



HI-LAND VIEWS

Winter 2015 - 2016

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Chase the Coyote – Mono's Megarun

Sept 26 - Warmish and clear - a great day for a run – that was the opinion of 400 runners (up from last year's 300) who navigated one of three different courses through Mono Cliffs Park.

This year the organizers – Norm and Jodi of Running Free in Orangeville – added a third, longer run of 22 km. that used almost all the trails in the park plus a 4 km. stretch through the adjoining Dufferin County Forest.

Both the long route and the 14.5 km. route exploit all the terrain the park has to offer – flat, hilly, really hilly, heart-stopping hilly, twisted tracks down and

up cliff sides, root-covered routes and firm, straight flats for fast-paced passing.

For any who actually wanted to look at the scenery and the fall leaves, there was the 5.7k non-technical course through the central portions of the park.

The winning ages were: Long course- male 52; female 44. Challenge course of 14.5k – male 51, female 41. Short course – male 16; female 12.

Again this year the Coyote donated \$1000 to the Dufferin Bruce Trail Club in appreciating the work the club does in maintaining the trails in Mono Cliffs year-round. More photos later this issue.



Above: Start of the race

Below: Cheque presentation



Asian Outdoor Enthusiasts Toronto

Eighteen members of the meet up group Asian Outdoor Enthusiasts Toronto from meetup.com signed up for the 2015 Dufferin Hi-Land BTC End-to-end. Don't let the group name fool you; everyone is welcome to join and we currently boast 1,107 members strong with new members joining often. The group was started and is owned by Diana Chia, who just returned from climbing Mount Kilimanjaro at the time of our hike. Some of the members who signed up for this weekend event have known each other before joining AOET while others have become good friends since joining.

The members who attended the end to end have different hiking experiences:

- Susan Kim has hiked all over the world including Patagonia, Mount Kilimanjaro and Iceland.
- Julie Ly, Tracy (Rong) Li, Joyce Jia and Done Tran hiked Machu Picchu this summer. While in Peru they met Mitchell Sengson who lives in Austin, Texas. Mitchell was visiting Toronto at the time and decided to hike the end to end with us.
- Jeanie Son has hiked the Chilkoot Trail in Alaska this summer with Susan.
- Helen Choi has now completed Caledon, Dufferin and Blue Mountain.
- Debbie Lee, who just last year was afraid to hike long distances, now proudly owns 5 completed Bruce Trail section badges, all earned this year.
- Iris (Yaqiong) Mi only started hiking this year and has now completed Iroquoia, Toronto, Dufferin and Blue Mountain.



- Linh Ngo, Williams Cheung, Alex Lai and Ted Wakabayashi have all become good friends through AOET and have hiked together this year with Debbie and Iris to complete Toronto, Dufferin and Blue Mountain. They will all complete Caledon together in November.

- Gordon Chen, Christy Zong and Pratha Balendran hiked an official end to end for the first time this weekend.

- Myself, Tommy Chung, has climbed and via ferrata Mount Kinabalu in Malaysia this past January.

The group often posts hiking events throughout Southern Ontario and we even have a member and organizer, Alina Lin, who is a hike leader for the Toronto Bruce Trail Club but unfortunately she was not able to attend this weekend.

Although each member comes from a different background, we all have one thing in common; the love for the outdoors and the love for hiking and the Bruce Trail. Several members who were hiking Dufferin for the first time raved about the beautiful scenery and trail, while everyone loved the delicious home baked goodies and food. The checkpoints were some of the best, if not the best, out of all the clubs. I am very proud of all the members who signed up, persevered and completed this section and I can confidently speak on behalf of all of us when I say that we greatly appreciated the hard work of the volunteers and organizers, without whom none of this would have been possible. Thanks to everyone who participated in making this year such a successful event!

The Asian Outdoor Enthusiasts Toronto
on the trail

SALE! Just in time for Christmas...

DHBTG gold 50th anniversary t-shirts on sale for \$15 (pick up). Add \$10 for mailing costs.

Contact Barbara at sonzogni@bell.net or call (519) 943-1032.

Three Buses– Many Badges– The 2 Day End-to end Hike 2015

In recent years the Dufferin 2 Day End-to-End has successfully attracted about 50 hikers, enough to fill one school bus, and has generated a modest profit for the club.

THIS YEAR, registrations approached the 150 mark enough to fill three buses. This sharp increase in participation also required three times the usual quantity of food, fruit, water, home baked goodies for the checkpoints, and more than five times the number of emails required to register the hikers and sort out the registration glitches (I can't come; can my boyfriend take my place? Can I take my dog on the bus? Etc, etc.).

Also suddenly required was a parking lot capable of holding between 80 and 100 cars. The existing lot on centre Road holds 12. Fortunately, across the road, with good driveway access, was a flat, unused field that used to be part of the old Rock Hill Park outdoor concert venue (Willie Nelson played there).

Fortunately the club was able to negotiate access to this treasure at no cost to us. And we were able to get access to a big canopy, three barbeques, several Large thermos-style containers, big propane tanks and a rented Port-a-Potty completed the logistical picture.

As for the hikes: a modest Mulmur snow greeted arriving cars, dusting them like icing sugar. In addition to the cold there was a little sleet, making some portions of the trail slightly slippery, especially on the first day's trek from Lavender southward, causing a couple of falls, but no injuries.

Everyone who started - 127 in total - was accounted for (always a plus on a hike) – with an average finishing time of 5 hours.

The weather improved on the second day – not quite as cold, only a few snow showers, less wind, some actually blue sky on occasion. Finishing times were, in general, a few minutes slower than the day before (the North end is hilly; the South end is hillier).

Day One, as they arrived for final check-in, hikers were tired but happy, and mostly more or less warm from walking. At the end of Day Two, hikers arrived at the finish point tired and ecstatic. Some people kissed their badges, others kissed their friends. Selfies and group photos abounded..

As a group, the hikers were rather different from the usual busload of Dufferin 2 Day veterans. Overall, they formed a younger demographic, with many clearly – both men and women – in their 30s and 40s. A noticeable number were Bruce Trail End-to-Enders, working their way from Niagara to Tobermory, picking up all the club end-to-ends that they could. Some had never hiked so far before; some had discovered the Dufferin club and the Dufferin section when they did the 50k fund-raiser in the summer, and had been determined to return to their now favourite section of the trail.

Clearly our success this year was more than modest (he said modestly). The club realized more than \$1,500 over expenses, but more importantly provided, by all accounts, a wonderful experience for the hikers, and a sense of satisfaction for the forty-plus club volunteers.

Special, special thanks to Carl Alexander, Carl Tafel, Georgina Shelton, Wayne Blackmere, Mark Richardson and his tractor, and an added Gold Star to Peter and Carol Blackmere who both fed everyone and oversaw the organization of the whole event. End-to-end photo over the page



End-to-end checkpoint

Request for Silent Auction Donations

In September 2016, our Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club will be hosting the Annual General Meeting for the Bruce Trail Conservancy. Your A.G.M. Team is already planning the event which spans three days, attracts many out-of-town guests and involves workshops and hikes. As part of our ongoing fund-raising efforts, a Silent Auction will be held at the event, and donations of goods and services are now being sought. Artwork, handcrafted items, photography, gift certificates, sports equipment/clothing, books, tools, bird feeders, birdseed, your services as a small-group hike leader... the list of possibilities is endless.

Your much-needed support will help the Dufferin Hi-Land Club and the Conservancy in our continuing mission of trail acquisition, maintenance and promotion.

PICK-UP OF ITEMS CAN BE ARRANGED BY CONTACTING DONNA POWELL, SILENT AUCTION CO-ORDINATOR, 905-838-1862, dk_powell@yahoo.com

Winter 2015-16 Weekend Hike Schedule

Visit <http://dufferinbrucetrailclub.org/events/category/general-hikes/> for changes and additional hikes.

In the event of extreme winter weather, please contact the hike leader before setting out.

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 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/Scotsdale Farm

Toronto Section, Map 13, 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 Scotsdale 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. 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 hike will follow the Primrose Side Trail and main trail to km 23.9 and 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

Friday January 1, 1:00 - 4:00 pm: Dufferin Hi-Land 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

Sunday January 3, 1:00 – 3:00 pm: Jokers Hill

Newmarket area, Jokers Hill Trail; Loop Hike. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 5 km. We will explore the trails of the Jokers Hill area. Meet at slip road on west side of Bathurst St, 1 km south of Hwy 9/Davis Drive. [Hike Leader: David Francis 905-936-4446](mailto:hikersue@me.com) or 416 579 5432 on day of hike

Sunday January 10, 9:30 – 11:30 am: Beeton Forest (email pre-registration required)

Simcoe County. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Easy; Distance: 2 hours. Meet at Foodland parking lot in Beeton. We will car pool to the start of the hike as there is limited parking near the forest. From Hwy 9, drive north on 10th Sideroad. When you come to Main St E in Beeton the Foodland will be on the north-east corner. Enjoy approx. 2 hours out on the trail. We will use snowshoes or icers depending on the weather conditions. Possible lunch/coffee break at the Tim Horton's in Tottenham following the hike. Hike Leader: Sue Simons. Contact hikersue@me.com to register

Saturday January 16, 10:00 am – 1:30 pm: Bushwhacking and Beyond Series

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 19, Mono Cliffs. Snowshoe loop hike. Pace: Medium to Brisk; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: 6-8 km. Meet at roadside parking on south side where Walter Tovell Side Trail meets 25 Sideroad. From Hwy 10, approx. 13 km north of Orangeville, turn right on 25 Sideroad and drive east to 2nd Line. An opportunity to explore areas of Mono Cliffs Prov Park under a cover of unbroken snow. We will explore the North Outlier, coyote dens, following in the tracks of deer and beyond. Bring lunch, water, snowshoes, poles. Dress in layers, warm hat and mitts. Pub stop to follow. Hike Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley 519-942-6488 or bryfoley50@gmail.com

Saturday January 16, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm: Cross country ski or snowshoe outing at the Laking woodlot.

Adjala-Tosorontio area. Pace: Leisurely to Brisk; Terrain: Easy to Moderate. An annual winter highlight. Meet at 17th Sideroad and 2nd Line of Adjala-Tosorontio (9 km straight south of Glencairn); Fire route no. 6936. Heated cabin and

outdoor woodstove for lunch stop and breaks. Suitable for families. Marked trails for cross country skiing. Bring a lunch. Contact Jim Laking 705-722-0512 or Frieda Baldwin 705-245-1005

Saturday January 23, 6:30 - 8:30 pm: Full Moon Hike, Winter Badge Hike # 1 of 4

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 19, Mono Cliffs. Pace: Medium or Brisk; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: 5 or 9 km. Meet at roadside parking on south side where Walter Tovell Side Trail meets 25 Sideroad. From Hwy 10, approx. 13 km north of Orangeville, turn right on 25 Sideroad and drive east to 2nd Line. Two hikes: Beginner: 5km to the Lookout and back Advanced: 9 km including some light, safe bushwhacking connecting with the South Outlier Side Trail, looping about and returning to cars. Please choose appropriately according to your ability and sense of adventure Bring water, snacks, snowshoes and poles. Dress in layers, mitts and headlamps. Snowshoes required. Pub stop to follow. Hike Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley at 519-942-6488 or bryfoley50@gmail.com You must be punctual, “IT’S COLD”

Sunday January 24, 10:45 am – 12:45 pm: Joint hike with Midland-Ganaraska Hiking Group (Pre-registration by email required)

Copeland Forest. Pace: Leisurely to Medium; Terrain: Easy to Moderate; Distance: 2 hours. Meet on Ingram Road (off Hwy 93 north of Craighurst) in the parking lot east of the 4th line of Oro. Travelling northbound on Hwy 400, go through Barrie and continue at the split onto Hwy 400. Exit at 121 - Hwy 93 (Penetanguishene Rd) turn left at end of exit. Travel about 350 m and turn left onto Ingram Rd. Follow Ingram Rd. for 4.5 km to just east of 4th Line. Watch for parking area entrance. Enjoy approx 2 hours on local trails. We will use snowshoes or icers depending on the weather conditions. Possible lunch/coffee break at a local eatery in Craighurst following the hike. Hike Leaders: Sue Simons and Frieda Baldwin. Contact hikersue@me.com to register

**Friday, January 29 - Sunday, January 31:
Killbear Winter Weekend (group 1)**

**Sunday, January 31 – Tuesday, February 2:
Killbear Winter Weekend (group 2)**

Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in Killbear Provincial Park. Contact frieda.baldwin@rogers.com for info and registration

Saturday February 6, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm: Black Bank - Winter Badge, Hike #2 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 Babbage, 416-763-8854 or les.babbage@sympatico.ca; Helen Bailey, 905-936-1119 or helenbailey@dynamichcs.com

Sunday February 7, 1:00 – 3:00 pm: Schomberg Urban Hike

Schomberg. Loop Hike. Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Easy. Distance: 5 km through the back paths and trails of Schomberg. Meet at Tim Horton's in Schomberg. Hike Leader: David Francis 905-936-4446, cell phone on day of hike 416-579-5432.

Monday, February 15 (Family Day), 11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Joint hike with Midland-Ganaraska Hiking Group (Pre-registration by email required)

Midhurst Forest. Pace: Leisurely to Medium; Terrain: Easy to Moderate; Distance: 2 hours. Meet at the Township of Springwater parking lot on Nursery Rd. off of Hwy 26. Traveling north on Hwy 400 exit at Bayfield St. in Barrie. Turn left and follow Bayfield St. Bayfield St splits at Midhurst – TURN LEFT to follow signs for Hwy 26. Carry on to Nursery Rd. Turn right onto Nursery Rd. and watch for parking area on the right hand side. Enjoy approx. 2 hours out on local trails. We will use snowshoes or icers depending on the weather conditions. There is a possibility of a lunch/coffee break at a local eatery following the hike. Hike

Leaders: Sue Simons and Frieda Baldwin. Contact hikersue@me.com to register

Saturday February 20, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Full Moon Hike, Winter Badge Hike #3 of 4

Dufferin Hi-Land section, Map 19, Mono Cliffs. Pace: Leisurely or Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 4 or 6 km. Meet at 1st Line EHS, km 7.9 roadside parking (careful of the ditch), 2 km south of 25 Sideroad, 3 km east of Hwy 10 at 6:30 pm sharp! A 1.5-2 hour moderate paced hike or a more challenging 6 km, 2 hour hike at a faster pace combine the experience of night hiking under the full moon and some light, safe bushwhacking, as well as the main trail. Please choose appropriately according to your experience and ability. Bring water, snack, snowshoes and poles. Dress in layers, mitts, hats and headlamps. Snowshoes required. Pub stop to follow. Hike Leaders: Bryan or Carol Foley at 519-942-6488 or bryfoley50@gmail.com. You must be punctual!!

Sunday, February 21, 9:30 – 11:30 am: Cold Creek Conservation Area (Pre-registration by email required)

Bolton area; Pace: Leisurely to Medium; Terrain: Easy to Moderate; Distance: 2 hours. Meet at the gatehouse on the driveway into the Conservation Area. From King Rd, drive north on Concession Rd. 11 for about 3 km. You will see the sign for Cold Creek Conservation on your right hand side. Turn onto the road and follow up to the gatehouse. Enjoy approx. 2 hours out on the trail. We will use snowshoes or icers depending on the weather conditions. Possible lunch/coffee break at a local eatery in Bolton following the hike. Hike Leader: Sue Simons. Contact hikersue@me.com to register



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Saturday February 27, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm:**Dundas Valley Winter Waterfall Hike.**

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

Saturday March 5, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm: Dufferin Hi-Land Winter Badge, Hike #4 of 4

Dufferin Hi-Land, Boyne Valley, Map 20. Snowshoe loop hike. Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: 10 km. Meet 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 K Challenge route. Pub stop to follow. Hike Leaders: Les Babbage, 416-763-8854 or les.babbage@sympatico.ca, Helen Bailey, 905-936-1119 or helenbailey@dynamicchcs.com

Sunday March 6, 9:30 – 11:30 am: Palgrave Forest (Pre-registration by email required)

Palgrave Forest. Loop hike. Pace: Leisurely to Medium; Terrain: Easy; Distance: 2 hours. Meet at Palgrave Forest parking area on the west side of Hwy 50 just north of the village of Palgrave. Look for the sign on the west side. Enjoy approx 2 hours out on local trails. We will use snowshoes or icers

depending on the weather conditions. Hike Leader: Sue Simons. Contact hikersue@me.com to register

Sunday Mar 6, 1:00 – 3:00 pm: Beeton Forest,

Simcoe County, Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Easy; Distance: 6 km. Loop Hike. Meet at Beeton Forest entrance, just north off 7th Line, 650 m east of 10th Sideroad, south of Beeton. Hike Leader: David Francis at 905-936-4446, cell phone on day of hike 416-579-5432

Saturday March 19, 6:30pm – 8:30pm Full Moon Hike Winter Badge Make-up Hike

Dufferin Hi-Land section, Map 20, Boyne Valley. Pace: Leisurely or Medium; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 4 or 7 km. Meet at 6:30pm SHARP! At 1st Line roadside parking opposite the BT parking lot (unploughed) - careful of the ditch! From the intersection of Hwy 10 and 89, continue north on Dufferin Rd 19 (Prince of Wales), turn right on County Rd 17 then right on 1st Line, parking 300 m south. All are welcome to enjoy the trail under a full moon however if you missed one of the other hikes for your badge, this is a chance to make it up. Two hikes, a shorter 4 km or a more challenging, longer 7 km 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 sidetrails, the longer hike will continue through Walker's Woods and the southeast lookout. Bring water, snacks, snowshoes and poles. Dress in layers, mitts, warm hat and headlamp. Snowshoes required call if in doubt. Pub stop to follow. Hike Leaders: Bryan and Carol Foley 519-942-6488 or bryfoley50@gmail.com. You must be punctual!!

April 2, 9, 16 and 23, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm: Quadzilla Series, 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)

Tuesday hikes Winter & Spring 2016

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

This year marks the 10th anniversary of our Tuesday hikes. As in 2006 we will begin the year with hiking the Dufferin Hi-Land Section from Mono Cliffs to Lavender in 9 stages.

For all hikes bring water and a snack and in winter snowshoes and/or icers. Dress for the weather.

Tuesday, January 5, 2016 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Dufferin Hi-Land Section 7.9 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will hike from km 00 to km 7.9. We will meet at km 7.9 at the dead end of 1st line E.H.S. which is 1.5 km south of 25 Side road and 2.5 km east of highway 10. Map 19

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Dufferin Hi-Land Section 7.3 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will hike from km 7.9 to km 15.2. We will meet at km 15.2, Hwy 89 and Hurontario St. Maps 19 and 20

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Dufferin Hi-Land Section 5.4 km Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We hike from km 15.2 to 20.6. We will meet at Hwy 89 and Hurontario St. Map 20

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, 6.8 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike from km 20.6 to km 26.9, junction of main trail and Oliver Creek side trail then south on the side trail to 2nd Line parking area. We will meet at Superburger, Hwy 89 and 10 Map 20

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, 6.2 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike from 2nd Line east, where the road ends, to km 32.8 on Centre Rd. Meet at Superburger, Hwy 89 and 10. Map 20

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, 5.7 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike from km 32.8 to km 37.7. Meet at Superburger, Hwy 89 and 10. Map 20

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, 8 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike from km 37.7 to 45.7. Option of drop out at km 41.7. Meet at Superburger, Hwy 89 and 10. Maps 20 & 21

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, 4-6 km. Black Bank Challenge. Pace leisurely, terrain strenuous. We will hike from km 45.7 to 49.7 and, depending on weather, back to km 47. We will meet at Superburger, Hwy 89 and 10. Map 21

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, 6.6 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will hike from km 49.7 to Lavender cemetery. Meet at Superburger, Hwy 89 and 10. Map 21

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Earl Rowe Provincial Park, approx. 6 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. Meet behind Tim Horton's on highway 89 at the west end of Alliston on the south side. After the hike there will be lunch at the Griffin's. NOT a potluck. Just bring yourselves.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 9:00am to 12:00 pm

Blue Mountain Section, 5-7 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will hike a loop through the Nottawasaga Conservation Area. Meet at Superburger, Hwy 89 and 10 at 9:00 am., or at Nottawasaga Bluffs, 15/16 Side Road (km 20.4) at 9:45 am. Map 22

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Caledon Section, 6 km. 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, 2.5 km south of Mono Centre. Map 18

Tuesday, March 29, 2016 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Caledon Section, 7 km, Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike from 7th Line, off Airport Rd. south to Coolihans Side Road. Meet at Coolihans Side Road 2.5 km south of Mono Mills approx. 1.5 km east of Airport Rd. Maps 17 and 18

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Caledon Section, 7-8 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will hike a loop in Forks of the Credit Provincial Park. Meet at Home Hardware on Hwy 10 in Orangeville at 9:00 am or at Forks of the Credit Rd. just before park entrance at Dominion St. km 8.8 at 9:30 am. Map 15

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Palgrave Side Trail, 11 km. (now part of Oak Ridges Moraine Trail) Pace leisurely, terrain easy.

We will hike from Palgrave Conservation Area (Hwy 50) to Bruce Trail km 37.4 at Coolihans Side Road. Meet at Palgrave Conservation Area. Map 17. Bring lunch.

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Toronto section, 9 km. Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate. We will hike through Terra Cotta Conservation area. Meet at Home Hardware, on Hwy.10 in Orangeville at 9:00 am or at km 38.5 on the 10th Side Road east of Winston Churchill Blvd. and south of County Road 42 at 9:45 am. Map 14
BRING LUNCH

Tuesday, April 27, 2016 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Caledon section 5 km. Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous. We will hike the loop round the Tom East Side Trail and Main Trail. Meet at the parking lot 300 metres east of 2nd Line E.H.S where the Main Trail crosses Hockley Road . Map 18

Giant Hogweed at Splitrock



On July 30th, BTC Land Stewardship Coordinator Adam Brylowski expertly – and very carefully – killed and removed two Giant Hogweed growing on the BTC owned Splitrock property. Hikers are cautioned to always stay far away from these noxious plants, and to never touch them.

Comfortable Hiking Holidays

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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 and stay in ECO-DOMES. Hike on the shores of Grey Lake to see the icebergs & glaciers, and do 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.

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!

IRELAND

June 7 to 17, 2016

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

ICELAND

August 9 to 19, 2016

Iceland is the land of the midnight sun! Trek on volcanic terrain, marvel at the view atop Iceland's "Grand Canyon", stand the edge of the most powerful waterfall in all Europe, & relax in the soothing thermal waters of the Blue Lagoon. From Reykjavik all the way up to the northern fishing village of Husavik, days are packed full of awesome sights and experiences. This is a once-in-a-lifetime adventure!

MACHU PICCHU

September 16 to 28, 2016

Explore the Sacred Valley of the Incas by hiking through the famed salt pans of Maras, the ancient ruins of Pisac, and trekking high up into the Urubamba mountain range. Then that all important day arrives when we hike into Machu Picchu – **rounding the corner of the Sun Gate and seeing Machu Picchu with your own eyes will give you goose bumps!**

Trails Report November 4, 2015

The Trails Division spent most of our time making sure the trail was in excellent shape for our Fall Classic End 2 End.

Many thanks go out to all of our dedicated Trail Captains who contributed (and to all of the volunteers who endured terrible weather conditions during the event).

Some of you may have noticed – and hopefully hiked on – the new Boyne Creek Side Trail, which is located near km. 23, at the east end of the former Boyne School property. What this trail lacks in distance it more than makes up for in scenery. I am grateful for Jim Preyde's help in opening up this trail.

Fortunately I didn't have to organize much in the way of work parties since the last newsletter. We did rebuild a couple of boardwalks and removed a number of trees.

I would like to thank Carl Alexander, Brian Cornfield, James Griffin and Gary Brown for helping with that.

Carl Tafel
Trail Director

Can you help?

Club archivist Bryan Foley is looking for historical materials for the club archives, especially old guide books.

Contact Bryan at bryfo50@yahoo.ca



Caledon Sideways

A small yet determined group of hikers spent several autumn weekends working towards their Caledon Sideways badge. The Caledon club has identified five clusters of side trails to be completed in order to receive the badge.

We enjoyed some beautiful fall weather and the changing of the leaves. The Hockley Heights side

trail, Hockley Valley Provincial Park, and the Ring Kiln hikes challenged us with steep ascents and descents. On November 1 the hikes were complete and badges received by the participants.

Hikers in the photo from Left to Right: Diane Chu, Sui Chu, Sue Simons, Brian Cornfield, Marianne Dzuba



A.G.M. 2016

Mark the Dates: **Friday September 16, Saturday September 17 & Sunday September 18, Dufferin Hi-Land Club hosts the Bruce Trail Conservancy Annual General Meeting.**

This is our opportunity to showcase the Dufferin Hi-Lands: who we are, the community we live in and the people who make it all happen. We will provide a full weekend of fun and informative activities, with locally sourced food, entertainment and artisans.

Planning has already begun. To join in on one of our planning committees, or to offer a few hours to assist during the excitement of the weekend, please contact Carol Foley at cafoley@sympatico.ca

Next Meeting: Shelburne Public Library, 7pm, January 12, 2015

Cheryl Mitchell

Thank you so much for this opportunity. I would love to be a part of the club newsletter. I will be joining the Dufferin club (I have hiked this section most often) and likely Toronto or Iroquoia as well.

I just finished the Iroquoia end-to-end this morning, and despite the blisters, I am eager to keep going. My goal is to complete all 9 sections (with the end-to-end club groups) by the end of the upcoming summer, and to continue to do longer hikes independently over the winter.

I truly am in total love with the trail! The fact that there is something so magnificent so close to Metro Toronto is truly a gift. Nature is medicine for the soul, and we are so lucky to have access to its beauty.

One thing that really awes me about the Bruce Trail, is that it offers so many magical worlds. At one point you are walking through a thick fern forest, and the next you are climbing up a rock cut and overlooking a gorge, then onto a beautiful waterfall or tall majestic pines. Even the different seasons bring new surprises. On the snowy Dufferin Hi-Land End-to-End, a light dusting of snow covered the evergreens and a mist rose from the water. This weekend in Iroquoia I saw a buck emerge from the forest and it stood quietly, watching me pass. It's magic.

Another wonder of the trail is the people. I have met some incredible people on the end-to-ends and the 50 km. Dufferin Hi-Land Challenge this past June. The 50 km. challenge was my first really long hike experience, I met some people who encouraged me to keep going, and watched out for me along the way. They have quickly become close friends. The volunteers and organizers were amazing, bringing home-made treats, water, fruit, tissues and warm smiles and encouragement along the way.

The long trail allows you to hike sections alone in serenity, and then bump up against other hikers, and spend hours hiking along with them and getting to know them. Many have hiked all over the world, and have amazing stories and experiences to share. Some are much older than I am; their strength and agility absolutely inspire to me.

Yes, you can call me enthusiastic! I love the physical challenge of the trail, the sense of accomplishment after a long day of hiking, and the spiritual connection to nature.

Thanks again, and see you soon on the trail!
Cheryl Mitchell



Cheryl Mitchell with her 50th anniversary badge

Publicity Report

BTC day and the Fall Classic end-to-end were promoted in [Snapd](#) Dufferin in Sept. 1 and Oct. 1 issue, respectively. Photos have been published in the October 1 and November 1 issues.

Thanks to all who volunteered for the Shelburne Fair, Bruce Trail Day and Chase the Coyote Trail Race. Ron Ritchie and I covered Saturday at the Fair with Carl A., Lynda and Carl T. covering Sunday. Glenys and Barb were at the D.H.L. BTC booth for the Coyote. There were over 400 participants this year! Running Free presented their donation on Tuesday Nov. 10 in the afternoon.

Our inventory of shirts is: 68 gold plus 2 green. They are available for purchase for Christmas at \$15.00 each (details on page 3). We propose to purchase hiking hats for the 'company store' at the BTC A.G.M. next year. Number, cost and selling price are to be decided.

Margery Cruise
Director, Publicity



Bruce Trail Day 2015

Not the best weather; not the very best turnout, but a successful day nonetheless.

The weather was a little cold, a little grey, but from about 11:30 onwards cars began arriving, and continued to arrive up to and after our official closing at 3:00 pm.

For most of the afternoon there were between 50 and 60 cars in the parking lot at Mono Cliffs Park, and with an average of 3 per car, that meant that we were able to showcase ourselves to, talk with, lead hikes for, give out maps and information to, make a good impression on, about 150+ people for the day.

That total includes about two dozen children who made craft things in the craft tent and who – both boys and girls – banged away happily at nails building a Bruce Trail bridge. As usual, the pumpkin cake with butter icing from Ray's Bistro and bakery in Alton was a big hit with everyone.

The winner of the 50th anniversary T-shirt was Wilma Giesbrecht.



Contributions welcomed

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