

# HALTON HILLS CHAPTER OF THE TORONTO BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

Newsletter #28 ~ July 9 to September 17, 2017



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

After many years of leading hikes for the Halton Hills Chapter, Heinz Rusche is retiring as a Hike Leader. Heinz has led many hikes for us over the years and he always had the most interesting stories to share. We will miss Heinz as a hike leader and thank him sincerely for all the volunteering he has done for us. **Thank you Heinz!**

**EVENTS ~ SAVE THESE DATES:** The Halton Chapter has a busy summer lined up with a number of events in addition to our regular hike schedule. There are lots of opportunities for volunteering and we welcome anyone who would like to help. Please contact Janet at [haltonhillshiking@gmail.com](mailto:haltonhillshiking@gmail.com) or 519-853-1285.

**SATURDAY, JULY 1st ~ CANADA DAY in GLEN WILLIAMS.** This year, the Halton Hills Chapter of the Toronto Bruce Trail Club is participating in the Canada Day Parade in Glen Williams. If you would like to take part, please meet us at the Glen Williams Cemetery on 20th Sideroad. We'll walk a short distance on the Credit Valley Footpath and down the staircase to the Glen Williams Sports Park where the Parade starts. We will depart the Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. Wear your best hiking gear and bring water as well as a snack. For more information, contact Angelika 905-877-7805 or [asgk.canada@sympatico.ca](mailto:asgk.canada@sympatico.ca)

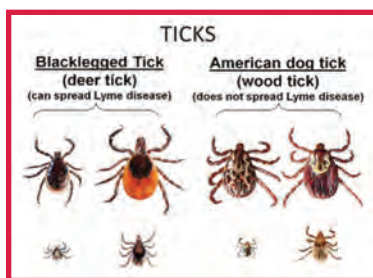
**FRIDAY, JULY 30 ~ SUNDAY, AUGUST 12:** Check out our window display at Young's Pharmacy, on Main Street in downtown Georgetown.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. LEATHERTOWN FESTIVAL.** 45 Mill Street East, Acton. The Halton Chapter will have a table at the Festival again this year. <http://leathertownfestival.com/>. The festival features a wide variety of vendors, exhibitors, crafters, food and artists. Fun and entertainment for the whole family. Volunteers are needed for set-up, take-down or joining us at our table. The Festival is a free event. If you can spare an hour or two, your help would be most appreciated. Contact Janet at [haltonhillshiking@gmail.com](mailto:haltonhillshiking@gmail.com) or 519-853-1285.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26:** Watch for us at the Georgetown Farmer's Market in downtown Georgetown.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:** The Limehouse Corn Roast & Silent Auction will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Limehouse Memorial Hall in the heart of the village of Limehouse. Enjoy a delicious BBQ along with locally grown corn. Bidding on the many items at the silent auction is an excellent opportunity to find some great buys and do some early Christmas shopping while at the same time supporting our local historic community hall. A hike will be featured prior to the corn roast. Please see hiking schedule for more details.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st ~ BRUCE TRAIL DAY.** Why not make this your year to introduce someone new to the Trail on Bruce Trail Day? Come out and celebrate Bruce Trail Day and the trail's 50th Anniversary. All ages are welcome ~ children must be accompanied by an adult. More details to follow.



**SEPTEMBER 22 ~ 24: BRUCE TRAIL CONSERVANCY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** This year's meeting will be hosted by the Toronto Bruce Trail Club in Milton. Check the Bruce Trail Conservancy website for more details at [www.Brucetrail.org](http://www.Brucetrail.org)

**BLACK FLY and MOSQUITO ALERT:** It's that time of year again when those pesky bugs will be active! Wearing light colours such as yellow and white will help ~ and don't forget to bring your bug spray. **Be alert for TICKS, which can cause LYME DISEASE!** • Don't walk barelegged in tall grass, wooded areas or marshlands • Try to stay in the centre of a cleared trail to avoid contact with overgrown grass, brush and leaf litter • Wear long sleeves, slacks and fully-closed boots or shoes when walking in grassy or wooded areas • Tuck your pant legs into your socks • Conduct a "tick check" on yourself after exposure to tick habitat • Wear light-coloured clothing to make the ticks easier to find • Insect repellents containing DEET are useful and can be sprayed onto clothing, especially pants and socks. For more information on Ticks and Lyme Disease visit [www.hnhu.org](http://www.hnhu.org) or [info@hnhu.org](mailto:info@hnhu.org)

## 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). Please dress according to the weather, sturdy boots are a necessity and don't forget your insect repellent, sunscreen, a snack and lots of water. Hikes may be changed or cancelled at the discretion of the hike leader. **And, please remember that all our hike leaders are volunteers.**



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

## HIKING SCHEDULE: July 9 to September 17, 2017



### Sunday, July 9 7th LINE to HOCKLEYCREST (Map 18)

Medium pace, some hills, approx. 9 km loop hike. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Hike will start at the parking lot on 7th Line, immediately east of Airport Road. From there we head north through forests, valleys and along ridges which offer great views. Short-cuts and drop-out points along the way. Optional stop afterwards for lunch in Caledon East.

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

### Sunday, July 16 BOYNE VALLEY / PRIMROSE LOOP SIDE TRAIL

Medium pace, moderate to strenuous terrain. Approx. 10 km. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot and carpool to the starting point at the Bruce Trail parking lot north of Primrose. We'll enjoy lush, cool valleys. Bring water/snacks.

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

### Sunday, July 23 DEVIL'S GLEN / BLUE MOUNTAIN SECTION (Map 22)

Medium pace, strenuous terrain. Approx. 8 – 10 km. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot to Devil's Glen Provincial Park (approx. 2 hrs. from Georgetown) to begin the hike. The highest location in Southern Ontario, reaching an elevation of approx. 1791 feet above sea level. View sweeps over the entire valley. Devil's Glen rests on a broad terrace known as the Manitoulin Bedrock ledge. The Gorge, carved by the Mad River, spreads out as far as your eye can see. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring insect repellent, water/snacks and lunch.

Hike Leader: Janet 519-853-1285 haltonhillshiking@gmail.com

### Sunday, July 30 MULMUR HILLS (Map 20)

Medium pace, some steep hills, 7.2 km. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park at km 29.2 on 1st Line E. From there we head east, crossing open meadows into dense forests with streams, bridges and boardwalks. We will then be rewarded with a fine lookout over the Boyne Valley before heading back via Oliver Creek Side Trail. Drop-out locations available. Dress for the weather, hiking boots or good walking shoes required, bring adequate water/snacks.

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

### Sunday, August 6 BEAVER VALLEY SECTION (Map 26) EUGENIA FALLS TO HOGG'S FALLS

Medium pace, strenuous terrain. 6.5 – 7 km. Car shuffle hike. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in Georgetown Market place parking lot and carpool to starting location just North of the Town of Flesherton (approx. 1.5 hrs. North of Georgetown). This is a day's outing. This trail winds along the edge of the Cuckoo Valley with excellent views of the 30 metre high waterfall and loops past a war memorial and picnic shelter. We will hike towards Hogg's Falls, considered one of Grey County's best-kept secrets. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring insect repellent, water/snacks and lunch.

Hike Leader: Janet 519-853-1285 haltonhillshiking@gmail.com

### Sunday, August 13 LIMEHOUSE CONSERVATION AREA and TODD BARDES MEADOWLANDS SIDE TRAIL

Medium pace, easy to moderate terrain. Approximately 7 km. Let's check on the beaver pond and the butterfly meadow. Perhaps we'll see some early Monarch butterflies! Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot to carpool to Limehouse. Afterwards we can drive to the Leathertown Festival in Acton for coffee and snacks.

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

### Saturday, August 19 FORKS OF THE CREDIT ~ HIKE FOR ICE CREAM!

This is an approximately 14K, moderate paced hike with 3 loops, on steep, strenuous terrain to flat moderate terrain. We will meet at DOMINION ROAD AND FORKS OF THE CREDIT ROAD at 9:30 a.m. You'll travel north on highway 10, turn left at Forks of the Credit Road. Dominion Road is approx. 4.5 km west of Highway 10. Come explore the beautiful side trails in the Forks of the Credit area, taking in the Trimble Side Trail, Crows Nest Side Trail, The Dorothy Medhurst Side Trail and the Quarryman Side Trail. The series of loops will allow for drop-outs, as we will return to the cars at the start of each leg of the hike. After completing the Trimble Side Trail loop, we'll stop in Belfountain for Ice Cream before returning to the cars. Please bring lots of water, sunscreen, lunch and your hiking boots.

(Pre-registration by email is appreciated)

Hike leaders: Bob Brander: hikingwithbob@gmail.com OR  
Deb Brander: hikewithDeb@gmail.com

### Sunday, August 27 GLEN HAFFY TO HUMBER VALLEY (Map 17)

Medium pace, hilly terrain with one road crossing, 10.3 km. We'll depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park at km 37.4 on Coolihan's Sideroad. From there, we'll head north through Glen Haffy's woodland, up to the Humber River, and then back via Glen Haffy Road (closed to traffic). Drop-out locations and short-cuts available. Dress for the weather, hiking boots or good walking shoes are required, bring adequate water and snacks.

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

### Sunday, September 10 GRINDSTONE CREEK / WATERDOWN

Medium pace, moderate to strenuous terrain, approx. 11 km. We will depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. This lovely trail is a geological and environmental treat! Optional: Pub stop afterwards at the "Royal Coachman" in Waterdown.

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

### Saturday, September 16 AFTERNOON HIKE & LIMEHOUSE CORN ROAST, LIMEHOUSE CONSERVATION AREA / BLACK CREEK SIDE TRAIL (Map 12)

Medium pace loop hike. Approx. 7 km. Depart at 2:00 p.m. from the LIMEHOUSE SCHOOL PARKING LOT. Starting from the School parking lot we will head north on the main trail – passing through young forest and climb the side of a large drumlin, looping back through the Limehouse Conservation Area and Black Creek Side Trail. Optional: After our hike we can join the Limehouse Corn Roast / BBQ – please bring money for the corn roast / BBQ. Dress for the weather, bring bug repellent, water and sun screen. Wear appropriate hiking shoes/boots.

Hike Leader: Janet 519-853-1285 haltonhillshiking@gmail.com

### Sunday, September 17 DUFF PIT SIDE TRAIL via THE BRUCE TRAIL

Moderate pace, moderate terrain, 8 km. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot OR at 10:20 a.m. at the Scotsdale Farm parking lot. Great variety defines this trail – with rolling fields, wetlands and mature woods. Bring lunch, water and sturdy foot wear.

Hike Leader: Paul Vanhanen 905-877-1294

