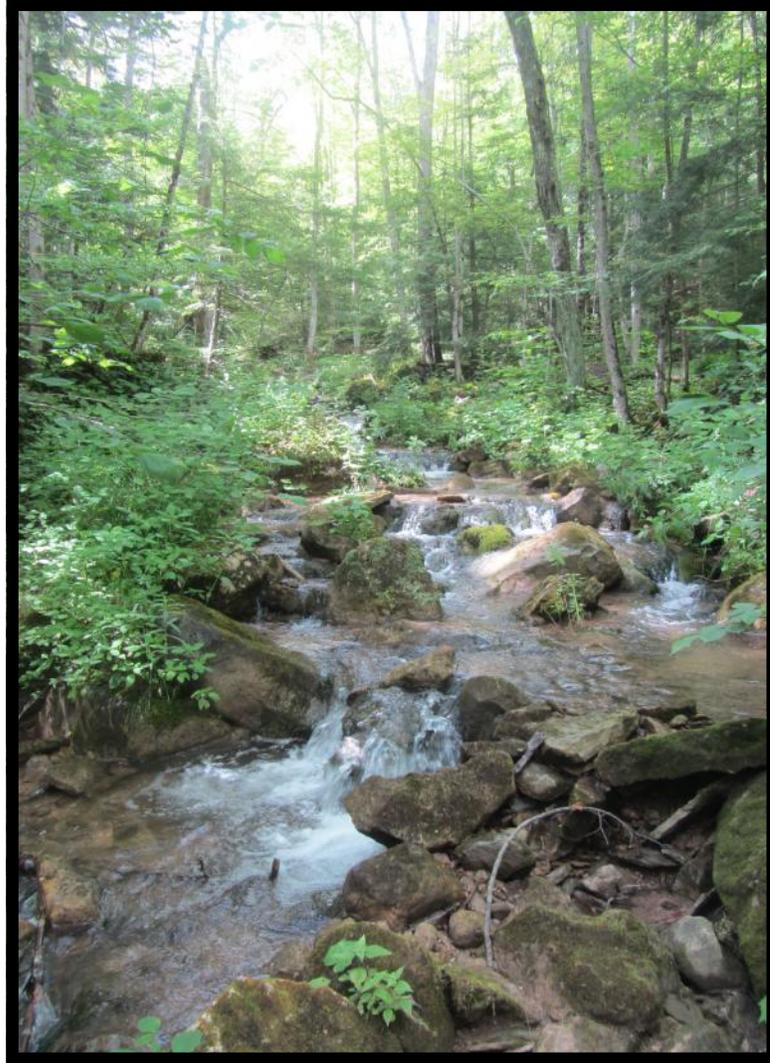


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President's Message

When there is no peace in the world, when there is so much human tragedy, when there is no solution, no end in sight, are we at peace ourselves?

Where do I find peace? Where can I get away from the Syrian, African tragedy that we are all exposed to?

Nature helps, the outdoors, the sun and fresh air, the conversation on the trail, they all help. The commitment to volunteer in one or another capacity helps me. Yes, I can do something for the future, for nature and the community, and it keeps my mind off, at least for part of the day, off the tragedies elsewhere.

And that is what I want to talk about in this message:

- * Volunteering keeps us busy mentally and physically.
- * Volunteering is many times a social activity, the interaction with others which keeps us young.
- * Volunteering is a confidence builder, gets us out of bed in the morning and lets us sleep at night.

You, the reader of these lines may already be a volunteer at the Bruce Trail Organisation, and your feelings towards volunteering may be similar to mine. You may think of doing something different than what you have done in the past, or you may encourage someone else to become a volunteer. You may be one of the 42 new members in the last 12 months (total membership of Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club is 468), and if you are not a volunteer for the Bruce Trail at this time, and want to find out what opportunities there are, please call our Volunteer Coordinator, Cathy Sears at 705 444 9859 or at csearsinblue@rogers.com.

Herman Ohrt



A NEW TRAIL FEATURE

A HISTORIC LIME KILN

Dick Edwards

Because of the generosity of landowner, Dr. William Franks, and of a local company, Walker Aggregates Inc., hikers on the Bruce Trail can now view a valuable artifact from our pioneer past, a lime kiln. “What the heck is a lime kiln?” I’m sure many of you are asking.

A lime kiln is a large fireplace-like structure built of stone (see front view photo below), with a cylindrical interior, lined with granite and several feet high (see interior view photo). Alternate layers of firewood and chunks of limestone were stacked in the kiln and burned for 3 to 5 days. The burning required constant attention as high temperatures had to be maintained to drive carbon dioxide out of the limestone (calcium carbonate) converting it to a white powdery product (calcium oxide) commonly called quicklime or lime. After cooling, the quicklime was shovelled onto wagons and drawn by horses to nearby rail stations such as Glen Huron or Collingwood, and then shipped to growing cities in Southern Ontario. Quicklime produced the bonding ingredient for mortar, cement, and plaster needed to construct homes and buildings during the late 1800s.



The front of the restored lime kiln—150 years old

Information for this article comes from two sources: *Blue Mountain Country*, a book by the late Frank Hammill and



View from top of the kiln showing the granite lined interior

notes provided by Helen Blackburn, a local history columnist for the [Creemore Echo](#). Mr. Hammill mentions a kiln “between the two levels of hill just above the 10th line on the Duntroon Sideroad” as being operated by “Joseph Gosnell and his sons”. This is exactly the location of the kiln now accessible via the 100 metre “Franks’ Lime Kiln Side Trail.” He does not date it exactly, but includes it among kilns noted in 1882 township records, suggesting it was built earlier.

Dr. Franks has owned the property for many years and recently decided this historic artifact should be visible to the public and invited the BTC to create a side-trail. The Franks families, William and brother Hugh, live on neighbouring farms and have graciously allowed the Bruce Trail on their land for several years. We felt it only fitting to recognize them in naming the new side-trail.

Although in pretty good shape, the kiln needed masonry work to stabilize the main structure and safety barriers to allow viewing the interior. Ferguson Enterprises, of Nottawa, created circular steel fencing for the top of the kiln that not only serves the required safety function but is itself a beautiful structure. Raffay Stoneworks of Meaford did a masterful job of re-mortaring the stonework, inside and out, so the kiln should stand proudly for another 150 years. An invaluable contribution was made by Walker Aggregates Inc. of Duntroon who provided the funding, without which this project would not have been possible.

Helen Blackburn wrote about lime kilns in the Creemore Echo and received interesting feedback about relatives who had worked at 'lime burning' in days gone by. Tending the fires was a round-the-clock job and long nights at the burn often included the consumption of local moonshine and even roasting of 'stray' chickens.

Some of her readers referred to skillful teamsters who had to draw huge wagon-loads down steep slopes over rough dirt tracks, nothing like the roads of today. A heavy iron 'wagon shoe' was dragged behind to prevent the wagon from pushing into the horses. The journey was slow, the work was hard and the weather often miserable. Thus drivers were often tempted to tarry at taverns along the way. One of Helen's readers, Roger Zeggil found an old poem which nicely describes the situation.

The Lime Teamsters

*Okay gents, now it's the time
To load your wagons with the lime.
I know it's early in the day, but
Your horses are fresh, you need the pay.*

*You sat all winter, now wait your turn
To get a load from my last burn.
Before you leave, cover that load
You get no coin for lime on the road.*

*The loads are heavy and the roads are rough
You have good wagons and the teams are tough.
There are many hills so use that brake.
You can lose the lime with one mistake.*

*The Greenbush Tavern is halfway there,
But let me warn you, have a care,
The food is good, but the liquor is strong,
If you do stop in, don't tarry too long.*

*Have a meal, but stop and think,
Just water the horses and skip that drink.
Give the horses their head and get home quicker
You'll feel better tomorrow without the liquor.
Anon*

This new trail offers hikers a unique insight into the lives of the ingenious pioneers. The quickest way to view the kiln is to go to the Bruce Trail car park on County road 91, up the hill from Duntroon. See Map #22. From there, follow the blue access trail to the main trail and then follow white blazes southwards (down the scarp) for a few hundred metres to the blue sign denoting the Franks Lime Kiln Side Trail. You must see it!



A bird's eye view from the top of the lime kiln as Dick Edwards explains the history and function of this preserved slice of local history. Many thanks go to Dr. Bill Franks for donating the kiln and the Franks Lime Kiln Side Trail property to the Bruce Trail Conservancy. Also, the BMBTC thanks Walker Aggregates for helping to finance the restoration of the kiln.



Some of the BMBTC members who were instrumental in completing the Franks' Side Trail and the historic lime kiln project stand in front of the restored kiln - from left to right—Steve Adair, Herman Ohrt, Sandra Jean Ohrt, Terry Kimmerly, David Little, Dick Edwards and Linda Finley. Their efforts are much appreciated by the Blue Mountain Bruce Trail Club.

The Volunteer Appreciation Event

August 29, 2015

In the spring, I received a request from Hugh Franks for help in trying to find out if anyone knew the name of the couple who were married under the maple tree in the middle of his field which we cross when going north from County Road 91 on the Bruce Trail. At that time, he kindly offered to let us use his lovely old barn and beautiful garden for a BMBT Club event.

When it was decided that the Blue Mountain Bruce Trail Club would hold a volunteer appreciation event, it seemed to be an ideal location for a hike from Hwy 91 to the wedding tree and on to Hugh and Emelia's garden. The old Lime Kiln restoration was completed in time for it to be a feature to be visited on the hike. Dick Edwards and David Little led the hike and stopped en-

route at the recently restored Lime Kiln. Dick gave a brief history of the kiln and explained a bit about the industry. The hikers continued on to the wedding tree and shortly thereafter made a sharp turn down the hill, through the forest and out onto the lovely gardens surrounding the Frank's pond. There we enjoyed our good conversation, our picnic dinner and the tasty deserts provided by the social committee and others who volunteered their baking skills.

Dave Knox kindly provided the music, and Hugh Franks regaled us with the history of his property, as well as telling us about his affiliation with the BMBTC as a property owner allowing the trail to cross his land.

About fifty of our wonderful BMBTC volunteers came along to join in the fun. We owe the Franks a very big thank you for their very kind hospitality.

Rosemary.



At the Franks' Lime Kiln Side Trail where Dick Edwards explains some of the history of the lime kiln.



Hiking to the 'Wedding Tree' and then on to the Franks' garden for the Volunteer Appreciation Event.

If you know the name of the couple who were wed under this tree many years ago, please contact Hugh Frank, (Highfield Farm, Duntroon, 705-445-780 or 416-968-0105)





Over fifty BMBTC volunteers relaxed after the hike and enjoyed the beautiful setting of Franks' family garden by the pond.



Emelia and Hugh Franks were presented with a thank you by Rosie Petrie (Social Committee Chair) and Herman Ohrt (President). The volunteers enjoyed a relaxing social time at the Franks' family property on August 29 as part of a volunteer appreciation event. Many of the volunteers participated in a hike and tour of the newly restored lime kiln prior to the social.



GEOLOGY HIKES WITH BETH GILHESPY

Myra A. Campbell

This past spring, on the weekend of May 16-17, a group of 5 of us from the BMBTC took part in a weekend of hiking on the Peninsula as a part of Beth Gilhespy's geology hikes. Beth is the Executive Director of the Bruce Trail Conservancy. As an amateur geologist, she is extremely knowledgeable about the geology of the Escarpment. She has been leading these hikes as a fundraiser for the Bruce Trail Conservancy's work to preserve and conserve land along the Niagara Escarpment. Since they began in September 2003, the geology hikes have raised more than \$80000.

The first hike of the weekend, with about 30 people from many BT clubs, was at Spirit Rock and Colpoy's Bay. The focus was to enjoy a beautiful spring forest, cultural history and interesting geology including karst terrain (sinkholes).

We met in Wiarton and car-pooled to Colpoy's Bay where we spent the day hiking and learning about the history and geology along this section of The Bruce Trail. Beth took us to areas we might normally have bypassed and introduced many of us to karst topography and the disappearing stream. Karsts are areas of limestone and/or dolostone terrain that have been subjected to chemical weathering. The weathering creates sinkholes, often resulting in disappearing streams. The streams seem to disappear down a sinkhole and resurface again sometimes just a few metres away.

We visited Krib's/Woods Mill which was one of three grist mills in Colpoy's Bay's history. At Frame's Falls, upstream from the Mill, are the remains of a dam and water flume used for electricity from 1917-36.



A stream disappearing into a sinkhole through the karst below

We walked through part of the 63-acre Bull Homestead that the BTC acquired in 2008. There are sinkholes, an alvar (flat cement-like limestone or dolostone formations), ponds, and a habitat for amphibians and birds. When we came across the old barn foundation, Beth pointed out that the remains of a barn foundation are a great source to study rock and fossil types. Thank you Beth for pointing this out. Who'd have known! Nearing the end of the hike we climbed down the Spirit Rock spiral staircase to the shoreline and had a leisurely hike back to Wiarton.

On Sunday May 17, another group of about 30, some of whom, were from Saturday's hike, met at the end of Cape Chin South Road. This hike would take us along the White Bluff/Smokey Head section of the BT. The highlights of this hike included alvars, remnants of a pioneer homestead, erratics (rocks displaced by glaciers), crevices and "sea" caves and many spectacular "lookouts" from White Bluff towards Lion's Head.



The remains of a barn at the Bull homestead

We passed Reed's Dump, a former "log dump" where logs were cut and dumped over the cliff to the shoreline to be floated to the nearest sawmill. We learned about Amabel Dolostone's two types: Wiarton member which has many fossil remains and Lion's Head member which has almost none.

Smokey Head has one of the most spectacular views on the BT. It has a solid wall of Amabel dolostone that stretches north from the lookout. We finally came upon "the surprise" Beth promised us. It was a Hardwood forest with a shimmering green canopy of leaves filtering light onto the carpet of white trilliums. It was truly a stunning vista that photos failed to capture, although we tried.



Spring trilliums carpet the forest floor near Smokey Head.



A spectacular view looking south from Smokey Head

We descended to the beach, traversing by many rock layers of dolostone and finally shale. A short walk from the beach, back to our vehicles at the parking lot at Smokey Head ended our fantastic, fun & educational hike along another section of the lovely Bruce Trail.

Beth leads spring and fall geology hikes which are announced in the spring and fall issues of the Bruce Trail

Magazine. You can see the list of upcoming hikes on the BTC website www.bruce-trail.org or call Beth Gilhespy at 1-800-665-4453 ext. 23, for details.

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CPR and AED course – June 2015

By Susan Mc Dougall

On June 15, 2015, sixteen people took the CPR and AED refresher course organized by Rosemary Petrie. The instructor was Chris Riedesser from Life Saver 101. He tailored the course to suit the terrain and conditions for the Bruce Trail group. Very practical and useful information was delivered with great humour. We then practised the technique required for administering CPR including the use of an Automated Electronic Defibrillator (we don't currently have one).

One area of discussion I felt was very relevant to hiking or snowshoeing with the Bruce Trail, was that everyone in the group should be prepared for any situation and be able to assist anyone in the group who might require help. This could be offering extra water, clothing, performing first aid or calling EMS. It should not be the sole responsibility of the group leader. As a former outdoor education teacher with the Toronto District School Board teaching north of Huntsville, I usually have my back pack filled with at least a litre of water, a snack, a plastic bag for compost or garbage, extra clothing, first aid supplies, a whistle, a lighter and/or matches, something to sit on, a survival blanket, a map of the section we are hiking, and a cell phone. The map is important so that when a call is placed to EMS, an accurate location can be given for immediate response.

Hiking should be an enjoyable and safe experience and by having as many people as possible trained to offer quick and efficient assistance this would be achieved. To date 30 people have taken the course, one in November 2014 and June 2015. Rosemary is willing to organize a third session with Chris Riedesser, but requires a minimum of 12 people.

Again, I would like to thank Rosemary for organizing these workshops.

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BLUE MOUNTAINS BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

HIKE SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016

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) Hike Rating Criteria.

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

CAUTION- RIFLE HUNTING SEASON 2 Nov to 7 Nov 2015

richardedwards@xplornet.ca

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

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: 28
Leader: Cathy Sears **(705) 444-9859**

csearsinblue@rogers.com

Saturday November 7, 2015

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 11, 2015

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 Duntroon-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: 28
Leader: Dick Edwards **(705) 445-5849**

Saturday November 14, 2015

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: 28
Leader: Herman Ohrt **(705) 446-1440**
hermanohrt@sympatico.ca

Wednesday November 18, 2015

Time: 9.30 am

We will carpool to the parking area adjacent to the Loree Forest in the Beaver Valley section. We will complete a loop hike through the forest including a couple of hilly sections. **Bring a snack and a beverage.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate
Distance: 2 hours **Map:** 24. Edition: 28
Leader: Shannon Roode **(705) 812-2942**
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Saturday November 21, 2015

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: 28

Leader: Jill Doble

(705) 293-0573

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Wednesday November 25, 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 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: Moderate

Distance: 6-8 km

Map: 22. Edition: 28

Leader: Sue Niblett

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

Saturday, November 28, 2015

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 k

Map: 24. Edition: 28

Leader: Mike Treuman

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Event #2 Christmas Pot Luck

Saturday November 28, 2015

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)

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November 30 to December 5, 2016

CAUTION- HUNTING SEASON FOR BOWS AND MUZZLE LOADERS.

Wednesday December 2, 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 over the dunes and maybe along the river. The hike may be on a variety of trails including the Blueberry X-C ski 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. 8km

Leader: Harold Higdon

(705) 422-1916.

higdonh@gmail.com

Saturday December 5, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to the Feversham Gorge parking lot south of the bridge on County Road 2. We will hike on the trail under the bridge and through the village of Feversham. We will cross the bridge then proceed on the Gorge trail to the bottom of the gorge. Great views of the Beaver River. The trail continues back to the top of the gorge and we

return to the parking lot. The hike will include some information on the history of the area. **Bring a snack and water.**

Pace: Leisurely

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: approx. 2 hours

Leader: David Little

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Wednesday December 9, 2015

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to Km 49.6 on Sideroad 21 in the Dufferin Highlands section, then proceed to Km 41.5 on Prince of Wales Rd in. The hike starts with an ascent to the top of the escarpment providing great views over the valley. Later in the hike we will follow a steep descent to the Black Bank River then climb out of the valley to the cars at the end of the hike. **Bring drinks and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 8 km

Map 21. Edition 28

Leader: Bert Beausoleil

(705) 293-2525

mcampbellbc@yahoo.ca

Saturday December 12, 2015

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: 28

Leader: Marilyn Jones

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Wednesday, December 16, 2015

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: Medium

Terrain: Easy

Distance: 6 km

Map: 23 Edition: 28

Leader: Steve Adair

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Saturday December 19, 2015

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: 28

Leader: Ann DeBrouwer

(519) 321-9978

Ann.debrouwer@icloud.com

Monday December 21, 2015



First of three moonlight hikes

Badges available after the hike at \$5.00

Time: 6.00 pm

We will carpool to the 12th line off Mountain Rd 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

(705) 446-1877

tandrwilson@rogers.com



ENJOY THE SEASON

Friday, January 1, 2016

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: 28

Leader: Rosemary Petrie

(705) 293-4444

rpetrie293@gmail.com

Wednesday January 6, 2016

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: 28

Leader: Paul Carnahan

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paulcarnahan@bell.net

Saturday January 9, 2016

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 break will be on Lookout Side Trail overlooking the Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. We will 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: 28

Leader: John Myers

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Wednesday January 13, 2016

Time: 9:30 am

This is a snowshoe hike. We will carpool to parking area at the cemetery east of Lavender and follow the main Trail north along the picturesque escarpment overlooking the Noisy River Valley. After crossing the river there is a long uphill climb to reach the Dunedin Road Km 8.5 where the hike will end. **Bring snack and water.**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 9 km

Map: 21 Edition 28

Leader: Tom Kemp

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coachie@rogers.com

Saturday January 16, 2016

Time: 9:30

We will carpool to the snowmobilers car park on 33/34 sideroad in the Blue Mountains section. We will snowshoe up the hill through the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park, climbing steadily to enjoy the views from the escarpment ridge. We will afterwards return to the cars by a different route. **Bring water and a snack.**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 8 km

Map: 23. Edition 28

Leader: Jansje Lawrenson

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Wednesday January 20, 2016

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: 28

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

hermanohrt@sympatico.ca

Saturday January 23, 2016

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 28

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

richardedwards@explornet.ca

Monday, January 25, 2016



Second of three moonlight hikes

Badges available after the hike at \$5.00

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**

csearsinblue@rogers.com

Wednesday January 27, 2016

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 30, 2016

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to the Snowmobiler's Parking Lot on West-church 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: 28

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

hfisher@gmail.com

Wednesday February 3, 2016

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: 28

Leader: Dennis Gerrard **(705) 444-9252**

dhgerrard@rogers.com

Saturday February 6, 2016

Time: 9:30

We will carpool to the parking lot at Kolapore on route#2. We will hike or snow shoe on the Bruce Trail towards Loree Forest, crossing Grey Rd 19 and continuing towards the 12th Sideroad for about 1 hour in total, 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 28
Leader: Terry Kimmerly **(705) 445-3967**

Wednesday February 10, 2016

Time: 9:30 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 28
Leader: Jansje Lawrenson **(705) 445-0014**
j.lawrenson@rogers.com

Saturday February 13, 2016

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 and also to re-trace steps after 1 hour. **Bring water and a snack.**

Pace: Medium & Slow **Terrain:** Moderate
Distance: Two hours **Map** 25. Edition 28
Leader: Rosemary Petrie **(705) 293-4444**
rpetrie293@gmail.com

Wednesday February 17, 2016

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 28
Leader: Linda Finley **(519) 538-2247**
lindamfinley@gmail.com

Saturday February 20, 2016

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to SR 21 and walk into the Loree Forest using the Len Gentler Side Trail and Main Trail to access the Lovers Trail to descend the escarpment. After a short walk there will be a steep ascent up the Switchback Trail, where steep sections can be challenging depending on conditions. **Bring water and a snack.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate/Strenuous
Distance: 7 km approx. **Map.** 24. Edition: 28
Leader: Ann DeBrouwer **(519) 321-9978**
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Monday February 22, 2016



Last of three moonlight hikes

Badges available after the hike at \$5.00

Time: 6.00 pm

We will carpool to Loree 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 Loree Forest Trails. After the hike we will assemble in a location to be determined for a hot drink.

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Easy
Distance: approx. one hour
Leader: Rosemary Petrie **(705) 293-4444**
rpetrie293@gmail.com

Wednesday February 24, 2016

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: 28

Leader: Rob Mooy

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Saturday February 27, 2016

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 snack and beverage.**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 6 km

Map 23. Edition 28

Leader: Terry Kimmerly

(705) 445-3967

Wednesday March 2, 2016

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 carpool to the start of the hike which will be over the dunes and maybe along the river. If we are snowshoeing, part of the hike will be 'off trail' i.e bushwhacking. If not, we may hike along some of the Blueberry X-C ski trails as well as other unnamed 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: Moderate

Distance: Approx. 6 km

Leader: Harold Higdon

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Saturday March 5, 2016

Time: 9:30 am

ANNUAL SPRING TUNE-UP

We will carpool to the 6th Sideroad and park at the junction with the John Haigh Side Trail. We will begin our Annual Spring Tune-up hike on a variety of trails with some ascents and descents close to the Three Stage Hill. This is always a fun 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: 28

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

rpetrie293@gmail.com

Wednesday March 9, 2016

Time: 9:00 am

After leaving cars at the Snowmobilers' Parking Lot in the Pretty River Valley we will hike up the hill to the Singhampton Caves In the Nottawasaga Lookout Nature Reserve. There will be some tough scrambling through the caves then we will return down the hill to the snowmobilers' PL. Bring snowshoes if the conditions warrant it. **Pack hot drinks and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate /Strenuous

Distance: 9.5 km

Map: 23. Edition: 28

Leader: Hart Fischer

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Saturday March 12, 2016

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 28

Leader: Herman Ohrt

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Wednesday March 16, 2016

Time: 9:00 am

We will drive to and park at Inglis Falls (91.5 in the Sydenham club section), then snowshoe north on the east side of the Sydenham river, taking the Harrison Park Side Trail to Harrison park. We will stop for a snack in the park restaurant, then return to the falls along the west bank of the river. **Bring a beverage**

Pace: Medium **Level:** Moderate
Distance: 7 km **Map:** 32. Edition 28
Leader: Tom Wilson **(705) 446-1877**

tandrwilson@rogers.com

Saturday March 19, 2016

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 retracing our steps. **Bring a snack and beverage.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Easy
Distance: Two hours **Map:** 23. Edition: 28
Leader: Paul Carnahan **(705) 428 3022**

paulcarnahan@bell.net

Wednesday March 23, 2016

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: 28
Leader: Sue Niblett **(705) 445-4751**

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Saturday March 26, 2016

Time: 9:00 am

We will carpool to the Pretty River Road parking spot at the west end of the access trail. From here we will do a loop hike on and off the regular trails. **Bring a snack and beverage.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate
Distance: 2 hrs **Map:** 23. Edition: 28
Leader: Shannon Roode **(705) 812-2942**

Shannon.roode@rogers.com

Wednesday March 30, 2016

****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: 28
Leader: Hart Fischer **(705) 445-6876**

hfisher@gmail.com

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: 28
Leader: Tom Wilson **(705) 446-1877**

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Saturday April 2, 2016

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: 28
Leader: Bert Beausoleil **(705) 293-2525**
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Wednesday April 6, 2016

Time: 9:00 am

We will carpool to km 9.1 of the Blue Mountains Club on #6/7 Sideroad Nottawasaga. We may still require snowshoes. The terrain is mixed, with good views and we will hike through to Km 15.7. **Bring water and snacks.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate
Distance: 6.8 km **Map:** 22. Edition 28
Leader: Steve Adair **(416) 494-3261**
tarsandman@hotmail.com

Saturday April 9, 2016

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: 28
Leader: David Little **(705) 445-8302**
davidgeorge52@hotmail.com

Wednesday April 13, 2016

Time: 9:00 am

We will carpool km 80.8 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 92.5. **Bring water and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate
Distance: Approx.11.7 km **Map:** 27. Edition: 28
Leaders: Terry Sears **(705) 444-9859**
tjinblue@rogers.com

Saturday April 16, 2016

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: 28
Leader: Shannon Roode **(705) 812-2942**
Shannon.roode@rogers.com

Wednesday April 20, 2016

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: 28
Leader: Dick Edwards **(705) 445-5849**
richardedwards@explornet.ca



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

Saturday April 23, 2016

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: 28
Leader: Jill Doble **(705) 293-0573**
doblejill@hotmail.com

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

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

Wednesday April 27, 2016

Time: 9:00 am

We will drive to Highway 89 via County Road 124. We will park and start the hike taking the Primrose Loop Side Trail to the Main Trail. We then head south on the Main Trail to Highway 89, then walk west along the side of 89 and return to the cars. **Bring water and a lunch.**

Pace: Medium **Terrain:** Moderate
Distance – approx. 10 km **Map:** 20. Edition: 28

Leader: John Myers **(705) 444-1756**

johnmyers@rogers.com

Saturday April 30, 2016

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 **(519) 538-2247**

lindamfinley@gmail.com

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

****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: 28
Leaders: Terry Sears **(705) 444-9859**
tjinblue@rogers.com

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 snack.**

Pace: Leisurely **Terrain:** Easy
Distance: 5-6 km **Map:** 22/23 Edition: 28
Leader: Barb Elwood, Master Gardener
Belwood.b1@gmail.com **(705) 445-8028**

Saturday, May 7, 2016

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: 28

Leader: Mike Treuman

(705)-444-8270

michael.treuman@gmail.com

Wednesday May 11, 2016

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 the snack, 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 snack.**

Pace: Leisurely

Terrain: Easy

Distance: 5 km

Map: 24. Edition: 28

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

c.wintermeyer@sympatico.ca

Saturday May14, 2016

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 Haigh 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: 28

Leader: Dave Morton

(705) 444-0228

dmorton9@sympatico.ca

Wednesday May 18, 2016

****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 28

Leader: Tom Wilson

(705) 446-1877

tandrwilson@rogers.com

Hike #2

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 10.5 km

Map: 21 Edition: 28

Leader: Rosemary Petrie

(705) 293-4444

rpetrie293@gmail.com

Saturday May 21, 2016

Time: 9:00 am

We will car pool to the parking lot at the 2nd Concession S. south-west of Woodford in the Sydenham section. Leaving all hikers there for a short while, all cars will go to the parking lot in Woodford; one vehicle will return to the start with the drivers. We will hike the recently acquired area called THE SILENT VALLEY NATURE RESERVE, which takes us through an early settler's homestead with interesting antiquities including a barn foundation and a stone-lined well. We will then take the Avalanche pass side trail where fabulous huge rocks will probably not fall on our heads. We will continue along the escarpment and take the Waisburg Side Trail to an excellent outlook over the Bighead River Valley. We will explore the Crevice Spring Side Trail before crossing Hwy 26 to return to our cars. **Bring water and a lunch or substantial snack.**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: about 8.5 km.

Map: 30. Edition: 28

Leader: Marilyn Jones

(705) 446-9951

mcyj5156@hotmail.com

Wednesday May 25 2016

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 snack and beverage**

Pace: Medium

Terrain: Moderate

Distance: 5km

Map: 27 edition 28

Leader: Carl Wintermeyer

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Saturday May 28, 2016. FIRST LEG: Swiss Meadows to Highlands Nordic Centre

Sunday May 29, 2016. SECOND LEG: Lavender to Highlands Nordic Centre

ANNUAL END TO END

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

Must be received by May 25th at 5.00PM

(The \$17.00 bar-b-q fee may be paid at the same time if more convenient.)

To Register: Send a cheque payable to "Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club"

Mail to: Cathy Sears, 138-130 Fairway Court, Blue Mountains, ON L9Y 0P8

E-mail: csearsinblue@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 each day by **6:45 am at latest.**

Pace: Set your own

Distance: Approx. 33 km (*Hikers may drop out at checkpoints located at approx. each 10 km*)

Badges: **Awarded to those completing both legs.**

For info contact: Michael at (416) 518-0489 Michael.treuman@gmail.com

!! NOTE !!

ALL MEMBERS

A social gathering will be held at

Highlands Nordic Centre

following completion of the first leg.

Social – 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Burgers, Salads, tea/coffee and desserts – 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Cost: \$17.00 per person

Dress: Casual

For later bookings RSVP if possible

Rosemary Petrie rpetrie293@gmail.com

Let Loose on the Bruce *by Jill Doble*

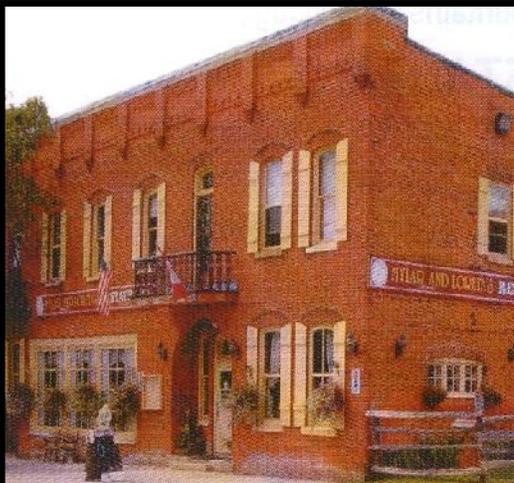
This year there was so much interest, that the BMBTC had two organized outings of three days each for hiking and relaxing on the Bruce Peninsula – the first organized once again by Terry Sears and the second by Frank Huggins. In total, there were over 105 hikers who attended. Once again, we stayed at the very comfortable Coach House Inn just south of Tobermory. We hiked hard, ate extremely well and enjoyed time around the campfire socializing, singing and star gazing. Can you believe the weather over the two weeks? There was even some swimming in Georgian Bay on both trips. We are a hardy bunch!

Many thanks go to the hike leaders who selected and planned interesting hikes to show off the spectacular beauty of the Bruce Peninsula. First week hike leaders were: Cathy Sears, Rosemary Petrie, Carl Wintermeyer, Terry Kimmerly and Terry Sears. Second week hike leaders were Bob Moenck, Aud Kemp, Tom Kemp, Flo Kusiak, Marg Donahue, Jill Doble, Jansje Lawrence, Marilyn Jones and Herman Ohrt. Thanks also go to our campfire guys – David Little and Peter Billing. Thanks also to Marilyn Jones who provided some campfire entertainment for the second week. Both hiking and singing are good for the soul!

This was a fund raiser for the BMBTC to help with the ever present costs of maintaining our Bruce Trail. At this time over \$1240 has been raised for our club.

I hear there are rumours of another Three Days Loose on the Bruce for September 2016. I intend to be there. Do you?





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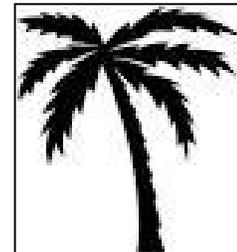
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The TD is responsible for the planning, maintenance and overall quality of the Trail in the Club's section. The Blue Mtns Club has 66 kms of Main Trail and approx 30 kms of Side Trails.

The TD is also responsible for the overall organization and operation of the Trail work with the Trail Captains and other trail volunteers. There are currently over 35 Trail Captains on our roster, and a qualified team of sawyers.

The full job description can be found at www.brucetrail.org/pages/volunteer/club-positions
Training will be provided.

Those interested should contact the President of the BMBTC at hermanohrt@sympatico.ca

Volunteer Appreciation—Testimonials from Happy Hikers

Here are some comments we have received recently which we wanted to share:

"Thank you for maintaining your beautiful trails. Very enjoyable --- will return."

"Your blazes were easy to find and the trail was very well maintained, so thank you to all of the volunteers that work so hard on maintaining this beautiful section of trail."

" Thanks for all the great things all of the volunteers do."

So volunteers, keep up the good work! It is appreciated.

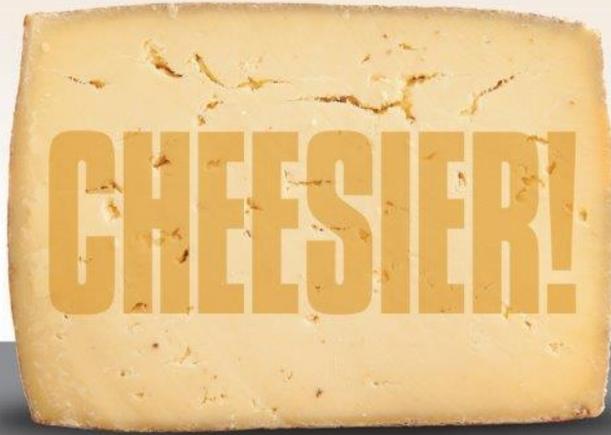
The Blue Mountain Bruce Trail Club has many other volunteer jobs which could be filled:

- router road signs out of cedar (2 for each road crossing)
- install road signs
- maintain a section of 2 km of trail
- cut grass along a trail with motorized tool with another trail captain
- support helper for clean up of fallen trees
- share in the duties of the Trail Director
- support for the Annual end to end event—one week-end per year

- perform record keeping for Trail Captain
- perform inspections—follow-up on concerns of the public
- assist with project work like building bridges
- look after maintenance (twice per year)
- sit on board as vice-president—learn top job—usually a position of two years
- support the Social Director for special social events

If you are interested in participating as a volunteer in some capacity, please call Herman Ohrt at 705-446-140.

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Blue Mountain Bruce Trail Hike Schedule

BMBTC Hikes at a glance - Fall & Winter 2015/2016

DATE	TIME	HIKE LEADERS	NOTES	KM's	LEVEL	HIKE LOCATION
Nov 2 to 7	0:00	Hunting				Rifle hunting
Wed Nov 4	9:30	Cathy Sears	Snack	6	Inter	Blue Mountain from vil- lage
Sat Nov 7 **	9:30	Tom Wilson	Snack	8	Easy	Wasaga - Ganaraska
Wed Nov 11	9:00	Dick Edwards	Lunch	10	Inter	Nottawasaga Lookout
Sat Nov 14	9:30	Herman Ohrt	Lunch	9	Inter	Lavender to 8.5
Wed Nov 18	9:30	Shannon Roode	Snack	2 hrs	Inter	Loree
Sat Nov 21	9:30	Jill Doble	Snack	1.5 hrs	Inter & Easy	3rd line
Wed Nov 25	9:30	Sue Niblett	Snack	6to8	Inter	Notawasaga Bluffs
Sat Nov 28	#1 9:00	Mike Treuman	Snack	5	Easy	Margaret Paull side trail
Sat Nov 28	#2 12:30	Rosemary Petrie	Pot Luck			Christmas Pot Luck
Nov 30 to Dec 5	0:00	Hunting				Bows and Muzzle loaders.
Wed Dec 2**	9:30	Harold Higdon	Snack	8	Inter	Wasaga
Sat Dec 5	9:30	David Little	Snack	2hrs	Inter	Feversham Gorge
Wed Dec 9	9:30	Bert Beausoleil	Lunch	8	Inter	Dufferin Highlands
Sat Dec 12	9:30		Snack	1.5 hrs	Inter & Easy	3 rd Line
Wed Dec 16	9:30	Marilyn Jones Steve Adair	Snack	6 Km	Inter	John Haigh trail
Sat Dec 19	9:30	Ann DeBrouwer	Snack	9	Inter	Loree Forrest
Mon Dec 21	6.00pm	Tom Wilson - Moonlight	Snack	1 Hr	Easy	11th Line
Friday Jan 1	9:30	Rosemary Petrie	Snack	6	Inter/Easy	John Haigh
Wed Jan 6	9:30	Paul Carnahan	Snack	7	Inter	Notawasaga Bluffs
Sat Jan 9	9:00	John Myers	Lunch	8	Inter	Dufferin Mono Mills
Wed Jan 13	9:30	Tom Kemp	Snack	9	Inter	Lavender to 8.5
Sat Jan 16	9:30	Jansje Lawrenson	Snack	8	Inter	Pretty River
Wed Jan 20	9:30	Herman Ohrt	Lunch	6	Inter/Exp	Dufferin section.
Sat Jan 23	9:30	Dick Edwards	Snack	7	Inter	9.1 to 15.7 south of the Bluffs

n Jan 25	6.00pm	Cathy Sears - Moonlight	Snack	1 hr	Easy	Monterra
Wed Jan 27	9:30	David Little	Snack	2 hrs	Inter/Easy	12th line
Sat Jan 30	9:30	Hart Fischer	Lunch	10	Inter	Pretty River
Wed Feb 3	9:30	Dennis Gerrard	Snack	5	Easy	Loree Forrest
Sat Feb 6	9:30	Terry Kimmerly	Snack	2 hrs	Inter/Easy	Kolapore park then east
Wed Feb 10	9:30	Jansje Lawrenson	Snack	6	Inter	Eugenia Falls in and out
Sat Feb 13	9:30	Rosemary Petrie	Snack	2 hrs	Inter/Easy	Kolapore going west
Wed Feb 17	9:30	Linda Finley	Snack	5	Inter	Walters Falls loop
Sat Feb 20	9:30	Ann DeBrouwer	Snack	7	Inter/Exp	Lorree & Switchback trail
Mon Feb 22	6.00 pm	Rosemary Petrie - Moonlight	Snack	1 hr	Easy	Lorree Forest
Wed Feb 24	9:30	Rob Mooy	Snack	6 to 8	Inter	Notawasaga Bluffs. Map 22
Sat Feb 27	9:30	Terry Kimmerly	Snack	6	Inter	John Haigh and Main Trail loop
Wed Mar 2**	9:30	Harold Higdon	Snack	6	Inter	Wasaga
Sat Mar 5	9:30	Rosemary Petrie	Lunch	6	Inter	Three stage hill
Wed Mar 9	9:00	Hart Fischer	Lunch	9.5	Inter/Exp	Pretty River to Caves
Sat Mar 12	9:30	Herman Ohrt	Lunch	7.2	Inter	8.5 to 15.7
Wed Mar 16	9:00	Tom Wilson	Beverage	7	Inter	Inglis Falls.. Near Owen Sound
Sat Mar 19	9:00	Paul Carnahan	Snack	2 hrs	Inter	Nottawasaga Lookout
Wed Mar 23	9:00	Sue Niblett	Snack	6 to 8	Inter	Nottawasaga Bluffs.
Sat Mar 26	9:00	Shannon Roode	Snack	2 hrs	Inter	Pretty River Valley
Wed March 30	#1 8:00	Hart Fischer	Lunch	18	Expert	Pretty River. Harts triple hell
Wed March 30	#2 9.30	Tom Wilson	Snack	6	Easy	John Haigh trail
Sat April 2	9:00	Bert Beausoleil	Snack	7.5	Inter	Blantyre 0-7.8
Wed April 6	9:00	Steve Adair	Snack	6.8	Inter	9.1 to 15.7 south of the Bluffs
Sat April 9	9:00	David Little	Lunch	10.2	Inter	Fairmont Side Trail
Wed April 13	9:00	Terry Sears	Lunch	11.7	Inter	Beaver V. 80.8 to 92.5
Sat April 16	9:00	Shannon Roode	Lunch	10.8	Inter	Duncan loop
Wed April 20	9:00	Dick Edwards	Snack	10	Inter	Notawasaga Bluffs

Sat April 23	#1	9:00	Jill Doble	Lunch	8	Inter	Km 106.1 to Blantyre
Sat April 23	#2	3:00PM	Rosemary Petrie	Pot Luck			AGM Nottawa
Wed April 27		9:00	John Myers	Lunch	10	Inter	Primrose
Sat April 30		9:00	Linda Finley	Snack			WORK PARTY
Wed May 4	#1	9:00	Terry Sears	Lunch	8.2	Inter	16 to 24.2 in Beaver Valley
Wed May 4	#2	9:30	Barb Elwood	Snack	5	Easy	Spring Flowers
Sat May 7		9:30	Mike Treuman	Lunch	7	Inter	Eugenia to Hoggs Falls
Wed May 11		9:30	Heather Wintermeyer	Snack	5	Easy	Loree Forrest
Sat May 14		9:30	Dave Morton	Lunch	6	Easy/Inter	John Haigh trail
Wed May 18	#1	9:30	Tom Wilson	Lunch	8.5	Easy/Inter	Black Bank River
Wed May 18	#2	9:30	Rosemary Petrie	Lunch	10.5	Inter	Black Bank River
Sat May 21		9:00	Marilyn Jones	Lunch	8.5	Inter	Silent Valley. Sydenham.
Wed May 25		9:00	Carl Wintermeyer	Snack	5	Inter	Old Baldy
Sat May 28/29**		6:45	Mike Treuman				End to End
Sat May 28		16:00	Rosemary Petrie				Social @ Highland Nordic

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





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