

HALTON HILLS CHAPTER OF THE TORONTO BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

Newsletter 38 – January 1st to March 29th, 2020



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

The winter season is a great time to get out and be active with your family. If you're looking for some much needed time outdoors we have three Family / Beginner afternoon hikes offered. We also have scheduled a variety of other hikes for those who enjoy a more medium paced and longer hike. Check the schedule below for more information. Winter is here and we have a couple of suggestions to make your hike more comfortable. Dress in layers to maintain a comfortable body temperature during the hike. Bring a hot beverage to sip on for your lunch and/or snack breaks. Consider purchasing yaktrax or icers to put on your boots to make hiking safer during winter months.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 18, 2020: 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). More details to follow.

PLEASE NOTE: Hike start times and start locations vary – unless stated otherwise in the HIKING SCHEDULE below ~ 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. 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.



HIKING SCHEDULE: January 5 to March 29, 2020

Sunday, January 5

RIVER AND RUIN (Map 10, Ed. 29)

Medium pace, moderate terrain with some hills. Approx. 8 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 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 available along the way. Please dress for the weather and wear appropriate hiking shoes/boots. Bring adequate water/snacks. Ice cleats (icers) are recommended for icy conditions.

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



HIKING SCHEDULE: January 5 to March 29, 2020

Sunday, January 12

FAMILY HIKE / BEGINNER HIKE, SCOTSDALE FARM (Map 13)

Moderate to brisk pace, moderate terrain, approx. 9 km depending on weather conditions. Carpool from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Hike through the floodplain of the Credit River past massive willow trees. Some steep areas. Perhaps we'll see some animal tracks. Wear appropriate clothing and bring icers/yaktrax, a warm drink and a snack.

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



Sunday, January 26

MAIN TRAIL AND ROCKSIDE SIDE TRAIL

Easy to moderate pace, approximately 10 km. Depart from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot at 10:00 a.m.

We'll be walking along the Rail Trail and through hardwood forests and meadows. Some short but very steep slopes as we move along the brow of the escarpment. Dress appropriately for the weather, icers are recommended for winter conditions. Bring snacks, water and lunch.

Hike Leader: Teresa Rigg 905-867-4712
trigg2@cogeco.ca

Sunday, February 2

DUFF PIT SIDE TRAIL

Leisurely pace, moderate terrain. 6 to 9 km hike depending on winter conditions. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot or at 10:20 a.m. at Scotsdale Farm main parking lot. We will be hiking the Bruce Trail from the Scotsdale farm parking lot to the Duff Pit Side Trail and back. While on the trail we will be looking for the Ground Hog ~ as this is Ground Hog Day! Wear warm clothing, winter boots, bring snacks and water as we will be stopping on the trail for lunch.

Hike Leader: Paul Vanhanen 905-877-1294
pvanhanen@sympatico.ca

Sunday, February 9

HILTON FALLS WINTER PICNIC HIKE (Map 11, Ed. 29)

Medium pace, easy terrain. Approximately 8.0 km. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park in the small lot (CARPOOLING RECOMMENDED) at km 7.3 off Sixth Line. We'll stop for lunch at the fire pit next to the falls. Bring some food and/or drinks to share. Dress for the weather, hiking boots are required, bring adequate water/snacks. Ice cleats (icers) are recommended for icy conditions.

Hike Leader: Sara Maedel 289-890-0439
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Monday, February 17

FAMILY DAY HIKE AT SCOTSDALE FARM

Easy to moderate pace through hardwood forests and along open meadows. Approximately 5 km. This hike is an introductory hike, suitable for families with children. Depart from the usual meeting spot at the Georgetown Marketplace Mall at 10:00 a.m. Dress appropriately for the weather, icers are recommended for winter conditions. Bring snacks and water.

Hike Leader: Teresa Rigg 905-867-4712
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Sunday, February 23

FAMILY / BEGINNER HIKE – NORTH OF LIMEHOUSE TO 6th LINE TODD BARDES MEADOWLAND SIDE TRAIL (Map 12)

Leisurely pace, easy terrain. Approximately 5 to 6 km. We will depart from Limehouse Public School Parking Lot at 1:00 pm. This is a good beginner's hike or for those who enjoy a slower paced and shorter hike. Everyone is welcome. Children must be accompanied by an



adult. Dress for the weather – hats/mitts and appropriate winter footwear and icers if you have them. Please bring water/snack.

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

Sunday, March 1

SILVER CREEK

Moderate pace, moderate terrain. Approximately 8 km, depending on weather conditions. Depart 10:00 a.m. from the usual Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will hike along the Escarpment through mature woods and along the steep wall of the Silver Creek Valley. Bring lunch, snacks, a warm drink and wear appropriate clothing and boots/icers for snow or ice conditions.

Hike Leader: Angelika Sommer 905-877-7805
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Sunday, March 8

FORKS OF THE CREDIT (Map 15, Ed. 29)

Medium pace, some steep hills. Approx. 10 km. Depart 10:00 a.m. (the clocks went forward 1 hour!) from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park on the Forks of the Credit Road (just east of Dominion St.) and head north into Forks of the Credit Provincial Park where we will walk along a winding river and up through deciduous forest to the ridge top. Dress for the weather, hiking boots or good walking shoes are required. Ice cleats (icers) are recommended for icy conditions. Bring adequate water/snacks.

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Sunday, March 15

SCOTSDALE FARM, SNOWS & SILVER CREEKS (Map 13)

Leisurely pace moderate terrain, a 5 to 8 km loop hike on the Bruce trail and side trails depending on winter conditions. A short-cut is an option. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot or 10:20 a.m. at back entrance to Scotsdale Farm on the 8th Line parking area where the Bennett Heritage Trail crosses the road. Bring warm clothing, winter boots, snacks and water as we will be stopping on the trail for lunch.

Hike Leader: Paul Vanhanen 905-877-1294
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Sunday, March 22

FAMILY / BEGINNER HIKE ~ HUNGRY HOLLOW TRAILS GEORGETOWN

Leisurely pace, easy terrain. Approximately 5 to 6 km. Depart 1:00 p.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. This is a family friendly hike or for those who enjoy a slower paced and shorter hike. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather – hats/mitts and appropriate winter footwear and icers if you have them.

Hike Leader: Janet Le Lievre 519-853-1285
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Sunday, March 29, 2020

MAIN TRAIL AND CANADA GOOSE SIDE TRAIL

Approximately 10 km. Moderate pace, easy to moderate level of difficulty. Departure from the usual meeting spot at the Georgetown Marketplace mall at 9:30 a.m. The first section of the hike begins at Limehouse C.A. then winds through open fields. It then loops back along the Canada Goose Side Trail, through hardwood forests. Some sections of the trail may be icy or wet. Please dress appropriately for weather conditions. Bring snacks, water and lunch.

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