

# HALTON HILLS CHAPTER OF THE TORONTO BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

Newsletter #36 ~ July 1st to September 29th, 2019



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**SUNDAY, JULY 1st – CANADA DAY PARADE:** Let's enjoy the day and help promote the Bruce Trail Conservancy's mission: "Preserving a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever". To take part in the parade, please wear something red and your best hiking gear. See hike schedule for more details.

**JULY 14 – 27, YOUNG'S PHARMACY WINDOW WILL FEATURE THE HALTON HILLS CHAPTER OF THE TBTC:** Be sure to take a look at the Halton Hills Chapter's display!

**SATURDAY, JULY 27, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., WE WILL BE PROMOTING THE BRUCE TRAIL AT OUR BOOTH/DISPLAY AT THE GEORGETOWN FARMER'S MARKET:** Volunteers are needed to help setup, take down and help in our booth. Please let Janet know if you're able to help an hour or more – [haltonhillshiking@gmail.com](mailto:haltonhillshiking@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11th, 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., is the 28th ACTON LEATHERTOWN FESTIVAL:** Join the fun and visit the Halton Hills Chapter's booth and display at this annual Festival in Downtown Acton. [www.Leathertownfestival.com](http://www.Leathertownfestival.com). There will be lots of food, vendors, entertainment and more. There will also be a hike that day which will end at the Festival. Please see the Hike Schedule for more details. Volunteers are needed for set-up, take down and help in our booth. Please let Janet know if you can help – [haltonhillshiking@gmail.com](mailto:haltonhillshiking@gmail.com).

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m, THE LIMEHOUSE CORN ROAST AND SILENT AUCTION:** will be held 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 to 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 the Hike Schedule for more details.

**BLACK FLY, TICK and MOSQUITO ALERT:** It's that time of year again when those pesky bugs will be active! Don't forget to bring your bug spray. Insect repellents containing DEET are useful and can be sprayed onto clothing, especially pants and socks. Be alert for TICKS, which can carry Lyme Disease. Try to stay in the centre of a cleared trail to avoid contact with overgrown grass, brush and leaf litter. Never walk bare-legged – wear long sleeves, slacks and fully-closed boots or shoes when walking in grassy or wooded areas. Tuck your pant legs into your socks. Wearing light colours such as white or yellow will help keep the bugs away and it will make the ticks easier to find. Conduct a "tick check" on yourself after exposure to tick habitat. For more information on ticks and LYME disease [visit www.hnhu.org](http://www.hnhu.org).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Hike start times and start locations vary – unless stated otherwise in the HIKING SCHEDULE ~ we'll meet at the south/east corner of the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot (south of the Medical Building, east of Walmart). Hikes may be changed or cancelled at the discretion of the hike leader. In case a hike has to be cancelled or changed ~ contact the hike leader if you plan to meet at the trail start. Please remember that ALL our hike leaders are volunteers.

## 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.



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

## HIKING SCHEDULE: July 1, to September 29, 2019

**Monday, July 1**

### **CANADA DAY PARADE**

The Halton Hills Chapter of the Bruce Trail will be participating in the Canada Day Parade in Glen Williams on July 1. Please join us in order to promote the Bruce Trail Conservancy and our Halton Hills Chapter.

Bring lots of water and a sun hat and wear something red as well as your hiking gear. Meet us at the registration desk at Wildwood Road and Beaver Street (west of Confederation Street) at around 11:15a.m., when we'll proceed to the starting position nearby.

**Hike Leader: Angelika 905-877-7805 [asgk.canada@sympatico.ca](mailto:asgk.canada@sympatico.ca)**



**Sunday, July 7**

### **CANADA GOOSE SIDE TRAIL and BRUCE TRAIL (Map 12, 29th Ed.)**

Leisurely pace, moderate terrain, an 8 km hike on the Canada Goose Side Trail and Bruce Trail. Meet 10:00 a.m. at the usual Georgetown Market place meeting area **or** at 10:20 a.m. at the 22nd Side Road and 4th Line Bruce Trail parking lot. We will be hiking along the escarpment, through mature natural forest and then loop back via the Charles Hildebrandt Trail and the Bruce Trail. Hiking boots are required as the trail is rocky in places and may be muddy. Bring your bug spray, snacks and water as we will be stopping on the trail for lunch.

**Hike Leader: Paul Vanhanen 905-877-1294 [pvanhanen@sympatico.ca](mailto:pvanhanen@sympatico.ca)**

**Sunday, July 14**

### **BOYNE VALLEY (Map 20, 29th Ed.)**

Medium pace, moderate to strenuous terrain. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot and carpool to the parking spot on 1st Line East (km 20.5). We will connect with the Boyne Valley Side Trail to create an approximately 7 km loop hike and be rewarded with a fine look-out over the valley from Murphy's Pinnacle. Afterwards, a stop in Caledon East for lunch and/or ice cream is optional. Dress for the weather, hiking boots or good walking shoes are required, bring bug spray, adequate water / snacks.

**Hike Leader: Sara Maedel 289-890-0439 [saramaedel@hotmail.com](mailto:saramaedel@hotmail.com)**

**Sunday, July 21**

### **FORKS OF THE CREDIT from Willoughby Road**

Medium pace, moderate to strenuous terrain. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place Georgetown Marketplace parking lot and carpool to the trailhead at Willoughby Road (Map 15, km 16). The approximately 10 km hike on the Bruce Trail and park trails will take us through woods and meadows along the Credit River and on to Kettle Lake. Dress for the weather, hiking boots or good walking shoes required, bring adequate water / snacks.

**Hike Leader: Angelika 905-877-7805 [asgk.canada@sympatico.ca](mailto:asgk.canada@sympatico.ca)**

**Sunday, July 28**

### **TRIMBLE, CROW'S NEST, RING KILN SIDE TRAILS and the DEVIL'S PULPIT (Map 14)**

Medium pace, moderate to strenuous terrain, approximately 8 km. We will depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We'll hike along three Bruce Trail Side Trails in the Forks of the Credit area as well as the Devil's Pulpit. Dress for the weather and bring insect repellent, sun screen, water and a snack / lunch.

**Hike Leader: Janet 519-853-1285 [haltonhillshiking@gmail.com](mailto:haltonhillshiking@gmail.com)**

**Sunday, August 4**

### **Main Trail, Terra Cotta Forest and Winston Churchill Side Trail**

Medium pace, moderate terrain, rail trail, some hills and steep slopes. Total route is approximately 9.2 km, with drop-out points along the way. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place at the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will hike through lovely hardwood forests, coniferous plantations and open fields. Wear appropriate footwear for the weather, bring water and lunch or snacks.

**Hike Leader: Teresa Rigg 905-867-4712 [trigg2@cogeco.ca](mailto:trigg2@cogeco.ca)**

**Sunday, August 11**

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

Medium pace, moderate terrain, some poor footing. Approximately 8 km. Short-cuts are an option. Depart 10:00 a.m. from our 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. Optional stop in Acton afterwards to check out the Leathertown Festival. Dress for the weather, hiking boots required, bring adequate water / snacks / lunch.

**Hike Leader: Sara Maedel 289-890-0439 [saramaedel@hotmail.com](mailto:saramaedel@hotmail.com)**

**Sunday, August 18**

### **SPLITROCK NARROWS and MONO CLIFFS**

Medium pace, moderate to strenuous terrain. 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 Splitrock Side Trail (2nd Line EHS, map 19). Total distance approximately 12 km at Splitrock Narrows and along Walter Towell Side Trail, returning on the main trail and Lookout Side Trail past McCarstons's Lake. Dress for the weather, hiking boots or good walking shoes are required, bring adequate water / snacks.

**Hike Leader: Angelika 905-877-7805 [asgk.canada@sympatico.ca](mailto:asgk.canada@sympatico.ca)**

**Sunday, August 25**

### **DUNCAN CREVICE CAVES PROVINCIAL NATURE RESERVE BEAVER VALLEY (Map 25)**

Medium pace, medium to strenuous terrain. Approximately 9 km. Depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We'll carpool to starting location – about 1.5 hr. drive from Georgetown. The terrain is variable, with hilly and rocky sections as well as some very impressive cave formations through a rocky gorge 30 m high. Dress for the weather and bring insect repellent, sun screen, water and a snack / lunch. Hiking shoes are highly recommended.

**Hike Leader: Janet 519-853-1285 [haltonhillshiking@gmail.com](mailto:haltonhillshiking@gmail.com)**

**Sunday, September 1**

### **MAIN TRAIL and BENNET HERITAGE SIDE TRAIL**

Medium pace, moderate terrain, with some steep hills and wet areas. We depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place at Georgetown Market Place. There are drop-out points along the way, but the total hike distance is 9.3 km. There will be wet spots, so bring appropriate footwear, water and a lunch or snacks.

**Hike Leader: Teresa Rigg 905-867-4712 [trigg2@cogeco.ca](mailto:trigg2@cogeco.ca)**

**Saturday, September 7**

### **AFTERNOON HIKE and LIMEHOUSE CORN ROAST at the LIMEHOUSE CONSERVATION AREA / BLACK CREEK SIDE TRAIL (Map 12)**

Medium pace, moderate terrain, approximately 7 km loop hike. 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 climbing 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](mailto:haltonhillshiking@gmail.com)**

**Sunday, September 15**

### **CREDIT VALLEY FOOTPATH**

Medium pace, moderate to strenuous terrain. Depart at 9:30 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot and carpool to the starting point 22nd Side Road. Total distance of approximately 11.5 km through woods and the Credit River flood plane to the rail tressle and back. Dress for the weather, hiking boots or good walking shoes are required, bring adequate water / snacks.

**Hike Leader: Angelika 905-877-7805 [asgk.canada@sympatico.ca](mailto:asgk.canada@sympatico.ca)**



**Sunday, September 22**

### **BRUCE TRAIL and ROCKSIDE SIDE TRAIL (Map 14, 29th Ed.)**

Leisurely pace moderate terrain, an 8 km hike on the Bruce Trail and Rockside Side Trail. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot **or** at 10:20 a.m. at Bruce Trail crossing on Winston Churchill Blvd. We will be hiking the newly opened Bruce Trail north from Winston Church Blvd. then loop back via the Rockside Side Trail. Hiking boots are required as the trail is steep in places, rocky and it may be muddy as well. Bring bug spray, snacks and water as we will be stopping on the trail for lunch.

**Hike Leader: Paul Vanhanen 905-877-1294 [pvanhanen@sympatico.ca](mailto:pvanhanen@sympatico.ca)**

**Sunday, September 29**

### **TWISS ROAD to CRAWFORD LAKE (Map 11, 29th Ed.)**

Medium pace, some hills, rocky terrain, approximately 10 km. We'll depart at 9:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will carpool to Twiss Road (at km 103.8), park and head north along the main trail into Crawford Lake Conservation Area. We will loop back using the Crawford Lake Side Trail. Along the way, we will walk past a reconstructed native village, a glacial lake and along the escarpment edge offering great views across the canyon. Dress for the weather, hiking boots or good walking shoes are required, bring adequate water / snacks.

**Hike Leader: Sara Maedel 289-890-0439 [saramaedel@hotmail.com](mailto:saramaedel@hotmail.com)**