at the same time supporting our local historic Community Hall. A hike will be featured prior to the corn roast. Please see hike schedule for more details.



**NEWS FLASH ~ BLACK FLY, TICK and MOSQUITO ALERT:** It's that time of year again when those pesky bugs will be active! Wearing light colours such as white or yellow will help – and don't forget to bring your bug spray.

Be alert for TICKS, which can carry Lyme Disease. Don't walk barelegged in tall grass or wooded areas. Try to stay in the centre of a cleared trail to avoid contact with overgrown grass, brush and leaf litter. Wear long sleeves, slacks and fully-closed boots or shoes when walking in grassy or wooded areas. Tuck your pant legs into your socks and conduct a "tick check" on yourself after exposure to tick habitat. Wear light coloured clothing to make the ticks easier to find. Insect repellents containing DEET are useful and can be sprayed onto clothing, especially on your pants and socks. For more information on TICKS and LYME disease visit [www.hnhu.org](http://www.hnhu.org)



## HIKE GUIDELINES:

**PACE:** • LEISURELY: 3 km/hr or less • MEDIUM: 3 to 4 km/hr • BRISK: 4 to 5 km/hr  
• FAST PACE: 5+km/hr

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Unless stated otherwise in the HIKING SCHEDULE ~ we will meet at the south/east corner of the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot (south of the Medical Building, east of Walmart). Please dress according to the weather, sturdy boots are a necessity and don't forget a snack and lots of water.

**Please remember ALL our hike leaders are volunteers and hikes may be changed or cancelled at the discretion of the hike leader.**



The Halton Hills Chapter is an affiliate of the Toronto Bruce Trail Club.



## HIKING SCHEDULE: July 1, to September 30, 2018



### Sunday, July 1 CANADA DAY HIKE AND PARADE

After a short hike along the Credit Valley Footpath from 22nd Side Road to Glen Williams Park, we'll take part in the Canada Day Parade in Glen Williams (optional). We'll depart at 9:30 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot and carpool to the 22nd Side Road.

Let's enjoy the day and promote the Bruce Trail Conservancy's mission: *"Preserving a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever"*. If you would like to take part in the parade please wear your best hiking gear.

**Hike Leader: Angelika 905-877-7805 or [asgk.canada@sympatico.ca](mailto:asgk.canada@sympatico.ca)**

### Sunday, July 8, 2018

#### MONO CLIFFS PROVINCIAL PARK (Map 19)

Medium pace, partially strenuous and rocky terrain. Approximately 8 km. figure 8 hike. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot, to carpool to the starting location. We'll follow the main trail around McCarsten Lake, head back along the McCarsten Lake Side Trail and then back onto the main trail before looping back along a section of the Walter Tovell sidetrail. There will be a variety of terrain, including some boardwalks, steep staircases, and a variety of terrain from open meadow to forested areas. We will be looping around the only natural lake at Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. Please dress appropriately for the weather, including hiking boots. Bug spray and sunscreen, water, snacks and lunch.

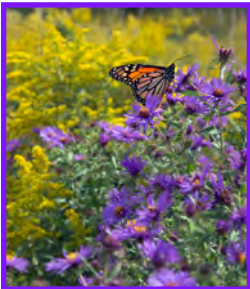
**Hike Leader: Teresa Rigg 905-867-4712 [trigg2@cogeco.ca](mailto:trigg2@cogeco.ca)**

### Sunday, July 15

#### HOCKLEY CREST (Map 18)

Medium pace, partially strenuous and hilly terrain. Approximately 9-10 km. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. The trail leads through a pretty valley and semi-open woodlands as well as along high ridges. We'll loop around on several side trails. Dress for the weather, bring sufficient water / snacks.

**Hike Leader: Angelika 905-877-7805 [asgk.canada@sympatico.ca](mailto:asgk.canada@sympatico.ca)**



### Sunday, July 22 GRINDSTONE CREEK (Map 9 Ed. 29)

Medium pace, moderate to strenuous terrain. Approximately 9 km. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park on Snake Road (at km 69.0) and head west, along Grindstone Creek through a leafy forest, past interesting rock formations and Great Falls. Optional: Pub stop afterwards at the "Royal Coachman" in Waterdown. Dress for the weather, hiking boots or good walking shoes are required, bring adequate water/snacks.

**Hike leader: Sara Maedel [saramaedel@hotmail.com](mailto:saramaedel@hotmail.com)**

### Sunday, July 29

#### ISLAND LAKE CONSERVATION AREA – Orangeville

Medium pace. Approximately 9 km loop hike, easy/moderate terrain. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot, to carpool to starting location at the Island Lake Conservation Area in Orangeville. Enjoy incredible views, boardwalks, wetlands, forest and meadows as you walk along the trails at the Island Lake Conservation Area, part of a 332-hectare conservation area. Dress for the weather and bring insect repellent, sun screen, water and a snack/lunch.

**Hike Leader: Janet 519-853-1285 [haltonhillshiking@gmail.com](mailto:haltonhillshiking@gmail.com)**

### Sunday, August 5

#### DEVIL'S GLEN (Map 22)

Medium pace, strenuous terrain. Approximately 8 km. loop hike. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot, to carpool to starting location (approximately a 2-hour drive from Georgetown). We will follow the main trail south to loop back around the Mad River Side Trail. There will be some steep slopes and the gorgeous view of the river valley. Please dress appropriately for the weather, including hiking boots. Bug spray and sunscreen, water, snacks and lunch.

**Hike Leader: Teresa Rigg 905-867-4712 [trigg2@cogeco.ca](mailto:trigg2@cogeco.ca)**

### Sunday, August 12

#### SPEYSIDE TO VANDERLECK (Map 12, 29th ed.)

Medium pace, moderate terrain, some poor footing. Approximately 8 km. Short-cuts are an option. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will Park at km 12.1 on 15 Sideroad (just east of Hwy 25) and hike north along rocky ridges and through open woodlands and a re-naturalized field. Drop-out points along the way. Dress for the weather, hiking boots or good walking shoes are required, bring adequate water/snacks/lunch.

**Hike Leader: Angelika 905-877-7805 [asgk.canada@sympatico.ca](mailto:asgk.canada@sympatico.ca)**

### Sunday, August 19

#### GREAT ESKER SIDE TRAIL (Map 13 Ed 29)

Medium pace, rocky terrain, some hills, Approximately 9 km. We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. at the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park on Eighth Line (at km 33.4) and start the hike with the Eighth Line Side Trail. From the top of the "Esker" there are great views. Dress for the weather, hiking boots or good walking shoes required, bring adequate water/snacks.

**Hike leader: Sara Maedel [saramaedel@hotmail.com](mailto:saramaedel@hotmail.com)**

### Sunday, August 26

#### TRIMBLE, CROW'S NEST, RING KILN SIDE TRAILS and DEVIL'S PULPIT (Map 14)

Medium pace. Approximately 8 km, moderate to strenuous terrain. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will hike along three Bruce Trail Side Trails in the Forks-of-the-Credit area as well as the Devil's Pulpit. Dress for the weather and bring insect repellent, sun screen, water and a snack/lunch.

**Hike Leader: Janet 519-853-1285 [haltonhillshiking@gmail.com](mailto:haltonhillshiking@gmail.com)**

### Sunday, September 2

#### ROCKSIDE SIDE TRAIL (Map 14)

Medium pace, moderate terrain, 8.7 km. lollypop hike. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will depart from the spot where the trail crosses Winston Churchill Road and follow the rail line to Heritage road. From there we will follow the main trail, then loop back along the Rockside trail, and back along the Main Trail again. This route will take us through some light bush and more mature forested areas. Please dress appropriately for the weather, including sturdy footwear. Bug spray and sunscreen, water, snacks and lunch.

**Hike Leader: Teresa Rigg 905-867-4712 [trigg2@cogeco.ca](mailto:trigg2@cogeco.ca)**

### Sunday, September 9

#### BOYNE VALLEY (Map 20)

Medium pace, moderate to strenuous terrain – approximately 10 km loop hike. Depart 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot, to carpool to our starting location at the Primrose Loop Side Trail. Murphy's Pinnacle and lush cool valleys await us. Dress appropriately, bring water / snacks.

**Hike Leader: Angelika 905-877-7805 [asgk.canada@sympatico.ca](mailto:asgk.canada@sympatico.ca)**

### Saturday, September 15

#### AFTERNOON HIKE & LIMEHOUSE CORN ROAST – LIMEHOUSE CONSERVATION AREA/BLACK CREEK SIDE TRAIL (Map 12).

Medium pace, loop hike. Approximately 7 km. *Depart at 2:00 p.m. from the LIMEHOUSE SCHOOL PARKING LOT.* Starting from the school parking lot we will head north on the main trail – passing through young forest and climb the side of a large drumlin, looping back through the Limehouse Conservation area and Black Creek Side Trail. OPTIONAL: After our hike we can join the Limehouse Corn Roast / BBQ – please bring money for the corn roast/BBQ. Dress for the weather, bring bug repellent, water and sun screen. Wear appropriate hiking shoes/boots.

**Hike Leader: Janet 519-853-1285 [haltonhillshiking@gmail.com](mailto:haltonhillshiking@gmail.com)**

### Sunday, September 16

#### TERRA COTTA to ROCKSIDE LOOP

Medium to easy pace, moderate terrain, rough in few places, approximately 7 km hike. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual Georgetown Marketplace parking lot or 10:20 a.m. at new Bruce Trail crossing on Winston Churchill just north of Terra Cotta Conservation Area. We will explore the newly opened Bruce Trail to Heritage Road, then hike the Rockside Side Trail loop. Bring lunch, water, wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

**Hike Leader: Paul 905-877-1294**

### Sunday, September 23

#### TWISS ROAD to CRAWFORD LAKE (Map 11 Ed. 29)

Medium pace, some hills, rocky terrain, approximately 10 km. Short-cuts and drop-out points along the way. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park on Twiss Road (at km 103.8) and head north along the main trail into Crawford Lake Conservation Area. We will loop back using the Crawford Lake Side Trail. Along the way, we will walk past a reconstructed native village, a glacial lake and the escarpment edge – offering great views across the canyon. Dress for the weather, hiking boots or good walking shoes are required, bring adequate water/snacks.

**Hike leader: Sara Maedel [saramaedel@hotmail.com](mailto:saramaedel@hotmail.com)**

### Sunday, September 30

#### URBAN HIKE "LET'S EXPLORE GEORGETOWN" # 1

*Meet at the Dominion Seed House Gardens parking lot on Maple Avenue, north of Guelph Street at – (start time will be advised).* We'll stroll through the residential area leading to the Georgetown GO-Station, cross to the other side of the track using the tunnel and hike along the Wildwood Trail. We'll come back through the Cemetery and try to connect to the celebrations for the new multi-use path along Armstrong / Sinclair Avenue.

**Hike Leader: Angelika 905-877-7805 [asgk.canada@sympatico.ca](mailto:asgk.canada@sympatico.ca)**

