



Winter/Spring - 2018/2019

# THE BLUE PRINT



## **Mark Your Calendar with Our Special Events**

**Christmas Potluck** - Saturday, November 24, 2018

**Historical Hike** - Wednesday, December 5, 2018

**Moonlight Hikes** - Sunday, January 20, 2019 & Tuesday, February 19, 2019

**Fundraiser Lunch** - Wednesday, January 30, 2019 (See Jan. 30 Hike Notice -pre-registration necessary)

**BMBTC AGM** -Saturday, April 27, 2019 - Meeting & Potluck

**Spring Work Party** -Saturday, May 4, 2019

**E2E of BMBTC** - Saturday, May 25 & Sunday, May 26, 2019

## ***The Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club Newsletter***

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*The cover photo was taken at the Glen Huron Pond on the Mad River Side Trail Sat., September 29, 2018.*

## The President's Message by Michael Treuman

Summer, and the best outdoor parts of Fall, are now behind us – next up is snow ! For me, snow-shoeing amongst the Scotch Pines at Nottawasaga Bluffs after a fresh snow fall serves as both a memory and a target. From the 2017 book "The Nature Fix" by Florence Williams. "The more nature, the better you feel" !

Warm weather brings Farmers' Markets and, at Blue Mountains Village, visitor events. Our Bruce Trail information booth made appearances at the Village, and the Collingwood and Stayner Farmers' markets. We look forward to doing this more often.

Blue Mountains continues to evolve as an outdoor activity destination – hiking and cycling are examples. Bruce Trail scheduled hikes (Wednesday and Saturday mornings all year round, plus our annual 66km End-to-End weekend in the Spring) welcome everyone, whether they are Bruce Trail members or not.

Some of the region's large scale sporting events use volunteers to help run them. The Blue Mountains Club provides volunteer staffing for the annual "Centurion" cycling event in return for a donation to the Bruce Trail Conservancy. On day one, we handed refreshments on-the-fly to the 230+ cyclists at about the 40-km mark of their 120km ride. On the next day we guided competitors to their correct spot for staggered start waves, and kept the course clear of side-road traffic near the start/finish line. Their level of energy is inspiring. We are always surprised at

The wide age range of the competitive cyclists, and delighted how many reward us with a "Thank you for doing this." We'll be there again in 2019.

This summer also reminded us starkly that human life ends at some point. Two recent Club directors passed away suddenly, Sharon Emerson and Herman Ohrt. Another, Betty Carter, after whom a Side Trail in our section is named, died last fall. Celebration of Life events for each were held locally.



Many of you receive the 'Bruce Trail Magazine' and are aware of the efforts to secure that 34% of the Trail that is still on roadways or available simply on a good-will basis by landowners. Current progress is underway in our section, both on the fundraising and trail improvement side. Club fundraisers generate revenue for Conservancy land acquisitions. This fall, we moved another nearly 2 km of trail from the road onto the escarpment just north of the Noisy River Nature Reserve.

As families spend more time 'in the countryside', or even move there permanently as part of retirement, the Bruce Trail would like them to consider becoming active in the Bruce Trail community! As users, of course, usually as a hiker or walker—in a group, as a family, even for dog-walking. There are other satisfying ways to participate: such as trail building and maintenance, organizing social activities, communications and publicity, structured fundraising, and others. You may have a skill to bring, or one you'd like to learn - either is welcome. If management or leadership are in your blood, we'd be delighted to provide a satisfying outlet for those !

*Michael*

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**BLUE MOUNTAINS CLUB**

## Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club at the Bruce Trail Conservancy AGM *by Jill Doble and Linda Finley*

The Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club's submission for the Tom East Award was considered along with entries from four other clubs. Our club's submission was the new trail opened last fall at the Dunedin Ravine Nature Reserve at BMBTC km 7.2. The BMBTC was the successful recipient!

The judges felt The Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club submission best met the criteria of a project which has made a significant improvement to the Bruce Trail, taking the trail off road, and following the Optimum Route.

The Tom East Award was presented to BMBTC's Trail Director, Linda Finley at the AGM dinner held on Saturday, September 22, 2018. The beautiful wooden plaque is safely housed at the BTC Head Office.

A very big thank you and congratulations go to all the volunteers and BMBT Club members who contributed to the trail development and maintenance over the past year! The current Trail Captains for this section are Bruce Bocking and Liz Van Ryn (assisted by canine Toby); Land Stewards are the Clifford family.



*BMBTC Trail Director, Linda Finley was presented with the Tom East Award for the new section of trail which has made a significant improvement to the Bruce Trail, taking trail off road and following the Optimum Route. Congratulations to all who have helped to build and maintain this new section of trail.*

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*Also at the Bruce Trail Conservancy AGM, Linda Finley was presented with a special Award of Service for ten years of volunteering for the Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club. Congratulations, Linda! We appreciate the many hours you have dedicated to keeping the BMBTC trails looking great as well as for coordinating the trail captains and work party volunteers. Well done!*



*On the Len Gertler Side Trail, Loree Forest, BVBTC on Wednesday, September 19, 2019*

## **A Man Engaged - a Tribute to Herman Ohrt**

*by Jansje Lawrenson*

The news of Herman's tragic cycle accident in Hamilton came as a very deep shock to all who knew him. Although he and his wife, Sandra Jean, moved to Hamilton, Herman stayed in touch with a number of us, and continued to share his love of the Bruce Trail with all he came into contact.

There are many words to attribute to Herman—kind, gentle unassuming, caring, helpful, willing, a wonderful sense of humour, skilled at many things and the list goes on. But one word that may sum it up and that came through during his celebration of life ceremony in Hamilton, is 'engaged'. Herman was engaged with all people in all walks of life, engaged in the beautiful details of the lovely environment in which we live and engaged in the work of the Bruce Trail, and in particular in the work of our Blue Mountains chapter.

Herman hiked extensively, he was a hike leader, a trail director, a trail captain, and for three years, the president of our Blue Mountains Club. Herman took a keen interest in so many things and loved to share his findings with all who were willing to listen.

Herman made a difference to the life of our Blue Mountains Club, he made a difference to the lives of all fortunate enough to know him. We will miss him.



*Herman Ohrt (on far right) hiking with BMBTC friends in September of 2014 on the annual Three Days on the Peninsula Fund Raiser.*

## **Remembering Sharon Emerson** *by Rosemary Petrie*

Sharon was a long-time member of the BMBTC. She acted as club secretary for several years and, also was an organizer of the annual E2E for about five years with Lee Wallace. Sharon asked Sue, Lizzie and me to walk the whole trail beforehand to ensure that all was well!

Before Sharon arrived in Collingwood, she had been an active member of the hiking community with the Oak Ridges Trail Association. In fact, she had also served on their board as secretary for many years.

Sharon was a most kind and caring person. She travelled all over the world working with Habitat for Humanity building houses and even helped on house building projects in Collingwood with the organization. When Syrian refugees came to Collingwood, Sharon was there with others to help them to get integrated into life here with their large family. As a retired teacher, she also helped them with their school work and learning English.

We were fortunate enough to have Sharon as a wonderful friend. We went on a hiking vacation together to a different province each year - the mantra being that whatever happened in the area concerned, stayed there. Sharon had an adventurous spirit and even went sky diving in Mexico, assisted by a rather good-looking young man!

We will all miss Sharon greatly. She was a very special person.



*Sharon, with good friends Lizzie Fowlis and Sue Niblett, testing the Arctic waters on Baffin Island, while on one of their many travel adventures. together with Rosie Petrie as the photographer.*

## The Summer Picnic Fundraiser *by Jill Doble*

Wednesday, July 25 was a brilliant blue sky day for a hike and our first picnic fundraiser. After our hike along the Blue Mountains Bruce Trail from km 63.8 at the Blue Mountains South Chair parking, we continued through the trails of Scenic Caves and then along the Mission Road Side Trail. We returned to the welcoming shade of a picnic space set up a little further along the trail near the top of the Silver Bullet Chair lift. Mary Jane McIntyre and her crew had set out a delicious picnic spread, of which we all partook. We enjoyed a lovely lunch of home made sandwiches, salads and homemade cookies with fruit, as well as just some time to relax and chat with one another after our hike. A great time and a good fundraiser. Thanks for organizing this event!



Hiking on the BMBTC trails in the grounds of the Scenic Caves at km 60.5 with the Osler ski hills in the background.

*The shade was welcome after a very hot morning of hiking. The picnic was set up near the top of the Silver Bullet Chair Lift near km 64.2. What a delicious spread!*





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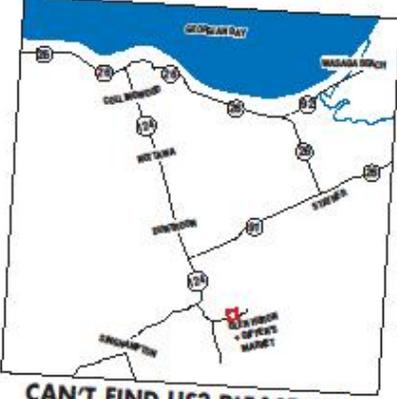
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Feb 1*, 8, 15*, 22								
Mar 1*, 8*, 15*, 22, 29*								
Apr 5, 12*								

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2019 Saturday Departures

<i>S.S. Legacy</i>	MST	CMN	CPT	ADM	JCO	OWN	SGL	CHARTER
Sep 7, 14*, 21, 28*		\$5,195	\$5,495	\$5,895	\$6,445	\$6,995	\$9,395	\$6,755 \$498,595
Oct 5, 12*, 19, 26*								

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### RIVERS OF WINE & CULINARY 7 NIGHTS, ROUNDTRIP PORTLAND, OR

2019 Saturday Departures

<i>S.S. Legacy</i>	MST	CMN	CPT	ADM	JCO	OWN	SGL	CHARTER
Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30		\$4,195	\$4,445	\$4,945	\$5,445	\$5,945	\$8,195	\$5,455 \$409,795
Dec 7								

all prices in US dollars

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### HAWAIIAN SEASCAPES 7 NIGHTS, MOLOKAI TO HAWAII, THE BIG ISLAND (\*or reverse)

2019 Saturday Departures

<i>Safari Explorer</i>	MST	CMN	CPT	ADM	COM	SGL	CHARTER
Jan 5, 12*		\$4,695	\$5,095	\$5,645	\$6,445	\$7,395	\$5,645 \$191,675
Jan 19, 26*		\$4,995	\$5,395	\$5,895	\$6,695	\$7,895	\$5,895 \$200,925
Feb 2, 9*, 16, 23*							
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Apr 6*							

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# BLUE MOUNTAINS BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

## HIKE SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 3, 2018 through May 29, 2019

### 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.



*Escarpment walls on the October Three Days on the Peninsula - km 53 Peninsula BTC*

### HIKER'S CHECK LIST

1. Check distance, pace and terrain of hike to ensure it 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

**Saturday November 3, 2018**

**Time: 9:30 am**

We will carpool to the parking lot on 124 at km 30.1. We will descend to the valley at the base of the ski hill then follow the white trail up the other side of the valley to km 24.5. At this point we will join the Ganaraska Trail and follow it to Glen Huron then join the Mad River Side Trail back to km 29.1. Finally, we will climb the hill again, back to our cars.

***This is a hilly hike, bring lots of water and a lunch.***

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** 12 km approx.

**Leader:** Ann DeBrouwer  
brouwer@gmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 22. Edition: 29

**(705) 834-9318** annde-

**Wednesday November 14, 2018**

**Time: 9:30 am**

**Swiss Meadows hike.**

We will carpool to the parking area at the top of Scenic Caves Road at km 63.8 in the Blue Mountains Section. We will hike north along the escarpment and include a loop along the Swiss Meadows Side Trail, before returning to the cars. There will be great views over Collingwood and Georgian Bay.

***Bring water and a snack.***

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** 5 km

**Leader:** Myra Campbell  
myra\_bert@icloud.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**(705) 293-2525**

**CAUTION- RIFLE HUNTING SEASON 5 Nov to 11 Nov 2018**

**Wednesday, November 7, 2018**

**Time: 9:30 am**

We will carpool to parking lot #2 near the gondola in the Intra-west 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 Georgian 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

**Distance:** approx. 6 km

**Leader:** Catherine Trembling  
adca@live.ca

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 24. Edition: 29

**(416) 655-2021**

**Pace:** Medium & Leisurely

**Distance:** 1.5 hours

**Leader:** Jill Doble  
doblejill@hotmail.com

**Terrain:** Easy

**Map** 23. Edition: 29

**(705) 293-0573**

**Saturday November 10, 2018**

**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

**Distance:** approx. 2 hours

**Leader:** David Little  
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**Terrain:** Moderate

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**Time: 9:30 am**

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**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** 6-8 km

**Leader:** Sue Niblett

niblettssue2015@gmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 22. Edition: 29

**(705) 445-4751**

**Wednesday November 28, 2018**

**Time: 9:00 am . (Early start)**

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 . 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

**Distance:** 8 km

**Leader:** Bert Beausoleil

myra\_bert@icloud.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map** 21. Edition 29

**(705) 293-2525**

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

**Saturday, November 24, 2018**

**Event #1- Pretty River Valley Hike. Time: 9:00 am (early start)**

We will carpool to the Pretty River Valley Road, parking on the road near the access trail to km 47.1 of the Bruce Trail. We will hike to km 49.1, then return to the cars via the Pretty River Side Trail. **Bring water and a snack.**

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** 5 km

**Leader:** Isabelle Mikosza

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**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 23. Edition: 29

**(705) 444-4273**

**Saturday December 1, 2018**

**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

**Distance:** 5 km

**Leader:** Bob Moenck

rmoenck@gmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 29. Edition 29

**(705) 481-1269**

**Event #2 - Christmas Pot Luck**

**Saturday November 24, 2018**

**Time: 12:30 pm**

There will be a

**CHRISTMAS POT LUCK**

following the hike (12:30 pm) at the: **Father Allard Centre**

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**Wednesday December 5, 2018**

**Time: 9:30 am**

We will carpool to the intersection of the 2nd Line and the 6th Side Road. The hike will go south on the John Haigh Side Trail, to join the Main Trail at km 49.1. We will continue north on the Main Trail to km 51.1, then back to our cars. **Bring a light lunch and water.**

**Historical Hike**

*Hike with me on the Path of the Petun and learn about a great battle that was fought between the Iroquois and the Petun at the Petun Village of Etharita, also known as the Jesuit Missionary site of "St. Jean". As we hike along the Escarpment ridge, we will use our imaginations to see the Battle Ground and what this beautiful area was like in the mid 1600's, when the County of Simcoe belonged to the colony of New France.*

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** 2.5 to 3 hrs

**Leader:** Annette Patrick

apatrick@securityresourcegroup.net

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map: 23** Edition: 29

**(705) 795-9700**

**Saturday December 8, 2018**

**Time: 9:30 am**

We will carpool to the parking lot at Kolapore on route#2 in the Beaver Valley section. 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. Bring water and a snack.

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** Two hours

**Leader:** Myra Campbell

myra\_bert@icloud.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map 25.** Edition 29

**(705) 293-2525**

**Wednesday, December 12, 2018**

**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

**Distance:** Approx. 6 km

**Leader:** Steve Adair

tarsandman@hotmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**(416) 494-3261**

**Saturday December 15, 2018**

**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

**Distance:** 9 km approx.

**Leader:** Ann DeBrouwer

debrouwer@gmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map. 24.** Edition: 28

**(705) 834-9318** ann-

**Wednesday December 19, 2017**

**Time: 9:30 am**

We will carpool to the end of the 6th Line at km 13.3 (turn north off the 15th SR also called #119), in the Beaver 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 and Santa hats.**

**Pace:** Leisurely

**Distance:** 5 km

**Leader:** Flo Kusiak

f.kusiak@hotmail.com

**Terrain:** Easy/Moderate

**Map: 24.** Edition: 29

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## ENJOY THE SEASON

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019** **Time: 9:30 am**  
**Start the year off on the right foot: On snowshoes**

We will carpool to the junction of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Line and the 6<sup>th</sup> 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: 29  
**Leader:** Rosemary Petrie **(705) 293-4444**  
[rpetrie293@gmail.com](mailto:rpetrie293@gmail.com)

**Saturday January 5, 2019** **Time: 9:30 am**

We will carpool to the start of an urban snowshoe hike that will take us through wooded areas around the Black Ash Creek. **Bring water and a snack.**

**Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Easy  
**Distance:** 2 hours  
**Leaders:** Shannon Roode **(704) 309-7788**  
[sroode50@gmail.com](mailto:sroode50@gmail.com)

Denise Shand [deeshand@hotmail.com](mailto:deeshand@hotmail.com)

**Wednesday January 9, 2019** **Time: 9:30 am**

This is a snowshoe hike. We will carpool to a suitable parking area in Craigeleith. Our trails will involve some escarpment climbing and there will be great views. **Bring a snack and water.**

**Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate/Strenuous  
**Distance:** 2 hours  
**Leader:** Tom Kemp **(705)-446-0705**  
[coachie@rogers.com](mailto:coachie@rogers.com)

**Saturday January 12, 2019** **Time: 9:30 am**

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 29  
**Leader:** Jansje Lawrenson **(705) 445-0014**

[j.lawrenson@rogers.com](mailto:j.lawrenson@rogers.com)

**Wednesday January 16, 2019**

**Time: 9:30 am**

We will carpool to km 9.1 on 6/7 Side Road Nottawasaga. From there, we will snowshoe south on the unplowed portion of Concession 10 to the north entrance of the new Dunedin Valley Nature Preserve. We will follow the 1 1/2 km loop through the preserve back to con 10 & then back to our cars. This is a short 5 km hike but explores some very pretty landscapes. An optional stop for hot soup in nearby Glen Huron will follow. **Bring water & snacks.**

**Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate  
**Distance:** 5 km **Map:** 21. Edition: 29  
**Leader:** Dick Edwards **(705) 445-5849**  
[edwardsdick04@gmail.com](mailto:edwardsdick04@gmail.com)

**Saturday January 19, 2019**

**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 29  
**Leader:** Terry Kimmerly **(705) 351-2494**

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Sunday January 20, 2019

Time: 6.00 pm

Pace: Leisurely  
Distance: 1.5 hours  
Leader: Jill Doble  
[doblejill@hotmail.com](mailto:doblejill@hotmail.com)

Terrain: Easy  
Map: 23 Edition 29  
(705) 293-0573



First of two moonlight hikes

Badges available after the hike at \$5.00

We will carpool to the 11<sup>th</sup> 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  
Distance: approx. one hour  
Leader: Jill Doble  
[doblejill@hotmail.com](mailto:doblejill@hotmail.com)  
Terrain: Easy  
(705) 293-0573

Wednesday January 23, 2019

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  
Distance: 2 hours  
Leader: David Little  
[davidgeorge52@hotmail.com](mailto:davidgeorge52@hotmail.com)  
Terrain: Easy  
(705) 606-1077

Saturday January 26, 2019

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

Hike#1. Pretty River Valley

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  
Distance: 10 km  
Leader: Hart Fischer  
[hfischer@gmail.com](mailto:hfischer@gmail.com)  
Terrain: Moderate  
Map: 23. Edition: 29  
(705) 606-0507

Hike#2. Notawasaga Lookout

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to the parking lot at km 41.0 at Nottawasaga Lookout. We will take the trail into the forest for 45 minutes and return via the Singhampton Side Trail. Upon returning to Collingwood we will lunch together at a local restaurant. **Bring a drink and a snack**

Wednesday January 30, 2019

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

Event #1. Hike in the Pretty River Valley

Time: 9:30 am

We will carpool to the Pretty River Valley Road, parking on the road near the access trail to Km 47.1 of the Bruce Trail. We will hike to Km 49.1, then return to the cars via the Pretty River Side Trail. **Bring water and a snack.**

Pace: Medium  
Distance: 5 km  
Leader: David Little  
[davidgeorge52@hotmail.com](mailto:davidgeorge52@hotmail.com)  
Terrain: Moderate  
Map: 23. Edition: 29  
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Event #2 .

After the snowshoe on Wednesday January 30th.

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Km 36.5 under the Wedding Tree on Sat., August 25, 2018

**Saturday February 2, 2019**

**Time: 9.30 am**

A Loop Hike. We will carpool to km 29.4 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 very hilly country but with beautiful views. **Bring lunch and beverages.**

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** 6 to 8 km

**Leader :** Terry Kimmerly

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 20. Edition: 29

**(705) 351-2494**

**Wednesday February 6, 2019**

**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 snack.** Following the hike there will be an optional lunch stop at Giffins.

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** 7.2 km

**Leader:** Jansje Lawrenson

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**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 22. Edition 29

**(705) 445-0014**

**Wednesday February 13, 2019**

**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

**Distance:** 5 km

**Leader:** Linda Finley

[lindamfinley@gmail.com](mailto:lindamfinley@gmail.com)

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 29. Edition 29

**(519) 538-2247**

**Saturday February 16, 2019**

**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 21<sup>st</sup> Sideroad and complete a loop hike through the forest, with great views of Georgian Bay. **Bring water and snacks.**

**Pace:** Leisurely

**Distance:** 5 km

**Leader:** Dennis Gerrard

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**Terrain:** Easy

**Map:** 24. Edition: 29

**(705) 444-9252**

**Tuesday February 19, 2019**

**Time: 6.00 pm**



*Second of two moonlight hikes*

*Badges available after the hike at \$5.00*

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

**Distance:** approx. 1.5 hrs

**Leader:** Rosemary Petrie

[rpetrie293@gmail.com](mailto:rpetrie293@gmail.com)

**Terrain:** Easy

**(705) 293-4444**

**Wednesday February 20, 2019**

**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

**Distance:** 6-8 km

**Leader:** Rob Mooy

[robmooy@hotmail.com](mailto:robmooy@hotmail.com)

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 22. Edition: 29

**(705) 445-3321**

**Saturday February 23, 2019**

**Time: 9.30 am**

We will carpool to the start of the hike to be in the Nottawasaga Lookout Nature Reserve. We will follow a loop hike through mixed terrain, but with some great views. **Bring a snack and beverage.**

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** Two hours

**Leaders:** Shannon Roode

Denise Shand

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**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 23. Edition: 29

**(704) 309-7788**

**Wednesday February 27, 2019**

**Time: 9.30 am**

We will carpool to the Loree Forest entrance pathway on the 21<sup>st</sup> Sideroad . Conditions should be good for snowshoes and we will complete a loop hike through the forest, with some hill climbing. There will be great views of Georgian Bay. **Bring water and snacks.**

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** 6 km

**Leader:** Bob Moenck

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**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 24. Edition: 29

**(705) 481-1269**



*The editor on the Peninsula in October for the Three Days on the Peninsula Fundraiser. Photo taken by Sue Ann Rothwell*

**Saturday March 2, 2019**

**Time: 9:30 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 will enter the park and pick up the main trail at km 1.2 and climb up the escarpment, we will continue along the main trail past McCarston's lake to km 5.1 where we take the Lookout side trail, we will have our lunch at the amazing viewpoint, then return down the Spillway Trail and along the valley bottom to exit the park, having completed our circuit, hopefully on snow shoes. **Bring beverages and a lunch.**

*The Mono Cliffs Inn is a pleasant watering hole for those who might be feeling like some more sustenance before heading back north !*

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** 8 km

**Leader:** Rosemary Petrie  
rpetrie293@gmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 19. Edition: 29

**(705) 293-4444**

**Wednesday March 6, 2019**

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

**Hike#1. Nottawasaga Lookout**

**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

**Distance:** 9.5 km

**Leader:** Hart Fischer  
hfischer@gmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate/Strenuous

**Map:** 23. Edition: 29

**(705) 606-0507**

**Hike#2. Margaret Paull**

**Time: 9:30 am**

We will carpool to the end of the 6th Line at km 13.3 (turn north off the 15th SR also called #119), in the Beaver 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

**Distance:** 5 km

**Leader:** Mary Huggins  
maryhuggins@hotmail.com

**Terrain:** Easy/Moderate

**Map:** 24. Edition: 29

**(416) 481-6636**

**Saturday March 9, 2019**

**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

**Distance:** 6 km

**Leader:** Michael Treuman  
michael.treuman@gmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 23 Edition: 29

**(416) 518-0489**

**Wednesday March 13, 2019**

**Time: 9:30 am**

**Pretty River Valley Top to Bottom**

We will carpool to the snowmobiler's parking lot on Westchurch Side Road, then drive to the 6th Sideroad and park at the junction with the John Haigh Side Trail. We will follow the John Haigh Side Trail to the highest point on the Bruce trail, then follow the main trail to the bottom of the valley. 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

**Distance:** 6 km

**Leader:** Rosemary Petrie  
rpetrie293@gmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 23 Edition: 29

**(705) 293-4444**

**Saturday March 16, 2019**

**Time: 9:30 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

**Distance:** Two hours

**Leader:** Paul Carnahan  
paulcarnahan@bell.net

**Terrain:** Easy

**Map:** 23. Edition: 29

**(705) 428 3022**



*At the viewing platform overlooking Devil's Glen Ski Hills on Sat., September 29, 2018.*

**Wednesday March 20, 2019**

**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

**Distance:** 6-8 km

**Leader:** Sue Niblett

niblett2015@gmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 22. Edition: 29

**(705) 445-4751**

**Saturday March 30, 2019**

**Time: 9:00am**

We will carpool to km 7.0 on the 10th Concession, leave some cars and then proceed to the start of the hike at the parking area near cemetery, 1 km east of Lavender. We will hike through the beautiful Noisy River Valley, then follow a new trail connecting the Hwy 9 to the 10th Concession. **Bring water & a lunch.**

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** 8 km

**Leader:** Michael Treuman (

michael.treuman@gmail.com

**Terrain:** mod/difficult

**Maps 21/22:** Edition 29

**416) 518-0489**

**Saturday March 23, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 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

**Distance:** 5 km

**Leader:** Catherine Trembling

adca@live.ca

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 29. Edition 29

**(416) 655-2021**

**Wednesday April 3, 2019**

**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

**Distance:** 6.8 km

**Leader:** Jennifer Roy

jroy.home@rogers.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 22. Edition 29

**(705) 445-8940**

**Wednesday March 27, 2019**

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

**Hike#1. "Hart's Triple Hell"**

**Time: 8:00 am . Note early start**

We will car pool to the Snowmobiler's Parking Lot on West-church 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

**Distance:** 18 km

**Leader:** Hart Fischer

hfischer@gmail.com

**Terrain:** Strenuous

**Map:** 23. Edition: 29

**(705) 606-0507**

**Hike#2. Kolapore**

**Time: 9:30 am**

We will carpool to the parking lot at Kolapore on route#2 in the Beaver Valley Section. 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. **Bring water and a snack.**

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** Two hours

**Leader:** Mary Jane McIntyre

maryj.mcintyre@gmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

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**Saturday April 6, 2019**

**Time: 9:00am**

**The Lime Kiln Standing Rock Combo.**

We start at km. 35.2 at the junction of concession 10 and county road 91. We follow the main trail to 39.9 and take the Singhamp-ton side trail back to the main trail at 41.6 km. We then have the option of following the main trail back to the cars or some of the hikers might want to continue on the main trail to the Standing Rock and Caves side trail. The hike ends at km 41 (the Blue Mountain Clearview Town Line.) **Bring water and a snack.**

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** 8 km

**Leader:** David Little

davidgeorge52@hotmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map22/23:** Edition: 29

(705) 606-1077

**Wednesday April 10, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 am**

We will carpool to the parking lot in the Nottawasaga Bluffs. We will start our loop hike on the unimproved road allowance to km 24.5. We will follow the white trail to the lookout and back to the cars. **Bring water and a light snack.**

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** 7 km

**Leader:** Gisela Knappe

pe7@gmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map: 22.** Edition: 29

(705) 445-0857 gknap-

**Saturday April 13, 2019**

**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

**Distance:** 7 km

**Leader:** Catherine Trembling

adca@live.ca

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 26 Edition: 29

(416) 655-2021

**Wednesday April 17, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 am**

We will carpool to the start of the hike at km 85.5 at the parking area on Side Road 13A East off of the 7th line in the Beaver Valley section. We will have wonderful views of the Beaver Valley as we hike past the former Talisman Ski Resort and end our hike above the Beaver Valley Ski Resort at kilometer 76.5. **Bring wa-ter and a lunch.**

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** 9.0 km

**Leader:** David Little

davidgeorge52@hotmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 26/27. Edition: 29

(705) 606-1077

**Saturday April 20, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 am**

We will car pool to Highway 89 via County Road 124 in the Dufferin Highlands Section. We will park just north of Primrose, then using side trails we will proceed to make a loop hike through the Boyne Valley Provincial Park. The hike will include great views from Murphy's Pinnacles. Bring water and a lunch.

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance -** approx. 10 km

**Leader:** Annette Patrick

apatrick@securityresourcegroup.net

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 20. Edition: 29

(705) 795-9700

**Wednesday April 24, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 am**

We will car pool to km 113.8 of the Beaver Valley section, the terminus of the hike. We will then take as many cars as necessary to the start of the hike at km 106.1. To begin our hike we go west across the height of land that separates the Beaver River Valley and Bighead River Valley. The trail meanders through cultivated fields and hardwood bush with great views to the north. The hike terminates at Blantyre. **Bring water and a snack.**

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** 8 km

**Leader:** Frank Huggins

huggins\_frank@yahoo.ca

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 28 Edition 29

(705) 888-0166

**Saturday April 27, 2019**

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

**Event #1 - John Haigh Trail Plus**

**Time: 9:00 am**

We will carpool to the parking lot at 6th Side Road and 2nd Line, starting the hike along the John Haigh Side Trail and hiking the Russ McConnell Trail to the main trail at km 51. We will return to the cars via the main trail to km 49.1 and continue back along the John Haigh Trail to the cars for a total of 9,2 km. A shortened hike (5.1 km), returning to the cars along the road from km 51.6 is possible.

For a shortened 4.6 km hike, hikers can drop out at km 51.6 & walk along the 6th Side road to the cars. **Bring water and a snack.**

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** 9.2 km or 5.1 km

**Leader:** Jill Doble

doblejill@hotmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 23. Edition: 29

(705)-293-0573



**Bruce Trail  
CONSERVANCY**

**BLUE MOUNTAINS CLUB**

Event #2 -The BMBTC AGM

3:00 pm

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Time: 9:00 am

**The Blue Mountain Bruce Trail Club  
Annual General Meeting**

**WORK PARTY**

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



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.

**Contact:** Myra Campbell (705) 293-2525

**If you plan on taking part,**

**Contact:** Linda Finley

**(519) 538-2247**

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**COME OUT AND JOIN US**

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

**Wednesday May 8, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 am**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 am**

We will carpool to the Dunedin Valley Nature Preserve on con. 10 and do a figure eight hike of 2 loops. The first loop will be through the Preserve (2 km). The second will be along con 10 and Cty Rd 9 to the Gardner Property and then through this new BTC acquisition back to our starting point on con 10 (4 km). We will experience a variety of habitats: young forest, hardwoods, streamside forest, roadside, upland meadows. We will see some lovely vistas on BTC properties. **Bring water and a snack.**

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:** Medium

**Distance:** 6 km

**Leader:** Dick Edwards

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 21. Edition: 29

**(705) 445-5849**

**Pace:** Leisurely

**Distance:** 5 km

**Leader:** Heather Wintermeyer  
[carlwintermeyer@gmail.com](mailto:carlwintermeyer@gmail.com)

**Terrain:** Easy

**Map:** 24. Edition: 29

**(705) 444-6796**



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**Saturday May 11, 2019****Time: 9:00 am**

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

**Pace:** Leisurely**Distance:** 6 km**Leader:** Dave Morton

dmorton9@sympatico.ca

**Terrain:** Easy/Moderate**Map** 23. Edition: 29**(705) 444-0228****Wednesday May 15, 2019****Time: 9:00**

We will carpool to Lavender, then shuttle to km 45.5 In The Dufferin Highlands section. The hike will cut through some rocky terrain, then cross the ravine over the Black Bank River. Finally we follow a pretty country lane back towards Lavender where the hike will end. **Bring drinks and a lunch.**

**Pace:** Leisurely**Distance:** 10.5 km**Leader:** Steve Adair

tarsandman@hotmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate**Map** 21 Edition 29**(416) 494-3261**

Sat., September 1 on the Pretty River Side Trail.

**Saturday May 18, 2019.****Time: 9:00 am****Hike at Inglis Falls**

We will carpool to Harrison Park in Owen Sound in Sydenham section. We will commence a loop hike from there, to climb the escarpment and visit Inglis Falls. **Bring water and a lunch.**

**Pace:** Medium**Terrain:** Strenuous**Distance:** about 8.5 km.**Map:** 30. Edition: 29**Leader:** Marilyn Jones**(705) 446-9951**

mcj5156@hotmail.com

**Wednesday May 22, 2019****Time: 9:00 am**

We will carpool to the Greirsville area of the Bruce trail at km 106.5 on the 7th line in the Beaver valley section. We will then hike east along the top of the escarpment through forested areas until we descend to county road 40 and cross to a flat area which is mostly wooded, then open fields with streams and a lot of bird life, until we reach km 100.7 where the hike will end. **Bring water and a snack.**

**Pace:** Medium**Terrain:** Moderate**Distance:** 6 km**Map:** 28 Edition 29**Leader:** Carl Wintermeyer**(705) 444-6796**

carlwintermeyer@gmail.com

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**Saturday May 25, 2019.** FIRST LEG: Swiss Meadows to Highlands Nordic Centre

**Sunday May 26, 2019.** 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 Saturday May 11th

Registration will be via Eventbrite.ca starting February 1, 2019

(Event name: "Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club – 2019 End-to-End Hike")

### **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 6:45am 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

**!! PLEASE NOTE !!**

**END-2-END BBQ**

**All E2E hikers, Bruce Trail members, volunteers and their guests are welcome.**

A social gathering will be held at Highlands Nordic Centre following completion of the first leg.

Burgers, Salads, tea/coffee and desserts – 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

**Cost:** \$17.00 per person. **Dress:** Casual

Registration will be via Eventbrite.ca starting February 1, 2019 (Event name: "Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club – 2019 E2E BBQ")

**Please register by May 18.** We do accept late and last-minute bookings. In which case, if possible please send an RSVP to Myra.

**Wednesday May 29, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 am**

We will carpool to the start of the hike at the 6th Side Road and 2nd Line. We will hike to the highest point on the Bruce Trail, then follow the white trail from 49.1 to 54.2, and up the gravel road back to our cars. Bring water and a light snack.

**Pace:** Medium

**Distance:** 8 km

**Leader:** Gisela Knappe  
gknappe7@gmail.com

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Map:** 23 Edition: 29  
**(705) 445-0857**

## Spring Tree Planting *by Jill Doble*

Another beautiful spring day, May 8, brought out just over a dozen eager tree planters. Each year under the direction of Dave Knox, our BMBTC Land Steward Director, volunteers plant one hundred saplings -white pine, white spruce, red maple and white oak -to create a buffer between our trail and an open field. This year we returned to the Dinedune-Metheral property

west of the 10th concession of Nottawasaga near BMBTC km 10.4. The trees we planted a few years ago have grown well, but this year we planted more trees to create a thicker buffer. Tree planting is a fun experience which provides great satisfaction to see the landscape change as the trees grow. It gives you a real connection with the land. **Contact Dave Knox at [knox5083@gmail.com](mailto:knox5083@gmail.com) in early May if you would like to take**



*Brian Wall and Dave Sheppard plant a sapling while several volunteer managers capably supervise.*



*Satisfied volunteers after a job well done—adding one hundred more saplings to a trail corridor where trees had been planted several years ago.*



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## Singing in the Chipmunk Choir by Dick Edwards

I have a theory that many “bruce- trailers” can trace their interest in nature and the outdoors back to experiences with Girl Guides, Boy Scouts or some type of summer camp. As I read, “Singing in the Chipmunk Choir”, pleasant memories of camp-outs and scout-hikes during my youth surfaced to support my idea. “Singing in the Chipmunk Choir” is a novel written by long time BMBTC trail captain David Shepherd. Dave wrote it for his grandkids and said it was aimed at young adults. Maybe so, but this not-so-young-adult found it interesting, relevant and entertaining. So I asked the Blue Print editor if I could write a review for the newsletter.

The protagonist is Peter, a young lad in grade 8 who has a keen interest in nature and the outdoors. A series of tense circumstances that I won't give away, put Peter into youth court where he is ordered to do public service under probation. He then encounters Mac, a crusty retiree with a diverse background that includes wilderness survival skills learned with the Canadian Army Special Services. Mac is a dedicated volunteer heading a project to establish a Girl Guides camp located near Barrie, Ontario. Peter is assigned by his probation officer to work under Mac's tutelage. Their relationship is just one thread in the story but as it grew, I found myself thinking how I would have enjoyed a mentor like Mac when I was growing up. As Peter learned woodcraft, trail building, and outdoors skills from Mac, this reader learned some too. Notice I said trail building. Among his many pursuits, Mac was also a trail captain for the Bruce Trail. Clever guy !

I think the author's years in the classroom nurtured his understanding of adolescent behaviour. As Peter experienced various teen-age fears, feelings and frustrations , I found them realistic and eerily reminiscent.

The story has an antagonist too: a dark figure who gives Peter a lot of grief and who commits a crime, in fact more than one. Gripping suspense and some Inspector Murdoch – like detective

work is woven through the story.

Mac has a strong emotional and personal drive to complete the construction of Camp Tawateno and Peter comes to share this vision . The camp is administered by Girl Guides Canada whose bureaucrats are not always in sync with Mac, who has little patience for head office types. Do Mac and Peter succeed? You better read the book.

When chatting with Dave about the book, he divulged there is a real Camp Tawateno and Head office of G.G.C. has stated that it wishes to sell off all remaining camp properties by 2020. Dave wonders how many of the general public are aware that very little of the money from Girl Guide cookies is actually going back to the units and that so many lawyers have been involved for several years.

The boundary between truth and fiction is blurry. I liked this book.

Copies can be obtained from Chapters at \$13.95 or in e-book form from KOBO. Also Mike Treuman has a few at \$12.00 and you could contact Dave.



*This summer Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club decided to start an E2E of the Sydenham Bruce Club Trail . Nine hikes of about 10 to 13 km in length. were planned to cover the first half of this 172.5 km section. Nine more will be offered next summer. Here some eager end to enders pose amongst the wild parsnip at SBTC km 3.2 just before crossing the Bridge over the Rocklyn Creek.*



Hiking in the late afternoon/early evening is not something that the BMBTC usually does, however, on Thursday, June 21, in celebration of the Summer Solstice or longest day of the year, members came out to hike on a beautiful summer evening. Jill Doble led a loop hike of the Margaret Paull Trail in the Beaver Valley with wonderful views of the valley, as well as to beautiful Georgian Bay in the distance. After the hike, members enjoyed a delicious potluck in Jill's backyard until the sun set over the escarpment in the west.

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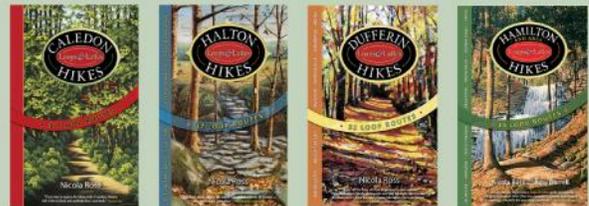
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**Behind the Scenes at BMBTC** by Jill Doble

Work parties, trail building, promoting the Bruce Trail and fundraising are just some of the behind the scenes work that goes on in order to keep our Blue Mountains Bruce Trail in good condition and on the Optimum Route. A big thank you to the many who do come out to volunteer their time. The next work party will be on May 4, 2019. Please contact Linda Finley, [linda@bmbtc.com](mailto:linda@bmbtc.com). 519-538-2247. if you would like to participate in the spring work party activities. If there is a specific capacity in which you would like to volunteer, please speak with one of the board members or our Volunteer Coordinator, Ted Moore at [ted@bmbtc.com](mailto:ted@bmbtc.com) 705-309-0778.



*During the spring work party, Frank Huggins and Maureen McFarland collected garbage left along the trail.*



*Linda Finley and Bruce Bocking installed blaze signs along the new Dunedin Ravine Reserve Trail in September.*



*Clipping back growth along the trail during our spring work party along the Mad River Side Trail with Dick Saddington, Flo Kusiak, David Little and Linda Finley.*



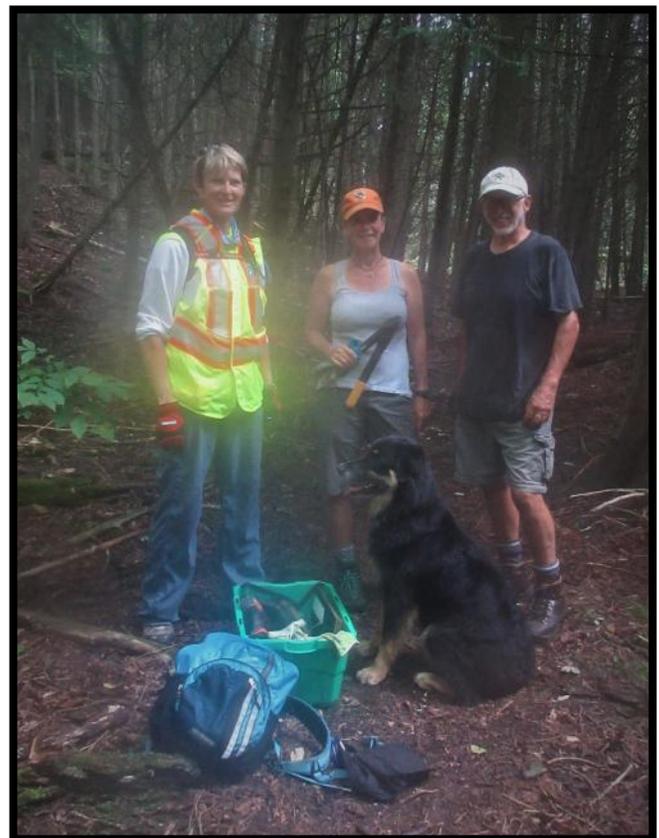
*Michael Treuman uses his engineering skills to divert spring run-off to minimize its effect on the trail.*



*Spring tree planting this year at the Dinedune-Metheral property near BMBTC km 10.4. Thanks to all our tree planting volunteers!*



*This year the BMBTC attended some of the local markets and fairs to help publicize the Bruce Trail Conservancy, encouraging people to become members. While working at the booth at the Dufferin County Museum, Michael Treuman and Brenda Carling promoted the work that the conservancy does, as well as the benefits of membership.*



*Linda Finley, Liz Van Ryn, Bruce Bocking and assistant Toby work on the Dunedin Ravine Reserve Trail. In September. Liz and Bruce are the Trail Captains of this section of the trail.*

## **PENINSULA HIKES OF 2018** by Myra Campbell

It doesn't seem like weather affects our hardy BMBTC hikers. During both the September & October hikes we had some inclement weather and with a bit of tweaking of the hikes, we managed to enjoy the Peninsula nevertheless.

Lots of organization and planning goes into these hiking trips and Myra, Kathy and Wendy took on the challenge of doing so for the September hikes. All by her lonesome, Jill, for the second year in a row, has organized the October event. Feedback was once again positive and both trips are planned again for 2019.

We are fortunate to continue to have Ruth Vance at The Coach House Inn to house and feed us and keep us warm and dry. Ruth's husband John passed away in June and we all missed his presence at this year's events.

The organizers would like to thank their hike leaders for volunteering to lead hikes which is certainly appreciated by all the hikers. The hike leaders used their expertise and knowledge to ensure everyone on their hikes learned about the area and had a safe and pleasant hiking experience.

We had a fun time at the Happy Hour and Campfire/Sing-A-Longs with lots of visiting, reminiscing and getting to know each other a bit better.

Each year, we gain a few new members and encourage them to come out on our weekly hikes to get to know our Blue Mountain section of the Bruce Trail. These events are fundraisers and once again \$2500, was raised for the BMBTC.

**Notices for next year's trips will be in the Spring issue of THE BLUE PRINT.**

See you on the trails until then.



*Hiking on the trails of the Peninsula includes ups and downs and rugged terrain, as well as even occasional scrambling (using hands can be necessary.) Rain makes the hiking even trickier. Michael Treuman and friends on the one of the September hikes on the Three Days on the Peninsula Fundraiser. Watch those slippery roots!*



*Jennifer Roy led a group to the cairn at PBTC km 166.4 which is the northern terminus of the entire Bruce Trail.*



*A relaxing lunch spot along the way on one of the hikes along the Peninsula Bruce Trail.*



*Boulder beaches can be part of the hiking experience on the Peninsula trail.*



One doesn't get too wet under the tree canopy. Photo by Julie Sharpe.



Intrepid foul weather hikers enjoy lunch on a rocky point near PBTC km 145.7. There is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing. Umbrellas can come in handy.



The arch near Indian Head Cove and the Grotto.



Thirty-one hikers carefully manoeuvred over the slippery rocks to view the grotto and the arch at Indian Cove at Bruce Peninsula National Park.



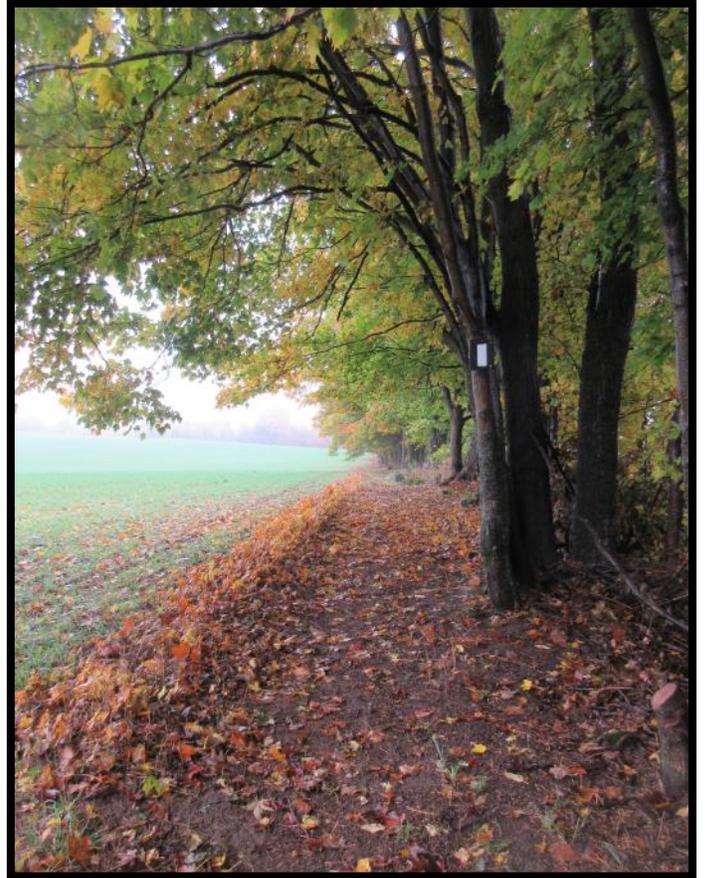
A sunny perch on the Lion's Head look off on Gisella's hike.



We did have some easier terrain along the Otter Lake Side Trail. Thursday's sunshine was a treat!



**NEW BMBTC TRAIL!**



*This maple tree covered path is part of brand new BMBTC trail, which will eliminate almost 2 km of road walking from the Nottawasaga County Road #9 to join up with the new Dunedin Ravine Reserve Trail from BMBTC km 6.2 to approx. km 7.0 Less road-more beautiful trail! Many thanks go to the very hard work of our club trail builders-Dick Edwards, Dave Knox, Linda Finley, Rob Mooey, Bert Beausoleil, Richard Saddington, Catherine Trembling Mae Reed, Steve Adair, Tim Edwards, David Little, Terry Kimmerly and Michael Treuman .*



*Mary Jane McIntyre's hike at the end of August drew a large crowd to hike the Trails of the Nottawasaga Bluffs .*

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Sat Nov 3	9:30	Ann DeBrouwer	Lunch	12	Inter	Mad River Side Trail
Nov 5 to 11	0:00	Hunting				Rifle hunting
Wed Nov 7	9:30	Catherine Trembling	Snack	6	Inter	Blue Mountain from Village
Sat Nov 10	9:30	David Little	Snack	2hrs	Inter	Feversham Gorge
Wed Nov 14	9:30	Myra Campbell	Snack	5	Inter	Swiss Meadows
Sat Nov 17	9:30	Jill Doble	Snack	1.5 hrs	Inter & Easy	3rd line
Wed Nov 21	9:30	Sue Niblett	Snack	6to8	Inter	Notawasaga Bluffs
Sat Nov 24	#1 9:00*	Isabelle Mikosza	Snack	5	Inter	Pretty River Valley
Sat Nov 24	#2 12:30	Myra Campbell	Pot Luck			<b>Christmas Pot Luck</b>
Wed Nov 28	9:00*	Bert Beausoleil	Lunch	8	Inter	Dufferin Highlands
Sat Dec 1	9:30	Bob Moenck	Snack	5	Inter	Walters Falls
Wed Dec 5	9:30	Annette Patrick	Lt lunch	2.5 Hrs	Inter	John Haigh Side Trail
Sat Dec 8	9:30	Myra Campbell	Snack	2 hrs	Inter	Kolapore
Wed Dec 12**	9:30	Steve Adair	Snack	6	Inter	Wasaga Beach
Sat Dec 15	9:30	Ann DeBrouwer	Snack	9	Inter	Loree Forrest
Wed Dec 19	9:30	Flo Kusiak	Snack	5	Easy	Margaret Paull
Tuesday Jan 1	9:30	Rosemary Petrie	Snack	6	Inter/Easy	Upper Pretty River Valley
Sat Jan 5	9:30	Shannon Roode & Denise Shand	Snack	2 hrs	Easy	Urban hike near Black Ash Creek
Wed Jan 9	9:30	Tom Kemp	Snack	2 hrs	Inter/Exp	Craigleith
Sat Jan 12	9:30	Jansje Lawrenson	Snack	8	Inter	Pretty River
Wed Jan 16	9:30	Dick Edwards	Snack	5	Inter	Dunedin Valley Reserve.
Sat Jan 19	9:30	Terry Kimmerly	Snack	6	Inter	John Haigh and Main Trail loop
Sun Jan 20	18:00	Jill Doble		aprox 1 hour	Easy	Moonlight hike off 11th line.
Wed Jan 23	9:30	David Little	Snack	2 hrs	Inter/Easy	11th line
Sat Jan 26	#1 9:30	Hart Fischer	Lunch	10	Inter	Pretty River
Sat Jan 26	#2 9:30	Jill Doble	Snack	1.5 hrs	Easy	Nottawasaga Lookout
Wed Jan 30	9:30	David Little	Snack	5	Inter	Pretty River Valley
Wed Jan 30	After hike	George and Wendy				Fund raiser lunch by preregistration
Sat Feb 2	9:30	Terry Kimmerly	Snack	6 km	Inter	Dufferin Highlands Km 29.4 park.
Wed Feb 6	9:30	Jansje Lawrenson	Snack	7	Inter	From km 8.5 to km 15.7
Wed Feb 13	9:30	Linda Finley	Snack	5	Inter	Walters Falls loop
Sat Feb 16	9:30	Dennis Gerrard	Snack	5	Easy	Lorree Forest
Tues Feb 19	18:00	Rosie Petrie		aprox 1.5 hours	Easy	Moonlight hike in Lorree Forest

Wed Feb 20	9:30	Rob Mooy	Snack	6 to 8	Inter	Notawasaga Bluffs.
Sat Feb 23	9:30	Shannon Roode & Denise Shand	Snack	2 hrs	Inter	Nottawasaga Lookout
Wed Feb 27	9:30	Bob Moenck	Snack	6	Inter	Lorree Forest
Sat Mar 2	9:30	Rosemary Petrie	Snack	8	Inter	Caledon. Mono Cliffs Park
Wed Mar 6	#1 9:00*	Hart Fischer	Lunch	10	Inter/Exp	Pretty River to Caves
Wed Mar 6	#2 9:30	Mary Huggins	Snack	5	Easy	Margaret Paull
Sat Mar 9	9:30	Mike Treuman	Snack	6	Inter	John Haigh Trail
Wed Mar 13	9:30	Rosemary Petrie	Lunch	6	Inter	Pretty River top to bottom
Sat Mar 16	9:30	Paul Carnahan	Snack	2 hrs	Inter	Nottawasaga Lookout
Wed Mar 20	9:30	Sue Niblett	Snack	6 to 8	Inter	Nottawasaga Bluffs.
Sat Mar 23	9:00*	Catherine Trembling	Snack	5	Inter	Walters Falls
Wed March 27	#1 8:00*	Hart Fischer	Lunch	18	Expert	Pretty River. Harts triple hell
Wed March 27	#2 9:30	Mary Jane McIntyre	Snack	5	Easy	Kolapore to Metcalf Rock
Sat Mar 30	9:00	Mike Treuman	Snack	8	Inter	Noisy River Valley
Wed April 3	9:00	Jennifer Roy	Snack	7	Inter	9.1 to 15.7 south of the Bluffs
Sat April 6	9:00	David Little	Snack	8	Inter	Lime Kiln trail
Wed April 10	9:00	Gisela Knappe	Snack	7	Inter	Notawasaga Bluffs
Sat April 13	9:00	Catherine Trembling	Snack	7	Inter	Eugenia to Hogg Falls
Wed April 17	9:00	David Little	Lunch	9	Inter	Tallisman ski area
Sat April 20	9:00	Annette Patrick	Lunch	10	Inter	Primrose and Boyne Valley
Sun April 21						EASTER
Wed April 24	9:00	Frank Huggins	Snack	8	Inter	Blantyre in the Beaver Valley
Sat April 27	#1 9:00	Jill Doble	Snack	9.2 or 5.1	Inter	Petun and John Haigh
Sat April 27	#2 3:00PM	Myra Campbell	Pot Luck			AGM Nottawa
Wed May 1	9:00	Dick Edwards	Snack	10	Inter	Notawasaga Bluffs
Sat May 4	9:00	Linda Finley	Snack			WORK PARTY
Wed May 8	9:00	Heather Wintermeyer	Snack	5	Easy	Loree Forrest
Sat May 11	9:00	Dave Morton	Snack	6	Easy/Inter	John Haigh Trail
Wed May 15	9:00	Steve Adair	Lunch	11	Inter	Black Bank River
Sat May 18	9:00	Marilyn Jones	Lunch	9	Inter	Inglis Falls
Wed May 22	9:00	Carl Wintermeyer	Snack	5	Inter	Griersville near Blantyre
Sat May 25/26**	6:45	Mike Treuman				End to End
Sat May 25	16:00	Myra Campbell				Social @ Highland Nordic
Wed May 29	9:00	Gisela Knappe	Snack	8	Inter	John Haigh Side Trail

\*\* Alternative starting point \* Earlier start

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



*Three Days on the Peninsula Fundraiser in October -Cape Chin  
North approx. km 108.7 Peninsula BTC looking over Dyer's Bay.*

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