



# HI-LAND VIEWS

## Autumn 2014

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### Will-Chisholm Family Donates Trail Corridor in Dufferin

The Bruce Trail Conservancy is now 400 m. closer to achieving its goal of securing the entire trail, thanks to the generous donation of a parcel of land in the hills of Mulmur. This very kind gift consists of a 1.82 acre, wooded and tranquil corridor leading west off of Centre Road just southeast of Honeywood.

Sincere appreciation goes to Senta Maria Chisholm for her contribution to the cause and she has our assurances that we shall be vigilant stewards of this tract. We also welcome Senta's vision to secure the Escarpment and keep it in its pristine and natural grandeur.

Here are some of Senta's memories of her time at this place . . .

It is with great pleasure that the family donates this land to the BTC. Our story begins with my parents, Harry Paul Will and Annemarie Will, who sought a better life in Canada, emigrated to Ontario in June of 1951 and settled in Toronto soon after.

Not long after our arrival, the five of us began to search for land in rural Ontario. Many explorations of various geographical locations occurred but, upon discovering Mulmur Township, north of the River Road between County Road 124 and Airport Road, the search came to an end.

The views in the Hills of Mulmur reminded us of our home country, Germany, and the love affair with Mulmur began. My father purchased several farms over the next few years as well as the property where I currently reside. My three children will continue to nurture and appreciate this property.

We are proud of the fact that this donation allows future generations to hike on this part of the Bruce

Trail, sharing and enjoying its beauty in perpetuity. We would like to have this section of the trail known as "The Will-Chisholm Trail".

The Bruce Trail Conservancy's Dufferin Hi-Land Club would like to thank you for this wonderful gift, Senta!

And thanks to you and all our landowners and partners who share our mission in securing a corridor of natural splendor along the Niagara Escarpment.



Senta Chisholm

# Chase the Coyote

## Chase the Coyote - 27 September

The Third Annual Chase the Coyote Trail Race will take place at the stunning Mono Cliffs Provincial Park on Saturday, September 27, 2014.

Race Directors Norman Nadon and Jodi McNeill of Running Free Orangeville are aiming to increase the participation from last year's nearly 300 to a whopping 400 runners this year.

This community-supported event offers something for both the novice and more experienced runner.

There are two distances : 5.7 km. 'Sprint' offering a non-technical, relatively flat route, and 14.4 km. 'Challenge' featuring plenty of uphill climbs, stairs and fast single track.

Registration is available online at [www.chasethecoyote.com](http://www.chasethecoyote.com) as well as in person at Running Free Orangeville (cash only).

The event has the support of local businesses with snacks and prizes. To donate or have a vendor booth, contact [Jodi@RunningFree.com](mailto:Jodi@RunningFree.com).

For full details please visit the event website: [www.chasethecoyote.com](http://www.chasethecoyote.com)

A portion of the proceeds benefits the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club to support the work the club does in maintaining trails, especially in Mono Cliffs.

Dufferin BT also helps provide volunteers for food and administration and at water points. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Margery at [DHBruceTrailClub@gmail.com](mailto:DHBruceTrailClub@gmail.com).

# Hike Ontario Summit

## October 31 to November 2

Hike Ontario is celebrating its 40th anniversary in the city where Hike Ontario was conceived. This weekend of activities, by and for hikers, is centered at the Guelph Golf and Curling Club, on the banks of the beautiful Speed River.

From the free kick-off Pub Night on Friday, the Summit conference continues with a day of presentations & workshops on Saturday, culminating with a 40th anniversary dinner and musical entertainment by Guelph's own Katherine Wheatley. Then on Sunday, GHTC offers a choice of 5 free guided hikes to showcase beautiful local trails.

Saturday program highlights include keynote presentations on:

- \*the Waterfront Trail
- \*Grand River Trails: The Grand River Conservation Authority shows how trails help celebrate its river systems
- \*a virtual hike across the province - highlights from individual hiking clubs (back by popular demand) and 9 breakout sessions including:
  - \*nature photography hikes (bring your camera for an interactive session)
  - \*maps and guidebooks: do we publish online - yes? or no?
  - \*Kid's Hikes: running and growing a program
  - \*an update the Kissing Bridge Trail: extending it from Guelph all the way to Goderich
  - \*the Mood Walks initiative of the Canadian Mental Health Association in partnership with Hike Ontario
  - \*participation in Nordic walking
  - \*seeing the latest and most innovative in hiking gear and more!

For more information and registration visit [www.guelphhiking.com](http://www.guelphhiking.com).





## Mono Cliffs Provincial Park

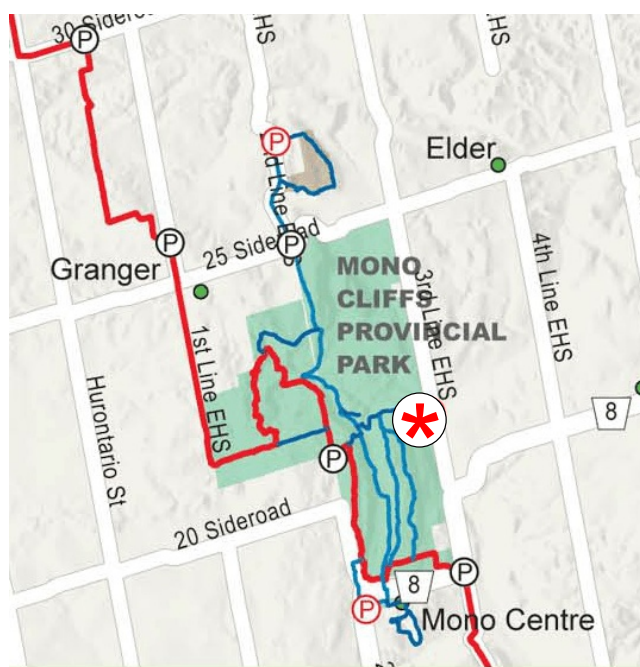
North of Orangeville - 3rd Line EHS Mono  
Sunday, October 5th, 10am - 3pm

### Outdoor family fun:

- Guided Hikes
- Nature walks
- Children's crafts & games
- BBQ
- Tours of new Split Rock property

Contact us for more info:  
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 Parking lot  
entrance at  
3rd Line EHS

# Autumn 2014 Hike Schedule

All km. trail references are to Edition 27 of the Bruce Trail Maps and Trail Guide.

## Hike Rating Criteria:

Pace: Leisurely - 3 km./hr or less

Medium - 3 to 4 km./hr

Brisk - 4 to 5 km./hr

Fast - 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

### **Saturday, August 23, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.: Sydenham End-to-End, Hike #1 of 8**

Sydenham Section, Maps 28/29; Car shuttle hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 22.1 km.

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at km. 22.1 where the trail crosses Sideroad 3.

From Hwy 10, turn right (north-east) at Holland Centre onto 30 Sideroad, then left onto Taylor Drive. Taylor Drive becomes Veterans Road, then 6th Concession S. Turn right at Sideroad 3 and drive about 1 km. east. Park on the shoulder at the trail crossing.

We will car pool back to the section boundary in Blantyre, then hike through woods, fields and rolling countryside. Highlights include historic and scenic Walters Falls. Bring lunch, water, sun screen and bug spray. If staying over for hike #2 contact Les for accommodation info.

Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416)763-8854 or [les.babbage@sympatico.ca](mailto:les.babbage@sympatico.ca).

### **Sunday, August 24, 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.: Sydenham End-to-End, Hike #2 of 8**

Sydenham Section, Maps 29/30; Car shuttle hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 22.3 km.

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at km. 44.4 where the trail crosses St. Vincent-Sydenham Townline.

From Hwy 26, drive north on St. Vincent-Sydenham Townline. Park on the shoulder at the trail crossing about 0.5 km. north.

We will car pool back to km. 22.1, then hike through the Spey River Forest, Bognor Marsh and the Woodford Escarpment, along with some road work in between. Highlights include a floating board walk across Bognor Marsh, scenic lookouts and an excursion through a narrow crevice (or around the by-pass).

Bring lunch, water, sun screen and bug spray.

Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854 or [les.babbage@sympatico.ca](mailto:les.babbage@sympatico.ca)

### **Sunday, September 7, 9:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.: Palgrave Side Trail**

Caledon Hills Section, Map 17; Car shuttle hike.

Pace: Medium; Terrain: Easy, gentle hills; Distance: 11.0 km.

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Palgrave Conservation Area parking lot on west side of Hwy 50, just north of Palgrave.

We will shuttle to the start of the hike on Coolihans Road, then hike back along the Main and Palgrave Side Trails.

Well-mannered dogs welcome.

Hike Leader: Helen Bailey, (905) 936-1119, or [helenbailey@dynamichcs.com](mailto:helenbailey@dynamichcs.com)

### **Saturday, September 13, 8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Toronto End-to-End+, Hike #1 of 4**

Toronto Section, Map 11; Loop hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 23.7 km.

Meet at 8.30 a.m. at Nassagaweya-Esquesing Townline parking at km. 11.8 of the Hilton Falls Side Trail.

This hike offers those wishing to complete their Toronto end to end the opportunity to cover 7.1 Km. of the main trail while taking in some interesting scenery on the Hilton Falls Side Trail. We will hike from km. 11.8 of the Hilton Falls Side Trail to the main trail then south to Km. 0.0 at the 401 and Appleby Line, then double back to the start of the Hilton Falls Side Trail and follow it back to the cars.

Bring lunch, snacks and adequate water. Hiking boots or appropriate foot wear recommended. All welcome including well-mannered dogs. Possible pub/coffee stop. Leaders: Pat Foley 416-578 3772 or [pfoley@ilap.com](mailto:pfoley@ilap.com) or Tristan Goguen [tgoguen@ilap.com](mailto:tgoguen@ilap.com)

## Address Changes :

**Many residents of Dufferin county have revised mailing addresses due to Canada Post changes . If so PLEASE advise the Bruce Trail Conservancy by contacting Pat Stainton email [pstainton@bruce-trail.org](mailto:pstainton@bruce-trail.org) 905 529 6821 ex 21 or 1 800 665 4453 ex 21**



**Hike Schedule continued**

**Saturday, September 20, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Sydenham End-to-End, Hike #3 of 8**

Sydenham Section, Maps 30/31; Car shuttle hike.  
Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 20.3 km.  
Meet at 10:00 a.m. at km. 64.7 on Irish Block Road, where the main trail leaves the road to the west and the Irish Block Side Trail leaves the road to the east. From Hwy 26, turn north onto Irish Block Road. Park on the shoulder at the trail crossing about 0.5 km. north.

We will shuttle back to km. 44.4. Our hike will take us through the Bayview Escarpment Nature Reserve, featuring lush woodlands, scenic lookouts and deep crevices, followed by a road trip through picturesque farmland. Bring lunch, water and sun screen. Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854 or [les.babbage@sympatico.ca](mailto:les.babbage@sympatico.ca)

**Sunday, September 21, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: Sydenham End-to-End, Hike #4 of 8**

Sydenham Section, Map 31; Car shuttle hike.  
Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 21.5 km.  
Meet at 8:00 a.m. at km. 86.2 in the Centennial Tower parking lot on the west side of Hwy 6 & 10. at the top of the hill as you enter Owen Sound.  
We will car pool back to km. 64.7. The trail includes a mix of forest, fields and road. Bring lunch, water and sun screen.  
Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854 or [les.babbage@sympatico.ca](mailto:les.babbage@sympatico.ca)

**October 4, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.: Dundas Valley Conservation Area Challenge Hike**

Iroquoia Section, Map 8; Loop hike.  
Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: approx. 25 km., with drop out option at about 15 km.  
Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the parking lot at the back of the Lions Outdoor Pool in Ancaster.  
Going west on Hwy 403 up the escarpment past Hamilton, take Fiddler's Green Road (Exit 60) north. Follow Fiddler's Green to the end, turning left on Jerseyville Rd. Continue for approx. 1 km., turning right into the Lions Community Pool Facility (you'll see baseball diamonds on the immediate left of this turn off). Parking lot is at the back of the facility.  
We'll circle the whole of Dundas Valley on an approximately 25 km. hike. Lots of hills and good distance to challenge the most hearty hiker.  
Bring lunch and plenty of water. Pub stop to follow.  
Hike Leader: Gilles Gagnon (289)237-5663 or [Bluewater@it-mike.com](mailto:Bluewater@it-mike.com)

**October 18-19, 2014, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Dufferin Hi-Land Fall Classic End-to-End**

Come out and hike the hills of the Dufferin Hi-Land section. The bus will leave at 8:00 a.m. each day from the parking lot on the 1st Line EHS (km. 29.2, map 20). The hike distance is 28 km. per day. To register, please send a \$25.00 cheque payable to Dufferin Hi-Land BTC to Dufferin Hi-Land BTC, PO Box 698, Alliston, ON, L9R 1V9. Please include your e-mail address or phone number.

For further information contact Peter Blackmere at (519) 217-6689 or [peter.blackmere@gmail.com](mailto:peter.blackmere@gmail.com)

**Saturday, October 25, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Sydenham End-to-End, Hike #5 of 8**

Sydenham Section, Map 32; Car shuttle hike.  
Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 15.5 km.  
Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Grey-Bruce Tourist Information Office on Hwy 6, just north of the junction of Hwy 6 and Hwy 21 (near km. 101.3).  
We will shuttle back to km. 86.2. Today's hike features a close up look at cliff face, excursions through crevices, views of abandoned lime kilns and the beauty of Inglis Falls. We will hike back to km. 101.3, then take the Merle Gunby Side Trail to return to our cars. Bring lunch, sunscreen and lots of water.  
Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854 or [les.babbage@sympatico.ca](mailto:les.babbage@sympatico.ca)

**Sunday, October 26, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Sydenham End-to-End, Hike #6 of 8**

Sydenham Section, Maps 32/33; Car shuttle hike.  
Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 24.1 km.  
Meet at 8:00 a.m. at km. 125.4, roadside parking on Lindenwood Rd, where the trail runs briefly along the road.  
Take County Rd. 1 north from Owen Sound to Hogg. Turn left onto Lindenwood Rd, and drive about 5 km. west. Look for the blazes along the road.  
We will car pool back to the Grey Bruce Tourist Information Office. Today's hike will take us through the north end of Owen Sound, along the Georgian Bluff Rail Trail, then through the Glen Management Area.  
Bring lunch and lots of water.  
Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854 or [les.babbage@sympatico.ca](mailto:les.babbage@sympatico.ca)

## Hike Schedule continued

**Saturday November 8, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.:**

### **Humber Valley Heritage Trail**

Car shuttle hike.

Pace: Medium; Terrain: Easy; Distance: 8 km.

Meet at 9:30 a.m. on Castlederg Road, at the west end of the bridge over the Humber River. This is between Humber Station Road and Duffy's Lane, just west of Highway 50. We will car pool to the northern end of the HVHT at Humber Station Road and the Caledon Rail Trail

This is a quite varied and interesting trail with signs of wildlife. Well behaved dogs are most welcome.

Leader: Bob Slack (519) 942-8608 or [bslack14@yahoo.ca](mailto:bslack14@yahoo.ca)

**Saturday, November 8, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.:**  
**Sydenham End-to-End, Hike #7 of 8**

Sydenham Section, Map 34; Car shuttle hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 20.0 km.

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at roadside parking at the end of Graham's Hill Rd just east of km. 145.7.

Take County Rd. 1 north from Owen Sound to Kemble Rock Road, turn left onto Concession 24, right onto Big Bay Sideroad and right onto Graham's Hill Road.

We will car pool back to km. 125.4. Today's hike will take us through the Lindenwood and Kemble Mountain Management Areas.

Bring lunch and lots of water.

Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854  
[les.babbage@sympatico.ca](mailto:les.babbage@sympatico.ca)

**Sunday, November 9, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.:**  
**Sydenham End-to-End, Hike #8 of 8**

Sydenham Section, Maps 34/35; Car shuttle hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 23.0 km.

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at km. 168.4, Bluewater Park parking lot, across from the arena in Wiarton.

We will car pool back to km. 145.7. Today's hike will take us along the cliffs of Skinner's Bluff and through the Bruce's Caves Conservation Area to a rendezvous with Wiarton Willie! Bring lunch, and lots of water.

Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854  
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**Saturday, November 15, 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.**  
**– Toronto End-to-End+ Hike #2 of 4**

Toronto Section, Map 12; Loop hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 16.2 km.

Meet at 9.00 a.m. at Nassagaweya-Esquesing Townline parking at km. 11.8 of the Hilton Falls Side Trail.

Today we will hike back to km. 7.1 on the main trail and follow it up to km. 15.0, giving us another 7.9 km. of main trail, then take the Vanderleck Side Trail back to the Hilton Falls Side Trail, which will take us back to the cars at km. 11.8.

Bring snacks, lunch and adequate water. Recommend hiking boots or appropriate foot wear. All welcome including well-mannered dogs. Possible pub/coffee stop.

Leaders: Pat Foley 416-578 3772 or [pfoley@ilap.com](mailto:pfoley@ilap.com),  
Tristan Goguen [tgoguen@ilap.com](mailto:tgoguen@ilap.com)

**Saturday November 22, 8:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. –**  
**Toronto End-to-End+ Hike #3 of 4**

Toronto Section, Maps 12/13; Car shuttle hike

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 15.7 km. .

Meet at 8.30 a.m. at Scotsdale Farm parking lot, off of Trafalgar Road 0.5 km. north of the intersection with Hwy 7.

Today we will car pool back to 17 Sideroad parking, take the Vanderleck Side Trail to km. 15.0 of the main trail. We will cover approximately 14.4 km. of the main trail and an additional 1.3 km. of side trails. Bring lunch, snacks and adequate water. Hiking boots recommended. All welcome including well-mannered dogs. Possible pub/coffee stop.

Leader: Pat Foley 416-578 3772 or [pfoley@ilap.com](mailto:pfoley@ilap.com),  
Tristan Goguen [tgoguen@ilap.com](mailto:tgoguen@ilap.com)

**Saturday November 29, 8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. -**  
**Toronto End-to-End+, Hike # 4 of 4**

Toronto Section, Maps 13 and 14; Car shuttle hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 20.5 km.

Meet at 8.30 a.m. at roadside parking on Creditview Road, just south of Old Baseline Road, near km. 49.5.

Today we will car pool back to Scotsdale Farm and hike back to the cars to complete the last 20.1 km. of main trail and the Toronto Section.

Bring lunch, snacks and adequate water. Hiking boots recommended. All welcome including well-mannered dogs. Possible pub stop.

Leaders: Pat Foley 416-578 3772 or [pfoley@ilap.com](mailto:pfoley@ilap.com),  
or Tristan Goguen [tgoguen@ilap.com](mailto:tgoguen@ilap.com)

## Hike Schedule continued

### **Saturday, December 27, 9:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Dufferin Hi-Land Annual "Walk off the Turkey Hike"**

Caledon Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18; Loop hike. Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: 11 km.

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at km. 67.4 on Dunby Road. From Hwy 10 take Mono Centre Road east to 2<sup>nd</sup> Line EHS. Turn right for about .5 km., then left onto Dunby Road. Parking is about .5 km. east, where the main trail meets Dunby Road.

We will hike the main trail, Snell and Glen Cross Side Trails. Snow shoes may be required. Call if in doubt. We are walking off all the turkey, potatoes, and desserts we ate over Christmas. Well-behaved dogs welcome, and all your turkey attire and paraphernalia, but ***NO TURKEY SANDWICHES***. Pub stop to follow....we can still drink.

Hike Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley 519-942-6488 or [folbran50@yahoo.ca](mailto:folbran50@yahoo.ca)

### **Thursday, January 1, 1:00- 4:00 p.m. - Annual New Year's Day Hike**

Dufferin Hi-Land, Mono Centre, Map 19; Loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Easy to Moderate; Distance: 8-10 km.

Work off the excesses of the night before and/or get a jump start on those resolutions with a casual walk through Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. All ages and levels are welcome. Well-mannered dogs also welcome.

Meet at the Mono Community Centre parking lot. Veteran hikers will find the Community Centre right behind the Pub (aka Mono Cliffs Inn, Peter's Cellar). Others can take Mono Centre Road east from Hwy 10 and look for the Community Centre on your right as you approach the stop sign in Mono Centre. Leader: Les Babbage, 416-763-8854 (evenings); [les.babbage@sympatico.ca](mailto:les.babbage@sympatico.ca)

### **Saturday, January 3, 6:30- 8:30 p.m. Moonlight Snowshoe Hike**

Dufferin Hi-Land, Primrose, Map 20; Loop hike.

Pace: Medium; Terrain: Easy; Distance: 6 km.

Meet at 6:30 pm. at km. 13.3 parking on 30 Sideroad, Mono, 2 km. east of Hwy 10, approx. 15 km. north of Orangeville.

Hike the Bruce Trail at night under a full moon. You need snowshoes, headlamp, water, hat, mitts, layered clothing. Its cold! Hike starts at 6:30 ***SHARP!*** Be punctual, be adventurous. Pub stop to follow. Questions?

Leaders: Carol and Bryan Foley [folbran50@yahoo.ca](mailto:folbran50@yahoo.ca) or 519-942-6488

## **Mark your calendar:**

### **Winter Badge snowshoe hikes:**

January 17, 2015: Daytime hike

January 31: Full Moon hike

February 21: Daytime hike

March 7: Full Moon hike

## **Tuesday Hike Schedule**

### **Tuesday, September 2, 2014 9:30 am – 12 pm**

Dufferin Hi-Land. Approx. 8km Pace leisurely, terrain moderate We will hike loops in Mono Cliffs Meet at Mono Community Centre On County Rd 8 Map 19

### **Tuesday, September 9, 2014 9 am – 3 pm**

Beaver Valley 9.3km Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous We will hike from Hogg's Falls km 63.3 to North St. in Eugenia km54 Meet at Superburger Hwy 10 & 89 or Hogg's Falls **at** 9:30am Map 26 Bring lunch

### **Tuesday, September 16, 2014 9am – 2 pm**

Caledon, 8.8km Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous We will hike from Forks of the Credit Rd. up the Devil's Pulpit **to** the Cheltenham Badlands km 0. Meet at Home Hardware parking lot Hwy 10 Orangeville **at** 9am or Forks of the Credit Rd. km 8.8 at 9:30am Maps 15 and 16.

### **Tuesday, September 23, 2014 9:30 am – 2 pm**

Dufferin Hi-Land 8.1 km Pace leisurely, terrain moderate to strenuous We will hike from Dufferin County Rd 21 km 49.6 South to 20 Side road and Prince of Wales Rd Meet at Superburger Hwy 10 and 89 9:30am **or** Dufferin Rd 21 at 10am Map 21



**Tuesday, September 30, 2014 9am – 3 pm** Toronto Section 8.3km Pace leisurely terrain easy/moderate We will hike various loops in Silver Creek Conservation Area. Meet at Home Hardware Hwy 10 in Orangeville at 9am or 10<sup>th</sup> Line parking area south of County Rd 42 km 38.5 at 9:30 am Map 14 Bring a lunch

**Tuesday, October 7, 2014 8:30am – 3 pm** Annual trek around Big Head River in Meaford 14 km Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate Meet at Superburger Hwy 10 and 89 at 8:30am or at Beautiful Joe Park in Meaford at 9:45am Bring lunch

**Tuesday, October 14, 2014 9am – 3 pm** Blue Mountain 10.7km Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous We will hike from the John Haigh Side Trail to Standing Rock and Caves Side Trail Meet at Superburger hwy 10 and 89 at 9am or at John Haigh Side Trail approx. 3km east of Gibraltar and 4<sup>th</sup> Line at 9.45 am Map 23 Bring lunch

**Tuesday, October 21, 2014 9:30am – 12 pm** Caledon, Hockley Valley approx 10km Pace leisurely, terrain strenuous We will hike the Glen Cross and Tom East Side trails (Jezu Olle Friendship Trail) Meet at parking lot east of main trail (2<sup>nd</sup> Line EHS) on Hockley Valley Rd. Map 18 Bring lunch

**Tuesday, October 28, 2014 9:30am – 12 pm** Dufferin Hi-Land approx 8km Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate We will hike the Rockhill loop and other loops in the Pollock property Meet at parking lot on 1<sup>st</sup> Line East, just south of Dufferin 17, Map 20

**Tuesday, November 4, 2014 8:30am – 3 pm** Iroquoia Section, approx. 9km Pace leisurely, terrain moderate We will hike from Crawford Lake and do a loop via Leech and Porter Side trails. Meet at Orangeville Home Hardware, Hwy 10 at 8:30 at 8.30 a.m. or Crawford Lake Conservation Area on Guelph Line, 3km south of Campbellville at 9.45 am There is a fee for parking. Bring a lunch. Map 11

**Tuesday, November 11, 2014 9:30am – 12 pm** Remembrance Day Hike, 2 minute silence at 11am Dufferin Hi-Land 7.6km Pace Leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous We will hike from 30 Side Road south to Centre Rd. in Mulmur Meet at Superburger Hwy 10 and 89 at 9:30am or 30 Side Road 10am Map 21

**Tuesday, November 18, 2014 9am- 12 pm** Caledon Section, 8.5km Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate We will hike a loop in Forks of the Credit Prov. Park. Meet at Home Hardware on Hwy 10 at 9am or Forks of the Credit Rd. just before park entrance at Dominion Rd. at 9:30am. Map 15

**Tuesday, November 25, 2014 9:30am – 12 pm** Dufferin Hi-Land, approx 6km Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate We will hike loops in Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. Meet at Side Road 25 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Line, north end of Walter Tovell trail. Map 19

**Tuesday, December 2, 2014 9:30am – 12 pm** Caledon Section, 7km Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous We will hike from 7<sup>th</sup> Line off Airport Rd, south To Coolihans Side Road. Meet at Coolihans Side Trail 2.5km south of Mono Mills, east off Airport Rd. Maps 16 and 17

**Tuesday, December 9, 2014 9:30am – 12 pm** Dufferin Hi-Land, approx 8km Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous We will hike from Hwy 89 north to Murphy's Pinnacle and back via Boyne Valley side trails Meet at Superburger ant Hwy 10and 89 Map 20

**Tuesday, December 16, 2014 9:30am – 12 pm** Dufferin Hi-Land, approx 6km Pace leisurely, terrain moderate We will hike various loops in Mono Cliffs Meet at 2<sup>nd</sup> Line park gate, north of Mono Centre Map 19

**Tuesday, January 6, 2015 9:30am – 12 pm** Dufferin Hi-Land, approx 4-6km Pace leisurely, terrain moderate We will hike the Kilgorie loop and loop off Prince of Wales Rd, depending on weather We will meet at Superburger Hwy 10 and 89 Map 20

## *The Farmer's Walk Bed & Breakfast*

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## Dufferin's Newest End-to-Enders

Many hikers aspire to complete all 890 kilometres of the Bruce Trail. Dufferin Hi-Land member, Tony Riggs recently achieved this goal, closing the final gap at the north end of the Blue Mountain section in June 2014.

Tony joined the BTC in 2010 by signing up with his closest club, Toronto BTC, and completing the Toronto section in 2011. He continued his journey through a variety of club end-to-end events, individual club hikes and solo "in and out" hikes.

Along the way he met up with our Dufferin group and completed several sections with our fun-loving hikers and made Dufferin as his home club.

Asked what were his best and worst moments along the way, Tony cited finishing with a run through the hikers' salute of poles (pictured below) at Swiss Meadows as his best and one super-hot, super-humid day at Lion's Head as his worst.

Tony's advice to other aspiring end-to-enders? Take the time to enjoy the beautiful landscape you're walking through. The Bruce Trail provides access to fantastic country you wouldn't know was there if you were driving by on a nearby road.

Welcome to the BTC End-to-Enders club, Tony and congratulations on your achievement!



Tony Riggs arriving at Swiss Meadows (where Blue Mountains and Beaver Valley sections meet) having completed the entire Bruce Trail.



## Public Relations Report

This has been a busy summer for promoting our club! DHBTC had a table at the Potato festival on August 9 and will have one at the Honda Health Safety & Wellness Fair on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

The fall brings us the Chase the Coyote Trail Run on September 27<sup>th</sup>, Bruce Trail Day on October 5<sup>th</sup>, Theatre Orangeville Fundraising evening on October 15th, and the Dufferin Hi-Land end-to-end on October 18-19.

I have been using social media to promote these events. Facebook is close to 600 'likes' meaning that 600 'friends' have seen our events and are keeping up-to-date by receiving our notifications. If you are a fan and want to receive 'notifications', please 'like' "Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club" on Facebook today!

Calvin James has been doing an excellent job complementing me by posting hikes, events and information, as well as maintaining the web site [dufferinbruceclub.org](http://dufferinbruceclub.org).

I would like to improve the web-site by adding news items, as well as links to other trail systems, associations and clubs. Other suggestions are welcome.

I have posted our events on community calendars including *SNAPd*, *In the Hills* and *Get Out There* magazine. The Bruce Trail Day poster is included in this newsletter and an ad is coming soon to the banner. Also, posters have been put up in Orangeville, Shelburne and other communities by people like you.

Please contact me if you would like to volunteer!

Respectfully submitted,

Margery Cruise,

Public Relations Director

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**March 9 to 22, 2015**

Fascinating and complex, Israel offers immense diversity. Hike the lush vineyards of the Golan Heights & the deep canyons of the Judean Desert, plus the famed Jesus Trail from Nazareth to the Sea of Galilee. We shall visit Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, Masada, Bethlehem and Tel Aviv, and although this holiday is not religious by design, we cannot help but be immersed in the dominant role it has played for centuries.

## CAMINO DE SANTIAGO, SPAIN

**April 15 to 27, 2015**

The Camino de Santiago is an iconic trek covering some 800km across the north of Spain. Our journey encompasses the last 152km from O'Ceireiro to Santiago de Compostela, and we've included many "extras" as part of the tour in order to make it a complete Galician experience. Thousands of pilgrims have walked before us, and it is time to add your footsteps to this renown trail.

## CORFU, GREECE

**May 11 to 23, 2015**

This Greek island is the perfect combination of European flare and tranquil sea-side living. Hike to the heavens to visit holy monasteries and trek in shade of ancient olive groves. We promise - you will never tire of the deep, deep blue of the sea that surrounds you. Opa!



## HIKING IN THE HIGH DESERTS OF CALIFORNIA

The author and her husband spent three days hiking in three high desert parks in California in late November 2013.

By Georgina Shelton

### MT. SAN JACINTO STATE PARK

Ascending the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway to 2750 m (8250 ft) elevation in the Mt. San Jacinto State Park, the view of the valley was obscured by falling snow. As we set out on the Desert View Trail with the air temperature at 6°C and a thin layer of snow on the ground, we were mindful that we were the sole hikers on the Trail and that signs posted urged wariness due to indigenous Mountain Lions. As we walked further out from the Mountain Station, passing among huge Jeffrey Pines, we spotted a Mule Deer and a Merriam's Chipmunk. We were not the only items on the menu! Due to uncertain and possibly worsening weather, we opted for a short hike.



Hiking Along Desert View Trail in Mt. San Jacinto State Park

### JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK

While we in Ontario are accustomed to, and at ease with, pines and hardwoods, in the high desert, the Joshua Tree is king, acting as an important part of the Mojave Desert ecosystem, providing habitat for numerous birds, mammals, insects, and lizards. Joshua Tree National Park has a series of Nature Trails and Hiking Trails. It is along these trails that you see a fascinating geologic landscape. One feature, referred

to as 'rockpiles', is made up of rocks of monzogranite, sculpted by the forces of Nature into an intriguing variety of shapes.

Within the boundaries of Joshua Tree National Park, we hiked into Hidden Valley (elevation: 1400 m), following a trail that weaved its way between rockpiles into a sort of sanctuary or oasis. The history of the location says that just months before President Roosevelt declared this secluded valley a national monument in 1936, the opening into this beautiful spot was blasted out by a local rancher named William Keys. Because it had been secluded for so long, the native Bunch Grass was lush and plentiful for grazing cattle. Cattle no longer graze there, but hikers love the unique and beautiful scenery in this part of the high desert.



Rockpiles in Joshua Tree National Park

Still within Joshua Tree National Park, we walked the Barker Dam Trail, Skull Rock Trail, and the Cholla Garden Trail. Each is short and each has its story. The Barker Dam was constructed in 1900 by cattlemen, including C.O. Barker. The access trail to the Dam provides more fascinating geologic features. Skull Rock is popular due to its unique shape. When you walk the trail through the Cholla Garden in the desert, a garden quite unlike an Ontario garden, you keep your arms in and fingers away from the cholla cacti after reading signs that remind you how hazardous it is.



## HIKING IN CALIFORNIA continued



Trail Blazes and Geology Along Barker Dam Trail in Joshua Tree National Park



Cholla Garden Trail in Joshua Tree National Park

## ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK

Further south, the Palm Canyon Trail in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park entails a rocky climb leading to a native palm grove, a very special spot in the high desert. Although only a 5 km round trip, the reward when you reach the oasis of huge palm trees surrounding a small creek with cold clear water is a memorable hike. When you leave the Canyon and return to the valley, you can embark on a sharp, steep climb up the Panoramic Overlook Trail for a view of the village of Borrego Springs. Rocky, rugged, and no railings!



Hiking the Palm Canyon Trail in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

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## 20k Challenge a Walkaway Success

The advertising promised all the best hills in Dufferin accumulated for your hiking pleasure. Considering the route – from Rock Hill to the Boyne Valley School entrance plus a loop at each end – it must have seemed by mid-afternoon that All the hills in Dufferin had been jammed into a hike that was totally uphill both ways.

Nevertheless, June 21 witnessed another totally successful 20k Challenge. Twenty-one hikers started out promptly at 9:30. The weather was perfect all day: 23 degrees, sunshine all the way, no Humidity.

Half way through the always charming Glenys, Barbara, and Elizabeth once again presided over the most sumptuous checkpoint buffet on the entire Bruce Trail. At the end – which for the last finisher was at 4:30, our new Special Events Director Peter Blackmere was waiting with hot dogs(home- made relish) in one hand and completion badges in the other.



Rehydrated, refreshed, and ready: only 10km. to go



Elizabeth and Glenys offering sympathy to the weary



Checkpoint Buffet: note the home baking in the background



## Sable Island: Horses and Seals in the Atlantic

By Marlis Butcher

On June 20, 2014, I boarded the Sea Adventurer (4000 tonnes, 100+ passengers, ice-capable) with about 90 other explorers. We were a seasoned group of scientists/researchers, photographers, authors, people from Canadian Geographic and Canadian Gardening magazines, horse enthusiasts, birders, and adventure travelers; the second only “tourist” group to visit Sable Island National Park. Adventure Canada organized this unique opportunity for us.

Two days at sea, from St. John’s Newfoundland, got us to Sable Island, 170 km off the coast of Nova Scotia. The newest of Canada’s national parks, Sable Island is just a long crescent of sand on the edge of the Banks in the Atlantic Ocean – an unexpected location for sand dunes.



Cruise ship Sea Adventurer

Each of our four days at the Island, Parks Canada escorted us on ½ day walking tours. At first we just saw the grass covered sand dunes. Then we saw our first horse! Shaggy, wild, free, unfettered by human support or interaction. The horses were brought to Sable over 200 years ago, and have gone feral. They live their lives as nature sees fit: breeding, growing, dying. There are now over 500 of them.

We watched as they grazed, scratched themselves on driftwood, and nursed their foals. From our Zodiacs, we witnessed a stallion challenge another that was moving his herd across a long sand spit between two grassy dunes – this was not a choreographed movie – this was nature in the raw!



Wild Sable Island horse and foal

At the few fresh water ponds on the island, we saw the endangered Ipswich sparrows flitting about their nests, and Black Backed gull chicks squawking to be fed. Our guides instructed us on the various plants growing on Sable, and on the dynamics of this unique ecosystem.

Of course, we also saw Grey and Harbour seals basking in the sun; we kept well back in our Zodiacs so as not to scare them into abandoning the beach for the safety of the ocean. Those that were in the water raised their heads periscope like, to check us out. Even a Mola Mola fish swam to find out what we were. From our ship we delighted as dolphins and Bottlenose whales splashed around us.

This was truly an awesome, once in a lifetime opportunity, highlighting an unique part of Canada. I was also fortunate enough to make many new friends and connections with people who enjoy the natural wonders of our world! Travel on – explore the world!

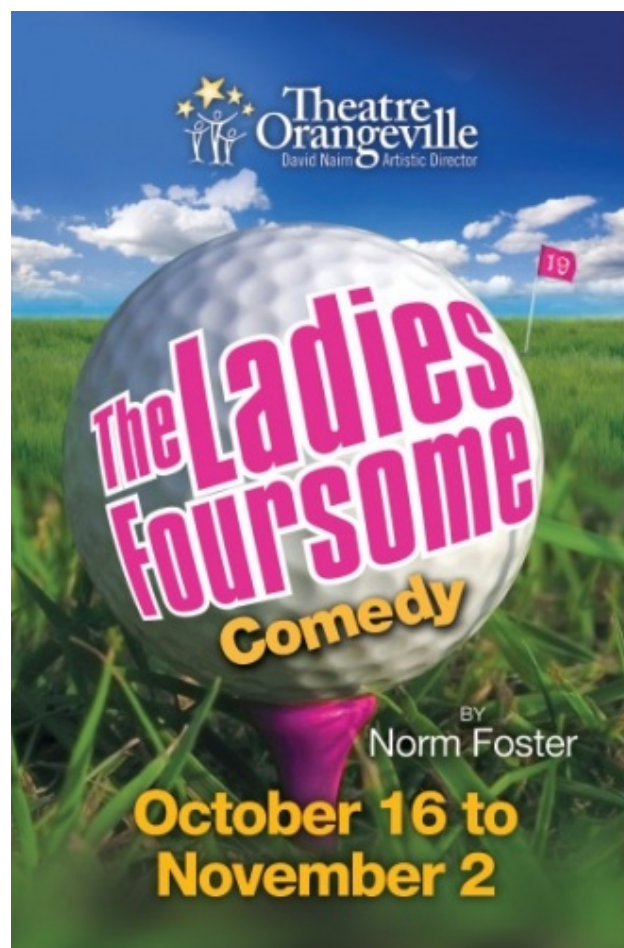
**The deadline for submissions** for the next edition of *Hi-Land Views* is December 15, 2014. Please send submissions to Larry Haskell [lhaskell@sympatico.ca](mailto:lhaskell@sympatico.ca) or Tony Hopkins [hopkins@glendon.yorku.ca](mailto:hopkins@glendon.yorku.ca)

Enjoy the theatre and want to support Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club? Join us for a special preview performance of "Ladies Foursome", a comedy by Norm Foster at Theatre Orangeville at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, October 15.

*All the way from the first tee to the last, THE LADIES FOURSOME will delight as four Women discuss love, life, children, sex – in fact EVERYTHING but golf! Many surprises, secrets, and confessions come to the surface as the ladies try to stay on course to the 19<sup>th</sup> hole!*

Call the theatre at 1-800-424-1295 and tell them you are part of the DHBTC and you'll get tickets at the low price of \$35. Theatre Orangeville will donate \$30 to the DHBTC.

Now what could be better than that!! Go to [www.theatreorangeville.ca](http://www.theatreorangeville.ca) for information.



## Maria's and Heather's and Tim's Excellent Mis-Adventure

On a blistering hot day at the end of June, Maria and Heather and Tim started out to hike the Dufferin section from the Boyne Valley School to Prince of Wales Road just north of Kilgorie. All are experienced hikers, all were well equipped.

But each hill got steeper, each hour got hotter. 8 km., at the parking lot at Rock Hill, they concluded that doing the remaining 8 k could be much less fun than the first 8 km. had been.

Tim volunteered to continue, and set off, taking due care, and a short cut if possible, on towards the car parked at Prince of Wales. Maria and Heather would come along at a reduced pace, and he would pick them up along the route. Then, out of the blue and the heat, a Dufferin club member, whose car was parked at Rock Hill, stumbled out of the bush, sweaty and thirsty, having cut his planned three-hour tour of the

loops south of Rock Hill down to two, muttering about remembering to take two litres of water with him next time.

After introductions and note-comparing about the surprising hotness of the day, and the unexpected effect on hikers who generally knew what they were doing, it dawned on the Dufferin member that he could drive and pick up Tim, take him to the car, saving Tim a lot of walking. So he did, Heather and Maria phoning Tim to let him know that this time it would be OK to get into a car with a stranger.

Back at the parking lot, Maria and Heather and Tim stopped for a photo op before being sent off to Mono Cliffs Inn to suitably rehydrate. They plan to be back in Dufferin to do the same hike in the fall; in the meantime they are going to hike up Kilimanjaro.

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