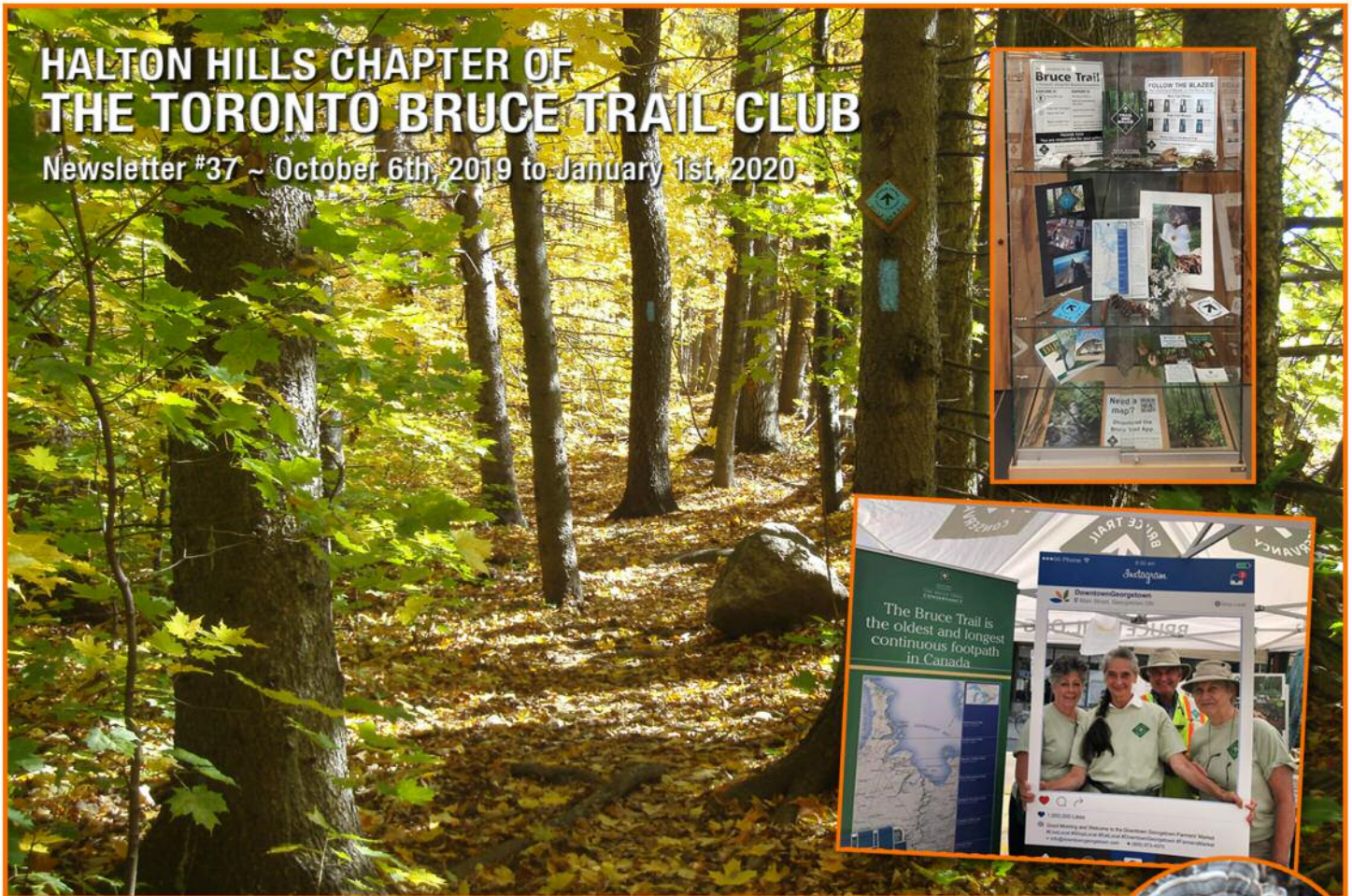


HALTON HILLS CHAPTER OF THE TORONTO BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

Newsletter #37 ~ October 6th, 2019 to January 1st, 2020



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 – SAVE THE DATE – BRUCE TRAIL DAY: A trail-wide celebration of hiking and conservation along the Niagara Escarpment and a great day to introduce someone new to the Bruce Trail. Watch BruceTrail.org for details.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20: FILM SCREENING AND BRUNCH FUNDRAISER. Join members and friends of the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club for a film screening and brunch at the Gorge Cinema, 43 Mill St. W., Elora, Ontario in support of the Bruce Trail Conservancy. The Bruce Trail Conservancy CEO will open the program with stunning visuals highlighting precious land preserved and species at risk protected by the Bruce Trail Conservancy and its volunteers.

One of two feature films will follow: *The Woman Who Loves Giraffes* at 11:00 a.m. and *Jane*, a documentary about Jane Goodall at 2:00 p.m. Admission is by advance donation.

All donations go to the BTC for securing the Bruce Trail. Seating is limited. For more information and for registration details email Janice McClelland at janicedon86@gmail.com / caledonbruce-trail.ca/events/film-fundraiser/

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8: THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HIKE & 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 to haltonhillshiking@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: Hike start times and start locations vary – 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. In case a hike has to be cancelled or changed ~ contact the hike leader if you plan to meet at the trail start. Please remember that ALL our hike leaders are volunteers.*

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.

“Walk with a cautious step
for we are not masters,
only custodians.”



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

HIKING SCHEDULE: October 6th, 2019 – January 1st, 2020

Sunday, October 6

BENNETT HERITAGE TRAIL, MAIN TRAIL, DUFF PIT SIDE TRAIL (Map 13)
Moderate to fast pace, medium terrain. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place at Georgetown Marketplace or 10:15 a.m. at the main parking lot at Scotsdale Farm. Enjoy the Fall with a 14 km hike crossing multiple creeks and wetlands as well as old farm fields and woods. This area contains a great diversity of landscape as well as flora and fauna and is a gem on the Bruce Trail. Dress for the weather, hiking boots are required. Please bring sufficient water and a snack / lunch.

Hike Leader: Angelika 905-877-7805 asgk.canada@sympatico.ca

Monday, October 14

MAIN TRAIL, WALKING FERN TRAIL, ROBERTS SIDE TRAIL

Moderate pace, medium terrain, some hills, rocky stretches and steep slopes. The total route is approximately 10 km. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from our usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Lovely hardwood forests and gorgeous ravine views. Hopefully we will see some fall colour change as well. Wear appropriate footwear for the weather, bring water and lunch or snacks. We could also do this as a car shuffle, covering half the distance, if participants prefer.

Hike Leader: Teresa Rigg 905-867-4712 trigg2@cogeco.ca

Sunday, October 20

SOUTH OF HOCKLEY VALLEY (Map 18, Ed 29)

Moderate pace, moderate to strenuous terrain, approximately 10 km. We depart at 10:00 a.m. from our usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We'll park on 5th Line EHS (just south of Hockley Valley Road at km 50.8) and hike west through wooded gullies and open fields, looping back at Griffith Ravine Side Trail. Drop-out 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

Sunday October 27

DUNDAS VALLEY CONSERVATION (Map 8)

Medium pace, moderate to strenuous terrain, approximately 9–10 km. Departing at 10:00 a.m. from our usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. There is a \$10.00 fee, per car, at the Conservation Area. Lots of ups and downs, beautiful views and a visit to Canterbury Falls. Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring water, lunch / snack.

Hike Leader: Janet Le Lievre 519-853-1285 haltonhillshiking@gmail.com

Sunday November 3

BRUCE TRAIL and SIDE TRAILS at SPEYSIDE (Map 12)

Leisurely pace, moderate/rocky terrain, a 7–8 km loop hike on the Bruce Trail and Side Trails. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at our usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot or at 10:20 a.m. at Speyside on 15th Side Road, km 11.9, where the Bruce Trail heads north from the road. We will hike the Bruce Trail, then loop back on the Vanderleek and other Side Trails in the area. Hiking boots are required as the trail is very rocky in places. Bring snacks and water as we will be stopping on the trail for lunch.

Hike Leader: Paul Vanhanen 905-877-1294 pvanhanen@sympatico.ca

Sunday November 10, 2019

CEDAR SPRINGS (Map 9)

Medium pace, moderate to strenuous terrain, approximately 8–9 km. We depart at 10:00 a.m. from usual meeting place in Georgetown Marketplace parking lot, carpooling to starting location. Beautiful woodlands, creek, Fisher pond, boardwalk and view of the Escarpment are just some of the features you will enjoy on this hike. Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring water / lunch / snack.

Hike Leader: Janet Le Lievre 519-853-1285 haltonhillshiking@gmail.com

Sunday, November 17, 2019

GREAT ESKER SIDE TRAIL, SILVER CREEK, IRWIN QUARRY SIDE TRAIL

Medium pace, moderate to strenuous terrain, approximately 10 km. We'll depart from usual meeting place in Georgetown Marketplace parking lot at 10:00 a.m., carpooling to our starting location. We'll hike through a great variety of landscape with deep valleys and pleasant woods. Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring water / lunch / snack.

Hike Leader: Angelika 905-877-7805 asgk.canada@sympatico.ca

Sunday, November 24

MAIN TRAIL, BLACK CREEK SIDE TRAIL, AND RIDGE SIDE TRAIL

Medium pace, moderate with some steep hills. The total hike distance is approximately 7.6 km with drop-out points along the way. Depart 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. There are some steep uphill grades and slippery rocks, so bring appropriate footwear, water and a lunch or snacks.

Hike Leader: Teresa Rigg 905-867-4712 trigg2@cogeco.ca



Sunday, December 1

RIVER AND RUIN (Map 10, Ed 29)

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, wear appropriate hiking shoes/boots and bring adequate water / snacks.

Hike Leader: Sara Maedel 289-890-0439 saramaedel@hotmail.com

Sunday, December 8

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HIKE and PUB LUNCH

Medium pace, moderate terrain. Approximately 7 km. Depart at 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 will 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 Le Lievre 519-853-1285 haltonhillshiking@gmail.com

Sunday, December 15

MAIN TRAIL, KYTHERA FRIENDSHIP TRAIL

Medium pace, 8.9 km along the escarpment ridge, rocky areas can be slippery with snow and ice. Depart 10:00 a.m. from our usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Wear appropriate footwear, icers may be needed depending on conditions. Bring water and a lunch or snacks. This will be a car shuffle hike, arrangements will be made to transport everyone back to the starting point.

Hike Leader: Teresa Rigg 905-867-4712 trigg2@cogeco.ca

Thursday, December 26 – Boxing Day

HUNGRY HOLLOW TRAILS

Leisurely pace, 7–8 km, depending on conditions. Departing at 1:00 p.m. from our usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Let's get some exercise and enjoy our town trails in the Silver Creek Valley. Bring water and a snack, wear appropriate footwear.

Hike Leader: Angelika 905-877-7805 asgk.canada@sympatico.ca

January 1st, 2020 ~ New Year's Day

TERRA COTTA, BRUCE TRAIL LOOP HIKE

Bring in the new year with a 6 to 8 km hike. Depart 10:00 a.m. from our usual meeting place at Georgetown Marketplace parking lot or meet at 10:20 a.m. at the start of the hike at the 10th line Bruce Trail crossing parking area. We'll be stopping for lunch to toast in the New Year and to share any snacks we may have with us. Wear appropriate hiking boots and clothing as it may be cold, snowy and icy.

Hike Leader: Paul Vanhanen 905-877-1294

