



HI-LAND VIEWS

Summer-Autumn 2015

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50th Anniversary Tree Planting

On May 7th, on the Russell Property in our section, the club planted 150 trees: 50 White Spruce, 50 Red Oak, and 50 Black Walnut. The White Spruce were kindly donated by Somerville Nurseries to commemorate Dufferin's 50th Anniversary. The Red Oaks and Black Walnuts were funded through a \$10,000 donation given to the BTC specifically for tree planting.

The volunteers who participated in the planting were: James Griffin, Carl Tafel, Les Babbage, Ralf Wroblewski, Ian Shelton, Brian Comfield, Zachary McGovarin, Barb Sonzogni, Glenys Williams, Nancy Morgan, Ruth Little, Jim Worobec, Diane Worobec, Dave Penkman, Robert Kazmirchuk, Phil Pesek, and Craig Gutowski.



Bruce Trail Day

Sunday, October 4, 2015

Mono Cliffs Provincial Park, Mono, Ontario, Canada

Outdoor family fun: Guided Hikes Nature walks Children's crafts & games BBQ Tours of new hiking trails

For more information:

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Publicity Director's Report

50th Anniversary - We have postcards available for all members to use to take to spread the word about our 50th Anniversary. Please contact me for your own deck of cards. We will have ads for our 50th anniversary activities in SNAP Dufferin and the Citizen so watch for those. Also, the BTC will place an ad in the Banner for our BTC Day on Sunday October 4. You can still earn a 50th anniversary badge by participating in our Fall Classic end-to-end on October 17-18.

Print Media - Les Babbage was interviewed by Tabitha Wells of the Citizen for an article in the Citizen. Les Babbage and Jim Preyde were interviewed by Tabitha Wells of the Citizen and an article was published in the April edition of Tapestry. **Social Media** - Hikes are being posted on Facebook a week ahead. Please 'like' our page and follow Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club. Please continue to send hiking photos with captions. Also, you can join our Facebook events.

Newsletter –save a tree - In lieu of a phone campaign, I sent out another call for members to join the 'green' program instigated by BTC. A natural result will be savings from less printing and postage. 15 members responded, and will now be 15 additional people receiving the newsletter electronically. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer for the phone campaign.

T-shirts - Support your club by buying a T-shirt. They are only \$20 each for a wicking shirt. You will love them! Please contact me or another member of the board if you would like a shirt.

Promotion at events - We are promoting our club at Mono's Winterfest, Honda Health Fair, Alliston's Potato Festival, Orangeville Farmer's market, Shelburne Fair and Orangeville Fair. Let me know if you think we should be represented at other events. Let me know if you would like to volunteer to help promote our club. **Website** - Our website dufferinbruceclub.org is your best reference for hikes and events. Enjoy!

Margery Cruise, Director, Publicity
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Trail Director's Report

The Trails Division has been busy, making sure the trails were in good shape for the 6 Day End 2 End and in excellent shape for the 50 K Challenge. Thanks to all of the Trail Captains who contributed. I have only had to organize five small work crews thus far, consisting of me and 2 or 3 others. Carl Alexander, James Griffin, Ian Shelton and Brian Cornfield were members of those crews.

After a spring drought, we have had a lot of rain in the last six weeks, and everything is quite lush. Once again, the grass is growing like crazy. I would like to thank Carl A. and Norm Wingrove for doing the cutting north of Mulmur's 20 Sideroad and Jim Preyde

and Mark Richardson for helping me cut on the former Boyne Valley School property.

A big thank you also goes out to Bob Collin who is taking over from Ralph Tremills by being eyes (and sometimes ears) on the trail system through Mono Cliffs Park.

A new bench has been built next to Oliver Creek and a new Side Trail has been approved – but not yet opened – on one of the BTC owned properties.

Congratulations to Adele MacGillivray for being the first to successfully complete all of the Highlight Hikes.

Carl Tafel

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50 km. Challenge Hike

The morning of Sunday, June 21st was a gloomy, rainy one but that didn't dampen the spirits of the 85 hikers who came out to participate in the Dufferin Hi Land Club's 50th anniversary 50km Challenge. The Challenge, a sponsored fund raising hike, saw 29 single hikers and members of 14 relay teams assemble at the Mono Centre Recreation Centre to register for the event. They were then bussed to the start point at Dufferin County Road 21 near the Black Bank and from there they started their 50 kilometre trek back south to the Recreation Centre. This adventure raised \$36,263.00 dollars for the Bruce Trail Conservancy'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.

Such an exercise cannot succeed without tremendous planning. Sincerest thanks to Peter Blackmere, the Dufferin Hi Land Club's Special Events coordinator for his tireless dedication to the event. Peter was responsible for helping to lay out the route, assigning first aid trained sweeps, helping to set up the check points and, most importantly, being the go-to, on-the-go guy who dealt with the minute to minute problems that always occur. Also many thanks to Glenys Williams, Social Events Coordinator, for her talents in arranging the staff for the check points and ensuring they were well stocked with all the goodies that hikers need.

Appreciation also goes out to all the volunteers who swept the routes to make sure the hikers were

not lost or injured and to the volunteers who staffed the checkpoints to feed the hungry and thirsty participants and patch up cuts and blisters.

Many of the hikers were commenting on the Trail's great condition. The Club's Trail Director, Carl Tafel and his team can take credit for that.

We would also like to recognize the tremendous efforts of the staff at the Bruce Trail Conservancy for their expertise in such events; especially to staff members Laura Touhy and Marsha Russell for their guidance. And a special thanks to the BTC's Allison Wright for her infectious and enthusiastic encouragement to the hikers at the finish line. In all over 40 volunteers and 3 BTC staff members joined together to ensure that this project turned out to be the success it was!

None of this would have been possible without the exceptional achievements of the hikers who sweated their way through the Challenge. Nor would it have been the success it was without the generosity of our donors.

We are so grateful to the many who had a hand in the accomplishments of June 21st.

And the weather? By midmorning the clouds broke, the sun shone and the participants were treated to cool breezes. So thanks to Mom Nature too.

Jim Preyde

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Photos on following pages.

Chris Brown, the first hiker to finish



My name is Chris Brown and I am 40 years old. I live in Mississauga with my wife Keri and kids, Gage (9) and Sawyer (6). I am an outdoor enthusiast; my mode of transportation is my feet or a canoe. I am also passionate about photography.

In the last few years I have taken up running; last year at 40 I completed my first marathon. This year I have become attracted to trail running.

Last year I completed the Beaver Valley Club's 50km challenge and I did not do well at all. So I trained for this year's event and wanted to see how much of a 50km trail I could run. My training came through which allowed me to achieve my goal of finishing better than last year.

I regularly use the Toronto section of the Bruce Trail for my trail running and photography. I would like to thank all the volunteers that made this event happen; especially for the encouragement they provided from the start, to each rest station, to the end.



Second and third to finish





A Dufferin Hi-Land Team

(Marilyn Dubach, Linda Turnbull, Les Babbage and Tony Riggs)

There was a second DHL team (no photos available) of Carl and Lynda Alexander and the Carol Cholvat family, which raised \$1,000.00.

Volunteer Land Stewards Needed!

The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club requires additional Land Stewards when new properties are purchased by the Bruce Trail Conservancy and also when existing Land Stewards retire. If you are interested in becoming a Land Steward please reply to Brian Cornfield, Land Steward Director at bccornfield@sympatico.ca

Chase the Coyote Sept 26 - Help Dufferin Club

The fourth Annual Chase the Coyote Trail Race will take place at the stunning Mono Cliffs Provincial Park on Saturday, September 26, 2015.

Race Directors Norman Nadon and Jodi McNeill of Running Free Orangeville are aiming to increase the participation to a maximum of 400 runners this year.

This community-supported event offers something for both the novice and more experienced runner. There will be two distances featured. A 5.7 km 'Sprint' offering a non-technical, relatively flat route and a 14.4km 'Challenge' featuring plenty of uphill climbs, stairs and fast single track.

Watch for it – an additional longer course is being planned!

Registration is available online at www.chasethecoyote.com as well as in person at Running Free Orangeville (cash only). The Club benefits from a significant donation.

Participants will enjoy post-race snacks provided by local establishments and have the opportunity to browse the various race vendors on site.

For full details please visit our website. www.chasethecoyote.com

Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club Fall Classic 2 Day End-to-End

Saturday, October 17 - 18, 2015

Mono Community Centre, Mono, Ontario, Canada

Traditional fall 2 day end-to-end hike with bus and checkpoints. 50th Anniversary Gold Rose

End-to-End badge awarded to hikers who complete both days' hikes.

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Hike Director's Report

Wow! What a spring we had for hiking the Bruce Trail! 20-22 hikers enjoyed the club's first Dufferin Hi-Land Easy-Going End-to-end, earning the new 50th Anniversary gold rose badge. Kudos to Sue Simons for seeing the need and developing this series of hikes.

Another innovative series, led by Gilles Gagnon, completed a Toronto Section end-to-end following some of the less familiar side trails. 20-25 hikers also joined me for our bi-annual trek up the Peninsula section to enjoy the cliffs and spectacular views of Georgian Bay. Thanks to the many hike leaders who made all this and more possible.

Finally, I can't report on hiking without adding my congratulations to the organizers, volunteers and hikers who made the 50 km. Challenge such a huge success.

Upcoming this fall we will again have a full and varied schedule of Tuesday and weekend hikes. The main highlight will be our annual Fall Classic 2 Day End-to-End event, which this year will celebrate our 50th Anniversary by awarding the gold rose badge to all hikers who complete the full distance.

Also of note this fall is an opportunity to earn the Caledon Hills Sideways badge and explore many of the side trails in our neighbour's section of trail. Sue Simons will again be making this an "easy-going" option for Dufferin hikers.

As always, I would like to express the appreciation of all hikers for the work of our trail maintenance and trail captains who maintain incredibly high standards for our section of the Bruce Trail. We continue to receive praise from hikers on the quality and condition of the trail. Keep up the good work!

Les Babbage

Hike Director

At the Other Extreme: Dufferin 50th in Six Separate Days

Over the months of May and June, Susan Simons led a series of six hikes covering the Dufferin Hi-Land section from end-to-end. The group experienced fantastic weather conditions overall with only one rainy day. A highlight of the series was enjoying a picnic set out by one of our landowners who was also participating in the hike series. We had a great turnout on the hikes, with a high of 22 participants.

Hikers who completed the series received their 50th anniversary badge for our section. The series of shorter hikes was well received and enjoyed by all. We even recruited a few new members along the way!



Back Row: Susan Simons

Middle Row: Heidi Bischof, Sui Chu, Don McCrossan, Verna Adams, Keith McEwan, Isabelle Sheardown, Margery Cruise, Helen Bailey

Front Row: Georgina Shelton, (Bentley-dog), Deborah Baber

Absent: Jil Doble, Brian Cornfield

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PATAGONIA

March 5 to 17, 2016

Explore both Chile and Argentina!

In Chile, visit penguins on Isla Magdalena, then journey far south into the heart of Torres Del Paine NP for magnificent views of the central lakes and the Paine's Horns, a stunning hike on the shores of Grey Lake to witness the icebergs floating in the water, and the famed hike up to "The Towers". In Argentina, travel to El Chalten and El Calafate for hikes in Los Glaciares National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Hike over to view Mt. Fitz Roy and even visit the renowned Perito Moreno Glacier. This adventure concludes in the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires.

AMALFI COAST

April 18 to 30, 2016

October 10 to 22, 2016

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. Come hike in Sorrento, Positano, Amalfi and on the posh island of Capri.

THE "CAMINO"

April 25 to May 7, 2016

The Camino de Santiago is an iconic trek covering some 800km across the north of Spain. Our journey encompasses the last 152km from O'Cebreiro 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 9 to 21, 2016

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!

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Autumn 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	

Saturday, September 12, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm:

Toronto Section End-to-End, Hike 1 of 3

Toronto Section, Maps 13-14, Silver Creek/Terra Cotta. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium to Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 16.9 km. Meet at roadside parking at end of Eighth Line Side Trail (near km 33.1}. From Trafalgar Road/Hwy 7 take 22 Sideroad north-east to Eighth Line. Turn left. Parking is 2 km north-west, where the Side Trail meets the road. Bring lunch, snacks and water. We will shuttle back to km 49.5 and hike back through Terra Cotta and Silver Creek Conservation Areas. Pub stop to follow. Leader: Les Babbage les.babbage@sympatico.ca or 416-763-8854

Sunday, September 13, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm:

Caledon Hills Sideways Badge, Cluster E

Caledon Hills Section, Map 19, Mono Centre. Loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 9 km. Meet at Mono Community Centre parking lot (754483) on Mono Centre Road. Mono Centre is located east of Highway #10, north of Orangeville. From Hwy 10 turn east at Camilla onto Dufferin Rd 8. Follow Rd 8 as it bends north. The parking lot is on the right just south of the community centre. If you reach the stop sign in Mono Centre, you have gone too far. Park in the gravel lot at the back of the parking lot. Work toward your Caledon Sideways Badge. Keep a log of your Sideways hikes. Today we will hike Laidlaw, Turnbull & South Outlier Side Trails. Leader: Susan Simons hikersue@me.com or 416-526-9582

Sunday, September 20, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm:

Caledon Hills Sideways Badge, Cluster D

Caledon Hills Section, Map 18, Hockley Valley. Loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 14 km. Meet at roadside parking lot on 3rd Line EHS north of Hockley Road, where Glen Cross Side Trail meets the road. Hockley Road runs east from Highway 10, north of Orangeville. At 3rd Line EHS turn left (north). Travel about a km until you see a small parking area on the right. Work toward your Caledon Sideways Badge. Keep a log of your Sideways hikes. Today we will hike Glen Cross, Isabel East, Cam Snell and Tom East Side Trails. Leader: Susan Simons hikersue@me.com or 416-526-9582

Saturday, October 3, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm: Toronto Section End-to-End, Hike 2 of 3

Toronto Section, Maps 12-13, Scotsdale Farm/Limehouse. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium to Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 18.2 km. Meet at roadside parking at south-west end of Third Line (near km 16.1). From Halton Rd 25 take Halton Rd 46 north-east to Third Line. Turn right. Parking is 2 km south-east, where Third Line ends and Charles Hildebrandt Side Trail begins. Bring lunch, snacks and water. We will shuttle to km 33.1 and hike back through Scotsdale Farm and Limehouse Conservation Area. Pub stop to follow. Leader: Les Babbage les.babbage@sympatico.ca or 416-763-8854

Sunday, October 4, 9:30 am – 11:30 am: Caledon Hills Sideways Badge, Cluster B

Caledon Hills Section, Map 18, Forks of the Credit. Loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Easy; Distance: 6 km. Meet at parking lot at km 46.6 on 5 Sideroad. From Hwy 9 and Airport Rd. travel 3.5 km north to 5 Sideroad (Tai Chi welcome sign). Turn right (east). Travel .5 km to the parking lot on the left. Work toward your Caledon Sideways Badge. Keep a log of your Sideways hikes. Today we will include Hockleycrest, Harmony, and Darcy's Side Trails. Leader: Susan Simons hikersue@me.com or 416-526-9582

Sunday, October 11, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm: Caledon Hills Sideways Badge, Cluster C

Caledon Hills Section, Map 18, Hockley Heights. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 9 km. No dropouts. Meet at the parking lot on the east side of 5th Line EHS, immediately south of Hockley Road. Hockley Road runs east-west between Airport Road and Hwy 10. 5th Line EHS is the first road west of Airport Road. The parking area is accessed by a driveway on the east side of 5th Line EHS, just south of Hockley Road. Work toward your Caledon Sideways Badge. Keep a log of your Sideways hikes. Today we will include Hockley Heights, Glacier Valley and Hemlock Ridge Side Trails. Consult hike leader regarding dogs. Leader: Susan Simons hikersue@me.com 416-526-9582

October 17-18: Dufferin Hi-Land Fall Classic End-to-End

Come celebrate DHBTC's 50th Anniversary and earn a special anniversary edition of our rose badge. The bus will leave at 8:00 am each day from the parking lot on 1st Line EHS (km 29.4, map 20). The hike distance is 28 km per day with checkpoints providing refreshments and assistance along the way. To register, please send a \$25 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.

Sunday, October 25, 9:30 am – 11:30 am: Caledon Hills Sideways, Cluster A, Part 1

Caledon Hills Section, Map 14, Forks of the Credit. Loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 6.1 km. Meet at roadside parking on Forks

of the Credit Rd at Dominion St. From Hwy 10 turn West on Forks of the Credit Road and proceed about 4.5 km to the meeting point. Work toward your Caledon Sideways Badge. Keep a log of your Sideways hikes. Today we will hike the Trimble and Crow's Nest Trails. Leader: Susan Simons hikersue@me.com or 416-526-9582

Saturday, October 31, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm: Toronto Section End-to-End, Hike 3 of 3

Toronto Section, Maps 11-12, Speyside/Hilton Falls. Car shuttle. Pace: Medium to Brisk; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: 17.3 km. Meet at the entrance to Hilton Falls Conservation Area (near km 0.0). From Hwy 401 take Halton Rd 25 north-west to Campbellville Rd (Halton Rd 9). Turn left and drive 3 km to Hilton Falls Conservation Area. We will leave cars in the parking lot (fee applies), shuttle back to km 16.1 and hike back through Speyside and along the escarpment cliffs to Hilton Falls parking. Bring lunch, snacks and water. Halloween costumes optional! Pub stop to follow. Leader: Les Babbage les.babbage@sympatico.ca or 416-763-8854

Sunday, November 1, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm: Caledon Hills Sideways, Cluster A, Part 2

Caledon Hills Section, Map 15, Forks of the Credit. Loop hike. Pace: Medium; Medium; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 8.6 km. Meet at roadside parking on Forks of the Credit Rd at Dominion St. From Hwy 10 turn west on Forks of the Credit Road and proceed about 4.5 km to the meeting point. Work toward your Caledon Sideways Badge. Keep a log of your Sideways hikes. Today we will hike Ring Kiln, Dorothy Medhurst and Quarryman's Side Trails. The terrain is steep and rocky in places, but we will take it at a slower pace. Leader: Susan Simons hikersue@me.com or 416-526-9582

Saturday November 7, 9:30 am – 2:00 am: Pretty River Loop

Blue Mountains Section, Map 23, Pretty River. Loop hike. Pace: Medium to Brisk; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 15.5 km. Meet at km 45.4 on north side of Pretty River Rd. From Singhampton, take Simcoe Rd 124 east to Concession 10. Turn left and follow Concession 10 about 9 km north to 33/34 Concession Nottawasaga. Turn left and drive 3.5 km west to roadside parking at km 45.4. Be prepared for lots of hills and beautiful views over the Pretty River Valley. We will do a combination of white trail and the blue Pretty River, and Russ McConnell side trails. Bring lunch, snacks and water. Pub stop to follow. Leaders : Bryan or Carol Foley bryfoley50@gmail.com or 519-942-6488

Saturday November 7, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm: Humber Valley

Humber Valley Heritage Trail. Car shuttle hike. Pace: Medium, Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 15.5 or 8.0 km. Meet at the northern terminus of the HVHT on Humber Station Road, 3 km. north of Old Church Road at the Caledon Trailway, in the Town of Caledon. We will shuttle to Dick's Dam Park in Bolton, dropping off cars at Castlederg Road for hikers who prefer a shorter hike of about 8 km. We will traverse varied and interesting terrain with moderate hills. Bring lunch, snacks and water. Well-behaved dogs are most welcome. Leader: Bob Slack bslack14@yahoo.ca or 519-942-8608

Saturday, November 14, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm: Forks of the Credit/Devil's Pulpit

Caledon Section, Maps 14 – 15, Forks of the Credit. Loop hike. Pace: Brisk; Terrain Moderate to Strenuous. Distance: 15 km. Meet at roadside parking at km 6.5 on Creditview Road just north-west of The Grange Sideroad. We will walk north on the main trail via Devil's Pulpit through the Forks of the Credit Provincial Park over to the McLaren Road Side Trail to loop back to the cars. Bring lunch, snacks and water. Hiking shoes or boots recommended. Families, friends and well-mannered dogs welcome. Probable pub stop at the end. Leaders: Pat Foley pfoley@ilap.com or 416-578 3772; Tristan Goguen tgoguen@ilap.com.

Saturday, November 21, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm: Hockley Valley South Side

Caledon Hills Section, Map 18, Hockley Valley. Loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: 14 km. Meet at parking lot just east of Airport Road on 7th Line at km 46.6, north of Hwy 9. We will take in the new reroute and lots of hills to about km 50.0, returning by the side trails through the Valley of the Mother of God. Bring lunch, snacks and water. Weather permitting we will take a lunch break at a high point so we can enjoy the views of the valley. Hiking shoes or boots recommended. Families, friends and well-mannered dogs welcome. Leaders: Pat Foley pfoley@ilap.com or 416-578 3772; Tristan Goguen tgoguen@ilap.com

Saturday, December 5, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm: Walkers Woods/Boyne Valley

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 20, Boyne Valley. Out and back hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: 16 km. Meet at the parking lot at km 29.4 on 1st Line E just south of 10 Sideroad. This hike offers hills, crosses streams, beautiful forests and pretty vistas. We will hike down to the start of the Boyne Valley Provincial Park and return by the main and side trails forming an approximately 16 km loop. Bring lunch, snacks and water. Hiking shoes or boots recommended

Families, friends and well-mannered dogs welcome. Probable pub stop at the end. Leaders: Pat Foley pfoley@ilap.com or 416-578 3772; Tristan Goguen tgoguen@ilap.com

Saturday, December 12, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm: Silver Creek/Scottsdale Farm

Toronto Section, Map13, Silver Creek. Loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 17.5 km. Meet at roadside parking at km 38.5 on Tenth Line, 2.2 km south-east of 32 Sideroad (Halton Road 42) We will hike the main trail to Bennett Heritage SideTrail through Scottsdale Farm then back via Roberts Side Trail and then the main trail back to the cars. This hike offers lots of hills, streams, boardwalks, forests and pretty vistas! Bring lunch, snacks and water. Hiking shoes or boots recommended. Families, friends and well-mannered dogs welcome. Leaders: Pat Foley pfoley@ilap.com or 416-578 3772; Tristan Goguen tgoguen@ilap.com

Sunday December 27, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm Dufferin Hi-Land “Annual Walk off the Turkey Hike”

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 20, Boyne Valley. Loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous Distance; 14 km with an 8 km short option. Meet at roadside parking on County Rd 19 (Prince of Wales Rd) about 2 km north of Hwy 89, where the Primrose Side Trail crosses the road. The longer hike will follow the Primrose Side Trail and main trail to km 23.9 and back. The shorter hike will leave the main trail at km 19.9 and take the Boyne Valley Side Trail back. Bring water, lunch and warm clothing. Snowshoes may be necessary; call if in doubt. Well-behaved dogs welcome. Turkey sandwiches are not welcome!! Pub stop to follow. Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley bryfoley50@gmail.com or 519-942-6488

Tuesday Hikes

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 9:30am to 12:00 pm
Dufferin Hi-Land Section, approx. 7km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will hike from km 00 to km 7.

We will meet at km 00 at County Rd 8 and 3rd Line, just east of Mono Centre. Map 19

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.
Caledon Section, approx. 8.6km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike from km 61.6 along the Hockley Valley escarpment to km 53.0 on 5th Line. Meet at the parking lot on 5th Line approx. 2km WEST of Airport Rd. on Hockley Rd. Map 18.

Tuesday, September 22-24, 2015

Hiking in and around Killarney Provincial Park. Numbers may be limited. For meeting place and other details contact hike leader Jim Preyde at duffhiland@hotmail.com or call/text Jim at 705 733 5159

Tuesday, September 29, 2015 9:30 am to 12:00 pm
Dufferin Hi-Land Section, 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, October 6, 2015 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Beaver Valley Section, approx. 8 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate. We will hike a loop through Loree Forest. Meet at Superburger at Hwys 89 and 10 at 8:30 am. or at 4th Line and 21 Sideroad at km 2.3 at 9:30am. Map 24. Bring lunch.

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 9:30 am to 12:00 pm
Dufferin Hi-land Section, 8km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike a loop from Hwy 89 to Murphy's Pinnacle and back via Boyne Valley side trail. Meet at Superburger at Hwys 89 and 10. Map 20

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 9:00 am. to 3:00 pm
Beaver Valley Section, 9.3km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike from North Street in Eugenia, km 54 to Hogg's Falls. Meet at Superburger at Hwys 89 and 10 at 9:00 am. or at Hogg's Falls at approx. 9:30 am. Map 26. Bring lunch.

Tuesday, October 27, 2015 9:30 am to 12:00 pm
Caledon section, approx. 6km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate. We will hike from Dunby Rd. south around Snell loop. Meet at Dunby Rd (km 69) just east of 2nd Line. Map18

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Blue Mountain Section, approx. 8 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate. We will hike along the John Haigh Side Trail and around the Petun Conservation Area. Meet at Superburger, Hwys 89 and 10 at 9:30 am or on the 26 Sideroad 2.5 km east of Gibraltar. Map 23. Bring lunch

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.
Dufferin Hi-land Section, approx. 7 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate. We will hike loops in Rockhill, Russell and Pollock properties. Meet at parking lot on 1st Line East just south of County Rd 17/ 10 Sideroad. Map 20

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.
Toronto Section, approx. 10 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy. We will hike Hilton Falls Side Trail. Meet at Hilton Falls Conservation Area on Campbellville Rd. approx. 3.5 km west of Hwy 25. Map 11. Bring lunch. There is a fee for parking.

Tuesday, November 24, 2015 9:00 am. to 12:00 pm.
Caledon Section, approx. 6 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate. We will hike in the Forks of the Credit Provincial Park. Meet at Home Hardware parking lot in Orangeville on Hwy. 10. at 9:00 am. or at Dominion Rd. and Forks of the Credit Rd. at 9:30 am. Map 15

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 9:30 am. to 12:00 pm.
Caledon Section, approx. 7 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate. We will hike from Coolihans Sideroad north to 7th Line. Meet at 7th Line parking lot, east off Airport Rd. approx. 2km north of Hwy. 9. Map 17

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 9:30 am. to 12:00 pm.
Caledon Section, approx. 7 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike Glen Cross and Snell Loops. Meet at parking lot on Hockley Rd. 300 metres east of 2nd Line. Map 18

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 9:30 am. to 12:30 pm.
Island Lake, approx. 7 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy. Meet at Home Hardware parking lot on Hwy. 10 in Orangeville.

MERRY CHRISTMAS !

Hikes resume January 5, 2016

50 K Challenge Behind the Scenes

Our first meeting to coordinate BTC and Dufferin efforts was on January 21. The exact 50 km route was determined along with the checkpoint locations. A list of approximately 30 jobs such as mapping, badges, finish line logistics, first aid, volunteer coordination, promotions, prizes, donation processing, accommodation options, trail preparation, checkpoint supplies, etc., was established

Four additional meetings were held by the Dufferin Club and a meeting was held with the BTC on May 25th. We wanted participation by the general membership, so emailed everyone that had provided the club with an email address. We had a really good response and were able to fill all 38 of the sign-in, sweep, checkpoint and finish line positions. A master schedule was developed to keep everything organized. We saved all emails related to the 50 km: they total 157!

Once all positions were assigned, we drove to the starting point, each checkpoint, and the finish line to record the exact location and G.P.S. coordinates. We also recorded driving directions to, and between, checkpoints (for relay team members) and all of that info was included by Laura in one of her communications to all participants.

A list of supplies required by each checkpoint was prepared (clip boards, pens, trays, cutting knives, cups etc) and A bin of supplies (clipboards, pens, trays, knives, cups etc.), was put together for each checkpoint. The bananas, oranges, watermelon, water and juices were purchased the day before the event to complete – along with the home-baked goodies - the checkpoint bins. After the event on June 21st we cleaned everything up.

Peter Blackmere

Volunteer Land Stewards Needed!

The Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club requires additional Land Stewards when new properties are purchased by the Bruce Trail Conservancy and also when existing Land Stewards retire. If you are interested in becoming a Land Steward please reply to Brian Cornfield, Land Steward Director at bccornfield@sympatico.ca

Planning Meeting for A.G.M.

Monday August 10th, 7:00 p.m.
Shelburne Library

The Annual AGM of the Bruce Trail Conservancy is held once a year. Each year it is hosted by one of the 9 clubs in the Conservancy. In September of 2016 the honour goes to Dufferin Hi-Lands.

There are currently over 8,500 member of the BTC. This is our opportunity to profile our section of the trail to all of these members. One of the BTC glossy magazine will highlight all the joys of the Dufferin Hi-Lands. Our workshops will provide a glimpse in to our community and the uniqueness of the Hi-Lands.

Of course, not all 8,500 members will attend, but several hundred are expected. The meeting starts on a Friday night, with a meet and greet wine and cheese (and any other addition that we wish to present). The business meeting presented by the BTC themselves is held on Saturday morning. A lunch follows, and then the workshops. The workshops may be held on premises, or offsite at a place of interest in our community. Saturday evening there is a dinner. Throughout these two days, there is a silent auction table. Everyone enjoys the silent auction, as we head home with our bargains, and the proceeds go to DHBTC. Sunday is the day for hiking, with a variety of hikes offered to suit everyone.

We last hosted this in 2007. We had a fabulous committee who pulled it all together in amazing fashion. In the process, we had a great deal of fun and laughter.

I know it sounds like September 2016 is a long way off in to the future, however, to plan and create an event like this it is now time to put the foundation together. On Monday August 10th at the Shelburne Library (7pm), I am inviting EVERYONE to come out with your ideas. We all have different contacts, different interests in the community. When we all put our heads together, it is amazing the creativity and organization we can come up with.

If you are unable to attend this date, but have ideas, please contact me at cafoley@sympatico.ca

Carol Foley

The Give Back that Keeps on Giving

Again this October (October 14th to be exact), Dufferin Hi-Land will again be part of the Theatre Orangeville Give Back scheme. As before, we have 50 tickets to sell for the play's preview performance

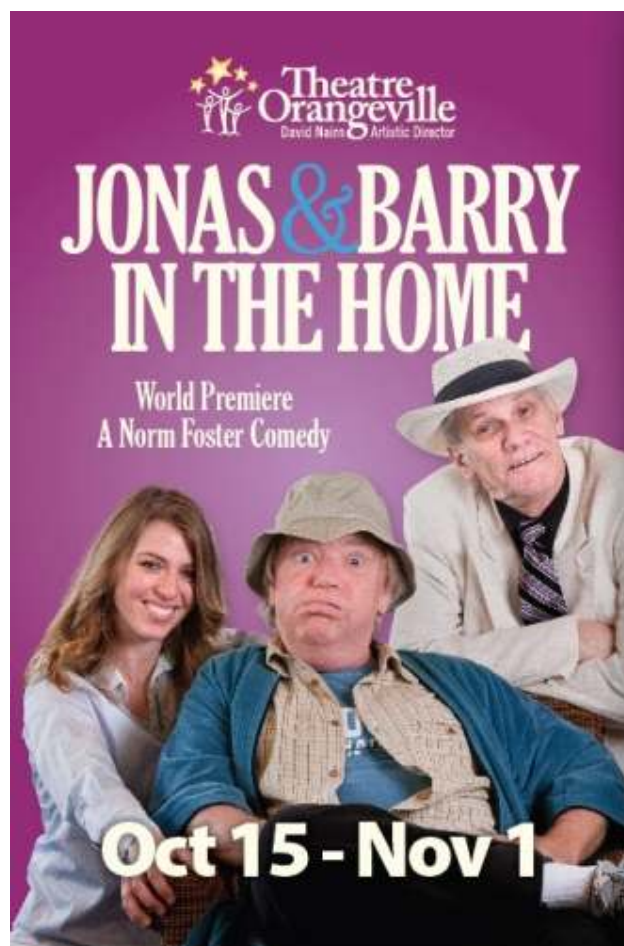
Theatre Orangeville gets \$5 per ticket, and we get all the rest, generally in the neighbourhood of \$1000 plus by the time the dust settles. This year we are able to offer tickets at \$30 each. (Less than last year; Normal theatre ticket goes for \$42).

The Play, by Norman Foster, is, of course a comedy, called

Jonas & Barry In The Home

Jonas And Barry In The Home finds new friends Barry Butterfield and Jonas Ainsworth living in an assisted living home together. Barry, a retired dentist, is newly a senior and unsure of what to do with his days at Gateway Gardens. Jonas is a retired stage actor who spends his time wooing the women in the home.

Persuade your friends, coerce your relatives – buy early, buy often.



Highlight Hikes – Adele Writes

Dufferin Highlight hikes are a series of 11 short loop hikes totaling 50k in celebration of Dufferin 50th Anniversary. Those submitting a log receive a certificate. Below are excerpts from emails sent by Adele MacGillivray:

- As one that's new to hiking, I took the challenge when someone gave the challenge sheet to my husband who showed it to me.

- I completed the challenge, although I split the longer hikes into two, I did indeed complete every inch of the challenge and enjoyed it thoroughly.

- My favourites were the Splitrock Loop and the Kilgorie Loop, both of which I have completed several times since. (I just repeated the Splitrock Loop on Saturday, and then Kilgorie Loop this morning)

- I'm the short, grey-haired old lady wandering in the woods by herself

- Thank you for a very enjoyable Spring!



The Fiftieth Anniversary Badge

Building the Boyne Bridge in 1999

In the D. H. L. archives is a small photograph album containing a dozen or so prints taken when the club built a major bridge in the Boyne Valley in 1999.

The bridge was at least the third at that spot, preceded by a suspension bridge constructed of steel cables and planks laid lengthwise over the river. A picture of this bridge is on the front page of the 1972 newsletter.

When the suspension bridge kept sagging and sagging, it was replaced by a rope bridge

described by Larry Haskell as “one sturdy nylon rope at foot level with two others at waist level, tied together every few feet with supporting ropes. There was less stress on the trees that way, as there was little weight being supported except when someone crossed the river. It was a lovely plan, but the rope was stolen within a week or two, so we had stepping stones for a while.” The rope had cost the club \$45.

The accompanying pictures show the 1999 bridge before, during, and after construction. The '99 bridge still stands.



Hydro poles being placed on the footings

More photos are on the following page.



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