

## Bruce Trail End to End Fundraiser 2020



*This event is being hosted by hike leaders from three clubs: **Toronto, Caledon and Iroquoia/Niagara** and will be led from hike leaders from each of those clubs. If you are interested in hiking the entire Bruce Trail in 2020, join us **March 14–27, April 14–27, and May 2–15** South to North. We will hike approximately 20–25km on each day to complete the 900+km trail. Participants are asked to raise \$500 each for the Bruce Trail Conservancy. If you would like to participate in this event, please confirm by email on **January 6, 2020(not before)** to [ruthdmoffatt@gmail.com](mailto:ruthdmoffatt@gmail.com). This event is limited to 20 members including 3 hike leaders **Ruth Moffatt – Niagara/ Iroquoia, Jacqueline VanDyke – Toronto and Sandra Green – Caledon Hills**.*

*You will receive a link for the fundraising page and this will confirm your commitment. If you have any questions prior to this date, please do not hesitate to ask.*



### Q&As

**1)Q-** Do I have to be a member of one of the Bruce Trail clubs to participate in this event?

**A-** Yes, you must be a member. In addition, everyone will be required to sign the Bruce Trail Conservancy Hike Registration and Waiver Form. Your participation will be in acknowledgement of these things as well as this list of Questions and Answers.

**2)Q-** I want to participate. How do I sign up?

**A-** On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, send an email through the on-line hike schedule accessed through the Bruce Trail Conservancy website.

First come; first serve.

<https://hikes.brucetrail.org/event/bruce-trail-end-to-end-fundraiser-2020-registration-opens-january-6-2020/2020-01-06/>

**3)Q-** I can't make all of the days - is it OK if I miss a day or two? Or a week or longer?



**A-** Yes, let the coordinator know which day(s) you will miss. Please submit these dates by email only. In fact, we would prefer that all communication or issues be by way of email so that we don't forget anyone's requests. You can either make up those days on your own or perhaps you've already completed that section. While it would be great to have everyone start & finish at the same time, life happens and plans change. It should be noted that in order to qualify for a Bruce Trail End to End badge, each person, individually, will have had to hike the entire 900+/- km of the entire trail. Logs reflecting this are required at the Bruce Trail Conservancy if you are requesting a number & badge.

**4)Q-** Where will I stay? Will you organize a roommate?

**A-** The coordinators can make some suggestions for you for each section of trail. E-mail addresses, with your permission, will be shared so that people can reach out to one another to seek out roommates. We will not be arranging accommodation for any of the hikers or blocking off rooms. If you plan to participate in this fundraiser, we recommend booking accommodation as soon as you have the schedule in hand. There are lots of on-line sites that offer accommodation possibilities.

**5)Q-** I need all of Iroquoia (for example) but I've done all of Toronto. Your schedule overlaps these two sections. Can I leave my car at the end of Iroquoia section so that I don't overlap with the part of Toronto I've already completed?

**A-** We'll try to accommodate this type of request but won't make any promises. We have to share car shuttling so it might be best to make this sort of arrangement on your own. We can explain how to do that when the time comes.

**6)Q-** What will the pace & terrain be like?

**A-** You should be able to hike at least 4km an hour. The terrain is very strenuous over much of the trail. There are lots of hills & rocks but there are also sections on road. Be prepared for a big variety of terrain. This event would not really be recommended for people with little to no hiking experience.

**7)Q-** I signed up and raised the funds for the BTC but I've changed my mind about hiking. Can I have someone replace me?

**A -** Yes, as long as they are also a BTC member & are able to manage the pace & terrain. If you can't find someone to replace you within a few days of notifying us, your spot will go to the next person on the wait-list. Wait-listed people and/or your replacement will also be asked to participate in the fundraiser & raise \$500.



**8)Q-** I raised the \$500. What do I get out of this aside from hiking the trail?

**A-** You get our thanks and you get 3 Hike Ontario Certified Hike Leaders who have collectively hiked the trail more than 10 times. They are all First Aid/CPR Certified. They will do all the coordinating, mapping, leading, sweeping & assist wherever else needed. You'll also get an End to End badge at the end & a number from the Bruce Trail Conservancy for \$15 if you complete the entire trail. We will also try to coordinate the nine club section badges, for completion of each section along the way. These badges are \$5-\$11 and are optional. They will only be available for those that have completed the entire section with us. Our fundraising efforts go to the Bruce Trail Conservancy, who, in turn, are working towards securing the trail - a "Ribbon of wilderness" through land acquisition, for now and forever.

**9)Q-** What will a typical hike be like? What if it's pouring rain? Snowing?

**A-** Our meet time is 8am & we ask everyone to be a little early every day. Once we're all there, we will proceed by car shuttle to the start of our hike. This shuttle can sometimes take 30 min or longer. Once we start hiking, we will break for a clothing adjustment after about 30 min. We will have bio breaks as needed & will break for lunch for about 15 or 20 min. There will be lots of opportunities to take photos, drink water & eat snacks. These hikes will go rain or shine. If, for some extreme weather event, the hike has to be cancelled, the schedule will go one (or more) day(s) longer. Some flexibility will be important.

**10)Q-** What do I need to bring?

**A-** 1.5 litres of water minimum, snacks, lunch, poles if you use them and appropriate gear for the weather & your feet. If it is expected to be icy, the hike coordinators will insist you have icers/crampons. If you show up without them, you may not be allowed to hike that day. This is for your safety and the safety of others.

**11)Q-** Can I carpool with others to the meeting place of the hike?

**A-** Yes, we encourage it particularly if it is not your turn for the car shuttle. There will be 20 of us so we will need 5 or 6 cars every day at a minimum, each with 4-5 seatbelts – 4 or 5 cars to shuttle us to the start & 1, possibly 2, to shuttle the drivers back to their cars at the end of the day. Lots of people carpool everyday but if you want to show up at the meeting place with more than 2 people, just check with the coordinator first.

**12)Q-** I'm concerned about whether I can hike 20-25km every day for 14 days straight.

**A-** This is a very individual thing so all we can suggest is to train. Sign up for other hikes on the Bruce Trail Hike Calendar & practice, practice, practice. Once again, this event is not really recommended for individuals new to hiking.

**13)Q-** What if I get injured?

**A-** We hope that won't happen but if anyone is unable to continue the day's hike, the coordinators will ensure you are taken care of.



**14) Q-** What if I can't keep up?

**A-** We hope everyone is able to keep the pace of 4km per hour over the duration of the hike. Occasionally, the pace will be faster or slower depending on the terrain. This is a group hike so we ask that everyone keep pace with the person in front of them but, having said that, group hikes often get spread out so if that should happen, there will be regular re-groupings. It should be noted that these "re-groups" are not breaks but rather a moment to catch up to one another.

**16)Q-** I don't want my image on any kind of social media eg. Facebook, Twitter or Instagram but I want to see all the photos.

**A-** One of the coordinators will prepare a shared Google Photo Album which you can opt in/out of. You can also add your own photos to this album. If you do not want your image on FB or other social media or in any of the group photos, please let the coordinator know.

**17)Q-** I like to hike fast. Can I hike ahead of the group?

**A-** The short answer is no as these are group hikes. If there is an occasion where you must finish early and need to pick up the pace, and are not driving in the car shuttle for that day, check with the hike coordinator. It's possible that a special arrangement can be made for one day.

**18) Q-** When will I get the hike schedule?

**A-** As soon as you register (January 6<sup>th</sup>) & get your fundraising page set up. The hikes will be based on the maps of the Bruce Trail Guide Ed. 29 and the Bruce Trail App Ver. 2.1.1 or whatever the most recent version is. We recommend every hiker have one or the other or both of these maps/apps available to use.

**19)Q-** How does car shuttling work?

**A-** We will meet at a designated location according to the schedule at 8am. Early arrival is encouraged as the sooner we meet, the sooner we can proceed to the start of the hike. Departure will be prompt so if you think you will be late, please let the coordinator know ASAP by text message. We will depart the meeting location in 4-5 cars and proceed to the start of the hike. We will hike back to the meeting location and one driver will take the drivers back to their vehicles at the end of the day. Everyone will be expected to participate in the car shuttling & we ask that you arrive with a car that has 4-5 seatbelts. If you arrive with your partner or a friend each day, you will be in the car shuttle twice. Also, please note that there will occasionally be parking fees eg. Hamilton Conservation, Conservation Halton, Mackay Pay, Parks Canada, etc. Please compensate the driver or possibly the person with the pass, for parking fees. On occasion, if parking is limited, a double car shuttle will be arranged. Everyone will get advance notice of this.

**20)Q-** Can I bring my dog?

**A-** No dogs will be allowed as this is a car shuttle hike.

**If you do not see your question answered here, please send an email to:  
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