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END TO END

**Blue Mountains End-to-End
October 1-2, 2022**

NEW
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Bryan Wall, artist and volunteer, designed the new badge for our club organized E2E event. He has produced a wonderful, unique design. This badge can only be obtained by registering for our End2End fundraiser which takes place Oct. 1-2 this year.

Significance of the Bald Eagle:

The significance for the new badge is to have a bald eagle soaring overhead, riding the rising warm air currents created by the Escarpment.

The Escarpment areas that we protect along the trail can be good habitat for the eagles because they provide large forest tracts for nesting. The escarpment edge also allows them a wide view of their surroundings, as well as updrafts for soaring. In first nations cultures, the eagle is considered the strongest and bravest of all birds.

For this reason, its feathers symbolize what is highest, bravest, and strongest.

Retirement

Heather and Carl W are hanging up their Hike Leader badges after 22 years.

Thanks to Heather for leading us at Creemore Nature Reserve recently. Carl's final hike will be in the Boyne Valley Provincial Park.

These fun and cheery adventurers will still be joining us on hikes but won't be breaking the cobwebs or keeping track of hikers to make sure everyone is accounted for!



It's because of the contributions of volunteers like Heather and Carl that the Blue Mountains section can offer such a robust and varied hike schedule.

To hike with us or volunteer, check our website at bmbtc.org

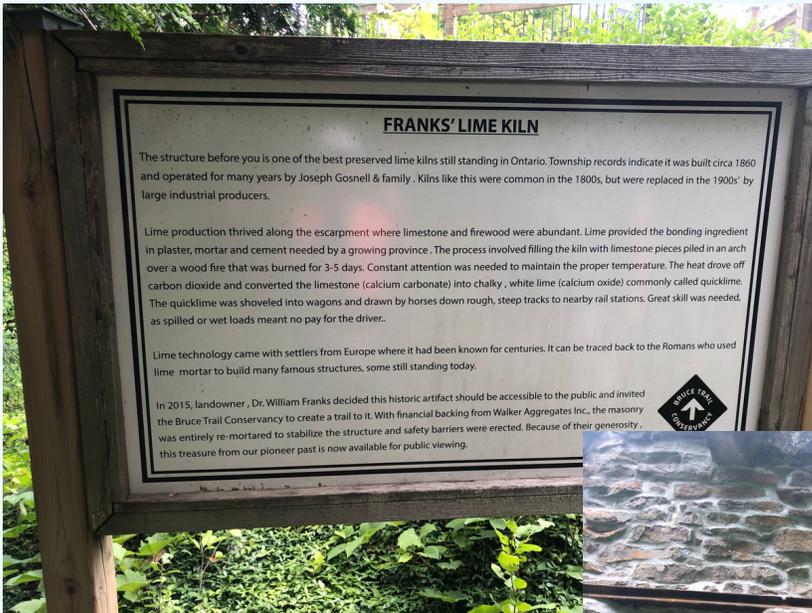
Bruce Trail Day, October 2nd

This year's theme for Bruce Trail Day will be "Celebrating our ribbon of wilderness, together."

The Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club will be hosting a family-focused biodiversity talk and Bruce Trail hike. Joining us from the Bruce Trail Conservancy is our very special guest Adam Brylowski, Manager of Conservation and Trails.

Your family will hike to historic Franks Kiln, and then if keen, over to the Bruce Trail looping Walker Aggregates and our new Balsam Wetlands Nature Reserve returning on Walkers Aggregates Side Trail.

You can expect to hike between 3-5 km!



We will meet behind Tim Hortons on First Street in Collingwood at 10:00 am then drive to Franks Kiln parking lot, on the north side of County Rd 91. Or meet us at Franks Kiln parking lot no later than 10:15am.

[Register Here](#)

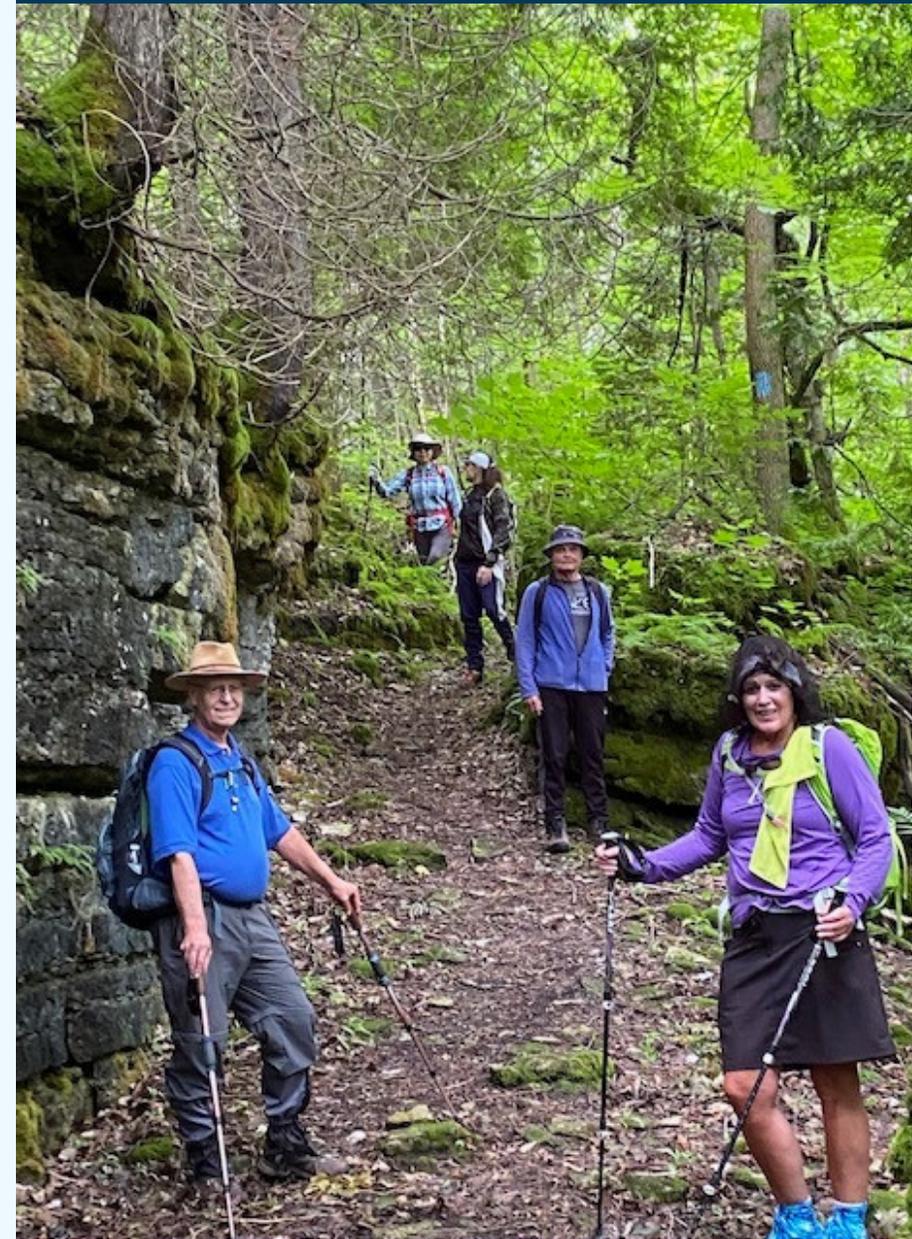
Take the Bruce Trail Pledge

Join the BTC's month-long campaign and commit to one of the actions below this October.



Learn more at <https://brucetrail.org/bruce-trail-pledge-2022>

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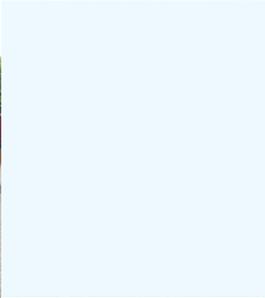


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Music Hike

This past weekend the Blue Mountains Bruce Trail club hosted our first every Music Hike. It had a spectacular turn out of all ages, and featured many acoustic musical stylings.



Spotlight

This summer while two volunteers were doing trail trimming near the Walker's Aggregate section of Blue Mountains, they met an excited youth working her way along the Bruce Trail. Coming all the way from Windsor, Shyann, an 11 year old hiker was working her way through more than 25 kms that day! She began hiking the Bruce Trail in 2021 in Niagara. Shyann was looking forward to a swim in the bay after her day on the trail.

Way to go Shyann for hiking 25+ kms in one day!



Are you and your family hiking the Bruce Trail? Tell us all about it!
Email communications@bmbtc.org

HARTWIG TO THE RESCUE ON LA CLOCHE

By Dick Edwards

Back about 2008 (plus or minus a year or two), when my knees didn't ache after a hike, and when 40lb packs were doable, Hart Fischer and I backpacked the La Cloche Trail in Killarney Provincial Park.

It is a 100 km trail that circles the white limestone* and strikingly beautiful high country of the Park (* think its limestone; it is white). Legends say the voyageurs would use the sight of these rocks, from their canoes on Georgian Bay, as a clock (cloche in French) to measure progress on their long paddle from Montreal to the West. We did a 5 day circuit on a well marked, but challenging trail, on top of the La Cloche rocks.



We planned our food carefully to minimize weight but did allow the luxury of heavy pancake batter and real maple syrup as a breakfast treat for our final morning.

On our last evening, we had camp set up, had enjoyed a swim and were relaxing by the campfire, when a young couple emerged from the woods and began speaking excitedly in a foreign language.

After a stunned pause, Hart began responding in German. As he said later, his childhood Deutsch was very rusty, but he learned: they had found the main campground full but were told of a campsite 10 km up the trail which they followed to our location. We concluded communication had been difficult at the non-German speaking camp office.

But here they were, 10 km into the bush, with a tent, sleeping bags and no food.

They had assumed they could buy food at the campsite!

What to do? We set up their tent at our site, filled them in on the true meaning of wilderness camping, and fed them...Yes, fed them our pancakes! At our comfortable campsite ! They were hungry! They ate them all!

Our last morning's breakfast was quite sparse: just coffee as I recall.

Cup and Saucer Trail



The Bruce Trail ends at Tobermory, but the Niagara Escarpment extends through Manitoulin Island. In August BMBTC members Frank and Mary Huggins hiked the famous Cup and Saucer Trail on Manitoulin Island. It's about a 45-60 minute hike each way on an in-and-out route. An extended hike can be taken over much longer loop.

"It's a great hike with a fabulous view to reward your efforts" says Frank.

Learn more [Here](#).

Hikes at a Glance Nov - Dec

HIKE DATES 2022~2023	TIME	HIKE NAME 2022~2023	length/pace	HIKE LEADER
		HUNTING SEASON -October to Dec.ember	WEAR BRIGHT COLOURS	
Wed., Nov. 2, 2022	9:00 AM	Blue Mountains E-E Hike #1 km0.0-km11.9	12.5km Medium	Marly-Lynne Chenard
Sat., Nov. 5, 2022	9:00 AM	Beaver Valley Falling Waters Hike #1 km52.2-km60.8	8.6km Medium	Anhong MacNeil
Wed., Nov. 9, 2022	9:30 AM	Balsam Wetlands	6-8km Leisurely	Jennifer Roy
Sat., Nov. 12, 2022	9:30 AM	Swiss Meadows to Loree Forest (almost)	7.5km Medium	David Little
Sat., Nov. 12, 2022	9:00 AM	Beaver Valley Falling Waters Hike #2 km60.8-68.3	7.5km Medium	Anhong MacNeil
Wed., Nov. 16, 2022	9:30 AM	Nottawasaga Lookout & Standing Rock	7.5km Leisurely/Medium	Myra Campbell
Sat., Nov. 19, 2022	9:30 AM	Pretty River Upper to Lower	8km Medium	Terry Kimmerly
Sat., Nov. 19, 2022	9:00 AM	Beaver Valley Falling Waters Hike #3 km68.3-km79.5	11.2km Medium	Anhong MacNeil
Wed., Nov. 23, 2022	9:30 AM	Petun Conservation/Main Trail Lookouts PRV-John Haigh ST	8km Leisurely	Dick Edwards
Sat., Nov. 26, 2022	9:30 AM	Nottawasaga Bluffs	Medium	Sandy McNair
Wed., Nov. 30, 2022	9:30 AM	Hoggs Falls	6km Leisurely	Flo Kusiak
Sat., Dec. 3, 2022	9:30 AM	Dunedin Reserve Figure 8	8km Medium	Dick Edwards
Wed., Dec. 7, 2022	9:30 AM	Kolapore Uplands	8.5km Medium	David Little
Sat., Dec. 10, 2022	9:30 AM	Mar.garet Paul	5km Leisurely	Myra Campbell
Wed., Dec. 14, 2022	9:00 AM	Blue Mountains E-E Hike #2 km11.9-km21.9	10km Medium	Hart Fischer
Sat., Dec. 17, 2022	9:30 AM	Transcarioca Friendship Trail	7km Medium	Dick Edwards
Wed, Dec 21, 2022	9:30 AM	Festive-Creemore Nature Preserve	5km Leisurely	Michael Treuman
Sat, Dec 24, 2022		Happy Holidays	Happy Holidays!	-
Wed, Dec 28, 2022		Happy Holidays	Happy Holidays!	-