



HI-LAND VIEWS

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Hike Dufferin Hi-Land to Celebrate Our 50th

Who says turning 50 is time to take to your rocking chair? Wouldn't this be a great year to discover or rediscover the whole Dufferin Hi-Land section?

This year we have options for all fitness levels and interests. Elsewhere in this issue, you will read about the 50 km. Dufferin Hi-Land Challenge hike. Individuals or relay teams will cover 50 km of prime Bruce Trail from Dufferin Road 21 to Mono Centre.

Too long a hike or don't have a team to enter? Consider our Fall Classic 2 Day End-to-End, a mere 28 km per day. Still too much? Check out our new 6 day end-to-end, only 10 km per day at an easy-going pace.

Are you more of a do-it-yourselfer? Complete the section in your own way, at your own pace and submit a log and you can earn the same special anniversary end-to-end badge as hikers participating in the 2 Day and 6 Day organized events.

And while you are at it, why not explore some of the many new and established side trails in Dufferin? Check out the insert to this newsletter for a series of loop and short family-friendly hikes that hit the highlights of our section.

This issue of *Hi-Land Views* contains a number of articles looking back on our first 50 years. Enjoy!

Membership News

One of many ways that the Dufferin Hi-Land Club is celebrating our 50th Anniversary is with our 50 in 50 New Membership Drive. Our existing membership can help us achieve the goal of adding 50 new members in 2015. Please encourage friends, family and colleagues to join the Dufferin Club. There are many events and organized hikes planned throughout the year – feel

free to invite non members, and please pass on copies of the Highlight Hikes map and info to others. All new members will be entered into a draw for prizes to be held on Bruce Trail Day in the fall.

For more info contact: Inge Eckerich at eckerich@bserv.com

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club will be held on MAY 2, 2015 at the MULMUR MUNICIPAL OFFICE in TERRA NOVA in Mulmur Township.

The meeting will start at 10 AM. Coffee and cookies available from 9:30.

Nominations for the club board for 2015-2016 are open. Please contact [Tony Hopkins](#) for more information.

A Brief History of Badges

The first Dufferin Hi-Land club badge was a green chevron with “ Dufferin Hi-Land End-to-end “ emblazoned in white, and pictured below. The colours were chosen to recognize the Irish who settled in Mulmur and Mono Townships. The chevron was available to those individuals who hiked the entire Dufferin section in one day. Up to 1972, hikers did not have to do this hike on a particular day. When the one day hike became an organized event, 145 hikers had completed the section, 68 of them in 1972.

The Chevron was replaced in 1991 and the one day badge was changed to the present day white trillium. The rose badge was introduced the same year, awarded to those who completed the section within a 12 month period. Photos of both badges can be viewed on the club's website.

In 1999 the one day was terminated and replaced by a less strenuous two day end-to-end fall event in 2000 marked by a new red trillium badge. Hikers walk approximately 28 km each day presently to earn this badge.

The 20 km badge, offered beginning in 2002, shows the trail shadowed by the escarpment in the background. These two badges are also shown on the club's website.

After a four year hiatus, the one day white trillium badge was re-introduced in 2003. Held in June every second year, hikers currently hike 56.3 km, considerably longer than when the hike was first introduced in 1972.

Dufferin Hi-Land, being a four season hiking club, introduced the winter badge series of hikes in 2010. Hikers are required to hike two full-moon hikes, brrrr, and two day hikes. The badge consists of a hiker on snowshoes, snow covered hills, and a bright moon.

By the way, if you have any pre-2000 trail guide books you would be willing to donate to the archives, they would be greatly appreciated. Contact Bryan Foley bryfoley50@gmail.com



The Chevron

A History of the Dufferin Hi-Land Club

This article, which first appeared in the April, 1991, issue of Hi-Land Views was written by Grant Bell. It is a brief history of the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club from its founding to its twenty-fifth anniversary. Grant was the club's longest serving director, from September, 1966 to June, 1990. If Ray Lowes was "Mr. Bruce Trail," Grant was Mr. Dufferin Hi-Land.

In the early 1960's four people in the Hamilton area conceived the idea of drawing public attention to the unique formation of the Niagara Escarpment. Ray Lowes, a metallurgist with Stelco in Hamilton and Phil Gosling, a naturalist from the Guelph were two of the four.

Ray had put forward the idea of a walking trail along the escarpment from Niagara to Tobermory, a distance of more than 400 miles. On March 13, 1963, the Ontario government issued letters patent for the Bruce Trail Association. Thus was born the Bruce Trail; with Ray Lowes as its secretary.

The Atkinson Charitable Foundation provided a grant of \$12,000 to make the concept a reality. From this seed money, Phil Gosling was engaged for a year to promote the Trail. As Gosling had to give up his regular employment for the year, this expenditure from Bruce Trail funds was necessary.

The librarian at Shelburne Public Library during Phil Gosling's year of trail promotion was Grace M. Bell. The postmaster at Shelburne was Ronald O'Reilly. Both were quite interested in the prospect of a footpath along the length of the escarpment.

A public meeting was called for the Shelburne Library. Phil Gosling was scheduled to present the trail idea to all persons who wished to hear about it in the basement of library. The date of this meeting was April 27, 1965. As a result, Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club was formed with Ronald O'Reilly as president and Grace M. Bell as secretary-treasurer.

The original plan was that Dufferin Hi-Land section would be that part of the trail in Mulmur Township. Orangeville Bruce Trail Club would be that part of the trail in Mono Township. The latter club, while organized, never became a factor in the trail and was abandoned shortly after its formation. The mileage that had been assigned to it was placed in the Caledon Hills section to the south and Dufferin Hi-Land to the north. The hamlet of Mono Centre as selected as the point where the two sections met.

As originally operational, there were 11 clubs, Niagara B.T.C., Iroquoia B.T.C., Toronto B.T.C., Caledon Hills B.T.C., Dufferin Hi-Land B.T.C., Blue Mountains B.T.C., Beaver Valley B.T.C., Sydenham B.T.C., Lower Bruce B.T.C., Lion's Head B.T.C. and Peninsula B.T.C. Today the three northern clubs have been combined to form the Peninsula B.T.C. and reduce the number of clubs to nine.

In September, 1966, Postmaster O'Reilly was promoted to the position of postmaster at Beamsville. The office of president passed on to Grant Bell at the next annual meeting. Grace M. Bell continued as secretary-treasurer.

In the spring of 1966 considerable trail building had taken place in Mulmur Township north and south of 20 Sideroad, but Dufferin Hi-Land section as it exists to-day had gaps in its continuity.

At this time, the Bruce Trail Association set up a Targets Committee with the aim to have the entire trail blazed by July 1, 1967— Canada's 100th birthday. Dufferin Hi-Land was one of the last sections to be completed. Much credit must be given to William Cannon of Burlington who was chairman of the Targets Committee. Bill, with his wife and other members from their club greatly assisted Dufferin Hi-Land to meet the birthday deadline. Later, Mr. Cannon was honoured by being elected to the position

of President of the Bruce Trail Association. Canada's Centennial Trail, the slogan found on the original green and gold bumper stickers on many Bruce Trail members' vehicles, honours the date of the trail's official opening, July 1, 1967.

The annual meeting of 1968 saw Mary Tweedy become President of Dufferin Hi-Land and Grant Bell Secretary-Treasurer as well as continuing to represent Dufferin H-Land on the B.T.A. board of directors. Mrs. Tweedy continued as president until the annual meeting of 1971. Robert Peters of Keswick became president in 1971 and continued in this position until 1979 when Muriel Lowcock of Honeywood began her term of office. In 1983, Mrs. Lowcock was followed by Colin Barnfield. In 1984, Boris Swidersky took over as president and has been re-elected each year since.

With Volume 22, Number 2, August 1990, Boris also took over as editor of *Hi-Land Views* from Grant Bell who had been putting out this newsletter since 1968.

Norm Wingrove of Collingwood, a longtime trail captain, became the club's first vice-president in 1987.

In 1989, Andy Harrison of Shelburne became Dufferin Hi-Land representative on the B.T.A. board. He took on additional responsibilities in 1990 when he succeeded Norm Wingrove as vice-president.

At the annual meeting in 1990, Larry Haskell became secretary-treasurer of the club. Larry had followed Grant Bell as DHL representative on the B.T.A. board of directors in 1984. He remained in this office until 1989. During his years on the board of directors, he served two years as president of Bruce Trail Association at the time when Rasberry House was becoming the permanent home of the B.T.A.

At the 1990 annual meeting the executive was enlarged by two new positions. Henri Van Bommel was elected as the club's first trail director and Frieda Baldwin as publicity co-ordinator.



Autumn in D.H.L. by Brenda Carling

Hike Director's Report

Winter Badge Series:

Attendance has been twenty to thirty people per hike. Challenges have been the extreme cold and lack of moonlight. The last hike was Saturday, March 7, and badges and T-shirts were on sale following the hike.

Spring/Summer Hikes:

A large number of hikes are scheduled for April, May and June; few in July and August.

Dufferin 6 Day End-to-End:

Sue Simons is planning a series of six hikes in April and May to cover the full Dufferin main trail. At 10 km. per hike, this series should appeal to end-to-enders who don't care to do the section in one or two days. With good promotion, this series could also introduce novice hikers and non-members to the DHL section of the Bruce Trail.

50th Anniversary Badge:

I am proposing that the club have a 50th anniversary version of its rose badge, which could be awarded to hikers completing the section in 2015, including the six day end-to-end, the Fall Classic two day end-to-end and do-it-yourself end-to-ends.

The cost of producing the badge should be recovered through the badge fee (\$5.00) and increased turnout for the Fall Classic, which usually generates a substantial surplus.

By way of example, Niagara Club usually fills two buses for its end-to-end. In 2014, they offered a special anniversary badge and filled four buses. Design of the badge could be as simple as an appropriately coloured rose (is it gold for 50th?), with text added, such as "50 years in the hills of Dufferin."

Les Babbage

Spring/Summer 2015 Hike Schedule

All km trail references are to Edition 28 of the Bruce Trail Maps and Trail Guide.

Hike Rating Criteria:

Pace: Leisurely, 3 km/h or less Medium, 3 to 4 km/h

Brisk, 4 to 5 km/h Fast, 5+ km/h

Terrain: Easy— Mostly flat and usually good footing

Moderate— Some hills or some poor footing or both

Strenuous— Hilly with steep climbs and some poor footing

Wednesday, April 1, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm: Annual April Fool's Tim Horton's Hike

Orangeville. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Easy; Distance: 5 km. We will meet at the TIM HORTON'S near the LCBO on Broadway just west of Highway 10.

We will visit as many of the 5.5 Timmy's in Orangeville as the weather allows. Coffee usually provided by Orangeville Tim's franchise.

Best pit stops on the Bruce guaranteed! Contact: Tony Hopkins, hike leader, 519-942-1038 or hopkins@glendon.yorku.ca

Saturday, April 4, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm: Quadzilla Series, Day #1 of 4, 4,500 M of climb over 96 K

Caledon Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18. Loop hike. Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 24 km. While we cover only 24 km at a moderate pace each day, this STRENUOUS terrain series covers many steep grades found along the Hockley Valley trails. The series is designed for experienced hikers wanting a head start to their season. Depart from parking lot at km 53.0 on 5th Line EHS just south of Hockley Road, west of Airport Road. No dropouts. No badge, just satisfaction! Leader: Tristan Goguen tgoguen@ilap.com or 416-250-5600, x205 (24/7)

Saturday, April 11, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm: Quadzilla Series, Day #2 of 4, 4,500 M of climb over 96 K

Caledon Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18. Loop hike. Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 24 km. While we cover only 24 km at a moderate pace each day, this STRENUOUS terrain series covers many steep grades found along the Hockley Valley trails. The series is designed for experienced hikers wanting a head start to their season. Depart from parking lot at km 53.0 on 5th Line EHS just south of Hockley Road, west of Airport Road. No dropouts. No badge, just satisfaction! Leader: Tristan Goguen tgoguen@ilap.com or 416-250-5600, x205 (24/7)

Saturday, April 11, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm: Toronto Side Trail Series, Hike #1 of 3

Toronto Section, Map 11/12. Car shuttle hike. Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 16-18 km (depending on conditions). In this series, we will do the Toronto Section, concentrating on taking in some of the many side trails (with Hilton Falls/Al Shaw, Speyside North and South, and Vanderleek Side Trails planned today). Meet at 9:00 am at the entrance of the Hilton Falls Conservation Area, where we will park a few cars (parking fee applies). We'll carpool to the Charles Hildebrandt Side Trail parking on Third Line and hike back. From Hwy 401, take exit 312, Guelph Line North. Take the first right, Campbellville Road. Continue about 3.5 km to the entrance of the Hilton Falls Conservation Area. Leader: Gilles Gagnon, 289-237-5663 or bluewater@it-mike.com

Sunday April 12, 10:30 am – 2:00 pm: Nottawasaga Bluffs

Blue Mountain Section, Map 22. Loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 11 km. Meet at the Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area parking lot on Nottawasaga 15/16 Sideroad. Day Use fees may apply. Follow signs from Rd 124 at the east end of Singhampton, via Ewing Rd, Conc 11 South, 17/18 Sideroad, Conc 10 South to 15/16 Sideroad. Today's hike will visit the Key Hole area. Bring lunch. Leader: Frieda Baldwin: 705-245-1005

Sunday, April 12, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm: Backpack Training, Hike #1 of 3

Iroquoia Section, Map 11, Loop Hike. Pace: Moderate; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 16 km. Depart 9:00 am, Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area upper parking lot. Enter from Appleby Line, 1 km north of Derry Rd. Parking fees. Are you thinking of going on a backpacking trip but don't know if you can carry the weight? Do you need to train for an

upcoming backpacking trip? Do you just want to get more of a workout from a regular hike? If yes, this is the series for you! Hikers are encouraged to bring along a fully loaded pack for increasingly longer hikes over varied terrain. All are loop hikes. Today's hike is through Rattlesnake Point and Crawford Lake Conservation Areas. Subsequent hikes are April 19 and 26. No dropout. Hiking boots. No dogs. Icers recommended. Leader: Brenda Dalglish, 416- 601-0378 between 7 and 10 pm or brenda_dalglish@hotmail.com

Saturday, April 18, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm: Quadzilla Series, Day #3 of 4, 4,500 M of climb over 96 K

Caledon Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18. Loop hike. Pace: Moderate; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 24 km. While we cover only 24 km at a moderate pace each day, this STRENUOUS terrain series covers many steep grades found along the Hockley Valley trails. The series is designed for experienced hikers wanting a head start to their season. Depart from parking lot at km 53.0 on 5th Line EHS just south of Hockley Road, west of Airport Road. No dropouts. No badge, just satisfaction! Leader: Tristan Goguen tgoguen@ilap.com or 416-250-5600, x205 (24/7)

Sunday, April 19, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Backpack Training, Hike #2 of 3

Iroquoia Section, Waterdown/Grindstone Creek, Map 9. Loop hike. Pace: Moderate; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 20 km. Depart 9:00 am from km 71, Smokey Hollow Side Trail parking lot on Mill St, Waterdown. See Hike #1 (April 12) for details of this series. Today's hike is from Smokey Hollow to Borer's Falls and back. Subsequent hike is April 26. Dropout can be arranged. Hiking boots. No dogs. Icers recommended. Leader: Brenda Dalglish, 416- 601-0378 between 7 and 10 pm or brenda_dalglish@hotmail.com

Saturday, April 25, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm: Quadzilla Series, Day #4 of 4, 4,500 M of climb over 96 K

Caledon Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18. Loop hike. Pace: Moderate; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 24 km. While we cover only 24 km at a moderate pace each day, this STRENUOUS terrain series covers many steep grades found along the Hockley Valley trails. The series is designed for experienced hikers wanting a head start to their season. Depart from parking lot at km 53.0 on 5th Line EHS just south of Hockley Road, west of Airport Road. No dropouts. No badge. Just satisfaction! Leader: Tristan Goguen tgoguen@ilap.com or 416-250-5600, x205 (24/7)

Saturday, April 25, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm: Toronto Side Trail Series, Hike #2 of 3

Toronto Section, Map 12/13. Car shuttle hike. Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 19-20 km (depending on conditions). In this series, we will do the Toronto Section, concentrating on taking in some of the many side trails (with Canada Goose, Brown Benton, Black Creek, and Bennett Heritage Side Trails planned for today). Meet at 9:00 am at Scotsdale Farm parking lot. We'll carpool to the Charles Hildebrandt Side Trail parking and hike back. From Hwy 7 (between Georgetown and Acton), take Trafalgar Road north for about 2 km, then turn right into Scotsdale Farm. Continue down lane to parking lot. Leader: Gilles Gagnon 289-237-5663 or bluewater@it-mike.com

Saturday, April 25, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm: Humber Valley Heritage Trail

Humber Valley/Bolton, Map N/A. Car shuttle hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Easy; Distance: 8 or 15 km. Car shuttle. Meet at Dick's Dam Park in downtown Bolton at 9:30 am. Exit west off highway 50 onto Hickman Street then right on Glasgow Road. Bring suitable clothing for the weather conditions, water and a lunch. We will carpool to the northern terminus of the Humber Valley Trail, where it intersects with the Caledon Trailway. The hike traverses a variety of forests and the edges of farmland. It is generally easy going. Be prepared for some mud. Well behaved dogs are most welcome. Bring suitable clothing for the weather conditions, water and a lunch. An easy drop out is available at about 8 km for those who wish a shorter hike. Leader: Bob Slack bslack14@yahoo.ca or 519-942-8608

Sunday, April 26, 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Backpack Training, Hike #3 of 3

Caledon Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18. Loop hike. Pace: Moderate; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 18 km. Depart 9 am from Dunby Road parking at km 69.0. Take Hwy 10 north from Orangeville to Dufferin Road 8 and turn right. Go to the 2nd Line EHS and turn right. Go to Dunby Rd and turn left. The parking is ahead on the right. See Hike #1 (April 12) for details of this series. Today's hike is on the Main Trail and all the side trails between Dunby Rd and Hockley Valley Rd. Dropout. Hiking boots. No dogs. Pub stop. Leader: Brenda Dalglish, 416-601-0378 between 7 and 10 pm or brenda_dalglish@hotmail.com

Saturday, May 2, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm: Peninsula End-to-End, Hike #1 of 9

Peninsula Section, Maps 35-36, Colpoy's Bay. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: 15.3 km. Meet at 9:00 am at the Purple Valley Access Trail parking on Wright's Crescent near km 14.8. Take Hwy 6 north from Wiarton to Bruce Rd 9, then north to Purple Valley Rd. Turn right. Purple Valley Rd becomes Wright's Crescent. The meeting place is at the first turn on Wright's Crescent. Bring lunch and water. We will shuttle back to the Wiarton Willie statue in Wiarton, then hike around the bay, up a spiral staircase and along the clifftop with magnificent views of the bay and Skinner's Bluff. Leader: Les Babbage les.babbage@sympatico.ca or 416-763-8854

Sunday, May 3, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm: Peninsula End-to-End, Hike #2 of 9

Peninsula Section, Map 36, Jones Bluff. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: 17.3 km. Meet at 9:00 am near km 31.6 at the Cape Croker Indian Park on Park Rd. There is a fee for parking. Take Hwy 6 north from Wiarton to Bruce Rd 9, then north to Purple Valley Rd and east and then north to McIver Rd. Turn right, then left onto Park Rd. Parking is just before the park gate. Bring lunch and water. Today's hike features great lookouts, an alvar and a crevice ladder. Leader: Les Babbage les.babbage@sympatico.ca or 416-763-8854

Sunday, May 3, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm: Easy-going End-to-End, Hike #1 of 6

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Mono Cliffs, Map 19. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 10.0 km. No dropouts.

Meet at 9:30 am at km 10.0, roadside parking on the 1st Line EHS, north of 25 Sideroad, where the trail leaves the road. From Airport Road follow 25 Sideroad west until you reach 1st Line EHS. Turn right. Roadside parking is 0.5 km north of the turn. Join us for a series of six hikes to earn the **Dufferin Hi-Land 50th Anniversary End-to-End badge**.

Come for one, some or all of the hikes. This hike goes from Dufferin Hi-Land's border with the Caledon Section to the north end of Mono Cliffs Park. Leader: Sue Simons 416-526-9582 (before 9 pm) or hikersue@me.com

*Deadline for next issue: July 15, 2015.
Please submit only unformatted text files
with photos submitted separately.*

Saturday, May 9, 9:00 am-2:00 pm: Toronto Side Trail Series, Hike #3 of 3

Toronto Section, Map 13/14. Car shuttle hike. Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 18.5 km. In this series, we will do the Toronto Section, concentrating on taking in some of the many side trails (with Bennett Heritage, Roberts and Rockside Side Trails planned for today). Meet at 9:00 am at Scotsdale Farm parking lot. We will carpool to km 49.5 (Creditview Road) and hike back. From Hwy 7 (between Georgetown and Acton), take Trafalgar Road north for about 2 km, then turn right into Scotsdale Farm. Continue down lane to parking lot. Leader: Gilles Gagnon 289-237-5663 or bluewater@it-mike.com

Sunday, May 10: Blue Mountain End-to-End, Hike #3 of 5

Blue Mountain Section. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 12 km. Car shuttle.
(Note: Hikes 1 & 2 -Lavender to Devil's Glen were completed in previous years)
Pre-register with Frieda Baldwin 705-245-1005 for more details.

Saturday, May 16, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Peninsula End-to-End, Hike #3 of 9

Peninsula Section, Maps 36-37, Hope Bay. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Strenuous. Distance: 18.8 km. Meet at km 50.4, where the trail crosses Jackson's Cove Rd. Take Hwy 6 north from Wiarton to Bruce Rd 9 and go north for 18 km to Hopeness Rd. Turn right and go to the end, then right on Jackson's Cove Rd. The parking area is just around the corner. Bring lunch and water. Today's hike features a 900 m boardwalk, a steel staircase to spectacular lookouts and possibly ice cream in Hope Bay. Leader: Les Babbage les.babbage@sympatico.ca or 416-763-8854.

Sunday, May 17, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Peninsula End-to-End, Hike #4 of 9

Peninsula Section, Maps 37-38, Barrow Bay. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: 18.5 km. Meet at 9:00 am at the end of Cemetery Rd near km 68.1 at the entrance to the Cemetery Rd Side Trail. From Wiarton take Hwy 6 north to Ferndale and turn right on Ferndale Rd, go to the end and turn right on Bruce Rd 9. Cemetery Rd is 2 km ahead on the left. Park at the end of the road. Bring water and lunch. Today's hike features more spectacular views and an excursion down a ladder to the beach at Rush Cove. Leader: Les Babbage les.babbage@sympatico.ca or 416-763-8854

Monday, May 18, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Peninsula End-to-End, Hike #5 of 9

Peninsula Section, Map 38, Lion's Head. Car Shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 19.2 km. Meet at 9:00 am at Richardson Side Trail parking lot, near km 86.2. From Hwy 6 take Everatt Rd east to Isthmus Rd which jogs left onto Forty Hills Rd. The parking lot is just past the jog. Bring water and lunch. Today's hike features magnificent lookouts, the 45th latitude and McKay's Harbour. Leader: Les Babbage les.babbage@sympatico.ca or 416-763-8854

Sunday, May 24, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm: Easy-going End-to-End, Hike #2 of 6

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Mono Cliffs to Boyne Valley, Maps 19/20. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 8.7 km. No dropouts. Meet at 9:30 am at km 18.7, roadside parking on Centre Road, south of 5 Sideroad, at the edge of the forest. From Hwy. 89 turn north onto Prince of Wales Rd/Dufferin County Rd 19. Turn right onto 5 Sideroad. Take the first right onto Centre Rd. Join us for a series of six hikes to earn the *Dufferin Hi-Land 50th Anniversary End-to-End badge*. Come for one, some or all of the hikes. This hike goes from the north end of Mono Cliffs Park to the middle of Boyne Valley Park; km 10.0 to 18.7. Leader: Sue Simons 416-526-9582 (before 9 pm) or hikersue@me.com

Sunday May 24: Blue Mountain End-to-End, Hike #4 of 5

Blue Mountain Section. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 12 km. Car shuttle. Pre-register with Frieda Baldwin 705-245-1005 for more details.

Sunday, May 31, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm: Easy-going End-to-End, Hike #3 of 6

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Boyne Valley to Rock Hill Park, Map 20. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 10.7 km. No dropouts. Meet at 9:30 am at km 29.4, BTC parking lot on 1st Line EHS (Emergency #716599). From Airport Road turn left onto 10 Sideroad/Dufferin County Road 17. Turn left onto 1st Line EHS. Parking lot is about 500 m south. Join us for a series of six hikes to earn the *Dufferin Hi-Land 50th Anniversary End-to-End badge*. Come for one or some or all of the hikes. This hike goes from the middle of Boyne Valley Park past many of our new side trails and ends just before the Rock Hill Park Side Trail; km 18.7 to 29.4. Leader: Sue Simons 416-526-9582 (before 9 pm) or hikersue@me.com

Sunday May 31: Blue Mountain End-to-End, Hike #5 of 5

Blue Mountain Section. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 12 km. Car shuttle. Pre-register with Frieda Baldwin 705-245-1005 for more details.

Sunday, June 7, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm: Easy-going End-to-End, Hike #4 of 6

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Rock Hill Park to Kilgorie Side Trail (west end), Map 20. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 8.3 km. No dropouts. Meet at 9:30 am at km 37.7, roadside parking on Prince of Wales Road at 15 Sideroad. Travelling northbound on Prince of Wales Rd. Turn right onto River Rd, then left onto Sideroad 15 (Look for small road sign “15 Sideroad” on a sharp curve on River Rd). Take first right onto Prince of Wales Rd and park on roadside. Join us for a series of six hikes to earn the *Dufferin Hi-Land 50th Anniversary End-to-End badge*. Come for one, some or all of the hikes. This hike goes from the Rock Hill Park Side Trail to the western end of the Kilgorie Side Trail; km 29.4 to 37.7. Leader: Sue Simons 416-526-9582 (before 9 pm) or hikersue@me.com

Saturday, June 13, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Peninsula End-to End, Hike #6 of 9

Peninsula Section, Map 39, Cape Chin. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 19.3 km. Meet at 9:00 am at roadside parking on Cape Chin North Rd at km 105.2 where the main trail turns off the road to the east and the Otter Lake Side Trail starts to the west. Take Hwy. 6 north from Wiarton. 9 km north of Ferndale turn right on Lindsay Rd 5 to East Rd. Turn left and go north 4 km to Cape Chin North Rd and turn right. The parking area is about 4.5 km down this road. Bring water and lunch. Today's hike features a look back at Lion's Head, Reed's Dump, a cobble beach and more excellent lookouts. Leader: Les Babbage les.babbage@sympatico.ca or 416-763-8854

Sunday, June 14, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm: Peninsula End-to End, Hike #7 of 9

Peninsula Section, Maps 39-40, Dyers Bay. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 21.4 km. Meet at 9:00 am at Crane Lake Road parking lot at km 126.6.

Take Hwy 6 north from Wiarton to Dyers Bay Rd, turn right then left onto Crane Lake Rd. Parking is about 6 km ahead at the end of the road. Bring water and lunch. Today's hike features Devil's Monument, a sea stack at the end of a short side trail. Leader: Les Babbage les.babbage@sympatico.ca or 416-763-8854

Sunday, June 14, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm: Easy-going End-to-End, Hike #5 of 6

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Kilgorie Side Trail (west end) to Centre Rd, Map 20/21. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 9.7 km. No dropouts. **NO DOGS ON THIS SECTION** (as per Landowner). Meet at 9:30 am at km 47.4, roadside parking on Centre Rd north of Sideroad 20. From Airport Road turn left onto County Road 21. Turn left on Centre Rd and follow for about 1.0 km to roadside parking where the trail crosses the road. Join us for a series of six hikes to earn the *Dufferin Hi-Land 50th Anniversary End-to-End badge*. Come for one, some or all of the hikes. This hike goes from the western end of the Kilgorie Side Trail to Centre Rd; km 37.7 to 47.4. Leader: Sue Simons 416-526-9582 (before 9 pm) or hikersue@me.com

Saturday, June 20, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm: Easy-going End-to-End, Hike #6 of 6

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Centre Rd to Lavender, Map 21. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 8.9 km. No dropouts. Meet at 9:30 am at km 56.3, roadside parking east of km 56.3 on Mulmur-Nottawasaga Townline, 550m east of Lavender Hill Rd at the cemetery. **Do not block cemetery gate.** From Airport Road turn left on Dufferin Rd 21/Regional Rd 25. Turn right onto 2nd Line E, then left onto Mulmur-Nottawasaga Townline. Join us for a series of six hikes to earn the *Dufferin Hi-Land 50th Anniversary End-to-End badge*. Come for one, some or all of the hikes. This hike goes from Centre Road to Lavender; km 47.4 to 56.3. Leader: Sue Simons 416-526-9582 (before 9 pm) or hikersue@me.com

Saturday, June 27, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm: Peninsula End-to-End Hike #8 of 9

Peninsula Section, Map 41, Halfway Dump. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 21.0 km. Meet at 9:00 am at the corner of Cyprus Lake Rd and Hwy. 6 to arrange the car shuttle. Bring water and lunch. Today's hike will take us past three inland lakes, High Dump, Halfway Dump and the Grotto. Leader: Les Babbage les.babbage@sympatico.ca or 416-763-8854

Passing the Buck(s) at the A.G.M.

Sometimes you don't need a thousand words, even if there is no picture.

At the Conservancy A.G.M. this past September, the Dufferin Hi-Land Club was able to present a cheque for \$5,000.00 to the Conservancy for land acquisition.

Sunday, June 28, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm: Peninsula End-to-End Hike #9 of 9

Peninsula Section, Map 42, Tobermory. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 19.6 km. Meet at 9:00 am at the Tobermory Community Center parking lot on the east side of Hwy 6 as you enter town. Bring water and lunch. On this final hike to complete the Peninsula Section we will once again enjoy great lookouts and challenging hiking. We will celebrate our accomplishment at the Bruce Trail Cairn beside Little Tub harbor and with ice cream at the Sweet Shop. Leader: Les Babbage les.babbage@sympatico.ca or 416-763-8854

Saturday July 4, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm: Killbear Park Shoreline Hike

Killbear Provincial Park, north of Parry Sound. Pace: Medium, Terrain: Easy to Moderate; Distance: 8 km. Meet at 9:00 am at the Zellers parking lot in Midland (Hwy 93 and Hugel Avenue) to car pool or at 11:00 am at the Killbear Provincial Park Visitor Centre. Day use fees apply. Bring lunch and swimsuit. To pre-register contact Frieda before June 27 at 705-245-1005

Tuesday hikes Spring-Summer 2015

Les Babbage 416-763-8854 or les.babbage@sympatico.ca, Glenys Williams 519-925-5406, or James Griffin 705-434-9316 or gryps@sympatico.ca

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 9:30am to 12:00 pm

Dufferin Hi-Land, approx. 6km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will hike the Kilgorie loop and the loop off Prince of Wales Rd. Meet at Superburger, Hwys 10 & 89. Map 20

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Toronto section, Scotsdale Farm, Approx. 9.3km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will be hiking a loop along the Bennett side trail and main trail. Meet at Scotsdale Farm parking lot off Trafalgar Rd. 1.5 km north of Hwy 7. Bring lunch. Map 13

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Caledon section, Devil's Pulpit. Approx. 6.5 km. Pace leisurely, terrain strenuous. We will hike from Belfountain along the Trimble Side Trail to the Forks of the Credit, then up the Devil's Pulpit to the Grange Side Road with the option of hiking the Ring Kiln Side Trail. Meet at Home Hardware on Hwy 10 in Orangeville at 9:00am or Grange and Creditview Rd. at 9:30 am. Map 14

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Beaver Valley, Hogg's Falls. Approx. 9.3 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike from km 72.6 on the 12th Concession south to Hogg's Falls. Meet at Superburger Hwys 10 & 89 at 8:30am or Hogg's Falls parking lot at 9:15 am. Bring lunch. Map 26

Tuesday, June 2, 2015 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Dufferin Hi-Land. Approx. 6 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate. We will hike loops on the Rock Hill, Russell and Pollock properties. Meet at 1st Line East

parking lot, 200 metres south of 10 Side Road, Mulmur. Map 20.

Tuesday, June 9, 2015 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Annual trek around Big Head River in Meadord. 14 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. Meet at Superburger. Hwy 10 & 89 at 8:00 am or at Beautiful Joe Park in Meaford at 9:15 am. Bring lunch.

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 9:00 am. to 12:00 pm

Caledon Section. Approx 8 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike from 5th Line parking lot south to Griffiths Side Trail and back. Meet at 5th Line parking lot on Hockley Valley Rd..approx. 2 km east of Airport Rd. Map 18

Tuesday, June 23, 2015 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Beaver Valley Section 10.5 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike in the Duncan Crevice Caves Provincial Reserve. Meet at Superburger at Hwy 89 and 10 at 8:00am or at parking area Km 33.4 just east of Duncan on the Blue Mountain Euphrasia Town Line at 9:00am. Map 25, Bring lunch.

Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Dufferin Hi-Land Section. Approx. 8km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate. We will hike from 30 Side Road, Mulmur km 53.9, south to Prince of Wales Rd. Meet at Superburger, Hwys 10 & 89 at 8:30 am or 30 Side Road at 9:00 am. Map 21.

There are no scheduled Tuesday hikes in July and August

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TICO # 50018498**Attention Hikers!**

Reserve Sunday, June 21st (Father's Day) to join us for the Dufferin Hi-Land Club's 50th Anniversary 50 Kilometre Challenge Hike. The Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) and the Dufferin Hi-Land Club will be hosting this hike as a sponsored fund-raising event and it's open to members and non-members alike so tell your family, friends and neighbours.

Does 50 kilometres sound too ambitious? Then consider forming a relay team of 2 to 4 participants to help share in the splendour of hiking the hills of Dufferin County.

The Club's volunteers will be staffing the checkpoints with their usual assortments of goodies and the BTC will be supplying a post-hike feast and celebration, prizes and a commemorative badge.

Participants are asked to raise a minimum of \$500 in pledges (per individual or per team) to take part in the hike.

The funds raised will go towards the BTC's Anniversary Goal to secure, steward and make available to the public 5,000 additional acres of Niagara Escarpment landscape containing the Bruce Trail by 2017.

For further information on details for this exciting challenge and how to register for the event go to <http://brucetrail.org/events/106-50-km-hi-land-challenge-june-21-2015>

or contact:

Laura Tuohy, BTC Membership Coordinator

1-800-665-4453 ext. 29

ltuohy@brucetrail.org

Or

Peter Blackmere, Dufferin Hi-Land challenge hike coordinator

519-217-6689

peter.blackmere@gmail.com

We'll keep updated information on this event on our website at: <http://dufferinbrucetrailclub.org/>

Hope to see you all on June 21st!

Trail Captain Profile

We signed on as Trail Captains 19 years ago, and it has been a most enjoyable experience. Our Dufferin section was from 27.0 Km to 34.8 Km, plus the Kilgorie side trail.

We were delighted to get these sections because not only did we have the crevasses (Rockhill,) hydro building ruins and a lookout, but a river runs through it, as well.

The most surprising thing we encountered on the trail was a very large bridge with ramps. It was spring of 2000 and we were walking from the River Road up to the Bell Lookout. Two large poplars had uprooted and fallen across the trail. Someone had decided to try their hand at engineering, by building over the obstacles using nails and local wood from the forest. The whole structure was about 16 feet in length. It consisted of two ramps, one at each end and a bridge of 3 1/2 feet high spanning 9 feet. The stringers and decking were in various degrees of decay, and the decking we referred to as rungs were 6 inches apart. Needless to say this was not a structure up to Bruce Trail standards and with some regret for the builder we dismantled it. No one ever complained.

It is now time to pass the paintbrush, clippers and chainsaw on to someone new, but we will still enjoy walking our section and many others in the future.

Thank you for 19 enjoyable years, helping the Bruce Trail.



Vic and Charlene Boyd

You Don't Know What You've Got 'Til It's Gone

The Tuesday hikes won't be quite the same anymore; not since the Pete's restaurant at Primrose closed this past summer.

Pete's was the place to go for a coffee and sandwich after a hike along the local trails. The soups were hot and homemade and the salads were fresh as were the muffins, donuts, cookies, and they had the best bagels in the world.

The staff was always happy to see the Tuesday group coming through the door, even when we tracked in mud after walking the mucky paths of the Boyne Valley.

They even installed a large table so we wouldn't have to rearrange all the furniture in order to sit together.



The building started as a Texaco station 20 years ago and converted to a coffee shop about 15 years later. They had 9 employees and averaged a sale of 500 cups of coffee a day.

It was the perfect setting to take the chill off after a winter's hike and catch up on the latest news over a fresh hot cup of brew.

The site was rumoured to be going back to being a gas station again although there is now a "For Lease" sign in the window, but there'll be a lot of fond memories haunting the place.

By Jim Preyde

Trail Director's Report



The Trail Division of the Dufferin BTC had a busy year in 2014. In addition to maintaining our trail network at the accustomed high level, we also added about 1400 metres of new trail, including 3 new Side Trails, along with various reroutes of the Main Trail. In addition to major projects, numerous “tweaks” – small improvements that most folks won’t notice – were also done. Our trails have never been in better shape.

I would like to thank all who helped – the hiking groups who invariably carry pocket saws and loppers with them and report any problems to me, the Trail Captains who do such a great job looking after their sections and the 15 Club members who helped me over the season with trail maintenance and building; particularly the individuals I consistently rely on for help – you know who you are – I couldn’t do this without you.

I would also like to thank the Hamlin Foundation for their trail building donation to all 9 BTC Clubs. Their

generosity covered all of our trail expenses from last year. (And yes, you can make a donation to the Dufferin Club specifically for trail work.) Most of the funds went to expanding our equipment arsenal, but also allowed us to purchase proper safety equipment for our chainsaw crews. It is comforting to see them outfitted now with proper helmets, rather than having to wear pots and pans on their heads.

It is always difficult to know what we will find underneath the snow when the treadway reappears. A major windstorm at the end of November necessitated a week long removal of over 50 trees that were on or over the trail, along with thousands of branches, so I expect we’ll be in good shape. I’m just glad that winter seems to be over.

Please get out on the trail and partake in the many events planned to celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

Carl Tafel, Trail Director

The Ring of Kerry



This article, which earlier appeared in the Creemore Echo, is written by Allen Clarke, who is one of the Land Stewards for Bruce Trail managed properties.

I apologize for not having written lately, been off on some adventures this one goes back to last June when my buddy Jimmy and I were off walking again, this time the Ring of Kerry in the southwest corner of ever so green and friendly Ireland, 130 km 6 day walk. The weather was spectacular, 7 days of sunshine is almost unheard of in Irish meteorological circles. In fact the first day we both suffered a serious case of sunburn as we had packed Gortex rain gear, and Icebreaker underwear but no sunscreen, after all how hot and sunny can Ireland be?

I am not going to bore you with how green everything was and sure the scenery was really spectacular; the views after the 300+m exhausting climbs to the highlands breathtaking; the pub food great; the stone age forts fascinating; the sheep jokes still amusing; the boat ride to the remote Skellig Island with it's 1500 year old monastery and 90,000 strong Gannet colony a wonderful rest for the feet; the Neolithic tombs and Ogham Stones mystifying; the gentle tones of spoken Gaelic are lyrical; the unexpected meeting of a friend, former Antarctic weather man, at the train station in Dublin pleasantly surprising; the B&B comfortable and quaint; the beer refreshing and cold; the breakfasts of blood pudding and bread fried in bacon grease cholesterol boasting; the people helpful and friendly; not to mention the history that comes alive when you are standing where the history was made. So yes Ireland is one of the nicest places in the world to visit, and you should go there.

However I want to tell you about the existential elements of hiking with a friend in another country.

The physical element is exhilarating. When you walk you feel every stone along an ancient abandoned right of way, you can imagine who passed there before you, perhaps Prince or a Roman Legionnaire; there's coldness of a stream when the water slips over the top of your boot, so clear and inviting and yet undrinkable because of Giardia/Beaver Fever, caused by sheep urine of which there is no shortage in Ireland; the wind moves off the North Atlantic and refreshes you as you move across the open meadows and then suddenly the welcomed coolness as your steps take you from the sunlight into a densely shaded forest; then there's the moment well spent venturing into an abandoned church to watch the sun through stained glass windows and examining the 1,000 year old mason's marks on stone; stopped for conversation because there is no hurry you are surprised by the warmth of an old farmer's toothless grin when he recounts the local history: the smells of sheep manure as you carefully pick your way along an ancient path; your eye drawn to the abrupt colour of a flower escaping from the rocks of a 1,000 year old stacked stone fence, you try to image the human effort require to build countless miles of stone fencing but can't; and best of all the tiredness at days end resulting from an embraced exertion that brings the deepest of sleeps. Hiking brings you face to face with the minutia of a place, when you walk unlike being in a bus or a car or even on a bike you are more than just a visitor you are physically usurped.

However it's the spiritual element of hiking with a friend that's really special. Think about the last time you were face to face for every awake moment with someone for 8 days, separated only by slept and the occasional bathroom break. People say you get to know someone when you spend 4 hours with them on the golf course, balderdash anyone can pretend to be someone they're not for 4 hours, but not for 15 hours a day for 8 days. However I can see the problems resulting from calling up your banker or lawyer or investment advisor and asking him/her to go hiking with you for a week. Regardless that kind of prolonged personal interaction allows you to virtually descend into the person's soul, probably not something you may wish to do with your banker or lawyer or investment advisor. Jimmy and I have been friends for 40+ years, and this was the 5th time we have hiked in Europe together so we know each other as well as any two people ever do. We started hiking years ago after realizing we were only

meeting at funerals. So you can imagine that over the course of the years we have some far reaching discussions and by the end of it we pretty much know what the other thinks. Interestingly I don't think that either of us has managed to change the others opinions on any of the topics but it's always a great mental exercise that matches the physical effort of the 20km days, leaving us pleasantly exhausted at days end.

If you have a loved one, spouse, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, son-in law, daughter-in-law,

or friend you want to get to know better and they to know you better nothing compares to the distraction-less one-on-one time you experience while hiking. If you enjoy being physically tired at days end, and you revel for the cut and thrust of a good exchange of ideas. I recommend you pick a friend, then pick a couple of potential discussion topics, I'd avoid politics, and try a day hiking on the Bruce Trail, it's just down the road.

Allen Clarke

Volunteers Needed!

The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club is in need of volunteers to assist in the planting of trees on the Bruce Trail properties and to help with the removal of invasive species on the Bruce Trail properties. If you would like to volunteer to help with either of these activities please reply to Brian Cornfield, Land Steward Director at bccornfield@sympatico.ca

Newest End-to-Ender

November 9, 2014.

After a day of driving rain and sleet, Graham Allen received a hikers' salute from a group of hardy Dufferin Hi-Landers at the Wiarton Willie statue in Wiarton. Graham started his end-to-end journey in June 2011 and completed 6 of the 9 Bruce Trail sections on Dufferin Hi-Land club hikes, becoming a Dufferin Hi-Land member along the way. Congratulations, Graham!

Please help Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club to go green!

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Please send an email to dhbrucetrailclub@gmail.com indicating your preference to receive your Hi-Land News by email instead of the paper copy that is currently being mailed to you.

You will also receive notices of hike cancellations or changes, as well as news about our 50th anniversary this year.

Those were the Days

Once upon a time, of course, everything cost less. Below are examples of Bruce Trail fees from earlier Guidebook Membership Application Forms:

1968

Student	\$2.00
Adult	\$5.00
Family	\$5.00
Group	\$10.00

Guidebook

Member	\$2.00
Non-Member	\$5.00

1981

Student	\$3.00
Adult	\$10.00
Family	\$10.00
Group	\$30.00
Additional Club	\$4.00
Guidebook	\$6.00

In both 1968 and 1981, the trail was measured from North to South. 0.0 for the whole trail was at Tobermory. Every club 0.0 was at the North end of the club section. In 1981, the length of the trail overall was 430 miles --- 692 km. in modern measurement.



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