



HI-LAND VIEWS

Winter 2014 - 15

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Ralph Tremills Side Trail Opens

If you have walked the boardwalks and bridges in the Bruce Trail Conservancy's Dufferin Hi - Land section, if you have climbed the sturdy stiles, if you have traversed the stairs or side-logged switchbacks, then chances are you have used a structure that Ralph Tremills had a hand in building or maintaining. Ralph joined the Dufferin Hi - Land Club in 2000 and hit the ground running. An audit at the time showed many deficits in trail structures and treadways and Ralph played a major role in repairing the flaws. He organized work parties through the week to go out and tackle repairs, maintenance and restorations. Ralph's enthusiasm for the task, his good nature, and great sense of humour are infectious. His timing for calling it quits for the day and going for coffee (or a beer) was always excellent. Working with Ralph was never work; it was an outing; an enjoyable social event which accomplished a goal as well.

If you have accompanied the Tuesday hiking group on their excursions on the paths up and down the Bruce Trail and beyond, then you have probably enjoyed an outing that was planned by Ralph Tremills. When the Tuesday hiking group formed Ralph joined the planning team with James Griffin and Glenys Williams and together they cobble together a season's schedule of wonderful hikes that include a variety of lengths, locations and intensity.

Ralph's talents also extended to the Club's Board room where he held several positions for a number of years. He partook in all topics related to the Club's activities and contributed in countless ways to the operation of the Dufferin Hi-Land BTC.

After months of careful preparation Trail Director Carl Tafel completed a Side Trail at the Conservancy's Split Rock property. It's a 960 metre path that starts at the south end in a small meadow then wanders through an enjoyable wooded area and connects with the Split Rock Side Trail. On September 23rd a large group of Ralph Tremill's biggest fans gathered together on a crisp, clear day and watched as Ralph Tremills officially opened the Side Trail which bears his name - a Side Trail which recognizes his years of devoted commitment and passion not only to the mission of the Bruce Trail Conservancy, but to the people who share the dream.



Ralph Tremills

Coyote Chase a Runaway Success

September 27th! A fine day for a run through Mono Cliffs Park. Actually, a fine day for a run for over 300 men, women and children who have signed up to take on the 14.7 k Challenge Race, or the 5.7k Sprint.

10AM – Off they go. For the early finishers, the day will be over just after 11AM. For some others, the day will last a little longer. The youngest finisher in the Sprint is four years old, the oldest Challenge runner – a woman – over eighty.

Both courses use the usual hiking trails in Mono Cliffs; the Challenge Run uses almost the whole park, from North of McCarston's Lake all the way down to the old Southern entrance down by Mono Cliffs Inn. The Sprint course is described as having moderate grades, fast going through woods and along the cliff base, and a winding woodland track to the finish.

The Challenge, however, is highly technical, with long and steep grades, a roller-coaster single track, stairs (up), cliffsides, cutbacks, etc. – the etc including an endless supply of tree roots going *across* the trail, particularly on the South Outlier, making falling not just a possibility, but rather a near certainty.

All finishers get a medal, the top five men and women in each race get awards. First place finishers for the Challenge and the Sprint were: Matthew Farquharson, Lindsay Webster; Zach Gammage, Erin King. For any man finishing the Challenge in less than an hour, for any woman finishing in under seventy minutes, there is a special *I Beat the Coyote Challenge* award.

As usual, Dufferin Club members were helping with Registration, at checkpoints, and at the food table – runners require a lot of pizza when they are done – or done in. Also, of course, the Club maintains all the

trails in Mono Cliffs year round, and makes a special effort to groom the routes before the run.

In recognition of the Club's work in the park, and our help with the race, race organizers, the *Running Free* store in Orangeville, will honour the Club with a \$1000 donation.



Coyote Prize Winners

Fall Classic a Walkaway Success

Despite grey skies, cool temperatures and light drizzle driven by a steady wind, 50 hikers turned out for the first day of Dufferin Hi-Land's Fall Classic Two Day End-to-End, held on the weekend of October 18-19. Forty-five hikers returned on day two under much more favourable conditions to complete the remaining 28 kilometres, with 42 people earning badges for hiking the full 56.3 kilometres of our section.

With lots of colourful leaves remaining and the trail groomed immaculately by Carl Tafel, Dufferin's Trail Director, and his trail captains and maintenance volunteers, participants enjoyed a great weekend of hiking. They also praised the rich selection of goodies and encouragement provided by our volunteers at the four checkpoints organized by Glenys Williams, our Social Events Director. Weary hikers were greeted at the finish by Peter and Carol Blackmere with hot dogs and hot beverages.

Congratulations to Peter, our new Special Events Coordinator, for organizing such a successful event. Thanks also to Club Treasurer, Georgina Shelton, who has taken over handling registrations for these events.

Finally a big thank you to all of the many volunteers who kept things running smoothly and provided a great experience to our hikers.



Trail Captain Profile

I am Inge Eckerich and with my husband Ralf Wroblewski, I look after a section of trail in Mono Cliffs park from 25 S.R. south on Walter Tovell and along the Lookout side trail.



We joined the Club in 2004 at a Bruce Trail Day event because we thought it was a good cause but really had no intention of actually hiking. We

already biked and played tennis in the summer and played squash and cross country skied in winter. With a large organic garden and our jobs, we really weren't looking for another activity.

But our first newsletter arrived and I saw the notice for a moonlight hike. It sounded so romantic I decided we had to go. Soon we were sliding down icy slopes in the dark on our butts. Not romantic but a lot of fun.

Now we have hiking boots, rain gear, poles, backpacks, icers, snow shoes, water bottles, bug nets, gaiters, trail maps, head lamps and lots more fun. As well as joining the Tuesday hikes, with Club members we have gone hiking to Pelee Island, Manitoulin, Tobermory, Niagara Falls, Algonquin Park, Newfoundland and Grand Manan. We have attended annual meetings, Christmas parties, birthday parties, July 1st celebrations, bike trips and plays at the Theatre Orangeville. I feel honoured to be a trail captain and a member of the executive. I see it as my chance to say thank you and give back to the wonderful volunteers and the great organization that has given us so much to enjoy. Please come out and join us, I know you will have fun.

Ladies and gentlemen, in 2015, the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary! Please keep a close watch in Hi - Land Views, our website and Facebook page for special events as we commemorate the event throughout the year!

Bruce Trail Day 2014 : Way Better than Last Year

In 2013 we stood around in the wet cold talking to each other. This year the weather gods and the parking lot spirits smiled on us.

Perhaps Bruce Trail Day advertising had been particularly successful, perhaps people had been attracted by a perfect, bright, cold day and spectacular leaves; but whatever the reason the parking lot at Mono Cliffs was full all day long, with at least 125 cars in and out between 10 and 3, and at least 400 people getting out of those cars to enjoy the trails and the views.

But first they had to get through us. There were the usual information tables where we passed out maps and gave advice on the best routes to

the best views. We sold memberships and wicked wicking T-shirts.

For the kids we had a craft corner and boardwalk building which were both busy. The BBQ pretty much ran out of hot dogs and sausages by the end of the day. The pumpkin cake from Ray's Bistro in Alton was, as always, a big hit.

Our Hike Director Les Babbage spoke to about 100 people about the trail, other volunteers answered questions about the Club. A few guided hikes were taken into the park, 25 people hiked to the viewing platform, and seven people took the tour of the new Split Rock property and the new trails there.



Kids building a boardwalk

Winter 2014 - 15 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./hr or less

Medium - 3 to 4 km./hr

Brisk - 4 to 5 km./hr

Fast - 5+ km./hr

Terrain:

Easy - Mostly flat and usually good footing

Moderate - Some hills and/or some poor footing

Strenuous - Hilly with steep climbs and some poor footing

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

Caledon Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18; Loop hike. Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: 11 km. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at km. 69.0 on Dunby Road. From Hwy 10 take Mono Centre Road east to 2nd Line EHS. Turn right for about .5 km., then left onto Dunby Road. Parking is about .5 km. east, where the main trail meets Dunby Road. We will hike the main trail, Snell and Glen Cross Side Trails. Snow shoes may be required. Call if in doubt. We are walking off all the turkey, potatoes, and desserts we ate over Christmas. Well-behaved dogs welcome, and all your turkey attire and paraphernalia, but NO TURKEY SANDWICHES. Pub stop to follow....we can still drink. Hike Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley 519-942-6488 or bryfoley50@gmail.com

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

Dufferin Hi-Land, Mono Centre, Map 19; Loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Easy to Moderate; Distance: 8-10 km. Work off the excesses of the night before and/or get a jump start on those resolutions with a casual walk through Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. All ages and levels are welcome. Well-mannered dogs also welcome. Meet at the Mono Community Centre parking lot. Veteran hikers will find the Community Centre right behind the Pub (aka Mono Cliffs Inn, Peter's Cellar). Others can take Mono Centre Road east from Hwy 10 and look for the Community Centre on your right as you approach the stop sign in Mono Centre. Hike Leader: Les Babbage, 416-763-8854 or les.babbage@sympatico.ca

Saturday, January 3, 6:30- 8:30 p.m.: Happy New Years Moonlight Snowshoe Hike

Dufferin Hi-Land, Primrose, Map 20; Loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Easy; Distance: 6 km. Meet at 6:30 pm. at km. 13.3 parking on 30 Sideroad, Mono, 2 km. east of Hwy 10, approx. 15 km. north of Orangeville. Hike the Bruce Trail at night under a full moon. You need snowshoes, headlamp, water, hat, mitts, layered clothing. It's cold! Hike starts at 6:30 SHARP! Be punctual, be adventurous. Pub stop to follow. Hike Leaders: Carol and Bryan Foley, bryfoley50@gmail.com or 519-942-6488

Saturday January 10, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: The Trail that Les NEVER Travelled Series, Hike 1

Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 19; Loop hike, Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 6-8 km. Meet at 25 Sideroad, Mono and 2nd Line EHS (Top of Walter Tovell Side Trail). From Hwy 10 approximately 14 km. north of Orangeville, turn east at 25 Sideroad. Continue to 2nd Line. This hike consists of light off trail bushwhacking. We will explore areas of the park accessible in winter. We will explore the area for coyote dens and ?? You must have snowshoes, be reasonably fit, bring water, lunch, dress for cold weather - i.e. layers, mitts, hats - and be adventurous. Hike Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley, bryfoley50@gmail.com or 519-942-6488. Pub stop to follow.

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Sunday January 11, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.: Mono Cliffs/McCarston Lake

Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 19; Loop hike. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Easy; Distance: 4.4 km. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the roadside parking at the end of 2nd Line Mono north of the village of Mono Centre (just south of km 3.1) We will snowshoe or hike (depending on conditions) from this point around McCarston Lake. Well-mannered dogs are welcome. Please dress for weather conditions (snow shoes or icers and poles). Bring snacks and water. Hike Leaders: Helen Bailey 905-936-1119 or helenbailey@dynamichcs.com and Sue Simons

Saturday January 17, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Black Bank - Winter Badge, Hike #1 of 4

Dufferin Hi-Land, Black Bank, Map 21. Snowshoe loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: 8 km. Meet on Prince of Wales Rd. near km 46.3 where the main trail turns east off of the road. Take Hwy 124 north from Shelburne for 15 km and turn right on Dufferin Road 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: Les B a b b a g e , 4 1 6 - 7 6 3 - 8 8 5 4 o r les.babbage@sympatico.ca and Helen Bailey, 905-936-1119 or helenbailey@dynamichcs.com

Sunday January 25, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: The Trail that Les NEVER Travelled Series, Hike 2

Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 19. Snowshoe loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 6-8 km. Meet at km. 7.9 on 1st Line EHS south of 25 Sideroad, Mono. From Hwy 10 approx 14 km. north of Orangeville, turn east at 25 Sideroad. Continue to 1st Line, then turn right to the end. This hike consists of light bushwhacking on and off the trail. Focus on fun and adventure! You must have snowshoes, be reasonably fit, bring water, lunch , dress for cold weather – i.e. layers, mitts, hats - and be adventurous. Pub stop to follow. Hike Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley bryfoley50@gmail.com or 519-942-6488

Saturday January 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Full Moon Hike, Winter Badge Hike #2 of 4

Dufferin Hi-Land, Map 20. Snowshoe loop hike. Pace: Medium or leisurely options; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: 7 km. or 4 km. Meet at 6:30 pm sharp at km. 29.4 on 1st Line EHS where the trail turns east into the (unploughed) parking lot. From the intersection of Hwy 10 and 89, continue north on Dufferin Road 19 (Prince of Wales Road). Turn right onto Dufferin Road 17, then right onto 1st Line to road parking 300 m. south. A shorter hike or a more challenging, longer hike for experienced snowshoe hikers will be offered. 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 Walker's Woods, and the south east lookout. Note: two substantial hills on the longer hike. Dress in layers, mitts, hats and headlamps. Snowshoes required. It's cold , be punctual! Pub stop to follow. Hike Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley, 519-942-6488 or bryfoley50@gmail.com.

Saturday February 7, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Dundas Valley Winter Waterfall Hike

Iroquoia Section, Map 8, Car shuttle hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: approx. 17 km (may be shortened to 9-11 km., without cutting out waterfall visits, depending on trail conditions). Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Tiffany Falls Conservation Area parking at Km 45.0. We'll carpool to the other side of Dundas Valley to the start of the Webster's Falls Side Trail and hike back. Along the way, we'll capture five waterfalls in their winter glory, including Webster's, Tews, Canterbury, Sherman, and Tiffany Falls. Some steep and slippery terrain. Bring icers, hiking poles, and snowshoes in the event of heavy snowfalls. Parking fees apply at both locations. Register via email or phone with the Hike Leader. Pub stop to follow. From Hwy 403 going west up the escarpment past Hamilton, take Exit 64 and follow Mohawk/Rousseau Road north. Turn right on Wilson St. Continue for approximately 1.7 km. to Tiffany Falls Conservation Area parking on the right. Hike Leader: Gilles Gagnon, 289-237-5663, bluewater@it-mike.com

**Saturday February 21, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.:
Dufferin Hi-Land Winter Badge, Hike #3 of 4**

Dufferin Hi-Land, Boyne Valley, Map 20. Snowshoe loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: 10 km. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of 8 Sideroad, Mulmur and 2nd Line EHS (km. 23.9). 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: Les Babbage, 416-763-8854 or les.babbage@sympatico.ca or Helen Bailey, 905-936-1119 or helenbailey@dynamichcs.com

Saturday March 21, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: Crawford Lake Conservation Area

Iroquoia Section, Map 11. Loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 11.1 km. Meet at 9.00 a.m. at the Calcium Pits roadside parking at km. 102.5 on Twiss Road. From Hwy 401, take Guelph Line exit south through Campbellville to Conservation Road. Turn right, then left at Twiss Road. The Calcium Pits are at the bottom of the hill about 1.5 km south of Conservation Road. We will walk the main trail to km 108.5, return on the Crawford Lake Side Trail past the village and visitor centre and then main trail to the parking. Bring lunch, snacks and adequate water. Bring snowshoes, icers or hiking boots depending on the weather. Families, friends and well-mannered dogs welcome. Pub Stop at the end. Hike Leaders: Pat Foley, 416-578 3772 or pfoley@ilap.com and Tristan Goguen, tgoguen@ilap.com

**Saturday March 28, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. –
Scotsdale Farm**

Toronto Section, Map 13. Loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 12.5 km. Meet at 9.00 a.m. in the parking lot at Scotsdale Farm off of Trafalgar Road, just north of 27 Sideroad. Starting at Scotsdale Farm we will follow the Bennett Heritage Side Trail to the main trail then back around via the Great Esker Side Trail and main trail, then return on Bennet Heritage to the parking lot. This hike offers lots of hills, forests, very pretty vistas and photo opportunities! Bring lunch, snacks and adequate

water. Snowshoes/icers or waterproof foot wear according to the weather. Families, friends and well-mannered dogs welcome. Hike Leaders: Pat Foley, 416-578-3772 or pfoley@ilap.com and Tristan Goguen, tgoguen@ilap.com

**Saturday April 4, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.:
Quadzilla Series, Day #1 of 4, 4,500M of climb
over 96K**

Caledon Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18. Loop hike. Pace: Moderate; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 24 km. While we cover only 24K at a moderate pace each day, this STRENUOUS terrain series covers many steep grades found along the Hockley Valley trails. The series has 4,500 meters of climb over 96 km. and 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)

**Wednesday, April 1 2015, Orangeville
Annual April Fool's Tim Horton's Hike**

Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Easy; We will meet at the TIM HORTON'S near the LCBO on Broadway just West of Highway 10 at 9:30 a.m.. We will visit as many of the 5.5 Timmys in Orangeville as the weather allows. Coffee usually provided by Orangeville's Tim's franchise. Best pit stops on the Bruce guaranteed. Contact Tony Hopkins, 519-942-1038, hopkins@glendon.yorku.ca



**Saturday April 11, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.:
Quadzilla Series, Day #2 of 4, 4,500M of
climb over 96K**

Caledon Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18. Loop hike. Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 24 km. While we cover only 24K at a moderate pace each day, this STRENUOUS terrain series covers many steep grades found along the Hockley Valley trails. The series has 4,500 meters of climb over 96 km. and 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 a.m.-2:00 p.m.:
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 available along the way (with Hilton Falls/Al Shaw, Speyside North and South, and Vanderleck Side trails planned today). Meet at 9:00 a.m. 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. Hike Leader: Gilles Gagnon, 289-237-5663 or bluewater@it-mike.com

**Sunday April 12, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.:
Backpack Training, Hike #1 of 3**

Iroquoia Section, Map 11, Loop Hike. Pace: Moderate; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 16 km. Depart 9:00 a.m., 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. Any hiker is welcome - regardless of the size or contents of your backpack. If you haven't yet purchased a backpack, don't run out and buy one for this series. Get a large day pack and fill it with books, rocks, bottles of water, etc. (with something soft but firm against your back) and it will be heavy enough. See what backpacks people have and talk to other hikers about the pros and cons of various backpacks. 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. Hike Leader: Brenda Dalglish, 416- 601-0378 between 7 and 10 p.m. or brenda_dalglish@hotmail.com

**Saturday April 18, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.:
Quadzilla Series, Day #3 of 4, 4,500M of
climb over 96K**

Caledon Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18. Loop hike. Pace: Moderate; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 24 km. While we cover only 24K at a moderate pace each day, this STRENUOUS terrain series covers many steep grades found along the Hockley Valley trails. The series has 4,500 meters of climb over 96 km. and 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 a.m.–3:00 p.m.: 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 a.m. 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 p.m. or brenda_dalglish@hotmail.com

Saturday April 25, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Quadzilla Series, Day #4 of 4, 4,500M of climb over 96K

Caledon Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18. Loop hike. Pace: Moderate; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 24 km. While we cover only 24K at a moderate pace each day, this STRENUOUS terrain series covers many steep grades found along the Hockley Valley trails. The series has 4,500 meters of climb over 96 km. and 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 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: 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 available along the way (with Canada Goose/Brown Benton, Black Creek, and Bennett Heritage Side Trails planned for today). Meet at 9:00 a.m. 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. Hike Leader: Gilles Gagnon 289-237-5663 / bluewater@it-mike.com

Sunday April 26 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.: Backpack Training, Hike #3 of 3

Caledon Section, Hockley Valley, Map 18. Loop hike. Pace: Moderate; Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: 18 km. Depart 9 a.m. 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 after. Leader: Brenda Dalglish, 416-601-0378 between 7 and 10 p.m. or brenda_dalglish@hotmail.com.

Saturday May 10, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: 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 available along the way (with Bennett Heritage, Roberts and Rockside side trails planned for today) Meet at 9:00 a.m. 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. Hike Leader: Gilles Gagnon 289-237-5663 / bluewater@it-mike.com

**The deadline for submissions
for the next edition of *Hi-Land
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Note: All km references are to the 28th edition of the Bruce Trail Guide. Always bring a snack and water especially in warmer weather and Snowshoes and icers in winter. Hiking boots recommended as the trail can be wet and rough.

Tuesday, January 6, 2015 9:30am – 12 pm

Dufferin Hi-Land, approx 4-6 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate. We will hike the Kilgorie loop and loop off Prince of Wales Rd, depending on weather. We will meet at Superburger Hwy 10 and 89. Map 20

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 9:30am-12 pm

Dufferin Hi-Land, approx 6 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy-moderate. We will hike loops in Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. Meet at 25 Side Road and 2nd Line East in Mono, at the north end of Walter Tovell trail. Map 19

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 9:30am – 12pm

Island Lake, Orangeville. Approx 7 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy. Meet at Home Hardware off of Hwy 10 in Orangeville.

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 9:30am-12pm

Dufferin Hi-Land, approx 6 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate. We will hike from 2nd Line, Bist property to Moss Haven Side Trail and back. Meet at Superburger, Hwy 10 and 89. Map 20

Tuesday, February 3, 2015 9:30am-12pm

Dufferin Hi-Land, 5.2 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike from 8 Sideroad and 2nd line E.H.S. km 23.9 south to Centre Road km18.7 in Mulmur. Meet at Superburger, Hwy 10 and 89. Map 20

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 9:30am to 12pm

Caledon section, approx. 6 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate. We will hike from Dunby Rd south and around the Snell loop. Meet at Dunby Rd (km 69) just east of 2nd Line. Map 18

Tuesday, February 17, 2015 9:30am-12pm

Dufferin Hi-Land, 4.4 km. Pace leisurely, terrain strenuous. Black Bank Challenge, km 47.5. Meet at Superburger, Hwy 10 and 89. Map 21

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 9:30am-12pm

Caledon, 6-8 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will hike a loop in Forks of the

Credit Provincial Park. Meet at Home Hardware, Hwy 10, Orangeville or the parking lot off of McLaren Rd, 3km east of Caledon and 1 km. South of Hwy 24. Parking fee. Map 15

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 9:30am-12pm

Blue Mountain, 5-7 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will hike a loop through the Nottawasaga Conservation Area. Meet at Superburger Hwy 10 and 89 at 9am or Nottawasaga Bluffs parking area, Side Road 15/16 (km 20.4). Map 22

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 9:30-12pm

Earl Rowe Provincial Park, approx 6 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. Meet at parking lot on 7th concession, 500 metres north of hwy 89, (west end of Alliston). Lunch at the Griffin's afterward **NOT** pot luck!

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 9:30am-12pm

Dufferin Hi-Land, 6 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike a loop from Centre Rd (km 18.7) south to Boyne Valley Side trail and back via 1st Line East. Meet at Superburger Hwy 10 and 89. Map 20

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 9:30am-12pm

Caledon Section approx 6.5 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike from km 46.6 on 5 Side Road east of Airport Rd. North to Hockley Heights Side Trail at 5th Line East. Meet at 5th Line and Hockley Valley Rd. Approx 2 km west of Airport Rd. Map 18

Tuesday, March 31, 9:30am-12pm

Dufferin Hi-Land, approx 6 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will hike loops in Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. Meet at Community Centre, Mono Centre, Map 18

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 9:30am-12pm

Blue Mountain, approx 7 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will hike from km 6.2 through the Noisy River Nature Reserve. Meet at Superburger Hwy 10 and 89 at 9am or at Lavender Cemetery on the Mulmur/Nottawasaga Townline, 500 metres east of Lavender. Map 21

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 9:30am-12pm

Caledon Section, approx 6 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike the Tom East trail. Meet at the parking lot on Hockley Valley Rd. 250 metres east of the trail. Map 18

Tuesday, April, 21, 2015 9:45am-2pm

Toronto Section, 9 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will hike through Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Meet at Home Hardware, off of Hwy 10 in Orangeville at 9am or at km 38.5 on 10 Side Road east of Winston Churchill Blvd. and south of County Rd 42 at 9:45am. Map 14 BRING LUNCH

Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 9am-2pm

Caledon Section 11 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy. We will hike The Palgrave Side Trail from Coolihans Side Road to Palgrave Conservation Area. Meet at Conservation area parking lot on Hwy 50, at the north end of Palgrave. Map 17. BRING LUNCH



The Tuesday hiking group

Join the Listserv

Are you missing the news between the newsletters? Our newsletters and website are great for hike schedules and advance planning, but sometimes things come up in between times or changes in the schedule need to be made.

For this we have our dedicated email listserv. If you subscribe, you will be notified when the changes or special events are planned.

So keep informed. Subscribe if you are not already on the list. Send your e-mail address to Robert MacIntyre, robertmacintyre@mac.com.

New Challenge Hike Co-ordinator: Peter Blackmere

Peter and his wife Carol recently joined the Dufferin Club after moving to Orangeville from Bolton. Peter has almost retired from his CA practice which included many corporate accounts plus the Liberty Tax offices in Bolton and Orangeville.

Previously he was the CFO for a company manufacturing MRI and CAT scan equipment, Controller of US Operations, and Chief Internal Auditor for Rogers Communications Inc. Now that his sons have taken over the business, Peter plans on getting out on the trails more often and making a lot more wooden toys for his grandchildren.

Peter cut his Club teeth with the 20 kilometre Challenge, and recently oversaw – and did most of the work for – the recent and very successful Two Day End-to End.



Golfing Fore Dollars



The cast on stage

Theatre Orangeville has a practice of donating most of the proceeds of ticket sales to a performance of each of their plays to local volunteer organizations, including the Dufferin Hi-Lands Bruce Trail Club.

The foursome on stage did not seem to be enjoying themselves: scene after scene, hole after hole, nothing but angst, anguish, anger, guilt, frustration and failure.

The rest of us, however, were having a grand time. Their misery was our merriment, thanks to Norm Foster the author, Jesse Collins the director, and Leah Oster, Jane Spence, Sharon Heldt, and Melanie Janzen, the actors.

Nearly 50 Club members and guests were part of the Preview audience on October 15th, taking part in the theatre's GiveBack program: discounted tickets for community groups, a thin slice for the theatre, and the rest for the groups involved.

In our case, our slice was almost \$1400 for the Club. Thanks to all those who bought tickets, and to Theatre Orangeville once again for the opportunity to raise some money and have a good laugh while doing it.

Trail Director's Report

To me, the most enjoyable aspect of being Trail Director is when we open new trails. A number of new Side Trails and extensions of existing trails were opened this fall. The trail network on the Splitrock property was finally completed in September. A re-route was done to the existing Splitrock Side Trail – it now follows the southwestern periphery of the property, adding about 150 metres of new trail.

The Narrows Side Trail - a 100 metre trail along the floor of the Splitrock Narrows - was also opened. And finally, the new interior 960 metre Ralph Tremills Side Trail was opened with a dedication ceremony on September 23. About 35 people attended. These trails were opened over a period of about 10 days with the help of Jim Preyde, James Griffin, Carl and Linda Alexander, Brian Cornfield, Bob Collin, John Grandy and Ian Shelton.

In addition, the 85 metre Mulmur Lookout Side Trail (km 22, Map 20) was opened in early

September. Keith and Isabelle helped me with this. Later in October, Carl Alexander, Brian Cornfield and I built two benches at the lookout's edge; providing a fine spot to rest overlooking the Boyne River Valley.

Extensive work was also done to improve the Main Trail on slopes on both sides of the 1st Line. Sidelogging was replaced, new steps were built and unnecessary handrails were removed. Norm Wingrove, Marlis Butcher, James Griffin, Everhard Olivieri-Munroe, Brian Cornfield, Carl Alexander, Les Babbage, Keith McEwen, Jim Preyde, Isabelle Sheardown and I were members of these work parties.

For the most part, any additional work on the trails will have to wait until the spring; but winter is a beautiful time to explore the trails on snowshoes. Maybe I'll see you then.

Carl Tafel - Trail Director



Publicity Director's Report

The fall brought us highly successful events: the "Chase the Coyote" Trail Race on September 27th, Bruce Trail Day on October 5th, Theatre Orangeville Fundraising evening on October 15th, and the Dufferin Hi-Land End-to-End on October 18-19.

At "Chase the Coyote", there were 329 runners, with 171 in the Challenge and 158 in the Sprint. A donation of \$1,000.00 was received from Running Free - Orangeville.

Bruce Trail day was held at Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. The rain held off but the weather was cold with wonderful sunny periods. For kids, we had a craft corner and boardwalk building which were both busy. The BBQ was a hit with lots of variety. The pumpkin cake was appreciated by all.

We sold technical (wicking) t-shirts for \$20 each as a fundraiser for our Club. You will want one! (A photo is to the right).

Please contact me or our Hike Director, Les Babbage.

We also sold BTC memberships. We had a full parking lot with 125 cars and 400 people.

Most people weren't aware it was Bruce Trail Day and already had plans to head into the park to see the leaves and/or take pictures. What we provided that was most valuable was advice on what route to take to get the best views and take advantage of the time they had available.

Our Hike Director, Les Babbage, spoke to about 100 people. Most declined the offer of guided hikes, preferring to do their own thing. Seven people toured our newly acquired Split Rock property which has been developed (a loop trail was added). 25 people hiked to the viewing platform.

Enjoy the trails this winter!

Margery Cruise

Director, Public Relations



Margery modeling the T-shirt



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