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Hockley Valley

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EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES:

BRUCE TRAIL DAY – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, at 1:30 p.m. Bruce Trail Day is fast approaching and we are bursting at the seams to share some exciting news with you! As in the past, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has agreed to sponsor Bruce Trail Day and this year we have an extra bonus. OPG has generously purchased a limited number of guidebooks that will be free on Bruce Trail Day with every new membership purchased. This is an incredible offer! This year the Halton Hills Chapter of the Toronto Bruce Trail Club is hosting **free guided hikes and family activities** to help you explore the Bruce Trail and discover the amazing variety of life along the Niagara Escarpment. **Meet at Limehouse Conservation area (near the Baseball Diamond) at 1:30 pm, Sunday, October 1.** Bruce Trail Day will run rain or shine, so dress for the weather, wear appropriate shoes and get ready for a great afternoon on the Bruce Trail. **ALL ages are welcome ~ bring your family, friends, children, grandchildren.** Children must be accompanied by an adult. See Hike Schedule for more information.

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21. The Halton Chapter will be participating at the Community Open House at the Georgetown Marketplace Mall from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Stop by and say "hello"!

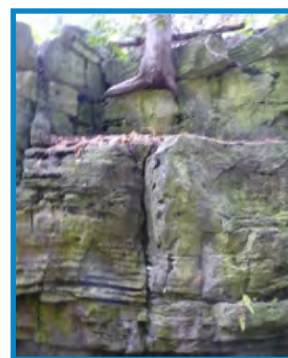
ANNOUNCEMENT: Fall is upon us once again – with winter just around the corner. We have a number of suggestions to make your hike more agreeable. Dress according to the weather report – to maintain a comfortable body temperature during the hike – dress in layers. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes are a must. Bring water, lunch and/or snacks.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HIKE AND LUNCH – DECEMBER 10, at the St. George Pub in Georgetown. Please see Hike Schedule for more details. Please RSVP by December 4th if you are planning on attending the lunch at haltonhillshiking@gmail.com

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.**



HIKING SCHEDULE: October 1, 2017 to January 1st, 2018

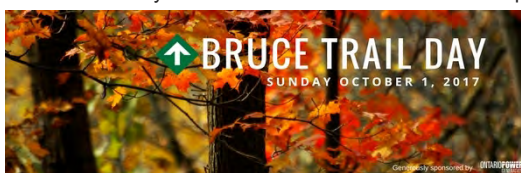
Sunday, October 1 ~ BRUCE TRAIL DAY

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. Bruce Trail Day is an annual event celebrating Canada's oldest and longest footpath, hosted by the Bruce Trail Conservancy and each of its nine Bruce Trail Clubs. The Halton Hills Chapter of the Toronto Bruce Trail Club is hosting free guided hikes and family activities to help you explore the Bruce Trail and discover the amazing variety of life along the Niagara Escarpment.

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Trail Day will run – rain or shine – so please dress for the weather, wear appropriate shoes and get ready for a great afternoon on the Bruce Trail. ALL ages are welcome – bring your family, friends, children, grandchildren. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This hike is a family, leisurely paced hike – 5k loop around the conservation area. There will be scavenger hunts for the kids and prizes

Hike Leaders:
 Sara Maedel 289-890-0439
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 Angelika Sommer 905-877-7805
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October 8, 2017

HOCKLEY VALLEY (Map 18, 29th ed.)

Medium pace, hilly terrain. Approx. 9.0 km. Short-cuts are an option. We will depart at 10:00 am from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We'll park just east of km 60.1 on Hockley Road. and head north into Hockley Valley Provincial Nature Reserve. The trail traverses over forested hills along meadows and across winding creeks. Dress for the weather, hiking boots required, bring adequate water, snacks and/or lunch.

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

October 15, 2017

BOYNE VALLEY / PRIMROSE LOOP SIDE TRAIL

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

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

October 22, 2017

MONO CLIFFS (Map 19, 29th ed.)

Medium pace, hilly terrain. Approx. 9.0 km. Short-cuts are an option. Depart 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park at the end of 2nd Line EHS. The trail offers great lookouts from hilltops and a short side trip leads down a steel stair case for a close-up view of the Escarpment's face. Dress for the weather, hiking boots required, bring adequate water/snacks/lunch.

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

Saturday October 28, 10:00 a.m.

MOUNTSBERG FAMILY HIKE

Join us for a stroller friendly, family outing at the Mountsberg Conservation Area near Campbellville. We will walk 3 to 5km on flat trails including the Nature Trivia Trail where you can test your knowledge using a trivia quiz. At noon we will take in a 20 minute Bird of Prey presentation at the Raptor Centre. After lunch our younger hikers can explore the Spooktacular Barn which has been set up for Halloween, or you can continue to explore the park on your own.

DIRECTIONS: From the 401, Exit at Guelph Line (go south for 900m), turn right at Campbellville Rd. for 4.3km, then right at Millborough Road for 1.1km. Mountsberg is on the left. Park entry is free with a Halton Hills pass, or \$7.50 for adults, \$5.25 for kids 5 to 14. Kids 4 and under are free. (Pre-registration by email is appreciated)

Hike Leaders:

Bob Brander: hikingwithbob@gmail.com OR

Deb Brander: hikewithDeb@gmail.com

Sunday, November 5

CANADA GOOSE SIDE TRAIL / BRUCE TRAIL

Medium pace, moderate terrain, 10 -12 km hike. Depart 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place at Georgetown Market Place parking lot or meet at start of the hike at 10:20 a.m. at 22nd side road and 4th line Bruce Trail parking lot. This should be a pleasant hike with late fall colours along the escarpment woodland trails. Wear appropriate hiking boots, bring water, lunch/snacks. Come and kick the leaves.

Hike Leader: Paul Vanhanen 905 877-1294

SUNDAY, November 12

RATTLESLAKE POINT SIDE TRAIL/LEECH PORTER SIDE TRAIL

Iroquoia Section (Map 11)

Medium Pace, Strenuous Terrain. Approximately 8 – 9 km, Loop Hike. Depart 9:30 a.m. from usual meeting place at parking lot behind Georgetown Market Place. You will see amazing lookouts over the Nassagaweya Canyon; turkey vultures soaring over the escarpment and interesting ecological rarities like the thousand-year-old cedars on this hike. Conservation Area Park entry fee applies on this hike. \$6.75 per person/\$5.75 seniors. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, water/snacks and lunch.

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

Sunday, November 19

MAIN TRAIL AND CANADA GOOSE SIDE TRAIL

Meet at the usual meeting spot at the Georgetown Marketplace Mall. Start time 10:00 a.m., Main Trail and Canada Goose Side Trail, 9.9km. Moderate pace, moderate terrain with a few steep hills. Please bring water and snacks/lunch. Dress appropriately for the weather

Hike leader : Teresa Rigg trigg2@cogeco.ca

Saturday, November 25, 9:30 a.m.

APPLE CIDERY LOOP

This loop hike follows the Caledon Trailway and the Bruce Trail through Cheltenham for 12.5km. There are some rocky sections as well as a trek through a mature mixed hardwood forest. We will visit the Spirit Tree Cidery enroute around lunchtime before continuing the hike back to the cars. DIRECTIONS: Travel north on Mississauga Road 20km north from the 401. Turn right at King street for 1.4km. Turn Left onto Creditveiw Road. Parking lot and entrance to the Caledon Trailway is 2km north of King Street. (Pre-registration by email is appreciated)

Hike Leaders: Bob Brander:

hikingwithbob@gmail.com OR Deb Brander: hikewithDeb@gmail.com

Sunday, November 26

SPEYSIDE TO VANDERLECK (Map 12, 29th ed.)

Medium pace, moderate terrain, with some poor footing. Approx. 8.0km. Short-cuts are an option. Depart 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park at km 12.1 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.

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

Sunday, December 3

ROCKSIDE SIDE TRAIL/CALEDON TRAILWAY

Medium pace, moderate terrain, some rocky sections. Approx. 8 km. Depart 10:00 am from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. This is a stimulating hike close to home through light bush, across a brook and across the escarpment.

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

Sunday, December 10

CHRISTMAS HIKE and LUNCH ~ MAIN TRAIL, EIGHTH LINE SIDE TRAIL and GREAT ESKER SIDE TRAIL

Meet at the usual meeting spot at Georgetown Marketplace Mall. Start time 10:00 a.m., 4.7km loop hike. Moderate pace, some steep hills and some wet areas. Wear waterproof footwear and dress appropriately for the weather. Please bring water and snacks. After the hike we will stop for

lunch at the St. George in Georgetown. Please RSVP by December 4th if you are attending the lunch – haltonhillshiking@gmail.com

Hike Leader: Teresa Rigg trigg2@cogeco.ca

Sunday, December 17

MOUNT NEMO (Map 10, 29th ed.)

Medium pace, some hills. Approx. 9.0 km. Depart 10:00 am from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. From there, we will park at km 88.2 on the east side of Walkers Line. We will ascend the escarpment and into Mount Nemo Conservation Area. This trail offers several lookout points and an observation platform. Dress for the weather, hiking boots required, bring adequate water/snacks/lunch.

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

December 26 – Boxing Day

SILVER CREEK / FALLBROOK TRAIL

Approximately 6 km medium paced hike. Get some exercise after all that Christmas feasting! We'll be departing at 1:00 p.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot.

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

January 1st, 2018

TERRA COTTA BRUCE TRAIL LOOP HIKE

Bring in the new year with a 6 to 8 km hike. Depart 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place at Georgetown Market Place parking lot or meet at the start of the hike at 10:20 a.m. at the 10th line Bruce trail crossing parking area. We will be stopping for lunch to toast in the new year and share any snacks we may have with us. Wear appropriate hiking boots and clothing as it may be cold, snowy / icy.

Hike Leader: Paul Vanhanen 905 877-1294

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