

# HALTON HILLS CHAPTER OF THE TORONTO BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

Newsletter #33 ~ September 30th to January 1st, 2019

Hockley Valley



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Christmas Lunch at the St. George, 2017

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES:

**Sunday, September 30th – BRUCE TRAIL DAY** – at the Limehouse Conservation Area, in Limehouse – 12169-5th Line. Celebrate our wonderful footpath and lend a hand in our conservation efforts. This year's BRUCE TRAIL DAY will include interpretive hikes, information booths and much more. Bring your family and friends. See Hike Details for more information.

**Sunday, December 9th – The ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HIKE AND LUNCH** at the St. George Pub in Georgetown, 7 Main Street North. Please see hike schedule for more details. Please RSVP no later than November 30th if you are planning to attend the lunch at [haltonhillshiking@gmail.com](mailto:haltonhillshiking@gmail.com)

## 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.

**FALL IS UPON US ONCE AGAIN – WITH WINTER JUST AROUND THE CORNER** and we have a number of suggestions to make your hike more agreeable. Please dress according to the weather report. To maintain a comfortable body temperature during the hike – dress in layers. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes are a must. Bring water, lunch and/or snacks.

**PLEASE NOTE: Unless stated otherwise in the HIKING SCHEDULE ~ we'll meet at the south/east corner of the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot (south of the Medical Building, east of Walmart). Hikes may be changed or cancelled at the discretion of the hike leader. Please remember that ALL our hike leaders are volunteers.**



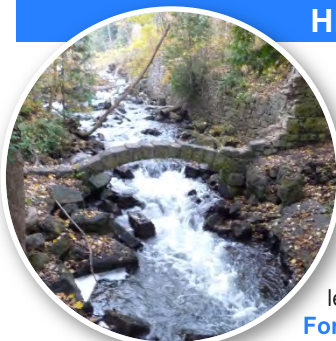
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### Sunday, September 30 – BRUCE TRAIL DAY LIMEHOUSE CONSERVATION AREA – Limehouse 12169 – 5th Line.

There will be two hikes planned and, before the hikes begin, knowledgeable BTC staff and volunteers will speak briefly about the Bruce Trail Conservancy's Land Stewardship program. Along the trail will be short stops at various points of interest where volunteers will demonstrate ongoing efforts to preserve and rehabilitate various habitats – including our meadowland restoration projects. Participants of all ages will be encouraged to scatter Ontario native wildflower seeds along the various parts of the trail. We will provide the seeds. There are two hikes scheduled: a 7 km hike departing at 10:00 a.m. and a 5 km hike departing at 12:00 p.m. Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to hike departure time, to sign in. **PLEASE NOTE – no dogs are allowed on these hikes.**

For more information visit [www.torontobrucetrailclub.org](http://www.torontobrucetrailclub.org)

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



## HIKING SCHEDULE: September 30, 2018 to January 1, 2019

**Sunday, October 7**

### **THE DINGLE – OAK RIDGES MORAINÉ TRAIL**

Medium pace, moderate terrain. Approximately 8 km loop hike. Depart at 9:30 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Drive to starting location, Bruce Trail map 1, km 31.6. We'll be hiking through the Dingle and along part of the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate hiking shoes or boots. Bring adequate water/snacks.

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

**Sunday, October 14**

### **ISLAND LAKE CONSERVATION AREA – Orangeville**

Medium pace, easy/moderate terrain. Approximately 9 km loop hike. Depart 9:30 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We'll 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 wear appropriate hiking shoes/boots. Bring adequate water/snacks.

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

**Sunday, October 21**

### **RIVER AND RUIN (Map 10, 29th ed.)**

Medium pace, moderate terrain with some hills. Approximately 8 km loop hike. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Hike will start at the parking lot behind Killbride School (near km 100.0). From there we will walk along quiet streets to the River and Ruin Side Trail where we will pass the ruins of an old stone house and Bronte Creek. Short-cuts and drop-out points along the way. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate hiking shoes or boots. Bring adequate water/snacks.

**Hike Leader:** Sara Maedel 289-890-0439 [saramaedel@hotmail.com](mailto:saramaedel@hotmail.com)

**Sunday, October 28**

### **Credit Valley Footpath (Map 13)**

Medium pace, moderate terrain with some hills. Approximately 8 km. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot and carpool to starting point on 22nd Sideroad. We'll hike through the woods bordering the Credit River and along the floodplain up to River Road. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate hiking shoes or boots. Bring adequate water/snacks.

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



**Sunday, November 4**

### **SOUTH OF HOCKLEY VALLEY (Map 18, 29th edition)**

A moderate, hilly, hike – approximately 10 km. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park on 5th Line EHS (just south of Hockley Valley Road) and hike west through wooded gullies and open fields, looping back at Griffith Ravine Side Trail. There are dropout points along the way. Dress for the weather, hiking boots are required, bring adequate water/snacks/lunch.

**Hike Leader:** Sara Maedel 289-890-0439 [saramaedel@hotmail.com](mailto:saramaedel@hotmail.com)

**Sunday, November 11**

### **DEVIL'S GLEN PROVINCIAL PARK (Map 22)**

Medium pace, strenuous terrain. Approximately 8 km. loop hike. Depart at 10 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. Bring water, snacks and lunch.

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



**Sunday, November 25**

### **LIMEHOUSE TO CANADA GOOSE SIDE TRAIL (Map 12)**

Medium pace, moderate terrain, approximately 10 k.m. Depart 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot to carpool to starting location at Limehouse public school parking lot. This loop hike will take us past an old lime kiln, through the Hole in the Wall and on through meadows and woods. Dress appropriately for the weather, including hiking boots. Bring water/snacks.

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

**Sunday, November 18**

### **DUFF PITT SIDETRAIL via THE BRUCE TRAIL (Map 13)**

Medium pace, moderate terrain, approximately 8 – 10 km. We'll depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace Parking lot to carpool to starting location at Scotsdale Farm. This loop hike will take us through the remains of a gravel quarry and the old Georgetown Reservoir lands. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate hiking shoes/boots. Bring adequate water/snacks.

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

**Sunday, December 2**

### **THIRD LINE TO VANDERLECK SIDE TRAIL (Map 12, 29th ed.)**

Medium pace, moderate terrain. Approximately 6.5 km loop hike. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Hike will start on Third Line where the Charles Hildebrandt Side Trail terminates. From there, we will hike to the main trail and south to the Vanderleck Side Trail. Short-cuts and drop-out points along the way. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate hiking shoes/boots (conditions could be wet). Bring adequate water/snacks.

**Hike Leader:** Sara Maedel 289-890-0439 [saramaedel@hotmail.com](mailto:saramaedel@hotmail.com)

**Sunday, December 9**

### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HIKE AND PUB LUNCH**

Medium pace, moderate terrain. Approximately 6.5 km. Depart 9:30 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot to carpool to starting location at Scotsdale Farm, 13807 Trafalgar Road North, Georgetown (Map 13). We'll work up an appetite with our annual, invigorating hike around Scotsdale Farm, followed by lunch (optional) at The St. George Pub in Georgetown. Come for the hike and/or meet us at the pub at noon for some Christmas Cheer!

If you wish, please bring along a non-perishable donation for the local Food Bank. RSVP is required by November 30 to Janet.

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

**Sunday, December 16**

### **BENNET TRAIL, SILVER CREEK C.A., ROBERT SIDE TRAIL**

Medium pace, moderate with some steep hills and exposed rocks, 12 km loop hike. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot, OR meet the hike at the starting point at 10:15 a.m. on Fallingbrook Trail, Bruce Trail map 13 km 39.5. There may be wet spots, so dress appropriately for the weather, you may need icers, and bring water and a lunch or snacks.

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

**Wednesday, December 26 – BOXING DAY**

### **NORTH OF LIMEHOUSE**

Medium pace, moderate terrain approximately 6 km loop hike. Depart at 1:00 p.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Enjoy a winter afternoon with some exercise – after all that holiday feasting. Dress appropriately for the weather, including hiking boots. Bring water/snacks.

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

**Tuesday, January 1, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

### **TERRA COTTA CONSERVATION AREA**

Medium pace, 6 – 8 km loop hike. Depart at 10:30 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot OR at 10:50 a.m. on 10th line parking area at the Bruce Trail crossing. Let's start the New Year off right – with an invigorating hike through the Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate hiking shoes/boots. Bring adequate water and snacks or lunch.

**Leader:** Paul Vanhanen 905-877-1294 [pvanhanen@sympatico.ca](mailto:pvanhanen@sympatico.ca)

