

HALTON HILLS CHAPTER OF THE TORONTO BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

Newsletter #34 ~ January 6th to March 31st, 2019



Hilton Falls
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YakTrax/icers



Winter Hike
Rob Currie

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS –

Winter is here and we have a couple of suggestions to make your hike more comfortable. Dress in layers to maintain a comfortable body temperature during the hike. Bring a hot beverage to sip on for your lunch and/or snack breaks. Consider purchasing Yaktrax or icers to put on your boots to make hiking safer during our winter months.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday April 13 – Annual Pancake Hike – A Sweet Taste of Spring! Fun family hike through the Limehouse Conservation Area. Afterwards (optional) enjoy the annual Pancake Breakfast put on by the Limehouse Memorial Hall Committee at the Limehouse Memorial Hall. More details to follow.

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'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.

HIKING SCHEDULE: January 6, to March 31, 2019

Sunday, January 6

SPEYSIDE to VANDERLECK (Map 12 Ed 29)

Medium pace, moderate terrain, some poor footing. Approximately 8 km hike. Short-cuts are an option. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will start at km 11.9 on 15 Sideroad (just east of Hwy 25) and hike north along rocky ridges, through open woodlands and a re-naturalized field. Drop-out points along the way. Dress for the weather, hiking boots are required, bring adequate water/snacks lunch. Ice cleats are recommended for icy conditions.

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

Sunday, January 13

FAMILY / BEGINNER HIKE – North of Limehouse to 6th Line (Map 12) – TODD BARDES MEADOWLAND SIDE TRAIL

Leisurely pace, easy terrain, approx. 5 – 6 km. We will depart from Limehouse Public School Parking Lot at 1:00 pm. This is a good beginner's hike or for those who enjoy a slower paced and shorter hike. Everyone is welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather – hats/mitts and appropriate winter footwear and ice cleats if you have them. Please bring water/snack.

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

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Sunday, January 20

SILVERCREEK AND OWL CREEK (Map 13 Ed 29)

Medium pace, moderate terrain, some poor footing. About 8 km. Depart 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will start at km 38.9 on 10th Line and hike along the escarpment edge as well as into the valley of Owl Creek. Dress for the weather, hiking boots are required, bring adequate water, snacks/lunch. Ice cleats are recommended for icy conditions.

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

Sunday, January 27

KELSO CONSERVATION AREA

Moderate pace, easy to moderate level of difficulty. Approximately 7.7 km. Departure at 10 a.m. from the usual meeting spot at the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Starting at Steeles Avenue, we will hike through woodlands and along the brow of the Niagara Escarpment for some wonderful views, continue along the Glen Eden Side Trail and back to Steeles Avenue. Dress appropriately for the weather, ice cleats are recommended for winter conditions. Bring snacks, water and lunch.

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

Sunday, February 3

HILTON FALLS WINTER PICNIC HIKE (Map 11, Ed 29)

Medium pace, easy terrain. Approximately 8.0 km. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park in the small lot (carpooling is HIGHLY recommended) at km 7.3 off Sixth Line. We'll stop for lunch at the fire pit next to the falls. Bring some food and/or drinks to share. Dress for the weather, hiking boots required, ice cleats are recommended for icy conditions. Bring adequate water/snacks.

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

Sunday, February 10

FAMILY HIKE / BEGINNER HIKE – SCOTSDALE FARM (Map 13)

Leisurely pace, easy terrain, approximately 5 – 6 km. Depart 1:00 p.m. from the Scotsdale Farm Parking Lot on Trafalgar Road North. Are you new to hiking? Do you have a New Year's resolution to get more active? Want to introduce your children, grandchildren or other young family members to the fun of hiking? This is a good hike for beginners or for those who enjoy a slower paced and shorter hike. Join me as we explore the Bruce Trail through Scotsdale Farm and learn about hiking. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please dress for the weather – hats, mitts and appropriate winter footwear and ice cleats if you have them. Please bring water/snack.

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

Monday February 18

FAMILY DAY HIKE AT LIMEHOUSE

Moderate pace, easy to moderate level of difficulty, approximately 2.7 km. Departure from the usual meeting spot at the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot at 10:00 a.m. This hike will make a loop through Limehouse Conservation Area and along the Black Creek Side Trail. Dress appropriately for the weather, hiking boots and ice cleats are recommended for winter conditions. Bring snacks, water and lunch.

Hike Leader: Teresa 905-8674712 trigg2@cogeco.ca

Sunday, February 24

DUFF PITT SIDE TRAIL (Map 13 Ed 29)

Medium pace, Moderate terrain. Approximately 8 km. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot and carpool to the hike start at Scotsdale Farm's main parking lot. We'll see an old gravel quarry and early Georgetown's water reservoir. Dress for the weather, hiking boots or good walking shoes are required, bring adequate water and snacks. Ice cleats are recommended for icy conditions.

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

Sunday, March 3

GREAT ESKER SIDE TRAIL (Map 13 Ed 29)

Medium pace, rocky terrain, some hills. Approximately 9 km. We'll meet at 10:00 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. Ice cleats are recommended for icy conditions.

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

Sunday, March 10

FAMILY / BEGINNER HIKE – HUNGRY HOLLOW TRAILS

Leisurely pace, easy terrain, approx. 5 – 6 km. Depart 1:00 p.m. am from the usual Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. This is a family friendly hike or for those who enjoy a slower paced and shorter hike. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather – hats/mitts and appropriate winter footwear and icers if you have them.

**Hike Leader: Janet Le Lievre 519-853-1285
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Sunday, March 17

KYTHERA FRIENDSHIP TRAIL (Map 12 Ed 29)

Medium pace, rocky terrain. Approximately 8 km. We'll meet at 10:00 a.m. at the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot and carpool to the parking lot at St. Helena's Road. Hike to the Dufferin Quarry Bridge and back. Dress for the weather, hiking boots or good walking shoes required, bring adequate water, snacks. Ice cleats are recommended for icy conditions.

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

Sunday, March 24

ROCKSIDE SIDE TRAIL (Map 13 Ed 29)

Medium pace, medium terrain (some hills and some quiet road), approximately 7 km loop hike. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We'll park at km 47.5 (on Boston Mills Road just west of the Mississauga Road intersection) and hike into hardwood forest and past remnants of old quarrying operations. There are drop-out points along the way. Dress for the weather, hiking boots are required, bring adequate water/snacks. Ice cleats are recommended for icy conditions.

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Sunday, March 31, 2019

TERRA COTTA AND WINSTON CHURCHILL SIDE TRAIL.

Moderate pace, easy to moderate level of difficulty. Approximately 7 km. Departure from the usual meeting spot at the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot at 9:30 a.m. This hike will wind through the back and top of the Terra Cotta Conservation Area, through woodlands and up some moderate slopes into a more rocky section of the trail. Some areas may be wet or icy, depending on the weather. Please dress appropriately for weather conditions. Bring snacks, water and lunch.

Hike Leader: Teresa 905-8674712 trigg2@cogeco.ca



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