

HALTON HILLS CHAPTER OF THE TORONTO BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

Newsletter #35 ~ April 7th to June 30th, 2019



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SATURDAY, APRIL 13: ANNUAL PANCAKE HIKE – A SWEET TASTE OF SPRING! Family hike through the Limehouse Conservation area. Afterwards, enjoy the annual Pancake Breakfast put on by the Limehouse Memorial Hall Committee, at the Limehouse Memorial Hall (optional). See **HIKING SCHEDULE** below, for more information.

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. Please remember that ALL our hike leaders are volunteers.*

BLACK FLY ALERT! Beginning in May, those pesky Back Flies will be active again! Wearing light colours such as yellow and white will help – and don't forget to bring your bug spray.



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.

HIKING SCHEDULE: April 7, to June 30, 2019

Sunday, April 7

SILVERCREEK AND OWL CREEK (Map 13 Ed 29)

Medium pace, moderate terrain, some poor footing. About 8 km. Depart 9:30 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We'll 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, ice cleats are recommended for icy conditions. Bring adequate water, snacks/ lunch.

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

Saturday, April 13

ANNUAL PANCAKE HIKE – LIMEHOUSE CONSERVATION AREA (Map 12, 21.3)

Leisurely pace, easy terrain – Family Hike. Approximately 5 km. *We will depart at 9:30 a.m. from the Limehouse Public School Parking Lot.* Everyone is welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. We will hike the Loop Trail in the Conservation area, the geological heart of the escarpment – through the "Hole in the Wall", a fissure in the escarpment rock. We will see the remains of an old mill, as well as the lime kilns and powder house that are being restored along Black Creek. Learn more about the forgotten industry that flourished and was integral to the village of Limehouse in the 1800s. Afterwards, enjoy a pancake breakfast (optional), which is put on annually by the Limehouse Memorial Hall Committee. Please bring money for breakfast. There will also be goodies and local maple syrup for sale at the hall. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear.

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

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



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Sunday, April 21

THIRD LINE TO VANDERLECK (Map 12)

Medium pace, moderate terrain. Approximately 6.5 km loop hike. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Hike will start on Third Line (south of 22 Side Road) where the Charles Hildebrandt Side Trail terminates. From there we will hike to the main trail and south to the Vanderleck Side Trail. Hopefully, we will see some Marsh Marigolds along the way. There are short-cuts and drop-out points along the way. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate hiking shoes/boots (conditions could still be wet). Bring adequate water/snacks.

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

Sunday, April 28, 2019

DUFF PITT SIDE TRAIL (Map 13 Ed 29)

Medium pace, moderate terrain. Approximately 8 km. We'll meet at 9:30 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. The first spring flowers should be up! Dress for the weather, hiking boots or good walking shoes are required, bring adequate water and snacks.

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

Sunday, May 5th, 2019

SCOTSDALE FARM, SNOW'S CREEK & SILVER CREEK

Leisurely pace, moderate terrain, a 5 to 7 km loop hike on the Bruce Trail and Side Trails. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot **or** at 10:20 a.m. at back entrance to Scotsdale Farm on the 8th line parking area where the Bennett Heritage Trail crosses the road (Bruce Trail map 13). A shortcut is an option. Spring wild flowers should be out. Hiking boots are required as the trail is rocky in places and may be muddy. 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, May 12, 2019

GUELPH RADIAL TRAIL ~ Spring Wild Flower Hike

Medium Pace, moderate terrain. *Depart 9:30 a.m. from the SOBEY'S PLAZA in ACTON in front of the Royal Bank Building*, to carpool to starting location at Dublin Line. We will hike through dense woods, over rocks and stones along an abandoned railway bed, cross the Blue Springs Creek. Varied terrain including low spots and a steep climb to "Kong Hill" where there is a beautiful panoramic view. The woods offer a variety of flora and fauna for the interested naturalist. The scenery and habitat makes this section one of the most interesting and attractive sections of the Radial Trail. Dress for the weather, bring insect repellent, water/snack/lunch.

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

Sunday, May 19, 2019

2nd LINE EHS SIDE TRAIL and other SIDE TRAILS and NORTHERN PART of MONO CLIFFS PROVINCIAL PARK (map 19)

Medium pace, moderate terrain, some hills and steep slopes. Approximately 7 km multi-loop hike. Depart 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place at the Georgetown Market Place **or** meet at the starting point of the hike, at 2nd Line EHS. We'll hike several side trails and a bit of the main trail, it could still be wet in some areas, depending on the weather. We may catch some late spring wildflowers. Wear appropriate footwear for the weather, bring water and lunch or snacks.

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

Sunday, May 26, 2019

TERRA COTTA LOOP

Medium pace, moderate terrain. Depart 9:30 a.m. from the usual meeting place in Georgetown Marketplace parking lot to carpool to starting location. We'll explore the new main trail through the Terra Cotta Conservation Area to Heritage Road and loop back on the side trail. Bring, water/lunch/snacks.

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

Sunday, June 2, 2019

SYDENHAM SECTION – WALTERS FALLS LOOP. Map 29

Medium Pace, moderate terrain, approximately 8 km. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will carpool to our starting location at "The Falls Inn" at Walters Falls, about 2 hours from Georgetown, to begin a loop hike along the river and through the surrounding woods. There are some steep, but short ascents. This trail visits an important piece of local heritage. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring insect repellent, water/snacks and lunch.

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

Sunday, June 9, 2019

NOTTAWASAGA BLUFFS CONSERVATION AREA, MAIN TRAIL, LOOKOUT SIDE TRAIL and HAMILTON BROTHERS SIDE TRAIL (Map 22)

Medium pace, moderate terrain with some steep hills and wet areas.

Approximately 7 km, multi-loop hike. Depart 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place at the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot **or** meet the hike at the starting point at kilometer 20.4. There will be wet spots, so bring appropriate footwear, also bug spray, water and a lunch or snacks.

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

Sunday, June 16, 2019

MULMUR HILLS (Map 20)

Medium pace, some steep hills, Approx. 7.2 km. Departing at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park at km 29.4 on 1st Line E. From there we head east, crossing open meadows into dense forests with streams, bridges and boardwalks. Hopefully, we'll see some bluebirds, meadowlarks and bobolinks along the way. We will then be rewarded with a fine lookout over Boyne Valley before heading back via Oliver Creek Side Trail. Drop-out locations available. Dress for the weather, hiking boots or good walking shoes required, bring adequate water / snacks.

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

Sunday June 23, 2019

GUELPH RADIAL TRAIL, Section 7

Medium pace, medium terrain. Approximately 8 km, carpool hike. *Depart at 9:30 a.m. from the SOBEY'S PLAZA in ACTON in front of the Royal Bank Building*, to carpool to the start location 3rd line south of Acton. This trail winds uphill and down through a fine hardwood bush along an abandoned rail bed and a newer trail through cedar woods. Dress for the weather, bring water/snack, insect repellent. Optional Pub Stop afterwards.

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

Sunday, June 30, 2019

HOCKLEY VALLEY from PARKING LOT on DUNBY ROAD

Medium pace, strenuous terrain, very hilly approximately 9 km. Depart at 9:30 a.m. from the usual meeting place in Georgetown Marketplace parking lot, to carpool to starting location. We'll hike along the main trail, the Cam Snell Side Trail and the Isabel East Side Trail, starting north of the park – and enjoy ponds, streams and lovely valleys as well as an old apple orchard along the way.

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

