



Bruce Trail
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2019 Annual Hiker Initiation Program

New to Hiking or thinking about it? Join the Toronto Bruce Trail Club's 2019 Hiker Initiation Program!

For those who would like to know more about hiking the wonderfully scenic trails in Southern Ontario, the Toronto Bruce Trail Club is offering a Hiker Initiation Program (HIP). The program has three parts:

1: Hiking Information Session –Tuesday April 16, 6:30pm– 8:30pm

An overview of the ins-and-outs of hiking, presented by experienced hike leaders from the Toronto Bruce Trail Club. This session will be held at the North York Civic Centre (5100 Yonge Street).

2: Hiking Equipment & Club Discount Night (10% off)-Wednesday April 17, 6:00pm–9:00pm

+ Hiking The Bruce Trail End-To-End Presentation

A visit to the Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC) downtown store (new location: 300 Queen Street West) or North York store (784 Sheppard Ave East) for an in-depth look at hiking equipment including boots, socks, clothing, backpacks, poles, water containers, and other hiking accessories. The MEC staff will give advice on how to choose your equipment. Participants will get a 10% off discount applicable to most items in the store. Note that MEC is a membership based co-op and you need to be a member to make a purchase (the lifetime membership fee is only \$5). For those who have the ambition there will also be a presentation at the North York Store (only) the same night on how to go about hiking all 890 km of the Bruce Trail from Niagara to Tobermory end-to-end. Hikers of varying abilities will learn about achieving this goal.

3: Introductory Hike on Bruce Trail –Sat April 27, 10:00am – 5:00pm

- Bus hike: A scenic 10 km loop hike on the Bruce Trail at Scotsdale Farm near Georgetown. The bus will pick up and leave York Mills Subway Station (Yonge Street and Old York Mills Road) at 10 am. The bus fare is \$10.00 per person.
- Car hike: a separate 10km loop hike will also be offered for those who prefer to drive to Scotsdale Farm. Meet 9:40am at Scotsdale Farm Parking Lot (enter from Trafalgar Rd, 1.7km northwest of highway 7, GPS: N43.687772, W79.990300). The group will depart at 10:00am.



Hiking boots are strongly recommended. Dogs are not permitted. We will be on the trail for about 4 hours, so pack a lunch and enough water for the day.

The program is offered at no charge other than the bus fare for those that attend the Bus Hike.

Register early at <https://membership.torontobrucetrailclub.org/hip/hip.php> as the number of course participants that can be accommodated is limited. Applicants will be accepted on a first come first served basis. For inquiries please email torontobrucetrailclub.hip2019@gmail.com.