

HALTON HILLS CHAPTER OF THE TORONTO BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

Newsletter 22 – December 13, 2015 to April 16, 2016



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Winter is here and we have a couple of suggestions to make your hike more comfortable. Dress in layers to maintain a comfortable body temperature during the hike. Bring a hot beverage to sip on for your lunch and/or snack breaks. Consider purchasing yaktraks or icers to put on your boots to make hiking safer during winter months. There are various types and brands available.

Hikes may be changed or cancelled at the discretion of the hike leader due to winter weather and driving conditions.

EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES:

BRUCE TRAIL DISPLAY: Watch for our display at the Georgetown Public Library during the month of March.

THE LIMEHOUSE KILN SOCIETY is looking for people to join them in their quest to promote and preserve the structures that are vivid reminders of the lime industry as it existed in Limehouse in the mid-19th Century. Please contact Mary Shier at 905-877-1427 or shier@hbwi.ca for further information. If you're interested in learning more about early Ontario industrial history and helping save these structures for future generations, we are the group for you!

ANNUAL PANCAKE HIKE: Saturday, April 16th "A Sweet Taste of Spring" 9:30 a.m. start. Check out more details in the Hiking Schedule...

HIKE GUIDELINES:

PACE: • **LEISURELY:** 3 km/hr or less • **MEDIUM:** 3 to 4 km/hr • **BRISK:** 4 to 5 km/hr • **FAST PACE:** 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Unless stated otherwise in the HIKING SCHEDULE, on the next page – we will meet at the south/east corner of the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot (south of the Medical Building, east of Walmart). Please dress for the weather, sturdy boots are a necessity and don't forget a snack and lots of water.

And, please remember that all our hike leaders are volunteers.

December 16 and 30, Jan. 13 and 27, Feb. 10 and 24, March 9 and 23
WEDNESDAY MORNING HIKES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Leisurely to medium pace, easy to moderate terrain. 5-6 km local hikes. We'll depart at 9:30 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Hike destination will be decided there – depending on participants and weather. Please dress for the weather, hiking boots are required, bring adequate water/snacks.

Hike Leader: Angelika 905-8777805 / asgk.canada@sympatico.ca

The Halton Hills Chapter is an affiliate of the Toronto Bruce Trail Club.

HIKING SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 13

GLEN HAFFY

Medium pace, medium terrain (some hills, some quiet road), approximately 10.5 km loop hike. Depart 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park at km 37.4 (on south side of Coolihans Side Road, near Glen Haffy Rd.) and hike north into Glen Haffy Conservation Area on the main Bruce Trail then loop back along the Glen Haffy Side Trail. Dress for the weather, hiking boots are required, bring adequate water/snacks.

Hike Leader: Sara Maedel 289-890-0439 saramaedel@hotmail.com

Saturday, December 26 ~ BOXING DAY SILVER CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

Medium pace, moderate terrain, approximately 8 km loop hike. Departing 1:00 p.m. from usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Let's get some fresh air and healthy exercise after all that Christmas feasting. Dress for the weather, hiking boots are required, bring adequate water/snacks.

Hike Leader: Angelika 905-8777805 / asgk.canada@sympatico.ca

Friday, January 1, 2016 ~ HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

TERRA COTTA

Start the new year with a 6 to 8 km medium pace hike at Terra Cotta. Meet 10:00 a.m. at Georgetown Market Place parking lot **OR** 10:20 a.m. on 10th line parking area at the Bruce Trail crossing. Bring lunch, water, warm clothing and suitable boots for the weather conditions.

Hike Leader Paul Vanhanen, 905 877-1294, pvanhanen@sympatico.ca

Sunday, January 10

GUELPH RADIAL TRAIL

Medium pace, moderate terrain. Weather conditions, snow and ice, might influence the hiking challenge. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the usual place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot **OR** meet in Acton at 10:20 a.m. in front of Royal Bank, Sobeys plaza. The hiking route, about two hours, will be decided on the day of the hike. Points of interest we aim to target are Blue Springs Boy Scout Camp and the Sugar Shack Trail. Dress for the weather, hiking boots are required, wear your icers and bring adequate water/snacks.

Hike Leader: Heinz Rusche 905-877-3298

Sunday, January 17

HOCKLEY VALLEY (Map 18, 28th Ed.)

A brisk, strenuous terrain, carpool hike – approx. 14 km. We'll depart from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot at 9:00 a.m., park at the Hockley Valley parking lot. This is a very hilly hike, bring extra water, snacks/lunch, dress for the weather, proper footwear is required. There are no drop-out areas on this hike.

Hike Leader: Pat Ferris, 289-890-0111 pnferris@gmail.com

Saturday, January 23

FAMILY HIKE / BEGINNER HIKE – SCOTSDALE FARM (Map 13)

Leisurely pace, easy terrain, approx. 5 km. Depart 1:00 p.m. from the Scotsdale Farm Parking Lot, off Trafalgar Road North. Are you new to hiking? Have you made a New Year's Resolution to get more active? Want to introduce your children, grandchildren or other young family members to the fun of hiking? This is a good beginner's hike or for those of you who enjoy a slower paced, shorter hike. Join me – as we explore the Bruce Trail through Scotsdale Farm and learn about hiking. Children must be accompanied by an adult on the hike. Please dress for the weather – hats, mittens and appropriate winter footwear and don't forget to bring water and a snack.

Hike Leader: Janet Le Lievre 519-853-1285

Saturday, January 30

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE ~ ICE WINE FESTIVAL HIKE *Preregistration is required.*

We will depart at 10:30 a.m., and hike a total of 2 to 2.5 hours plus 1 to 1.5 hours stop in town. We will hike into Niagara-on-the-Lake's historic Queen Street from McFarland Park on the General Brock Side Trail. In town we will pause to test ice wines from 26 Wineries or tempt our palates with ice wine inspired culinary creations from renowned Signature Kitchen Chefs or simply admire the sparkling ice sculptures before hiking back to the cars. Icers are highly recommended. You can either bring lunch, or purchase a lunch in town. Please bring a minimum 1 Liter of water. *Directions will be provided when you preregister. This hike may be cancelled due to weather conditions.*

Email: HikingWithBob@gmail.com or HikeWithDeb@gmail.com

Sunday, January 31

MOUNT NEMO

Medium pace, moderate to strenuous terrain, approximately 10 km loop hike. We'll depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. This is a great location to view the area between Milton and Oakville from several lookouts after climbing through a gap in the Escarpment. Dress for the weather, hiking boots are required, bring adequate water/snacks.

Hike Leader: Angelika 905-8777805 / asgk.canada@sympatico.ca

Sunday, February 7

DUFF PIT SIDE TRAIL

Medium pace, 6 to 9 km hike, depending on snow conditions. Meet 10:00 a.m. at Georgetown Market Place parking lot **OR** at 10:20 a.m. at Scotsdale farm parking lot. Please let me know if you plan to meet the hike at Scotdale, as the starting point may change due to snow conditions. Bring lunch, water, warm clothing and suitable boots for weather conditions.

Hike Leader: Paul Vanhanen 905-877-1294 pvanhanen@sympatico.ca

Sunday, February 14

GUELPH RADIAL TRAIL (AKA VALENTINE'S TRAIL)

Medium pace, moderate terrain. Weather conditions – snow and ice – might influence this hiking challenge. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot **OR** you can meet us in Acton at 10:20 a.m. in front of the Royal Bank, Sobeys plaza. Car shuffle will be required on this hike. We start on Dublin Line, South of Hwy 7, climb Mount Kilimanjaro, officially known as Kong Hill, and end the two-hour hike on Sixth Line close to Pine Crest Road. Please dress for

the weather, hiking boots are required, wear your icers and bring adequate water/snacks.

Hike Leader: Heinz Rusche 905-877-3298

Saturday, February 20

HILTON FALLS CONSERVATION AREA *Preregistration is required.*

Snowshoe or Hike (depending on conditions) in the woods on Hilton Falls Conservation area trails and view the breathtaking ice sculpture created from the frozen falls. We'll depart at 10 a.m. from the Hilton Falls Conservation area parking lot and hike for 2.5 to 3 hours. Please bring a lunch and min. 1 Liter of water. Snowshoes or icers are highly recommended. *Admission fee applies: \$6.75 (adults), \$5.75 (seniors).*

Directions: From Toronto, take Hwy 401 westbound to Halton Regional Rd. 25 N. (Exit 320) in Milton. Left onto 5 Side Rd./Campbellville Rd. Right into Hilton Falls CA. GPS: 43.505296, -79.962246. *This hike may be cancelled due to weather conditions.*

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Sunday, February 21

ROCKSIDE SIDE TRAIL

Medium pace, medium terrain (some hills, some quiet road), approximately 7 km loop hike. Depart 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We'll park at km 47.5 (on Boston Mills Rd. just west of the Mississauga Rd. intersection) and hike into hardwood forest and past remnants of old quarrying operations. There are drop-out points along the way. Option to stop at Spirit Tree Cider afterwards. Dress for the weather, hiking boots are required, bring adequate water/snacks.

Hike Leader: Sara Maedel 289-890-0439 saramaedel@hotmail.com

Sunday, February 28

SCOTSDALE FARM / BENNET HERITAGE

Moderate Pace, some strenuous terrain, approximately 10 km carpool hike. Depart from Georgetown Meeting place at 9:30 a.m., park at Scotsdale Farm. There are plenty of options to extend or shorten the hike. Dress for the weather, bring snacks and lunch.

Hike Leader: Pat Ferris 289-890-0111 pnferris@gmail.com

Saturday, March 5

FAMILY HIKE / BEGINNER HIKE – HUNGRY HOLLOW - GEORGETOWN

Leisurely pace, easy terrain, approx. 5 km. Depart at 1:00 p.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. This is for the beginner hiker – slow paced afternoon hike to introduce your children, grandchildren or other family members to the fun of hiking. Join me as we explore Hungry Hollow and learn about hiking. Bring water/snack, dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear. Children are most welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Hike Leader: Janet Le Lievre 519-853-1285

Sunday, March 6

ALTON GRANGE/UPPER CREDIT LOOP

Medium pace, medium terrain (with some road), approximately 9.8 km loop hike. We'll depart 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park in the small parking lot on Cardwell Street at the east end of Alton (enter through a gate with the sign 'The Grange Property') and follow the path through the Alton Grange property. From there, we'll walk along the road to CVC's Upper Credit Conservation area and then, back into Alton. Drop-out points along the way. Dress for the weather, hiking boots required, bring adequate water/snacks.

Hike Leader: Sara Maedel 289-890-0439 saramaedel@hotmail.com

Sunday, March 13

NORTH OF BOYNE VALLEY (Map 20, 28th Edition)

Brisk pace, strenuous terrain, approximately 12 k.m. car shuttle hike. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park at kms 18.7 and 29.4 and hike south along the main trail. Multiple dropout points are located along the route. Anticipate excellent lookouts, meadows and shaded valleys. Dress for the weather, hiking boots are required, bring adequate water, snacks and lunch.

Hike Leader: Pat Ferris 289-890-0111 pnferris@gmail.com

Sunday, March 20

NORTH OF LIMEHOUSE to 6th LINE

Medium pace, moderate terrain, 8 km. Depart 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Winter wonderland – we'll be climbing the side of a large drumlin and enjoy wintry woods and meadows. Dress for the weather, hiking boots required, wear your icers, bring adequate water/snacks.

Hike Leader: Angelika 905-8777805 / asgk.canada@sympatico.ca

March 27

CANADA GOOSE / LIMEHOUSE (map 12, 28th Ed.)

A brisk, moderate terrain, carpool hike – approx 9 to 11 km. Depart 9:30 a.m. from Georgetown Meeting Place and park at Limehouse Public School. This loop hike will follow the Canada Goose, Charles Hildebrandt and Black Creek Side trails. Dress for the weather, bring snacks/lunch and plenty of water. Proper footwear is required as trip hazards are present.

Hike Leader: Pat Ferris 289-890-0111 pnferris@gmail.com

Saturday, April 16

ANNUAL PANCAKE HIKE – LIMEHOUSE CONSERVATION AREA (Map 12, 21.3)

Leisurely pace, easy terrain – family hike. Approx. 5 km. We'll depart at 9:30 a.m. from the Limehouse Public School Parking Lot. Everyone is welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. We will hike the Loop Trail in the Conservation area, the geological heart of the escarpment – through the 'Hole in the Wall' – a fissure in the escarpment rock. We'll see the remains of an old mill, as well as the lime kilns and powder house that are being restored along Black Creek. Learn more about the forgotten industry that flourished and was integral to the village of Limehouse in the 1800s. After the hike, you can enjoy a pancake breakfast (optional), which is put on annually by the Limehouse Memorial Hall Committee. Please bring some money for breakfast and – there will also be goodies and local maple syrup for sale at the hall. Please dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear.

Hike Leader: Janet Le Lievre 519-853-1285