



# HI-LAND VIEWS

## Fall-Winter 2013 - 2014

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### End-to-End Hikes Successful



#### **Les Babbage hiking the end-to-end**

#### **Dufferin One Day End-to-End Wins Gold!**

This year the Club offered 1-, 2- and 3-day formats for hiking all 56 km of our section. First up was the one day all-you-can-hike buffet of 56 km of hills, woods, rivers and fields. Special

Events Coordinator, Rick McCoy, was able to line up a club record 44 intrepid hikers to board the bus at the Mono Cliffs parking lot and take the long, slow ride up to Lavender only to be faced with an even longer walk back! Cool, dry weather, with an assist from Trail Director, Carl Tafel, and his team, who cut many kilometres of grass, provided ideal conditions for this challenging event. Our Social Committee and other member volunteers were in place along the way with water, juices, baked treats, fruit and other goodies to sustain the weary walkers. At the end of the day 42 hikers, also a record, arrived at the stile on Mono Cliffs Road, fatigued, but elated to have completed the full distance. Congratulations to Rick, Carl and the many volunteers who helped out at check points or as sweeps on a highly successful event.

So, what's it like if you are an average 10-20 km a day hiker to keep going for 56 km?

First, you need to prepare, not just show up cold. Most of us are too busy to do serious training as a marathon runner would do. It's more a matter of getting out on hikes regularly for several weekends and doing one or two "stretch" hikes in the days or week leading up to the event. Arriving at the parking lot is often a time when hikers wonder, am I really going to do this? Fortunately, the lot is filled with veterans of end-to-ends who give every indication of having survived the

ordeal and come back for more. The bus seems to take the longest, slowest route up and down the biggest hills just to make sure you know what you've gotten yourself into. Perhaps the most challenging part of the hike comes when the bus stops in Lavender and the greyhounds go tearing off over the horizon. The smart hiker begins to chant the mantra, "Find the pace you can do all day" and resists the temptation to try to run with the fast kids!

Apart from the climb up from Black Bank Creek, the first part of the day is reasonably easy, but before you know it you find yourself at the bottom of Kilgorie Hill, looking up at the top. You climb to the top, then the road turns and you see another top, then another. If you can manage your pace and reach the real top without a coronary emergency, you get some respite with a welcome stretch of road. At the 1<sup>st</sup> Line parking you celebrate having reached half way without any major injuries, but knowing that the dreaded Boyne Valley lies a short distance ahead. Once again the pace mantra keeps you from getting too heroic and blowing your remaining energy. At this point you also begin to speculate on how much farther to the next check point. These oases provide a welcome source of liquids, energy foods and great moral support.

If you make it through the many climbs up the sides of the Boyne Valley, you know that there is only the major hill before Highway 89 to survive and then you should be able to coast the rest of the way. But somewhere in that last, longer than you thought it would be, stretch down to Mono Cliffs Park your mind seems to separate from your body. Miraculously, your body seems to remember to keep putting left foot in front of right, then right in front of left and so on. The last checkpoint just before the turn into the park is the final choice point – drop out now or hike triumphantly to the finish. Fortunately the main trail shies away from

tackling the bigger climbs in Mono Cliffs directly and a glimpse of the pub in Mono Centre as you turn east for the final leg tells you that, yes, you can make it. From here it all feels like downhill to the finish and, if you can make it up the stile and not fall flat on your face on the other side, you are home free! The welcoming applause and Rick's presentation of a well-earned badge complete a remarkable journey. All that's left is to swear that you won't ever do it again! But then, you wonder if you could improve your time if you prepared more before the next one-day....

### **PERFECT TWO-DAY END-TO-END**

September 14<sup>th</sup> was sunnier, but the 15<sup>th</sup> was perfect hiking weather – just a little cool, and no rain. Add a trail that all the hikers said was in great shape, and the 2 days of struggle and sweat became the perfect preparation for the real goals of the exercise: getting your end-to-end badge presented by Rick McCoy and chowing down on an endless supply of sweet corn cooked by Rick.

There were a couple of no-shows, but this year no dropouts and no injuries. Forty-two earned their badge. Hikers came from as far away as Ottawa and New York State and, as has become traditional, the last finisher on day two received a prize. Sometimes being last is a greater victory than being first.



**Reception committee at the end of the one day hike, Mono Cliffs Park**

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## Bruce Trail Award

At the recent Bruce Trail Conservancy Annual Meeting, the Club was awarded, jointly with Caledon Hills B.T.C., the 2013 Tom East Trail Development Award.

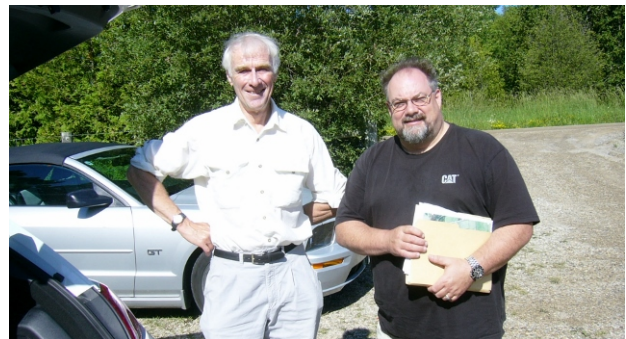
Thanks to Carl Alexander, James Griffin and Jim Preyde and Carl Tafel for helping to open up our part of the trail, and we would like to acknowledge the fine job that the Caledon Club did with their more extensive section of trail.

## IAN SHELTON – Stewardship Forever

After 3 very successful years, Ian Shelton has retired as Dufferin Land Steward Director. During his tenure Ian oversaw and managed the land stewardship dimension of the acquisition of 3 major Conservancy properties in Dufferin: Boyne Valley, Split Rock, and the Johnson property. In all cases, old boundary markers needed to be found – not always an easy task – and new BTC boundary posts installed. The Boyne boundary was marked by only a very few stakes marking the severance; at Split Rock the boundary was at the bottom of a cliff.

On the Boyne property there were two derelict wooden sheds that needed to be demolished, and then removed. At Split Rock a new gravelled parking lot has been created.

Ian's retirement from his position does not, however, signal his retirement from the Bruce Trail. Ian and his wife, Georgina, have been Bruce Trail members since 1974, and in his own modest words, he has "helped with trail maintenance off and on over the last twenty years." Ian's latest contribution to the club is Georgina, who has become – once again – Dufferin Hi-Land Club Treasurer.



**In the picture, Ian is on the left. The other handsome fellow on the right is Glenn Healey, our new Land Steward Director.**

# Bankers by the Boyne



**Dufferin members pictured: Marlis Butcher, Norm Wingrove, Tony Hopkins, Ron Ritchie and Carl Alexander, plus the bankers group. James Griffin, Carl Tafel and Jim Preyde were out of the photo continuing to work.**

In what has become an annual event for our Club, this past May a group of intrepid bankers from TD left downtown Toronto to venture into the Mulmur wilderness. Their task was to rip up and rebuild about 300 feet of boardwalk in the Boyne River Valley north of Highway 89. Bridges go over running water; boardwalks go on top of swamp or environmentally significant soft and somewhat damp earth.

Dealing with rotten wood may not be everyone's idea of great fun, but for our friends from TD it seemed all in a day's work. Not only that, they provided lunch. And, on the way back up the hill, they were prevailed upon to unearth and carry – further uphill – an old culvert from the old main trail. Word is they are anxious to come back. Go Bankers! We look forward to next year.

More photos on the next page.



**The boardwalk before and after the bankers group.**



### **Important Notice - Hunting Season**

**To all hikers, when planning hikes, please keep in mind the dates of deer hunting season with firearms in Mono and Mulmur: November 4-8 inclusive, and December 2-6 inclusive. Please also note that hunting is allowed in the Pine River Fishing Area.**

# Fall and Winter Hike Schedule

**Note: All km references are to the 27th Edition of the Bruce Trail Guide**

**Saturday, October 5, 9:30 a.m.:** Hockley Valley (Level 1/2) Caledon Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18. 12 km loop hike, medium pace on very hilly terrain. No drop-out possible. Depart: 9:30 a.m. from the parking lot on the north side of Hockley Road about .25 km east of 2nd line EHS (km 60.9).GPS (N43 58.354 W80 03.350). From Hwy 10, turn east onto Hockley Valley Rd., and go .25 km past 2nd line EHS. Hockley Valley Rd is north of Orangeville (Hwy 9). Hiking boots required. No dogs please. Bring water and lunch. We will hike the Tom East and Glen Cross Side Trails using the Bruce Trail as the connection. Hike Leader: Susan Simons (416) 526-9582 or [hikersue@me.com](mailto:hikersue@me.com)

**Saturday, October 12, 9:30 a.m.:** Forks of the Credit (Level 1/2) Caledon Section, Forks of the Credit, Map 15 A 13 km loop hike (4.5 hr.) at a medium pace on variable terrain. No drop out. Depart 9:30 a.m. from roadside parking at the corner of Forks of the Credit Road and Dominion Street (km 8.8). From Hwy 10 turn west on Forks of the Credit Road and proceed about 4.5 km to the meeting point. We'll follow the main trail to the Dorothy Medhurst Side Trail, rejoin the main trail at the top of the valley and then proceed north where we'll hike some of the access trails in Forks of the Credit Provincial Park. We'll return via the main trail past Cataract Falls. Bring water and lunch. No dogs please. Hike Leader: Susan Simons (416) 526-9582 or [hikersue@me.com](mailto:hikersue@me.com)

**Saturday, October 19, 9:00 a.m.:** Boyne Valley Provincial Park (Level 1/2) Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Primrose, Map 20 Meet at 9.00 a.m. at roadside parking on Hurontario St, just south of Highway 89 at km 15.2 Loop Hike, approx. 15 km – start and finish at 15.2 via main trail, Primrose side trail and Boyne Valley side trail. Easy to Moderate pace. This hike offers hills, streams, beautiful forests and pretty vistas including Murphy's Pinnacle Please bring lunch, snacks and adequate water. Lots of photo opportunities weather permitting. Hiking shoes or boots recommended. Families, friends and well-mannered dogs welcome. Possible pub stop at the end. Hike Leaders: Pat Foley 416-578 3772 [pfoley@ilap.com](mailto:pfoley@ilap.com) Tristan Goguen [tgoguen@ilap.com](mailto:tgoguen@ilap.com)

**Saturday, Oct 26, 8:30 a.m.:** Black Bank (Level 2) Dufferin Hi-Land, Black Bank, Map 21 19 km, Moderate pace. Variable terrain. Meet at 8.30 a.m. at Prince of Wales Road just south of County Road 21, km 45.5. We will hike out to km 54.9 just east of Lavender and then back to the cars. This hike offers pretty river photo opportunities and should be a good opportunity to enjoy what is left of the fall colours. Please bring lunch, snacks and adequate water. Hiking shoes or boots recommended. Possible pub stop at the end. Hike Leaders: Pat Foley 416-578 3772 [pfoley@ilap.com](mailto:pfoley@ilap.com) Tristan Goguent [tgoguen@ilap.com](mailto:tgoguen@ilap.com)

**Saturday, November 2, 9:30 a.m.:** Split Rock Narrows (Level 1/2) Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 19. Moderate level 10.5 km loop hike at a medium pace, some hills, 3 hrs. Drop-out possible at 8 km. Depart 9:30 a.m. from roadside parking on 2nd Line entrance to Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. GPS (N44 02.478, W80 04.556) Take Hwy 10 north to Dufferin Road 8, about 10 km north of Orangeville. Follow Road 8 to Mono Centre, then continue north on 2nd Line to the end of the road. Please park on the east shoulder of the road. We will take the Main Trail to McCarston's Lake, then the Lookout side trail and the 2nd Line to Split Rock side trail. After walking the Split Rock loop we will return via the 2nd Line, Walter Tovell side Trail and the Cliff Top Trail. Hiking boots recommended. Some road walking. No dogs please. Bring water and a lunch or snack. Hike Leader: Susan Simons (416) 526-9582 or [hikersue@me.com](mailto:hikersue@me.com)

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**Saturday, November 9, 9:30 a.m:** Hockley Valley (Level 2) Caledon Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18. Distance: 13.3 km. Easy to moderate pace, hilly terrain. Meet at the Hockley Road parking lot just east of km 60.2 at 9:30 a.m. We will hike north completing the Tom East, Glen Cross and Cam Snell side trails before turning south on the main trail to return to our cars. Bring lunch, snacks, lots of water and good hiking shoes. Well-mannered dogs welcome. Hike Leader: Helen Bailey 905 936-1119 or [helenbailey@dynamichcs.com](mailto:helenbailey@dynamichcs.com)

**Saturday, November 16, 9:00 a.m:** Scottsdale Farm Section (Level 1/2) Toronto Section, Credit Valley, Map 13 Meet at 9.00 a.m. at Scottsdale Farm parking lot off of Trafalgar Road just north of 27th Side Road. 12.5 km loop hike. Easy to moderate pace. Hilly terrain. Starting at Scottsdale Farm we will follow the Bennett Heritage Side Trail to km 29.4 on the main trail then back around via the Great Esker Side Trail back to Km 34.8 where we will again pick up the Bennett Heritage Side Trail back to the parking lot. Including the main trail and these side trails we will walk a 12.5 km loop. This hike offers lots of hills, forests and very pretty vistas! Lots of photo opportunities on the farm property. Please bring lunch, snacks and adequate water. Families, friends and well-mannered dogs welcome. Hike Leaders: Pat Foley 416-578 3772 [pfoley@ilap.com](mailto:pfoley@ilap.com) Tristan Goguen [tgoguen@ilap.com](mailto:tgoguen@ilap.com)

**Saturday, November 23, 9:00a.m.:** Blue Mountain End-to-End, Hike 1 of 4 (Level 2) Blue Mountain Section, Map 21 & 22, Nottawasaga Bluffs, Level 2 Car Pool Hike. 20.5 km, Variable terrain, Moderate pace. Depart 9:00 a.m.. Meet at parking at km 20.4 on Nottawasaga 15/16 Sideroad. Follow Hwy 124 north from Shelburne to Singhampton. About 800 meters after Hwy 124 turns east, turn right onto Ewing Road, then left onto Nottawasaga 17/18 Sideroad. The road turns right and becomes Nottawasaga Concession 10 South, then left onto Nottawasaga 15/16 Sideroad. Look for the Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area parking on the right. We will car pool back to Lavender, then hike through the Noisy River Nature Reserve and on to Nottawasaga Bluffs. Bring lunch and water. Pub/coffee stop following the hike. Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854 or [les.babbage@sympatico.ca](mailto:les.babbage@sympatico.ca)

**Saturday, November 30, 9:00 a.m.:** Blue Mountain End-to-End, Hike 2 of 4 (Level 2) Map 22, Devil's Glen, Level 2 Car Pool Hike. 17.4 km, Variable terrain, Moderate pace. Depart 9:00 a.m.. Meet at parking at km 37.8 on Nottawasaga 26/27 Sideroad. Follow Hwy 124 north from Shelburne to Singhampton. When Hwy 124 turns east, continue north onto Osprey-Clearview Townline and turn right onto Nottawasaga 26/27 (Lobsinger) Sideroad. Parking is about 1 km east where the trail crosses. We will car pool back to Nottawasaga Bluffs then, after enjoying the view from Freedom Rock, descend into Devil's Glen and follow the Mad River before climbing back out of the Glen and on through Duntroon. Bring lunch and water. Pub/coffee stop following the hike. Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854, or [les.babbage@sympatico.ca](mailto:les.babbage@sympatico.ca) (Hikes 3 and 4 may be scheduled during December, weather permitting, or will be scheduled in early spring)

**Saturday, December 7, 9:00 a.m:** Dunby Road Loop (Level 2) Caledon Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18. Meet at Dunby Road Parking, Km 66.7 at 9:00 a.m. From Hwy 10 take Mono Centre Road east to 2nd Line. Turn right for about .5 km, then left onto Dunby Road. Parking is about .5 km east, where the main

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trail meets Dunby Road. 15.3 km loop hike including the Snell and Tom East side trails. Moderate pace, but challenging terrain. This hike offers hills, rivers and great vistas of the Hockley Valley Good hiking shoes or boots, poles, adequate water, lunch, snacks are recommended. Well-mannered dogs are welcome. Hike Leaders: Pat Foley 416-578 3772 [pfoley@ilap.com](mailto:pfoley@ilap.com) Tristan Goguen [tgoguen@ilap.com](mailto:tgoguen@ilap.com)

**Saturday, December 14, 6:30 p.m.:** Walk with the Full Moon, Warm Up (Level I) Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 19, Mono Centre. Drop out available. Meet at parking on 25 Sideroad at 2nd Line EHS (approx 4 km east of Hwy 10, at the Walter Tovell side trail) at 6:30 p.m. sharp. With expectation of little or no snow, this is an excellent opportunity to try out hiking under the full moon, as snow shoes will probably not be required. Call or e-mail just in case. We will walk up Second Line on the Walter Tovell trail, loop the Split Rock Side Trail, return to 25 Sideroad, where dropout is available, then continue south on the Walter Tovell side trail for majestic moonlit views. Pub stop to follow. Contact Bryan or Carol Foley at 519-942-6488, [folbran50@yahoo.ca](mailto:folbran50@yahoo.ca)

**Saturday, December 28, 9:30 a.m.:** Dufferin Hi-Land Annual "Walk off the Turkey Hike" (Level 1/2) Caledon Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18. 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 2nd Line. 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 at 519-942-6488, [folbran50@yahoo.ca](mailto:folbran50@yahoo.ca)

**Wednesday, January 1, 1:00 pm -** Annual New Year's Day Hike (Level 1) Dufferin Hi-Land, Mono Centre, Map 19. Distance: 8-10 km, gentle pace, mostly level terrain 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. Meet at the Mono Community Centre parking lot. Veteran hikers will find the Community Centre right behind the Pub (a.k.a. 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. Hike Leader: Les Babbage, 416-763-8854 (evenings); [les.babbage@sympatico.ca](mailto:les.babbage@sympatico.ca)

**Saturday, February 1, 9:30 a.m.:** Bushwhacking for Beginners and the Adventurous. (Level 1/2) Dufferin Hi-Land section, Mono Centre, Map 19 Meet at 9:30 a.m., at roadside parking on 25th Sideroad at 2nd Line EHS (approx 4 km east of Hwy 10), where the Walter Tovell side trail enters Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. We will be out approx 3 hours. Dress in layers. Hats, mitts, lunch, water and snow shoes required. A gentle pace exploring the area around the North Outlier in Mono Cliffs Park, and the valley leading back to the main trail. Pub stop to follow Hike Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley 519-942-6488, [folbran50@yahoo.ca](mailto:folbran50@yahoo.ca)

### **Caledon Hills End-to-End Hike**

Thanksgiving weekend, October 12-14, 2013. 70 km. in two or three days. The cost is \$25.00 for three days or \$20.00 for the two day hike, which includes bus transportation, snacks and refreshments plus the badge at the finish. For more information, or to register, contact Peter Leeney, 905-822-1877 or e-mail [peter.leeney@utoronto.ca](mailto:peter.leeney@utoronto.ca)



## **Tuesday Hikes**

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### **Tuesday, November 5, 2013, 9:30am**

Caledon section, Level 1, 8-9 km  
We will hike in Forks of the Credit Prov. Park.  
We will meet at Home Hardware parking lot in Orangeville, hwy 10 at 9:30 or McLaren Rd parking area south of hwy 24 at 9:45. Bring Bruce Trail membership for parking. Map 15, ed 27

### **Tuesday, November 12, 2013, 9:30am**

Dufferin Hi-Land, Level 1, 6.7km  
We will hike from 20<sup>th</sup> Side road to River Road at Kilgorie  
Meet at Superburger, Hwys 10 and 89  
Maps 20 and 21, ed 27

### **Tuesday, November 19, 2013 9:30am**

Caledon Section, Level 1, 6.5 km  
We will hike from Dunby Rd south to Hockley Rd.  
Meet at Hockley Rd. parking lot, 300 metres east of the trail on the north side.  
Map 18, ed 27

### **Tuesday, November 26, 2013, 9:30am**

Dufferin Hi-Land, Level 1, 6.3 km  
We will hike from Lavender to Dufferin 21  
Meet at Superburger, Hwys 10 and 89, at 9:30 or at Lavender at 10 am.  
Map 21, ed 27

### **Tuesday, December 3, 2013 9:30am**

Blue Mountain, Level 1, 5.5km  
We will hike the Nottawasaga Bluffs Keyhole trail  
Bad weather alternate hike: Boyne Valley)  
Meet at Superburger, hwy 10 and 89  
Map22, ed 27

### **Tuesday, December 11, 2013, 9:30 am**

Dufferin Hi-Land, Level 1, approx 6 km  
We will hike various trails in Mono Cliffs Prov. Park  
Meet at Mono Community Centre, County Rd. 8  
Map 19, ed 27

### **Tuesday, December 17, 2013, 9:30 am**

Dufferin Hi-Land, Level 1, approx 6 km  
We will hike Split Rock and Walter Tovell Side trails  
We will meet at Split Rock parking lot on 2<sup>nd</sup> Line, north of 25 Sideroad.  
Map 19, ed 27

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

### **Tuesday, January 7, 2014, 9:30am**

Island Lake, Orangeville  
Level 1, approx 7km.  
Meet at Home Hardware parking lot on Hwy 10, 1<sup>st</sup> lights  
North of Broadway

### **Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 9:30am**

Caledon Section, Level 1, 5.8 km  
We will hike from km 46.6, 5 Side road to km 52.4  
at Hockley Rd.  
Meet at 5<sup>th</sup> Line south off Hockley Rd, approx 1.5 km  
east of Airport Rd.  
Map 18, ed 27

### **Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 9:30 am**

Boyne Valley, Level 1, 8km  
We will hike from Hwy 89 to 1<sup>st</sup> Line and back via side trail.  
Meet at Superburger, Hwy 10 and 89  
Map 20,ed 27

### **Tuesday, January 28, 2014 9:30am**

Dufferin Hi-Land, Level 1, approx 6km  
We will hike loop trails in Mono Cliffs  
Meet at Mono Community Centre, County Rd 8  
Map 19, ed 27

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**Tuesday, February 4, 2014, 9:30 am**  
Dufferin Hi-Land, Level 1, 4.8 km  
Annual Black Bank Challenge. We will hike from Centre Rd,  
Km 44.8 to Dufferin Rd 21, km47.1 and back  
Meet at Superburger, Hwy 10 and 89 at 9:30 am  
or  
Centre Rd, km 44.8 at 10 am  
Map 21,ed 27

**Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 9:30 am**  
Dufferin Hi-Land Section  
Level 1 approx 4 km  
We will hike from Kilgorie school north to 15  
Sideroad and back via the Kilgorie Side trail  
Meet at Superburger, Hwy 89 and 10  
Map20 ed 27

### **Winter badge hikes**

**Saturday January 18, 7:45 p.m:** Happy New Year's Full Moon - Dufferin hi-Land Winter Badge Hike #1 of 4 (Level 1 or 2) Dufferin Hi-Land, Primrose, Map 20. Meet at 7:45 p.m. sharp at the 1st Line parking lot, km 29.2, just south of Sideroad 10 (Dufferin Road 17). From Hwy 89, drive north for about 6 km. Parking lot is on your right, just before the stop sign. Note: A shorter hike approx 4 km, 1.5 – 2 hours or a more challenging, longer hike approx. 7 km will be offered for experienced snowshoe hikers only. Please choose appropriately according to your experience and ability. The shorter hike will explore the main trail as well as some of the new side trails. The longer hike will continue through Walkers Woods, and the south east lookout. Note: two substantial hills on the longer hike. Dress in layers, mitts, hats and headlamps. Snowshoes required. Pub stop to follow Hike Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley 519-942-6488, [folbran50@yahoo.ca](mailto:folbran50@yahoo.ca). You must be punctual!

**Saturday, January 25, 9:30 a.m:** Black Bank - Dufferin Hi-Land Winter Badge, Hike #2 of 4 (Level 2) Dufferin Hi-Land, Black Bank, Map 21, Snowshoe Loop Hike Distance: 8 km. Moderate pace, hilly terrain. Depart from Prince of Wales Rd. near km 46.0 at 9:30 a.m. Take Hwy 124 north from Shelburne for 15 km and turn right on Dufferin Rd. 21. Head east for 4 km and then right on Prince of Wales Rd. The meeting place is 1 km ahead This hike will take us to Black Bank and back. Pub stop to follow Hike Leaders: Rick McCoy: 519-829-4143 evenings or [rickpmccoy@sympatico.ca](mailto:rickpmccoy@sympatico.ca) Les Babbage: 416-763-8854 or [les.babbage@sympatico.ca](mailto:les.babbage@sympatico.ca)

**Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 9:30 am**  
Dufferin Hi-Land, Level 1, approx 6 km  
We will hike Rockhill and Pollock Loops  
Meet at 1st Line parking lot, just south of Dufferin  
17  
Map 20, ed 27

**Tuesday, February 25, 2014, 9:30 am**  
Caledon Section, Level 1, 6.4 km  
We will hike from Dunby Rd. around the  
Snell Loop and back  
Meet at Dunby Rd , km 67.4 east of 2<sup>nd</sup> Line  
Map 18, ed 27

N.B. Be aware of conditions. You may need snowshoes, icers, sun screen, insect repellent, water, snacks, etc. Please, no dogs.

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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.

**AMALFI COAST****April 7 to 19 and October 6 to 18, 2014**

Italy never fails to capture the hearts (and stomachs) of its visitors, and the Amalfi Coast lives up to that reputation - towns perched impossibly on mountainsides, one of the most famous stretches of coastline in the world, sapphire-blue water in every direction, an infamous volcano and some of the finest Limoncello anywhere. Hike in Sorrento, Positano, Amalfi and on the posh island of Capri.

**CORFU, GREECE****May 12 to 25, 2014**

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!

**IRELAND****June 3 to 13, 2014**

With more shades of green than you can imagine, the **Emerald Isle** lives up to its deserving reputation. From historical Dublin to picturesque Killarney & parts in between, we will take you hiking through some of the most sought-after scenery the country has to offer - and we'll even make a few pub stops along the way!

**KENYA****July 6 to 18, 2014**Don't just *drive* through **Kenya** – hike it too!

Imagine encountering herds of zebras, giraffes and gazelles right on your path! Travel to 3 different parts of the country, take in incredible sunsets over the savannah, visit Masai herdsmen in their homes and, of course, see lions, elephants & leopards on our game drives. Accommodations include luxury tented camps and one night at The Ark! And did you know that July is the coolest month of the year in Kenya?

**Winter badge hikes continued:**

**Saturday February 8, 6:30 p.m:** The not quite Full Moon Hike: Dufferin Hi-Land Winter Badge, Hike #3 of 4 (Level 1 or 2) Dufferin Hi-Land section, Primrose, Map 19. Meet at km 7.9 on 1st Line EHS, 2 km south of 25 Sideroad, 3 km east of Hwy 10 at 6:30pm sharp! A 1.5-2 hour moderate paced hike, and a more challenging (6 km ) hike approx 2 hours at a faster pace combine the experience of night hiking under the full moon. Some light, safe bushwhacking, as well as the main trail. Please choose appropriately according to your experience and ability. Dress in layers, mitts, hats and headlamps. Snowshoes required. Pub stop to follow. Hike Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley 519-942-6488, [folbran50@yahoo.ca](mailto:folbran50@yahoo.ca) You must be punctual

**Saturday, February 22, 9:30 a.m:** Boyne Valley – Dufferin Hi-Land Winter Badge, Hike #4 of 4 (Level 2) Dufferin Hi-Land section, Primrose, Map 20. Snowshoe loop hike. Distance: 10 km. Moderate pace, hilly terrain. Depart from km 23.9 at the intersection of 8th Sideroad and 2nd Line Take Hwy.89 east from Hwy 10 for 2.5 km. Turn left on 1st Line EHS and go north for 4.5 km to 8 Sideroad. Turn right and park at the intersection with 2nd Line. Today's hike will cover a portion of the 20 km Challenge route. Pub stop to follow. Hike Leaders: Rick McCoy: 519-829-4143 evenings or [rickpmccoy@sympatico.ca](mailto:rickpmccoy@sympatico.ca). Les Babbage: 416-763-8854 or [les.babbage@sympatico.ca](mailto:les.babbage@sympatico.ca).

**SPLIT ROCK DEVELOPMENTS**

Parts of the Bruce Trail are spectacular because of the view or the challenge, or because they enhance our hiking experience. At Split Rock, two spectacular developments have recently taken place. The parking area has been improved by adding a good fence and a gate (done at the end of last season) and by extensive gravelling of the surface, turning an old farm track into an easily accessible and well-surfaced parking lot. As well, the field area of Split Rock has already returned to a natural hayfield condition.

## Dufferin Hi-Land Christmas Party

Mark your calendars! Isabelle Sheardown will be hosting the Club Christmas party on Saturday, November 30, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 902 14<sup>th</sup> Line (east of 10 Sideroad, New Tecumseth. The party is pot luck and b.y.o.b.

R.S.V.P. to Isabelle: 705-434-1637  
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## Generous Donation Received

The Club sincerely thanks long time member and current B.T.C. Club Director Isabelle Sheardown for her generous donation of \$500.00. Isabelle contributed a similar amount in November 2012. Our trails will continue to be exemplary thanks to donations such as Isabelle's. It is most appreciated by the Club and our dedicated and hard working trail maintenance and trail building volunteers.



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