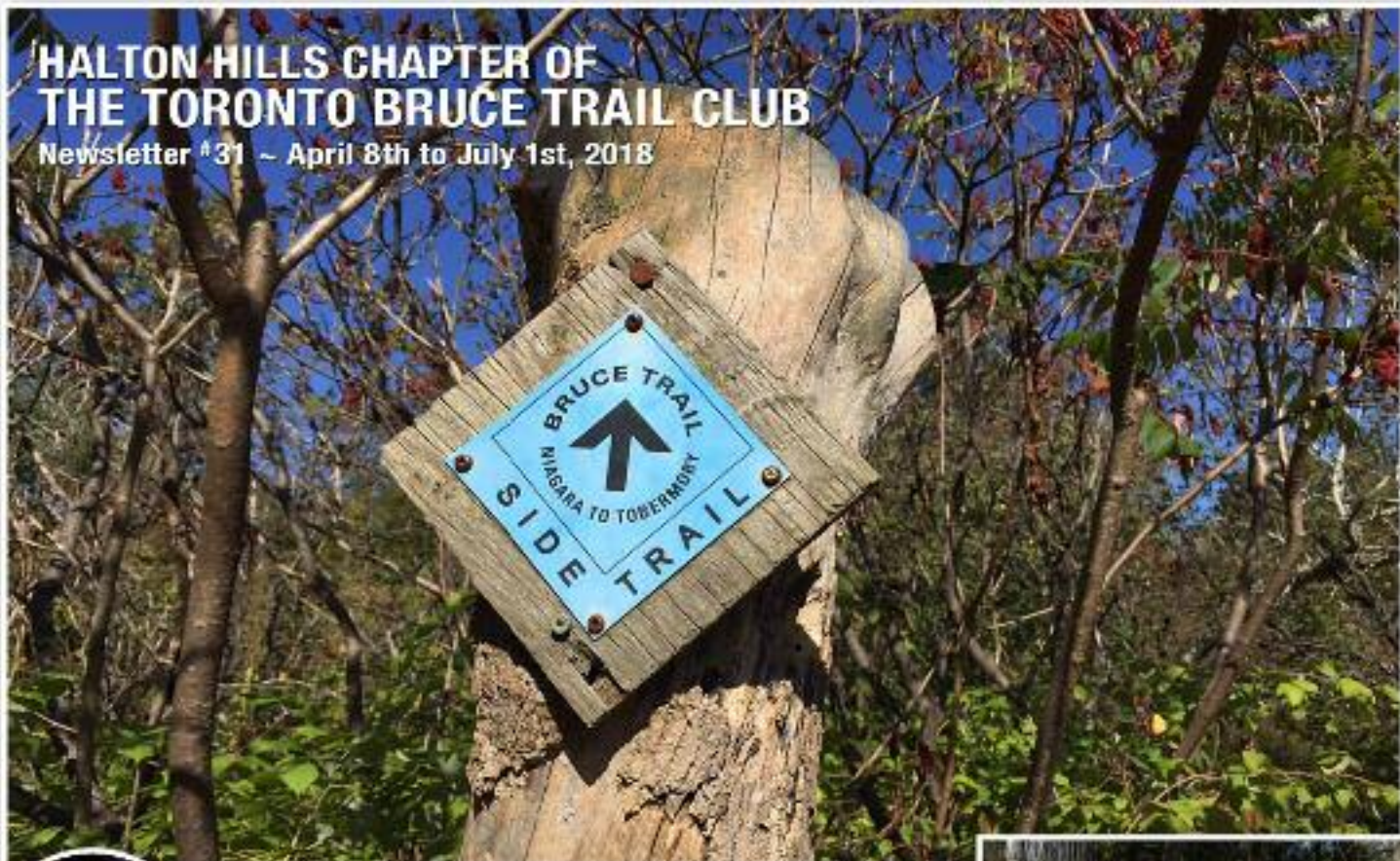


HALTON HILLS CHAPTER OF THE TORONTO BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

Newsletter #31 ~ April 8th to July 1st, 2018



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Saturday, April 14th

ANNUAL PANCAKE HIKE – A SWEET TASTE OF SPRING!

Family hike through the Limehouse Conservation area. Afterwards enjoy the annual Pancake Breakfast put on by the Limehouse Memorial Hall Committee, at the Limehouse Memorial Hall (optional). See Hiking Schedule for more information.

Saturday, April 21st ~ TORONTO BRUCE TRAIL CLUB ~ 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

For more information, please go to the TBTC website <http://www.torontobrucetrailclub.org/>

Saturday, April 28th ~ ANNUAL EARTH DAY AND SUSTAINABILITY FAIR, will be held at the

Georgetown Marketplace. The Halton Hills Chapter will have a display and information about the Bruce Trail. Visit the Bruce Trail booth and meet our hike leaders and volunteers. We will be handing out information and literature to interested visitors. Volunteers to help is greatly appreciated.

Please contact **Janet** at **519-853-1285** or haltonhillshiking@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering for an hour or two.

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.

NEWS FLASH ~ BLACK FLY ALERT! Beginning in May, those pesky Back Flies will be active again! Wearing light colours such as yellow and white will help some ~ but don't forget to bring your bug spray.

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 a snack and lots of water.

Please remember ALL our hike leaders are volunteers and hikes may be changed or cancelled at the discretion of the hike leader.

HIKING SCHEDULE: April 8 to July 1, 2018

Sunday, April 8

7th LINE TO HOCKLEYCREST (Map 18)

Medium pace, moderate terrain with some hills. Approximately 9 km loop hike. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Hike will start at the parking lot on the 7th Line, immediately east of Airport Road. From there we will head north through forests, valleys and along ridges offering great views. Short-cuts and drop-out points along the way. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate hiking shoes/boots. Bring adequate water/snacks.

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



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

HIKING SCHEDULE: April 8 to July 1, 2018

Saturday, April 14

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

Leisurely pace, easy terrain – Family Hike. Approximately 5 km. We will depart at 9:30 a.m. from Limehouse Public School Parking Lot. Everyone is welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. We'll 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 1800s. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear.

Afterwards, enjoy a pancake breakfast (optional), which is put on annually by the Limehouse Memorial Hall Committee. Please bring money for breakfast. Breakfast cost is \$7 per Adult; Children ages 6-12 \$3; under 5 free. All proceeds are in support of the Limehouse Memorial Hall. There will also be goodies and local maple syrup for sale at the Hall.

Hike Leader: Janet 519-853-125 or haltonhillshiking@gmail.com

Sunday, April 22

NORTH OF BOYNE VALLEY – ROCK HILL PARK SIDE TRAIL

Moderate pace, partially strenuous and rocky terrain, approximately 9 km. Depart 9:30 a.m. from the usual meeting place in Georgetown Marketplace parking lot, to carpool to starting location. Forests, open meadows and old orchards can be found along various loops and side trails in this area south of the Mulmur Hills. First spring flowers should be out. Bring water/snacks and lunch.

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

Sunday, April 29

THIRD LINE TO VANDERLECK SIDE TRAIL (Map 12)

Medium pace, moderate terrain. Approximately 6.5 km loop hike. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Hike will start on Third Line where the Charles Hildebrandt Side Trail terminates. From there we will hike to the main trail and south to the Vanderleck Side Trail. Hopefully, we will see some Marsh Marigolds along the way. Short-cuts and drop-out points along the way. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate hiking shoes/boots (conditions could be wet). Bring adequate water/snacks.

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



forest wild flowers should be at their best. Bring lunch, water, appropriate footwear and clothing. Trail may be muddy in spots.

Hike Leader: Paul Vanhanen 905-877-1294

Sunday, May 13

TERRA COTTA LOOP

Medium pace, moderate terrain. Depart 9:30 a.m. from the usual meeting place in Georgetown Marketplace parking lot to carpool to starting location. We'll explore the new main trail through the Terra Cotta Conservation Area to Heritage Road and loop back on the side trail. Bring, water/lunch or snacks.

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



Canada Day Parade
Glen Williams, 2017

Sunday, May 20

RIM OF AFRICA BRUCE TRAIL FRIENDSHIP TRAIL IN SHORT HILLS PROVINCIAL PARK

Medium pace, Moderate terrain, Approximately 6.5 km. Depart 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will travel to Thorald and Short Hills Provincial Park and hike the loop through the park. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear such as hiking boots, as the trail is rocky in places. Bring water, snacks and lunch.

Hike Leader: Teresa Rigg trigg2@cogeco.ca

Sunday, May 27

HOCKLEY VALLEY FROM PARKING LOT ON DUNBY ROAD

Medium pace, strenuous terrain, very hilly approximately 9 km. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in Georgetown Marketplace parking lot, to carpool to starting location. We'll hike along the main trail, the Cam Snell Side Trail and the Isabel East Side Trail, starting north of the park – and enjoy ponds, streams and lovely valleys as well as an old apple orchard along the way.

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

Sunday, June 3

DEVIL'S GLEN – BLUE MOUNTAIN SECTION (Map 22)

Approximately 8 – 10 km, Medium Pace, Strenuous Terrain. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in Georgetown Market Place to carpool to Devil's Glen Provincial Park (approximately 2 hours from Georgetown) to begin hike. It is the highest location in Southern Ontario, reaching an elevation of approx. 1,791 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 as far as your eye can see. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring your insect repellent, water/snacks and lunch.

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

Sunday, June 10

RIVER AND RUIN (Map 10)

Medium pace, moderate terrain with some hills. Approx. 8 km loop hike. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Hike will start at the parking lot behind Killbride School (near km 100.0). From there we will walk along quiet streets to the River and Ruin Side Trail where we will pass the ruins of an old stone house and Bronte Creek. Short-cuts and drop-out points along the way. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate hiking shoes/boots. Bring, bring insect repellent, adequate water/snacks.

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

Sunday, June 17

SYDENHAM SECTION – WALTERS FALLS LOOP (Map 29)

Approx 8 km, Medium Pace, Moderate Terrain. Depart 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in Georgetown Market place parking lot to carpool to the starting location at The Falls Inn at Walters Falls (approximately 2 hours from Georgetown) to begin a loop hike along the river and through the surrounding woods. There are some steep, but short ascents. This Trail visits an important piece of local heritage. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, bring insect repellent, water/snacks and lunch.

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

Sunday, June 24

FORKS OF THE CREDIT MAIN TRAIL AND DOROTHY MEDHURST SIDE TRAIL

Medium pace, Moderate terrain, Approximately 8 km. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear such as hiking boots, as the trail is rocky in places. Bring water, snacks and lunch.

Hike Leader: Teresa Rigg trigg2@cogeco.ca

Sunday, July 1 – CANADA DAY

CREDIT VALLEY FOOTPATH TO GLEN WILLIAMS PARK AND THE CANADA DAY PARADE

After a short hike along the Credit Valley Footpath from 22nd Side Road to Glen Williams Park, we'll take part in the Canada Day Parade in Glen Williams (optional). We will meet 9:30 a.m. at the usual parking lot in Georgetown at the Marketplace and carpool to 22nd Side Road. Let's enjoy the day and promote the Bruce Trail Conservancy's mission:

"preserving a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever"

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