

HALTON HILLS CHAPTER OF THE TORONTO BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

Newsletter 26 – January 8, 2017 to April 1st, 2017



SAVE THIS DATE!

Saturday, April 1, 2017

ANNUAL PANCAKE HIKE – A SWEET TASTE OF SPRING

Hike through The Limehouse Conservation Area, the geological heart of the Escarpment. Optional afterwards, enjoy the annual Pancake Breakfast, put on by the Limehouse Memorial Hall Committee at the Limehouse Memorial Hall. More details listed in the hike 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** ~ we will meet at the south/east corner of the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot (south of the Medical Building, east of Walmart). 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. To make hiking safer during winter months – purchase yaktraks or icers to put on your boots – there are various types/brands available.

Hikes may be changed or cancelled at the discretion of the hike leader due to weather and driving conditions. And, please remember that all our hike leaders are volunteers.



HIKING SCHEDULE: January 8th, 2017 ~ April 1st, 2017

Sunday, January 8, 2017

KELSO CONSERVATION AREA (Map 11, 28th ed.)

Medium pace, moderate terrain, some poor footing, small section of road walking. Approx. 10.5km. Short-cuts are an option. Bring change for parking-lot fee. Depart 10:00 am from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park in the lot on Steeles Ave. (just west of Bell School Line) and hike into Kelso Conservation area. The trail will offer great views from the top of the Escarpment and pass old quarries and lime kilns. Drop-out points along the way. Dress for the weather, hiking boots required, bring adequate water/snacks/lunch. Ice cleats (icers) are recommended for icy conditions.

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

Sunday, January 15

SCOTSDALE FARM / BENNET HERITAGE

A medium paced, moderate terrain carpool loop hike – 8 to 10 km with multiple drop-out points. Depart Georgetown Meeting Place at 9:30 AM, parking at Scotsdale Farm. Dress for the weather, proper hiking footwear is required, trekking poles and icers may be needed. Bring snacks / lunch and extra water.

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

Saturday, January 21

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

Leisurely pace, easy terrain, approx. 5 km. Depart 1:00 pm from the Scotsdale Farm Parking Lot. Trafalgar Road North. Are you new to hiking? Do you have 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 who enjoy a slower paced and 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. Please bring water/snack.

Hike Leader: Janet Le Lievre 519-853-1285

HIKING SCHEDULE continued

Sunday, January 22

BLACK CREEK SIDE TRAIL / CANADA GOOSE SIDE TRAIL

LEISURELY PACE, EASY TERRAIN, approx. 10 km. Depart 10:00 a.m. from the Georgetown Marketplace Parking Lot. We'll hike along the Black Creek Side Trail in Limehouse and continue along the main trail to the Canada Goose Side Trail, to loop back to Limehouse. Please dress for the weather – hats, mittens and appropriate winter footwear/icers. Please bring water or tea/snack.

Hike Leader: Angelika Sommer 905-877-7805 asgk.canada@sympatico.ca

Sunday, January 29

SILVER CREEK AREA

LEISURELY PACE, MODERATE TERRAIN. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We'll start and finish at the intersection of Fallbrook Road and 27 Sideroad. The exact route will be determined – based on trail conditions and weather. Most likely we will include the Roberts Side Trail. Bring a snack and please dress for the weather.

Hike Leader: Heinz Rusche 905-877-3298

Sunday, February 5

DUFF PIT SIDE TRAIL

MEDIUM PACE, MODERATE TERRAIN, approximately 8 km loop hike. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot OR at 10:20 a.m. from the Scottdale Farm parking lot. If you plan to meet the hike at 10:20 at Scottdale – call the leader as the hike may change due to the weather conditions. Please dress warm for the weather – it may be cold with deep snow. Bring water and a snack.

Hike Leader: Paul Vanhanen 905-877-1294



Sunday, February 12

TERRA COTTA / CALEDON TRAILWAY

MEDIUM PACE, MODERATE TERRAIN, carpool, loop hike – 8 to 10 km with one drop-out point. Depart at 9:30 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot, parking at Winston Churchill / Caledon Trailway. Dress for the weather, proper hiking footwear is required, trekking poles and icers may be needed. Bring snacks/lunch and extra water.

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

Saturday, February 18

FAMILY HIKE / BEGINNER HIKE – HUNGRY HOLLOW

LEISURELY PACE, EASY TERRAIN, approx. 5 km. We'll depart at 1:00 p.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. This is for the beginning hiker – a 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 and 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, February 26

HILTON FALLS CONSERVATION AREA

MEDIUM PACE, VARIABLE TERRAIN ~ 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 will depart at 10:00 a.m. from the Hilton Falls Conservation area parking lot and hike for 2.5 to 3 hours. Please bring a lunch and minimum 1 litre of water. Snowshoes or Icers are highly recommended. Admission fee applies: \$6.75 (adults), \$5.75 (seniors). **Directions:** From Toronto, take 401 Westbound to Halton Regional Road 25 North (exit 320) in Milton. Turn left on #5 Side Road (Campbellville Road), then right into the parking lot.

Hike Leaders: Bob Brander, HikingWithBob@gmail.com and Deb Brander, HikeWithDeb@gmail.com

Sunday, March 5

HILTON FALLS SIDE TRAIL / AL SHAW (Map 12, 28th ed.)

MEDIUM PACE, MODERATE TERRAIN, some poor footing. Approximately 8 km. Depart 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will start at km 11.8 of the Hilton Falls Side Trail. Dress for the weather, hiking boots required, bring adequate water/snacks/lunch. Ice cleats (icers) are recommended for icy conditions.

Hike Leader: Angelika Sommer 905-877-7805 asgk.canada@sympatico.ca

Saturday, March 11

NORTH of LIMEHOUSE to 6th Line – TODD BARDES MEADOWLAND SIDE TRAIL

LEISURELY PACE, EASY TERRAIN, approx 5 km. Depart from the Limehouse Public School Parking Lot at 1:00 pm. This is a good beginner's hike or for those who enjoy a slower paced and shorter hike. Everyone is welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please dress for the weather – hats, mittens and appropriate winter footwear. Please bring water/ snack.

Hike Leader: Janet Le Lievre 519-853-1285

Sunday, March 19

SPEYSIDE to VANDERLECK (Map 12, 28th ed.)

MEDIUM PACE, MODERATE TERRAIN, some poor footing. Approx. 8 km. Short-cuts are an option. Depart 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will start at km 11.9 on 15 Sideroad (just east of Hwy 25) and hike north along rocky ridges and through open woodlands and a re-naturalized field. Drop-out points along the way. Dress for the weather, hiking boots required, bring adequate water/snacks/lunch. Ice cleats (icers) are recommended for icy conditions.

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

Sunday, March 26

GREAT ESKER SIDE TRAIL

MEDIUM PACE, MODERATE TERRAIN, some poor footing. We'll meet at 10:00 a.m. at the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Starting and finishing at Eighth Line Side Trail. This scenic and interesting trail has a few challenging slopes, especially if snow or ice covered. At one lookout point you might be able to enjoy a view all the way to Toronto. Bring a snack and dress for the weather.

Hike Leader: Heinz 905-877-3298

Saturday, April 1

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

LEISURELY PACE, EASY TERRAIN ~ This is a Family Hike (approx 5K) and everyone is welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult. We will depart at 9:30 am from Limehouse Public School Parking lot, and 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 will 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 1800's. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear. Directions: From Toronto, take 401 West to Trafalgar Road, Exit at Trafalgar and travel north for 16.8km, turn left at the end of Trafalgar onto Highway 7 for 1km. Turn left at 22 Side road (at the lights) for 2.6km. The parking lot is on the right.

After the hike drop in on the Sweet Taste of Spring Pancake Breakfast, an annual event at and in support of the Limehouse Memorial Hall (to 1 pm). Enjoy pancakes, baked beans and butter tarts all made with real Ontario maple syrup along with sausages and beverages for \$7 per person. Children ages 6 – 12 eat for \$3 and those age 5 and under eat for free.

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