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CPR Course—Monday, November 24,

Moonlight Snowshoe Hikes - Mon., Jan. 5, Tues., Feb. 3, & Thurs., March 5

Christmas Potluck – Sat., Nov. 29

AGM & Potluck – Sat., April 25

Annual End- to-End – Sat./Sun, May 23/24

The Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club Newsletter

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Why do I belong to the Bruce Trail Club?

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- The Bruce Trail Conservancy was named as a top Canadian Environmental Charity.

Conservancy:

- The Niagara Escarpment is a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.
- It is a phenomenal legacy for generations to come. So far 10,000 acres of escarpment land have been protected, due to the Bruce Trail.

Foundation for health

- Spending time outdoors on 1,300 km of main and side trails.
- By being active, by being a volunteer

Social activities:

- Outings
- Get togethers
- Volunteering

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- \$50.00/year (which is \$4.20 /month) tax deductible/family

Herman Ohrt , President

VOLUNTEERING by Cathy Sears

What is a volunteer? It is a person who undertakes a task or service of his own free will. Our BMBTC is 100% volunteer-run! We are a busy and fun group. Why do we volunteer?

- To help get acquainted with the Bruce Trail
- To meet like-minded people
- To be motivated to stay fit
- Support / Give back to the trail we use(d)
- Support a worthy cause
- To hone our skills

The Bruce Trail exists because of the vision, dedication and work of volunteers. The strength of the Bruce Trail depends on its volunteers.

Many people in our Club have been volunteers for a long time and make a very valuable contribution: leading hikes, maintaining trails, organizing events, promoting the Trail, serving on the Club Board and much, much more. We are fortunate to have these dedicated people. Volunteers make the difference. We recognize and appreciate all the volunteer hours our members give which truly has an impact on our Club. We contribute approximately 1,800 volunteer hours annually; now that's impressive!

We are seeking new volunteers to help with the duties of the Club. Here are some of the areas where we need your help:

Director at Large: Are you interested in helping to set the direction and management of the Club? Participate in the Club's Board deliberations and decisions in matter of policy, finance and advocacy.

Trail Maintenance: Work as a member of a team with construction and repairs on the Trail under the guidance of the Trail Director.

Trail Captain: Maintain the Bruce Trail and side trails in a designated section under the guidance of the Trail Director.

Land Steward: Act as a caretaker of the BTC land under the direction of the Land Stewart Director.

Hike Leader: Lead hikes for members and non-members, set the routes, set the pace and point out areas of interest to hike members, under the direction of the Hike Director.

Training and support is always available from helpful and experienced members. For a full description on duties and responsibilities of all volunteer positions, please go to <http://brucetrail.org/pages/volunteer/club-positions>. You may also contact Cathy Sears at csearsinblue@rogers.com or call 705-444-9859.

Just do it – become a VOLUNTEER! It's fun and rewarding.

You know why volunteers don't get paid? It's because they are PRICELESS.



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Retired - But Not Forgotten by Linda Finley



In the past few months we have had several Trail Captains “hang up their trimmers”. A sincere thank you goes out to Marsh Aikens, Bill Sloan, Terry and Bridget Smith for their countless volunteer hours dedicated to trail maintenance. They worked tirelessly year round to make the trail visible and safe to hike. Their efforts, and those of all the active Trail Captains, are essential, and greatly appreciated!



Wanted—Replacement Trail Captains

If anyone is interested in taking on the challenges and reaping the rewards of the Trail Captain role (or finding out more about the responsibilities of the position) please contact Linda Finley, Trail Director at lindamfinley@gmail.com

Our Volunteer Hike Leaders by Tom Wilson

The Blue Mountain Bruce Trail Hiking Club relies on volunteers to keep the hiking program alive. Each year we lose a few hike leaders through attrition, but this year we have lost more than usual. The hike leaders who for various reasons are unable to lead hikes in the future are Cato Bayens, Ivor Corbett, Helen Peacock, Rod Govan, Murray MacRitchie, Wies Smits and Karen Hood-Cady. Over the past years, these leaders have volunteered to lead many hikes for the benefit of the BMBT club members. All of our hikers have greatly appreciated their contribution to making our club successful and so we thank them.

A black and white photograph of a still life arrangement. On the left, a wine glass is tilted, with liquid being poured into it, creating a splash. In the center, a vase holds a bouquet of flowers. To the right, a glass of wine sits on a surface. In the foreground, a wheel of cheese and a slice of citrus fruit are visible. The background is a plain, light color.

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Celebration of the Installation of the Volunteer Recognition Plaque *by Jill Doble*

It was a warm sunny day for the BMBTC's two picnic party hikes on Saturday, June 14. Rosemary Petrie led her hike from the north, while Tom Wilson led his hike from the south; both meeting for the picnic and cake rendez-vous at the very scenic km 14.5 where the 50th anniversary picnic table is located.

The Blue Mountain Bruce Trail Club, like the other eight Bruce Trail Clubs depends on a vast number of volunteers to keep the trail hikeable and the club alive and operating smoothly. Scouting new properties, building bridges, blazing trees, maintaining the trails, leading hikes, organizing social activities, sitting on the board and many more behind the scenes activities are what our many volunteers are involved in. In honour of the many people who over the span of fifty years have given their time and energy for the love of the Bruce Trail and especially for the Blue Mountain section, a plaque has been installed at km 14.5. It states, "In honour of all who have contributed to this Trail, and those who continue to do so.

Just like last year, Hart Fischer very capably assisted Sue Niblett in transporting the celebratory cake to the party site, overlooking the rolling fields toward the Nottawasaga Bluffs in the distance. Close to forty happy hikers feasted on the cake in celebration of our volunteers. Rosemary loves special events and celebrations, and so is already planning the third annual cake walk of the BMBTC for next year. Will you join us?

When you visit this scenic picnic site during one of your hikes in the future, why not think about how you can make a contribution to the vibrancy of the BMBTC and this beautiful hiking trail.



CPR Course by Rosemary Petrie

The Blue Mountain Bruce Trail Club will be holding a certified CPR course on Monday Sept 24, from 9 am to 12 pm, at Chartwell Retirement Home on Dawson Drive in Collingwood.

The maximum number of places is 20 and minimum is 12. The cost is \$35, and covers hands on adult and child resuscitation, and use of a defibrillator, as well as a demonstration of infant resuscitation.

Knowledge of CPR can save the lives of both loved ones and strangers in many unexpected situations!

If you wish to participate, please let me know as soon as possible, by email at rpetrie293@gmail.com or by phone at 705-293-4444.

If you would like to participate, but can't because of the date, please let me know, and we could run a second course in the spring .



Blue Mountain Bruce Trail Club Full Moon Snowshoe Badge-

Complete one snowshoe hike to earn a BMBTC Full Moon Snowshoe Hike Badge. Cost of badge is \$5.00. All three hikes are leisurely paced for about one hour. For all hikes, meet to carpool at parking lot behind Tim Horton's off of First St, Collingwood for a 6:00 p.m. departure to the start of hike.

- 1). Mon., Jan. 5, 6:00, Cranberry Golf Course.
Tom Wilson, 705-446-1877 tandrwilson@rogers.com
- 2). Tues., Feb. 3, 6:00 p.m., Monterra Golf Course
Terry & Cathy Sears, 705-444-9859 tjinblue@rogers.com
- 3). Thurs., March 5, 6:00 p.m. Loree Forest
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A Modern Lighthouse Keeper's Story

Myra Campbell

A few years ago I had read about an Assistant Lighthouse Keeper (ALK) program at Cabot Head Lighthouse on the Bruce Peninsula. I decided it was something we should experience and after a little coaxing, Bert agreed to give it a try. We contacted Friends of Cabot Head (FOCH) and soon we were signed up for the remaining week of the 2014 season. FOCH is a volunteer organization that celebrated its 20th anniversary this past August.

The procedure was quite simple: become a member of FOCH for the 2014 season, arrange which week you'd like to stay and pay \$375 for the week. Their website www.cabothead.ca has a section on VOLUNTEERING with contact information & outlines the program.

So, on Sunday June 30 we set out with our vehicle packed with our food, bedding, books & of course our camera. We were greeted by Sonja Geluk, the manager of Cabot Head Lighthouse. She showed us around & answered any questions we had about our duties for the week. Our accommodation was in the lighthouse & consisted of the summer kitchen on ground level, the 3-piece bathroom on the first floor and the bedroom and separate sitting room on the second floor. At times we felt we were part of the museum's artifacts as our "home" for the week was dispersed throughout the lighthouse. Sonja's 18 year old daughter Majade was there for the summer as "Lighthouse Keeper" to run the little store and was staying in the lighthouse keeper's house which also housed the shop. We enjoyed getting to know Majade and I often "spelled" her in the shop, so she could take a break. Learning to use the cash register was a new experience and a little nerve-wracking at times. Sonja lived in Ferndale and popped in a few times during the week and was always available by phone if we needed to contact her. So began our duties as Assistant Lighthouse Keepers.

Once we unpacked and oriented ourselves, the visitors started to arrive and that day over 260 people toured Cabot Head. I had assumed we would see the few visitors who ventured along that 8 km road into Cabot Head, but would have lots of time to rest, read, hike and basically have a cottage-like experience. Wrong! By 7 pm that evening we were tired & ready to go to bed. July 1 was almost as busy with about 230 visitors and the rest of the week

averaged about 90 visitors each day. As things turned out I became the greeter & Bert the maintenance man. Our self-imposed duties became quite obvious. I greeted and Bert did most of the chores. We both tidied the lighthouse, but he kept quite busy mowing the lawn, trimming brush, cutting and clearing along the trails & diligently kept the tower windows clean. I did enjoy weeding and watering the numerous herb and flowerbeds, as well as greeting people and imparting information I had acquired from reading about Cabot Head's history. An important bit of info was to make sure visitors knew about the many snakes and the abundance of poison ivy on the grounds. We were told we could be as busy or as relaxed as we'd like, as long as we kept the place tidy, greeted people & kept the "log". It seems some ALKs sit in a lawn chair near the museum entrance with a good book and greet visitors while others keep busy as we did. WiFi was unavailable and cell reception was sketchy except at the top of the lighthouse tower. Couldn't ask for a lovelier view while making a call! During our free time we hiked around Wingfield basin and rode our bikes along the road. A group of BMBTC members visited on Saturday July 5 after hiking in the area, which was a nice diversion for us.



On our last evening we were once again ready for an early night but not before one last climb up to the tower for a lovely sunset view over Georgian Bay. Sometimes made even better with a glass of wine.

If you would like to experience this ALK program visit the website www.cabothead.ca , Gwen Rollinson at info@cabothead.ca or Sonja Geluk at sonja-geluk@hotmail.com



HIKING THE NIAGARA SECTION

Jennifer Roy

This year the Niagara Club reached their 50 year milestone and to help celebrate in June my husband and I took part in a 5 hike "end-to-end". The Niagara section is truly unique and we were treated to all types of experiences. Along the way we crossed busy highways, hurried through the dark screaming tunnel, looked over the side of the Welland Canal, and visited historic water mills. We hiked up and down the escarpment, over picturesque brooks, and looked over the edge of beautiful waterfalls. Of course along the way we crossed numerous vineyards and peach orchards. One hike ended at the Short Winery where enjoyed wine tasting not forgetting their flush toilets!!!



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Walking Slighe Ghlinn Mhoir *by Dick Edwards*

Nestled beneath the peaks of Scotland lie green and verdant glens where Highland families have lived for centuries. The grandest of glens is Ghlinn Mhoir or the Great Glen, the longest valley in Scotland. It follows a geological fault created many millions of years ago, when a piece of Greenland went for a wander and ended up butted against northern Scotland. A huge crack was left, which glaciers sculpted into a valley and three lakes, including the very deep and famous Loch Ness.

Along this giant glen the Scots built a trail, Slighe Ghlinn Mhoir, or the Great Glen Way, for the 'Gaelic deprived' In June 2014, my friend Mae Reed and I walked this route which begins where the West Highland Way stops, at Fort William, and follows the fault-line northeast for 73 miles to Inverness.

The first thirty miles was easy walking as we followed the old tow path along the Caledonian Canal and the pretty shoreline of Loch Lochy. Pleasure craft plied the water, scenic mountains drifted into the distance, and quaint villages like Spaien Bridge, Gairloch and North Laggan provided B & Bs and pubs. Ten miles a day requires a pub stop each afternoon!

Sometimes our eyes seemed to be playing tricks as the water surface of the canal appeared higher than nearby rivers and streams. It was higher! A canal is built like a railroad that maintains a nearly level grade through high and low variations of the surrounding land. In one place we walked down the outside wall of the canal to observe stream running through an opening under and well below the water in the canal. Interpretive signs described how thousands of men, using only shovels and horses moved mammoth amounts of earth to create this impressive watercourse. Construction was in the early 1800s and the chief engineer went on to build Ontario's Rideau Canal, now known as the 'sister canal' to the Caledonian.

The locks along the way (not to be confused with lochs) were pleasant rest-stops. They elevate boats from sea level at Fort William to Loch Lochy at 80 ft. above sea level, ten to Loch Oich at 105 ft., before descending to Loch Ness at 50 ft. and back to the sea at Inverness. Part of the climb to Loch Lochy is accomplished by Neptune's Staircase, a picturesque and photogenic string of locks. Another pretty sequence of locks is at Fort Augustus where the waterway descends to Loch Ness. (Descends if going northeast; ascends if going southwest.)

We reached Fort Augustus on a sunny afternoon. A piper was playing before a row of shops beside the canal. Pub patios overlooked the yachts moving through the locks. It was an idyllic setting. We lingered there for some time. The piper appeared to be having a profitable day, as one by one, a busload of Japanese tourists dropped money into his empty instrument case and posed for pictures as while his tunes added ambiance to the scene.

After Fort Augustus, the way became considerably more challenging. For the full length of the thirty mile Loch Ness, the trail is at the top of a 1000 foot bank. A road runs at the lake-edge, but for the next three days, we climbed up in the morning, and descended in the afternoon. Our first village along this section was Invermoriston, where another pub and B & B awaited. Gaelic lesson – 'inver' refers to the mouth of a river. Thus Invermoriston is at the mouth of the River Moriston, which flows along Glen Moriston. A quiz for the reader – What river flows into Inverness? In what valley does this river flow? Did you pass?

Our next town was Drumadrochit. Love that name – sound it phonetically, while rolling your r's. This is where Nessie the famous monster of Loch Ness is vigorously promoted. The hype is everywhere. Nessie trinkets abound. We, being rational folks,



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were not taken in.... that is until walking along the shore, on a misty evening, after a lovely meal with a nice bottle of wine, we saw her! Just momentarily! But it was her! Rising in the mist! Should have had a camera!

The view from our B & B, Drumbuie Farm, was postcard Scotland. Shaggy highland cattle and wooly sheep grazed beneath our window. In the distance, Loch Ness glistened before a backdrop of green highland hills. It was marvelous to sit and soak up the scenery. However, it should be noted, this grand vista was much enhanced by the presence of sunlight - a rarity on this trip. Most days were cool and overcast. Great weather for hiking! And overheating was never a problem.

On the slopes above Loch Ness are extensive forests planted with Canadian species, notably Douglas Fir and Sitka Spruce. The climate is similar to the B.C. coast and the lumber industry appeared to be as active here as there. We passed several giant, log piles awaiting transport by lumber trucks, or rather, lumber lorries. It was interesting to learn that the Scots Pine, which now grows wild in Ontario, is the only native conifer in Scotland. There are movements to restore the 'Caledonian Forest', but we saw the Canadian species sprouting profusely among stumps in cut-over areas. It would appear these translocated species are now naturalized in each other's territory. It happens with people so why not trees?

Here on a knoll above the river, Inverness Castle marks the eastern end of Slighe Ghlinn Mhoir. We stood triumphantly before, took the obligatory photos and found a pub for the celebratory pint. Hike completed!

After touring this charming town and visiting the nearby (and highly recommended) museum at Cilloden, where Bonnie Prince Charlie got his Jacobean butt kicked some 300 years ago, the excitement began to wane. The 'done that, bought the t-shirt' feeling appeared. Happy to be finished, but sad that the adventure was over. ...There are other trails in Scotland....maybe??



When not in the Scottish forest, the two day walk from 'the drun' to Inverness traveled through grazing lands dotted with clumps of brilliant yellow Gorse, a prickly, but pretty shrub. On day seven, the sun returned just as openings in the Gorse revealed the distant, blue waters of Moray Firth and the grey spires of Inverness. The aches in our legs, from all the ups and downs, subsided as adrenalin began to flow. We experienced the 'high' of seeing our goal! Excitedly, we descended by a winding path, traversed farmland and then followed the River Ness past parklands and stately, stone homes to the city centre.

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BLUE MOUNTAINS BRUCE TRAIL CLUB HIKE SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015

Notes:

a) Unless stated otherwise, all hikes meet in the parking lot behind Tim Horton's on First St. in Collingwood

b) Hikers should come prepared, having read the Hiker's Checklist below.

c) Hikers will be required to sign a waiver similar to that set out below prior to the commencement of the scheduled activity:

"I acknowledge that this activity of the Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club in which I am participating involves risks which are beyond the control of the club. Notwithstanding the acknowledgment of such risks, I hereby release the Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club, its contractors, employees, volunteers, agents, assigns and executors from all claims for damage however so arising as a result of my participation in this or any other activity organized by the club. I agree to pay the cost of any emergency evacuation of my person or belongings that may be necessary. I affirm that I am aware of the nature of the activity, its approximate length, duration and degree of difficulty and that I am properly equipped and physically able to participate. I have no medical or other condition which might preclude my participation.

d) New Hike Rating Criteria. – (This is being adopted by all Bruce Trail Clubs in 2014)

Pace:

Leisurely - 3 km/hr. or less

Medium - 3 to 4 km/hr

Brisk - 4 to 5 km/hr

Fast - 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.

HIKER'S CHECK LIST

1. Check distance, pace and terrain of hike to ensure it is within your fitness level. Call the hike leader before the hike if you have any questions or concerns.
2. If you have any health problems that could affect your hiking performance, inform the hike leader.
Note: If you have any known asthma, allergies or hay fever, carry antihistamines. Asthma sufferers should carry their asthma medications or inhalers and, in winter, always carry an inhaler. Allergy sufferers should carry an EpiPen(s) and ensure someone on the hike knows where you carry these. Diabetics should carry their medication.
3. Wear comfortable boots/shoes.
4. Take a spare pair of shoes to change into at the end of the hike or carry plastic bags to protect the car from muddy boots and remember your car keys.
5. Have a backpack or waist pack to carry the following:
 - Cell Phone
 - Water or other beverages in screw top containers (extra in summer or on longer hikes)
 - Snacks (plus lunch if indicated in the hike write-up)
 - Plastic poncho/rain gear to conserve heat and provide seating and rain protection
 - Spare pair of socks and boot/shoelaces, duct tape, whistle, 2 aspirin
 - In winter:** Thermal blanket/space blanket, extra layer of clothing
 - In other seasons:** Insect repellent, sun block

Saturday, November 1, 2014

Time: 9:00 am

We will carpool to Duncan parking lot at km 33.4 in the Beaver Valley section. This is a loop hike and we will get fine views from Pinnacle Rock and Metcalf Rock. We will walk first along the main trail and then along the Chuck Grant Side Trail, eventually returning to the parking lot via the main trail. **Bring water and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: 10.8 km **Map** 25. Edition: 27

Leader: Terry Kimmerly **(705) 445-3967**

CAUTION- RIFLE HUNTING SEASON 3 Nov to 10 Nov 2014

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to parking lot #2 near the gondola in the Intrawest Village. We will hike up, across and down The Blue Mountain. We will hike up the beautiful Cascade trail alongside the waterfall, experiencing steep ascents at times. We will then make our way across the top of the escarpment and take in beautiful views of the surrounding area including The Bay. We will hike down the Memory Lane trail with comfortable switchbacks and enjoy a very special mid-mountain break for a snack. To the top again where we will descend down the Village Way trail back to the bottom. **Bring a snack and water.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: approx. 6 km **Map:** 24. Edition: 27

Leader: Cathy Sears **(705) 444-9859**

csearsinblue@rogers.com

Saturday November 8, 2014

Time: 9:30 am **(Note: different meeting location)**

We will meet at **Tim Horton's in Wasaga Beach** (take #26 to Mosley St and Tim Horton's is on the right just before the bridge). We start the hike in Schooner Park, then continue for a loop hike on the Ganaraska Trail, there will be great views over the Nottawasaga River. **Bring water and a snack.**

Pace: Leisurely **Level:** Easy

Distance: approx. 8 km

Leader: Tom Wilson **(705) 446-1877**

tandrwilson@rogers.com

Wednesday November 12, 2014

Time 9.00 am

We will carpool to Km 43.0 on 30/31 Sideroad in Nottawasaga and hike south to the Bruce Trail Parking lot on Cty.Rd.91. Along the way, we will explore the Singhampton Caves Side Trail (weather permitting) and the new Duntroun-View Side Trail. By November, the leaves will have fallen, allowing spectacular views along the route. Hopefully Indian summer will still be lingering. **Bring water and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: 10 km **Map:** 22/23. Edition: 27

Leader: Dick Edwards **(705) 445-5849**

richardedwards@xplornet.ca

Saturday November 15, 2014

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to km 0.0 of the Blue Mountain Section. Following the Main Trail north through open fields and mixed hardwoods, we will descend to and cross the Noisy River. We will then climb out of the valley and follow the trail north to km 8.5 where the hike will terminate. **Bring water and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: 9 km **Map:** 21. Edition: 27

Leader: Herman Ohrt **(705) 446-1440**

hermanohrt@sympatico.ca

Wednesday November 19, 2014

Time: 9:00 am

We will carpool to the parking lot at Old Baldy in The Beaver valley. This is a short scenic hike with many views of the valley and a chasm to walk through. Some low hills but we will be walking mainly atop the escarpment above the valley. We will hike from Km 42.1 to Km 37.9. **Bring a lunch and beverage**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: 5km **Map:** 27 edition 27

Leader: Carl Wintermeyer **(705) 444-6796**

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Saturday November 22, 2014

Time: 9.30 am

We will carpool to the Third Line off Grey Road 19. We will commence the hike at km 56.7 of the Blue Mountains Section and hike South through the woods for about 45 minutes. Returning we will retrace our steps to the parking lot. If required provision will be made for a slower group to follow for the same time but less distance. **Bring water and a snack.**

Pace: Medium & Leisurely **Terrain:** Easy
Distance: 1.5 hours **Map** 23. Edition: 27
Leader: Jill Doble **(705) 293-0573**
doblejill@hotmail.com

Wednesday November 26, 2014

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to the parking lot at 15 / 16 Sideroad in Singhampton and explore the Nottawasaga Bluffs. This is a great place to snowshoe/hike, offering several options in length, difficulty, beauty and views. **Bring a beverage and a light snack.** Following the hike will be an optional lunch at Mylar and Loreta's - one of our favorite restaurants.

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Easy
Distance: 6-8 km **Map:** 22. Edition: 27
Leader: Sue Niblett **(705) 445-4751**
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****A TWO EVENT DAY****

Saturday, November 29, 2014

Event #1 – 6th Line Hike

Time: 9:00 am (earlier start)

We will carpool to the end of the 6th Line at km 13.3 (turn north off the 15th Sideroad), in the Beaver Valley Section. We will hike along the Bruce Trail to km 11.3 where it joins up with the Margaret Paull Side Trail. We will follow the Side Trail back to the main trail, then return to the cars. **Bring water and a snack.**

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Easy/Moderate
Distance: 5 km **Map:** 24. Edition: 27
Leader: Mike Treuman **(705)-444-8270**
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Event #2 Christmas Pot Luck

Saturday November 29, 2014

There will be a **CHRISTMAS POT LUCK** following the hike (12:30 pm) at the: Father Allard Centre 63 Elgin Street, Collingwood (St. Mary's Catholic Church)
Park at 150 St. Paul Street



COME OUT AND JOIN US

**** New "green" initiative: Please bring your own plate mug and cutlery.**

CAUTION- HUNTING SEASON FOR BOWS AND MUZZLE LOADERS. 1-6 Dec 2014

Wednesday December 3, 2014

Time: 9:30 am (**Note different meeting location**)

We will meet at 9.30 a.m. at Tim Horton's in Wasaga Beach (take #26 to Mosley St. and Tim Horton's is on the right just before the bridge). We will hike along the river and over the dunes. The hike is partially on the Ganaraska trail and partially on 'unofficial' trails. At the end of the hike we will head to an appropriate location for lunch and refreshments. **Bring water and snack.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Easy
Distance: Approx. 8-9 km
Leader: Harold Higdon **(705) 422-1916.**
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Saturday December 6, 2014

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to parking lot #2 near the gondola in the Intrawest Village. We will hike up the beautiful Cascade trail alongside the waterfall, experiencing steep ascents at times. We will then make our way across the top of the escarpment and take in beautiful views of the surrounding area including The Bay. We will descend down the Village Way trail back to the bottom. **Bring a snack and water.**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: approx. 5 km

Map: 24. Edition: 27

Leader: David Little

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Wednesday December 10, 2014

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to the snowmobilers' parking lot on the 33/34 Sideroad. We will follow the main trail to the highest point on the Bruce and return to the parking lot via the Pretty River Side Trail. This is hilly terrain with occasional views over the valley. Following the hike there will be an optional lunch at the Swiss Bakery on 1st Street. **Bring snacks and lots of water.**

Pace: Leisurely

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: Approx. 8 km

Map 23. Edition: 27

Leader: Bert Beausoleil

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Saturday December 13, 2014

Time: 9.30 am

We will carpool to the Third Line off Grey Road 19. We will commence the hike at km 56.7 of the Blue Mountains Section and hike South through the woods for about 45 minutes. Returning we will retrace our steps to the parking lot. If required provision will be made for a slower group to follow for the same time but less distance **Bring water and a snack.**

Pace: Medium & Leisurely

Terrain: Easy

Distance: 1.5 hours

Map 23. Edition: 27

Leader: Marilyn Jones

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Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Time: 9:30 am

We will car pool to the Loree Forest parking area on the 21st Sideroad. We will walk down the hill, starting the hike at km 8.4 of the Beaver valley section. This will be a loop hike and there will be great views along the way, the actual route being a surprise on the day.. **Bring water, snacks, Santa hats and Christmas bells**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 9 km approx.

Map. 24. Edition: 27

Leader: Ann DeBrouwer

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ENJOY THE SEASON

Thursday, January 1, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

Start the year off on the right foot: On snowshoes

We will carpool to the junction of the 2nd Line and the 6th Sideroad, then commence a loop hike through the upper level of the Pretty River Valley Provincial park. **Bring water and a snack.**

Pace: Leisurely

Terrain: Easy

Distance: 6 km

Map: 23 Edition: 27

Leader: Rosemary Petrie

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**Bruce Trail
CONSERVANCY**

Saturday January 3, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to the parking lot at 15/16 Sideroad in Singhampton then commence a loop hike through the Nottawasaga Bluffs on our snowshoes. There will be great views and varied terrain. **Bring a drink and a snack** and for those who wish we can finish off with a lunch at Mylar and Loreta's.

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 7km approx.

Map: 22. Edition: 27

Leader: Paul Carnahan
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Monday January 5, 2015



First of three moonlight hikes

Time: 6.00 pm

We will carpool to Cranberry Golf Course and proceed with a snowshoe hike by moonlight, although a flashlight could be in order if it is overcast. The hike will be on the Cranberry Golf course and the Georgian Trail. After the hike we will assemble in a location to be determined for a hot drink.

Pace: Leisurely

Terrain: Easy

Distance: approx. one hour

Leader: Tom Wilson

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Wednesday January 7, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

The Loree Forest is a good place for a snowshoe hike at this time of year. We will car pool to the forest entrance pathway on the 21st Sideroad and complete a loop hike through the forest, with great views of Georgian Bay. Following the hike, there will be an optional lunch stop in Collingwood. **Bring water and snacks**

Pace: Leisurely

Terrain: Easy

Distance: 7 km

Map: 24. Edition: 27

Leader: Sharon Emerson **(705) 444-0750**

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Saturday January 10, 2015

Time: 9.00 am

Caledon Hills Section. We drive to Mono Centre (about 45 minutes from Collingwood south on Airport Road) and park in the village parking lot. We take the Cliff Top Side Trail to McCarston's Lake Side Trail. Lunch on Lookout Side Trail overlooking the Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. Return on the Main Trail to Mono Centre. **Bring beverages and a lunch.** Some hikers may consider stopping off at the Inn in Mono Centre after the hike.

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 8 km

Map: 19. Edition: 27

Leader: John Myers

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Wednesday January 14, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to the parking lot at 15/16 Sideroad in Singhampton and explore the Nottawasaga Bluffs. This is a great place for snowshoeing/hiking, offering several options in length, difficulty, beauty and views. **Bring a beverage and a light snack.** Following the hike will be an optional lunch at Mylar and Loreta's – one of our favourite restaurants.

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Easy

Distance: 6-8 km

Map: 22. Edition: 27

Leader: Sue Niblett

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Saturday January 17, 2015

Time: 8.30 am (note early start)

We will carpool to the parking area at km 60.9 on the Hockley Valley Rd. This part of the Caledon Hills section is very pretty and while exploring the area we will have a number of steep hills to negotiate. We may be including one or two side trails, this depending on snow conditions, but we will return to where we parked the cars. **Bring water and a snack.** There will be an optional lunch at a local restaurant.

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate/Strenuous

Distance: Approx 8.0 km.

Map: 18. Edition: 27

Leader: Jansje Lawrenson

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Wednesday January 21, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

A Loop Hike. We will carpool to km 29.2 of the Dufferin Section and snowshoe east to km 26.9. here we start our loop hike before returning to the parking lot via the main trail. This is hilly country with beautiful views. **Bring lunch and beverages.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate/Strenuous

Distance: 6 km **Map:** 20. Edition: 27

Leader: Herman Ohrt **(705) 446-1440**

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Saturday January 24, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to km 9.1 of the Blue Mountains Club on #6/7 Sideroad Nottawasaga. This offers good snowshoeing in a mix of terrains. We will hike to km 15.7 and leave cars at each end. A stop for hot soup at nearby "Fruit of the Glen" will be an après-hike option. **Bring water and snacks.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: 6.8 km **Map:** 22. Edition 27

Leader: Dick Edwards **(705) 445-5849**

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Wednesday January 28, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to a suitable start point for a hike through the many loop trails off the Eleventh Line, just west of Collingwood. The trails are mostly in the trees and well sheltered. The hike will be about two hours. **Bring water and a snack.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Easy

Distance: 2 hours

Leader: David Little **(705) 445-8302**

davidgeorge52@hotmail.com

Saturday January 31, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to the Snowmobiler's Parking Lot on Westchurch Sideroad to begin a partial loop hike of the Pretty River Valley Main Trail, Pretty River Side Trail and the John Haig Side Trail. While there are some steep ascents and descents the views are great and worth the effort. Snowshoes and poles are suggested to make the hike a bit easier. **Bring lunch and beverages.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: 10 km **Map:** 23. Edition: 27

Leader: Hart Fischer **(705) 445-6876**

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Tuesday, February 3, 2015



Second of three moonlight hikes

Time: 6:00 pm

We will carpool to Blue Mountain and proceed with a snowshoe hike by moonlight, although a flashlight could be in order if it is overcast. The hike will be on the Monterra golf course. After the hike we will assemble in a location to be determined for a hot drink.

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Easy

Distance: approx. one hour

Leader: Terry and Cathy Sears **(705) 444-9859**

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Wednesday February 4, 2015

Time: 5:96 am

We carpool to 6th Sideroad where we start our hike on the John Haigh Side Trail. We will continue past the highest point on the Bruce Trail, then depending on the snow conditions we will decide which direction to take, ultimately looping back to the cars. **Bring a lunch and beverage.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: 6 km **Map:** 23. Edition: 27

Leader: Sharon Emerson **(705) 444-0750**

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Saturday February 7, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

The Loree Forest is a great place for a snowshoe this time of year. We will carpool to the forest entrance pathway on the 21st Sideroad and complete a loop hike through the forest, with great views of Georgian Bay. **Bring water and snacks.**

Pace: Leisurely

Terrain: Easy

Distance: 5 km

Map: 24. Edition: 27

Leader: Dennis Gerrard (705) 444-9252

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Wednesday February 11, 2015

Time: 9:00 am

We will carpool to the car park at Eugenia Falls (km 56.2). We will hike in the direction of Hoggs Falls, but as that car park is closed in winter, we will turn around short of the falls, finishing up back at Eugenia falls. **Bring water and a snack.**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 6 km

Map: 26 Edition 27

Leader: Jansje Lawrenson

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Saturday February 14, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to the parking lot at Kolapore on route#2. We will hike or snow shoe on the Bruce Trail towards Metcalf Rock for about 1 hour, then return via the same route to the parking lot. There will be provision for a slower group if required, to follow the same trail. **Bring water and a snack.**

Pace: Medium & Slow

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: Two hours

Map: 25. Edition 27

Leader: Rosemary Petrie

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Wednesday February 18, 2015

Time: 9.30 am

We will carpool to The Falls Inn at Walters Falls to begin a loop snowshoe along the river and through the surrounding woods. There are some steep, but short ascents. **Bring water and a snack.** There will be an option for a hot soup or lunch at the Falls Inn after the hike.

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 5 km

Map: 29. Edition 27

Leader: Linda Finley

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Saturday February 21, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to the end of the 6th Line at km 13.3 (turn north off the 15th Sideroad), in the Beaver Valley Section. We will hike along the Bruce Trail heading north to km 11.3 where it joins up with the Margaret Paull Side Trail. We will follow the Side Trail back to the main trail, then back to the cars. **Bring water and a snack.**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate/Easy

Distance: 5 km

Map: 24. Edition 27

Leader: Roberta Spicer

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Wednesday February 25, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to the parking lot at 15 / 16 Sideroad in Singhampton for a tour of the Nottawasaga Bluffs. This is a great place to snowshoe, and there are many great views. **Bring a beverage and a light snack.** Following the hike there will be an optional lunch at Mylar and Loreta's.

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 6-8 km

Map: 22. Edition: 27

Leader: Rob Mooy

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Saturday February 28 2015

Time: 9.30 am

We will carpool to 6th Sideroad and park at the junction with the John Haigh Side Trail. Following this blue trail we will snowshoe south to join the Main Trail, then head north to km 51.6. From here we proceed east to where the cars have been left earlier. **Bring a lunch and beverage.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: 6 km **Map** 23. Edition 27

Leader: Terry Kimmerly **(705) 445-3967**

Wednesday March 4, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

(Note different meeting location)

We will meet at 9.30 a.m. at Tim Horton's in Wasaga Beach (take #26 to Mosley St. and Tim Horton's is on the right just before the bridge). We will hike along the river and over the dunes. The hike is partially on the Ganaraska trail and, depending on conditions, partially bushwhacking.. At the end of the hike we will head to an appropriate location for lunch and refreshments. **Bring water and snack.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: Approx. 6 km

Leader: Harold Higdon **(705) 422-1916.**

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Thursday March 5, 2015



Last of three moonlight hikes

Time: 6.00 pm

We will carpool to Lorree Forest and proceed with a snowshoe hike by moonlight, although a flashlight could be in order if it is overcast. The hike will be on the Lorree Forest Trails. After the hike we will assemble in a location to be determined for a hot drink.

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Easy

Distance: approx. one hour

Leader: Rosemary Petrie **(705) 293-4444**

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Saturday March 7, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

ANNUAL SPRING TUNE-UP

We will carpool to the top of the escarpment to begin our Annual Spring Tune-up hike descending the Three Stage Hill. This is always an interesting hike with some great views and interesting terrain. If we still have lots of snow, bring your snowshoes. **Bring water and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: 6 km **Map:** 23 Edition: 27

Leader: Rosemary Petrie **(705) 293-4444**

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Wednesday March 11, 2015

Time: 9:00 am

After leaving shuttle cars at the Snowmobilers' Parking Lot in the Pretty River Valley we will carpool to the Duntroon SR (Highway 91) at km 35.9 to our new Parking Lot. Our hike will begin going North towards the Singhampton Caves and will continue down into the Pretty River Valley. Bring snowshoes if the conditions warrant it. **Pack hot drinks and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: 9.6 km **Map:** 22 and 23. Edition: 27

Leader: Hart Fischer **(705) 445-6876**

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Saturday March 14, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to km 8.5 of the Blue Mountains Club on #6/7 Sideroad Nottawasaga. This offers good snowshoeing in a mix of terrains. We will hike to km 15.7 and leave cars at each end. **Bring water and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: 7.2 km **Map:** 22. Edition 27

Leader: Herman Ohrt **(705) 446-1440**

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Wednesday March 18, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to the Snowmobiler's Parking Lot and follow the main trail to the Pretty River Side Trail, then to the highest point and return to the parking lot via the main trail. **Bring lunch and beverage.**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 9 km

Map: 23. Edition: 27

Leader: Tom Wilson (705) 446-1877

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Saturday March 21, 2015

Time: 9:00 am

We will carpool to the Osprey/Clearview Townline, north of Grey Road 91 and park for a hike through the Nottawasaga Lookout Nature Reserve. We will start the hike at km 41.0, and hike through the woods for about an hour, before re-tracing our steps. **Bring a snack and beverage.**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Easy

Distance: Two hours

Map: 23. Edition: 27

Leader: Paul Carnahan (705) 428 3022
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Wednesday March 25, 2015

Time: 9:00 am

We will carpool to the 15/16 Sideroad in Singhampton, where we will start and end our hike. Leaving the parking lot we will explore the Nottawasaga Bluffs area via the Main Trail, Keyhole Side Trail and the Betty Carter Side Trail. We may explore them all or some of them. Interesting terrain and views. **Bring water and a snack.**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 10 km

Map: 22. Edition: 27

Leader: Dick Edwards (705) 445-5849

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Saturday March 28, 2015

Time: 9:00 am

We will carpool to the parking lot at Eugenia Falls (km 56.2), on the Upper Beaver Valley Extension Map. We will hike south on the Bruce Trail to Hogg's Falls parking lot (km 63.3), with lovely views of the waterfalls. **Bring water and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 7 km

Map: 26 Edition: 27

Leader: Linda Finley

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Wednesday April 1, 2015

****A TWO HIKE DAY***

Hike#1. "Hart's Triple Hell"

Time: 8:00 am

We will car pool to the Snowmobiler's Parking Lot on Westchurch Sideroad to begin "Hart's Triple Hell" – 3 ups, 3 downs, 3 loops, 3 lookouts and at least 3 beers for recovery. Everything will happen in the Pretty River Valley and there will be an opportunity to drop out after one loop (about 5.5 km). Once you start the second loop you are committed for the duration. There are some steep ascents and descents with great views, making the extreme effort worthwhile. Poles are suggested to make the hike a bit easier. **Bring lunch and lots of beverages.**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Strenuous

Distance: 18 km

Map: 23. Edition: 27

Leader: Hart Fischer

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Hike #2. John Haigh Sidetrail

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to the junction of the 2nd Line and the 6th Sideroad, then commence a loop hike through the upper level of the Pretty River Valley Provincial park. **Bring water and a snack**

Pace: Leisurely

Terrain: Easy

Distance: 6 km

Map: 23 Edition: 27

Leader: Tom Wilson

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Saturday April 4, 2015

Time: 9:00 am

We will carpool to Blantyre and commence our hike at km 0.0 of the Sydenham Section. We will follow the trail west to km 7.5. **Bring water and a light snack.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: 7.5 km **Map:** 28/29. Edition: 27

Leader: Bert Beausoleil **(705) 293-2325**

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Wednesday April 8, 2015

Time: 9:00 am

We will carpool km 81.4 of the Beaver Valley Section to begin our hike. We will follow the main trail north along the escarpment edge. The trail passes through mature hardwood forest and open fields with some spectacular views over the Beaver Valley. The hike will terminate at Epping Lookout km 93.0. **Bring water and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: Approx. 11.5 km **Map:** 27. Edition: 27

Leaders: Terry Sears **(705) 444-9859**

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Saturday April 11, 2015

Time: 9:00am

We will carpool to km 94.4 on the Sideroad 22C on the west side of the Beaver Valley. We will then traverse the Fairmont Side Trail, sections of the Bruce Trail and the Siegeman Side Trail to finish at the start point. This is a very scenic hike, with hilly areas and some steeper ascents. **Bring water and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: 10.2 km **Map:** 27. Edition: 27

Leader: David Little **(705) 445-8302**

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Wednesday April 15, 2015

****A TWO HIKE DAY****

Hike #1. Old Baldy tour.

Time: 9:00 am.

We will carpool to km 42.1, leave a car, then drive to the start at km 37.6. We will hike through past the end point, doing a loop to the Old Baldy lookout, and return to the finishing parking lot via the Mac Kirk side trail. There are some rugged sections and snowshoes may be needed. **Bring water and hearty snacks.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Strenuous

Distance: 6.6 km **Map:** 26. Edition: 27

Leader: Ann DeBrower **(519) 321-9978**

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Hike #2 . Margaret Paull hike.

Time: 9:30 am.

We will carpool to the end of the 6th Line at km 13.3 (turn north off the 15th Sideroad), in the Beaver Valley section. We will hike along the Bruce Trail heading north to km 11.3 where it joins up with the Margaret Paull Side Trail. We will follow the Side Trail back to the main trail, then return to the cars. **Bring water and a snack.**

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Easy/Moderate

Distance: 5 km **Map:** 24. Edition 27

Leader: Roberta Spicer **(705) 293-0959**

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Saturday April 18, 2015

Time: 9:00 am

We will carpool to Duncan parking lot at km 33.4 in the Beaver Valley Section. This is a loop hike and we will get fine views from Pinnacle Rock and Metcalf rock. We will walk first along the main trail and then along the Chuck Grant Side Trail, eventually returning to the parking lot via the main trail. **Bring water and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

Distance: 10.8 km **Map:** 25. Edition: 27

Leader: Marilyn Jones **(705) 446-9951**

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Wednesday April 22, 2015

Time: 9:00 am

We will carpool to the parking lot at Kolapore on route#2. We will hike or snow shoe on the Bruce Trail towards Metcalf Rock for about 1 hour, then return via the same route to the parking lot. There will be provision for a slower group if required, to follow the same trail. **Bring water and a snack.**

Pace: Medium & Slow

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: Two hours

Map 25. Edition 27

Leader: Liz Fowlis

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****A TWO EVENT DAY****

Saturday April 25, 2015

Event #1 Blantyre hike.

Time: 9:00 am

We will carpool to km 106.1 in the Beaver Valley Section, then walk westward to km 113.8 at Blantyre. The trail is mostly forested with rocky sections and some good views over the escarpment. **Bring water and a lunch.** At the conclusion of the hike we will return to Collingwood for the AGM and Pot Luck.

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 8 km

Map: 28. Edition: 27

Leader: Jill Doble

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Event #2 The BMBTC AGM

The Blue Mountain Bruce Trail Club

Annual General Meeting

will be held at 3:00 pm with a potluck to commence at the conclusion of the meeting.

A.G.M. and **Pot Luck** will be held at Cornerstone Church, 20 Batteaux Road, Village of Nottawa



Contact: Rosemary Petrie

(705)-293-4444

COME OUT AND JOIN US

**** New "green" initiative: Please bring your own plate mug and cutlery.**

Wednesday April 29, 2015

Time: 9:00 am

We will drive to Highway 89 via County Road 124. We start at Primrose Loop Side Trail to Main Trail, following it eastward to the Boyne River Side Trail. We then take the Boyne River Side Trail back to Main Trail, and then south on the Main Trail to Highway 89. **Bring water and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance – approx. 10 km

Map: 20. Edition: 27

Leader: John Myers

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Saturday May 2, 2015

Time: 9:00 am

WORK PARTY



While no specific jobs had been identified at the time the hike schedule was prepared, experience has shown that there is always lots to do. Come on out and give us a hand.

If you plan on taking part

Contact: Linda Finley

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Wednesday, May 6, 2015

****A TWO HIKE DAY****

Hike #1. Beaver Valley east side

Time: 9:00 am

We will carpool to km 15.8 on 119th Sideroad in the Beaver Valley Section. We will walk through to km 23.8, with the shuttle car pick up at the Kolapore car park. **Bring water and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate
Distance: 8.2 km **Map** 24 and 25. Edition: 27
Leaders: Terry Sears **(705) 444-9859**
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Hike#2. Spring Flowers.

Time: 9:30 am.

Discover the wild flowers and nature's bounty.

We will carpool to the Singhampton Caves Parking lot (41.0km) in the Blue Mountains section. We will walk east and south through mainly forested terrain, ending the hike at the Duntroon sideroad (km35.9). **Bring water and a lunch .**

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Easy
Distance: 5-6 km **Map:** 22/23 Edition: 27
Leader: Barb Elwood, Master Gardener
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Saturday, May 9, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to 6th Sideroad and park at the second line. From there we will proceed south on the John Haig sidetrail, then north on the Bruce Trail to km 51.6, returning to the cars along the road. **Bring a lunch and beverage.**

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Easy/Moderate
Distance: 6 km **Map** 23. Edition: 27
Leader: Dave Morton **(705) 444-0228**
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Wednesday May 13, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to the parking area on the 21st Sideroad at the Loree forest. This is a circular hike that proceeds north along the access road to the Loree forest. We then hike east along a forest trail and then west to arrive at the top of the Georgian peaks ski club. After lunch we proceed west to arrive at the start point. There are lots of grand views of the Bay along the way. **Bring water and a lunch.**

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Easy
Distance: 5 km **Map:** 24. Edition: 27
Leader: Heather Wintermeyer **(705) 444-6796**
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Saturday May16, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to the Kolapore parking lot. We will start our hike walking the Paradise Trail through Kolapore Uplands, connecting up with the Bruce Trail at Metcalf Rock (km27.0). We will then follow the Bruce Trail to km 23.8 to complete the loop. The terrain is diverse with great views from the escarpment. **Bring water and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate
Distance: 9 km **Map:** 25 Edition: 27
Leader: Mike Treuman **(705)-444-8270**
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Wednesday May 20, 2015

****A TWO HIKE DAY****

Hike #1. and Hike #2. Black Bank River

Time: 9.30

There will be a medium hike and a slow hike in the Dufferin Highlands section, both finishing at the same location. Both hiking groups will carpool to Lavander at km56.2. We will then proceed to the start for the slow hike group at km 47.3. Next the medium hike group will proceed to the start of their hike at km 45.5.

Both hikes will cross the ravine over the Black Bank River, then follow a pretty country lane towards Lavander. **Bring drinks and a lunch.**

Hike #1

Pace: Leisurely

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 8.5 km

Map 21 Edition 27

Leader: Tom Wilson

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Hike #2

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 10.5 km

Map: 21 Edition: 27

Leader: Rosemary Petrie

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ANNUAL END-TO-END

Saturday May 23, 2015. FIRST LEG: Swiss Meadows to Highlands Nordic Centre

Sunday May 24, 2015. SECOND LEG: Lavender to Highlands Nordic Centre

Registration Fee: **\$35.00** will cover transportation, refreshments and badge.

Must be received by May 20th at 5.00PM

(The \$15.00 bar-b-q fee may be paid at the same time if more convenient.)

Send cheques to: Lee Wallace, Box 798, 139 Orchard Drive, Thornbury, ON, N0H 2P0

E-mail: l.wallace@rogers.com

Meeting Place:

We will meet at Highlands Nordic Centre. It is located west of Duntroon on the 10th Line, south of County Rd. 91, (a 3 minute drive west from Duntroon on 91, then a 2 minute drive south on the 10th Line).

Be at pickup point by **6:45am at latest.**

Pace: Set your own

Distance: Approx. 33 km (*Hikers may drop out at checkpoints*)

Badges: Awarded to those completing both legs.

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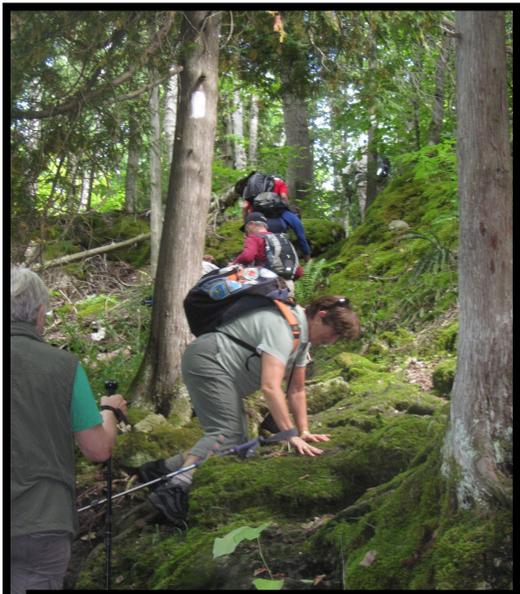
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Three Days on the Bruce Peninsula

By Terry Sears

Following the trial three day hiking event of last year with some 40 attendees, I planned a similar event with some minor improvements and a cap on the number of attendees at 60. From Wednesday September 17, 2014 to Friday September 19, 2014 a group of 62 happy hikers took to the trails in and around the Bruce Peninsula. Hikers had a choice of four different levels of hikes each day led by myself and four other qualified hike leaders. The hikes on Wednesday and Thursday were followed by a popular Happy Hour, delicious dinner and toasty warm fire, all taking place at the Coach House Inn near Tobermory. The attendees all made donations to our Club and some \$1,400 was raised which will help cover some of the trail maintenance and other Club expenses. Once again, everyone enjoyed the activities and returned home safe and sound after an exciting three days of fun. Based on the reaction of the crowd it looks like I'm on the hook to plan another event for next year.



Bruce Trail Day in The Blue Mountains by Terry Sears

Bruce Trail Day in The Blue Mountains happened in spite of some very inclement weather. Barb Elwood and Linda Finley stood guard at our display table and took care of distributing our apple supply and brochures. Meanwhile with my wife Cathy as my sweep, I led seven keen hikers across the trail at the top of Blue Mountain Resort in intermittent rain, selling them on the advantages of being members of The Bruce Trail. The group consisted of a couple visiting for the weekend, a couple who had recently moved to the area, a local couple who were members and another local lady. No memberships were sold on the spot, but two couples expressed good interest and are expected to join. As you can see in the photo everyone was actually smiling in spite of the weather. It helps if you tell a joke just before you take the picture.



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Fun Pig Roast Fundraiser *by Jill Doble*

On the evening of Saturday, September 13th the strains of The Rocklyn Jammers, led by BMBT hiker Marilyn Jones, were heard coming from the Duntroon Nordic Centre. The aroma of barbecued pork wafted through the air. The hall was full of BMBT hikers and friends who enjoyed a wonderful meal, good conversation, and foot stomping music, as well as the fun of a silent auc-

tion. I think there was even some kicking up of heels to rhythm of the country music.

The BMBT Club thank all who came out to support this fun fund raising event, which cleared \$3,387 and will be put toward trail improvements and maintenance. A big thank you also goes to Rosemary Petrie for organizing this event and to the many behind the scenes volunteers who worked to make the event such a success. Once again, great job on the pork and the rest of the



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BMBT Hikes At a Glance

Fall & Winter 2014/2015

DATE	TIME	HIKE LEADERS	NOTES	KM's	LEVEL	HIKE LOCATION
Sat Nov 1	9:00	Terry Kimmerly	Lunch	10.8	Inter	Metcalf Rock loop
Nov 3 to 8	0:00	Hunting				Rifle hunting
Wed Nov 5	9:30	Cathy Sears	Snack	6	Inter	Blue Mountain from village
Sat Nov 8 **	9:30	Tom Wilson	Lunch	8	Easy	Wasaga - Ganaraska
Wed Nov 12	9:00	Dick Edwards	Lunch	10	Inter	Duntroon 43 to 34
Sat Nov 15	9:30	Herman Ohrt	Lunch	9	Inter	Lavender to 8.5
Wed Nov 19	9:00	Carl Wintermeyer	Lunch	5	Inter	Old Baldy
Sat Nov 22	9:30	Jill Doble	Snack	1.5 hrs	Inter & Easy	3rd line
Wed Nov 26	9:30	Sue Niblett	Snack	6to8	Easy	Notawasaga Bluffs
Sat Nov 29	9:00	Mike Treuman	Snack	5	Easy	Margaret Paull side trail
Sat Nov 29	12:30	Rosemary Petrie	Pot Luck			XMAS Pot Luck
Dec 1 to 6	0:00	Hunting				Bows and Muzzle loaders
Wed Dec 3**	9:30	Harold Higdon	Snack	8.5	Easy	Wasaga
Sat Dec 6	9:30	David Little	Snack	6	Inter	Blue Mountain from village
Wed Dec 10	9:30	Bert Beausoleil	Snack	8	Inter	Pretty river
Sat Dec 13	9:30		Snack	1.5 hrs	Inter & Easy	3 rd Line
		Marilyn Jones				
Wed Dec 17	9:30	Ann DeBrouwer	Snack	9	Easy	Loree Forrest
Thurs Jan 1	9:30	Rosemary Petrie	Snack	6	/Inter/Easy	John Haigh
Sat Jan 3	9:30	Paul Carnahan	Snack	7	Inter	Notawasaga Bluffs
Mon Jan 5	6.00pm	Tom Wilson. Full moon	Snack	1 Hr	Easy	Cranberry
Wed Jan 7	9:30	Sharon Emerson	Snack	7	Inter	Loree Forrest
Sat Jan 10	9:00	John Myers	Lunch	8	Inter	Dufferin Mono Mills
Wed Jan 14	9:30	Sue Niblett	Snack	6to8	Easy	Nottawasaga Bluffs.
Sat Jan 17	8:30	Jansje Lawrenson	Snack	8	Inter/Exp	Calledon
Wed Jan 21	9:30	Herman Ohrt	Lunch	6	Inter/Exp	Dufferin section.
Sat Jan 24	9:30	Dick Edwards	Snack	7	Inter	Glen Huron area
Wed Jan 28	9:30	David Little	Snack	2 hrs	Inter/Easy	12th line
Sat Jan 31	9:30	Hart Fischer	Lunch	10	Inter	Pretty River
Tues Feb 3	6.00pm	Cathy Sears Full moon	Snack	one hr	Easy	Monterra
Wed Feb 4	9:30	Sharon Emerson	Lunch	6	Inter	John Haigh and Pretty river
Sat Feb 7	9:30	Dennis Gerrard	Snack	5	Easy	Loree Forrest
Wed Feb 11	9:00	Jansje Lawrenson	Snack	6	Inter	Eugenia Falls in and out
Sat Feb 14	9:30	Rosemary Petrie	Snack	2 hrs	Inter/Easy	Kolapore going north
Wed Feb 18	9:30	Linda Finley	Snack	5	Inter	Walters Falls loop
Sat Feb 21	9:30	Roberta Spicer	Snack	5	Inter	Nottawasaga Lookout

Wed Feb 25	9:30	Rob Mooy	Snack	6 to 8	Inter	Notawasaga Bluffs. Map 22
Sat Feb 28	9:30	Terry Kimmerly	Lunch	6	Inter	John Haigh and Main Trail loop
Wed Mar 4**	9:30	Harold Higdon	Snack	6	Inter	Wasaga
Thurs Mar 5	6.00 pm	Rosemary Petrie	Full moon Snack	one hr	Easy	Lorree Forest
Sat Mar 7	9:30	Rosemary Petrie	Lunch	6	Inter	Three stages
Wed Mar 11	9:00	Hart Fischer	Lunch	9.6	Inter	Duntroon
Sat Mar 14	9:30	Herman Ohrt	Lunch	7.2	Inter	Glen Huron
Wed Mar 18	9:30	Tom Wilson	Lunch	9	Inter	Pretty River
Sat Mar 21	9:00	Paul Carnahan	Snack	2 hrs	Inter	Nottawasaga Lookout
Wed Mar 25	9:00	Dick Edwards	Snack	10	Inter	Nottawasaga Bluffs.
Sat Mar 28	9:00	Linda Finley	Lunch	7.5	Inter	Eugenia to Hoggs falls
Wed April 1	#1 8:00	Hart Fischer	Lunch	18	Expert	Pretty river. Harts triple hell
Wed April 1	#2 9.30	Tom Wilson	Snack	6	Easy	John Haigh trail
Sat April 4	9:00	Bert Beausoleil	Lunch	7.5	Inter	Blantyre 0-7.8 Sydenham section
Wed April 8	9:00	Terry Sears	Lunch	11.5	Inter	Beaver V. 56.4 – 68.1
Sat April 11	9:00	David Little	Lunch	10.2	Inter	Fairmont Side Trail
Wed April 15	#1 9:00	Ann DeBrouwer	Lunch	6	Inter/Ex	Old Baldy.
Wed April 15	#2 9:30	Roberta Spicer	Snack	5	Easy/Inter	Margaret Paull side trail
Sat April 18	9:00	Marilyn Jones	Lunch	10.8	Inter	Duncan loop
Wed April 22	9:00	Liz Fowlis	Snack	2 hrs	Inter/Easy	Kolapore
Sat April 25	#1 9:00	Jill Doble	Lunch	8	Inter	Km 106.1 to Blantyre
Sat April 25	#2 3:00PM	Rosemary Petrie	Pot Luck			AGM Nottawa
Wed April 29	9:00	John Myers	Lunch	10	Inter	Primrose
Sat May 2	9:00	Linda Finley	Snack			WORK PARTY
Wed May 6	#1 9:00	Terry Sears	Lunch	8.2	Inter	16 to 24.2 in Beaver valley
Wed May 6	#2 9:30	Barb Elwood	Lunch	5	Easy	Spring Flowers
Sat May 9	9:30	Dave Morton	Lunch	6	Easy/Inter	John Haigh Side Trail and loop
Wed May 13	9:30	Heather Wintermeyer	Lunch	5	Easy	Loree Forrest
Sat May 16	9:30	Mike Treuman	Lunch	9	Inter	Kolapore
Wed May 20	#1 9:30	Tom Wilson	Lunch	8.5	Easy/Inter	Black Bank River
Wed May 20	#2 9:30	Rosemary Petrie	Lunch	10.5	Inter	Black Bank River
Sat May 23**	6:45	Sharon Emerson				End to End
Sun May 24**	6:45	Sharon Emerson				End to End
Sat May 23	16:00	Rosemary Petrie				Social @ Highland Nordic

** Alternative starting point

Note: For complete hike description refer to hike schedule in newsletter or website.



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