



HI-LAND VIEWS

Spring - Summer 2014

Editors: Larry Haskell and Tony Hopkins

2014 Annual Meeting

On May 10, the club AGM was held in the Mulmur Township building in Terra Nova. This was a new location for the meeting. Partly because of this perhaps, and because of Haskell's no-nonsense approach to meetings, almost everything proceeded with exemplary speed.

Minutes of the last AGM were approved with dispatch, as was the Treasurer's report: club is in very sound financial condition. Membership Director reported membership up by 3 per cent, probably because of BTC Ambassador program, which stressed person-to-person contact.

The Trail Director reported the trail in good shape. Highlights of the past season include two bridge/boardwalk building sessions by TD bankers, the opening of two new side trails, and Extensive grass cutting. With Caledon Club we won the BTC Tom East Award for the Laidlaw Side Trail in Mono Centre (2012).

The Hike Director's report noted that the return of a Real Canadian Winter had created some difficulties for hike schedules, but that nevertheless the club had offered many and varied

hikes. All three End-to-End hikes were offered, and the Winter Badge series. The End-to-End hikes were very well attended. Moonlight hikes and the April Fool's trundle were also held.

BTC has now a standardized rating system for Pace and Terrain descriptions, and will implement a standard template for all hike leaders to use when listing hikes.

Certificates of Thanks were awarded to:

John Dickason for his service as Publicity and Outreach Director

Joan Burek for her service as Secretary

Ian Shelton for Special service in Executive Recruitment

Ralph Tremills for decades of service on the Executive in many capacities

Larry Haskell for his service as club President [Larry also received some beer glasses and something to put into them]

Next year's executive was acclaimed. Carl Alexander is the new President, Brenda Carling will be Vice-President and Secretary, Georgina Shelton will continue as Treasurer.

Left: New directors (left to right) Carl Tafel, Barb Sonzogni, James Griffin, Tony Hopkins, Brenda Carling, Glenys Williams, Georgina Shelton, Inge Eckerich, Marlis Butcher, Isabelle Sheardown, Larry Haskell and Carl Alexander

Missing: Les Babbage, Marjorie Cruise, Glenn Healey and Jim Preyde



A Family Hikes D.H.L.

This is the hike report sent by Danielle Rideout when asking for Rose badges. It is reprinted with permission of the author and photographer.

As winter approached, Michael began to run indoors at a track at the (Brantford) Wayne Gretzky Centre. Our older son, who was 10 at the time, asked to run with him. After about 3 weeks, that son (Michael Jr) was keeping pace with a 32 minute 5km run, and asked to accompany us on our next end-to-end. It just so happened we had the Dufferin Hi-Lands planned as a solo trip, which meant we could cater to a slightly shorter set of walks, and gladly accepted his request. We planned an 18.4 km hike, which was long for him.

We started November 3rd by leaving Brantford, with a planned temperature (high) of 8C. It didn't even occur to us that Dufferin Hi-Lands was both North, and much higher in altitude. Although the high was 3-4C for Dufferin, we arrived to their first significant snow fall. It was quite the surprise! Undaunted, we started the hike. However, we had not adequately equipped Michael Jr for hikes in snow. Even though the path was trodden, and there was little snow, his shoes quickly became saturated. By 7km in they were soaking (and soaking with ice cold water) and we called off the hike 2.5 km later (9.5 km in). It was a learning experience for everyone. We expected this was to be the end of his hiking dreams.



Michael on the Trail in November

But, the next day, he wanted to go back. Instead of going back, we went to MEC, and got proper gear. If we were going to go out in a few weeks, he was going to have proper Gore-tex boots and hiking socks. His younger brother (8), who had decided not to go on the original trip, was suddenly interested as well. So with a pair of rugged boys, both with really good hiking boots and proper gear, we returned on November 17th. The weather was actually slightly

milder (around the 5-10C range), and they fared well on the 15.2 km hike. Well, they will tell us it was about 16km, because we accidentally went down the wrong path for about 400m while we were chatting, and almost came to a farm. And so they learned one of the most valuable lessons we have ever learned on our hikes: never lose track of those blazes, and if you do, stop as quickly as you can and find them.



The Trail in November

Winter moved in, and we had excited talks about returning to Dufferin. We even hoped for January (as we had previously hiked in Iroquoia in January of that year), but again the northern high climate would make us wait until May. We returned on May 17th to do a pair of small hikes: The 12km, which was a nice season opener (stretch those legs!), and the 8.9 km to finish the original aborted snow walk. Now the original 18.4km was finished and we could push on the very next day.

We actually neared the end and stopped atop a big

atoll/hill/side-trail and met a couple who had gotten engaged at the top 25 years before. The boys sat beside each other, looking out over the world they had walked and seeing so much, and we took a picture of them which hangs on our wall to this day. We finished the last few km, went to Champ Burger (we had done Super Burger the day before, and you can't very well do one and not the other). The boys

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had surprised us, and themselves, by finishing their first section (Mark, age 8 then, and 9 now, needs the 9.5 original km).

And so, Michael Certain, Danielle Rideout, and Michael Woodhouse finished a section and got a story to tell.

And on a side note, as school started this year, Michael (Jr) went into class with a “timeline” assignment in which one of his big achievements was “I walked 20 km of the Bruce Trail in one day”. And the teacher asked “Are you sure you don’t mean 2?” She got quite an earful of his adventure!



The hikers in better weather

New and Improved Website

Have you checked out the club’s new and improved website lately? The URL is <http://dufferinbrucetrailclub.org/>. Webmaster Calvin James has made improvements and keeps the site up to date with hikes, membership information, the latest newsletter and links to other sites of interest. If you have a cell phone, here is a QR code which links directly to the site.



Trail Director's Report

The Dufferin Hi-Land Club continues to have not just some of the most beautiful trails in the system, but also some of the best maintained. As always, I want to thank all of our 24 Trail Captains for their help, particularly those who look after the northern parts of the trail. Even though I'm on the trail almost every day, I don't get to the northern sections as often as I should. James Griffin's willingness to help me almost any time I ask has been invaluable (actually, most of the time it is more like I'm helping him), and Carl Alexander's contributions in engineering and planning our structural work, along with serving as our prime sawyer, are greatly appreciated. In addition, I would also like to thank Ralph Tremills for keeping an eye on much in Mono Cliffs Park.

Trail maintenance is generally done during the week, as opposed to relying on pre-scheduled Saturday Trail Building Days. There are more volunteers available at that time and fewer conflicts with organized hikes and events. The Dufferin Club is fortunate to have many experienced trail workers, most of whom are retired, live nearby and are available on short notice. And this spring Marlis Butcher volunteered to fill the vacant Assistant Trail Director position. Her willingness to help in the past - along with her extensive trail building skills - is one of the reasons that the built portions of our trails are so excellent, and her efforts have been much appreciated for many years. If you are interested in helping out, please email the Trail Director at highcounty@sympatico.ca.

In addition to removing trees that are blocking or overhanging the treadway, replacing blazeboards and fixing structures along the trail, much time is spent cutting grass (if one can call 4 foot tall weeds grass). Continuing with the 30 year tradition I had when I worked as a gardener, I did much of the grass cutting, but would like to acknowledge the help I received from Carl

Alexander, James Griffin, Norm Wingrove and Vic Boyd. Last year was unbelievable for growth, with all of the rain that we had.

The TD Banker's group came out on two occasions, and assisted seven or eight of us with the rebuilding of the boardwalks in the Boyne Valley, and the rebuilding of the bridges on the Main Trail on both sides of Mulmur's 1st Line. The sidelogging and steps on the northernmost slope in the Boyne Valley Park were also redone by six of us over two days. Much thanks goes to Marlis Butcher and Norm Wingrove for overseeing that project.

It was not nearly as ambitious a year for trail building, but we did open two new Side Trails and - with the assistance of the Banker's group - a reroute of the Main Trail on the west side of the Boyne Valley School property. Jim Preyde helped me open up the 2nd Line East Side Trail, which connects the trails in Mono Cliffs Park with those at Splitrock, and I opened up the David Hahn Side Trail in Rock Hill by myself. David was a friend of mine, and it was a real privilege to find myself in a position to suggest a trail be named after him. About 50 people attended that trail opening ceremony last May. And I suppose I would be remiss in not mentioning that the Dufferin Club had the honour of sharing the Tom East award with the Caledon Club last year for the opening of the Laidlaw Side Trail in Mono (in 2012).

The Dufferin Club membership, although small in number, contains many dedicated and skilled trail workers, and I know I speak for everybody when I express my thanks to them for all they contribute.

Carl Tafel
Trail Director

Spring - Summer Hike Schedule

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

Hike details can be found on the club website <http://dufferinbruceclub.org/>

Please note we are using the new standardized BTC hike rating system as follows:

Pace & distance:

Leisurely 3 km/hour up to approx. 12km

Moderate 4 km/hour approx. 12-20km

Fast 5+ km/hour over 20km.

Terrain:

Easy Mainly flat. Could have gentle inclines.

Primarily good footing on well defined trails or roads. Terrain easily managed

Moderate Treadway may be uneven. Some steeper ascents and descents likely. Terrain variable:

Strenuous Treadway may be uneven or rocky. Steep ascents and descents may be required. Terrain may be difficult.

Saturday, May 31, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.:

Blue Mountain End-to-End, Hike #2 of 4

Blue Mountain Section, Map 22; Car shuttle Hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous, including major hills; Distance: 17.4 km.

Meet at 9:00 am at roadside parking at km. 37.8 on Nottawasaga 26/27 Sideroad.

Follow Hwy 124 north from Shelburne to Singhampton. When Hwy 124 turns east, continue north onto Osprey-Clearview Townline and turn right onto Nottawasaga 26/27 (Lobsinger) Sideroad. Parking is about 1 km. east where the trail crosses the road. We will shuttle back to Nottawasaga Bluffs then, after enjoying the view from Freedom Rock, descend into Devil's Glen and follow the Mad River before climbing back out of the Glen and on through Duntroon.

Bring lunch, water, sun screen and bug spray.

Pub/coffee stop following the hike.

Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854, or les.babbage@sympatico.ca

Saturday, June 7, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.:

Nottawasaga Bluffs – Keyhole (Glen Huron Area)

Moderate pace, 3-4 hour hike.

Meet at 9:00 a.m. in Midland, or at 10:30 a.m. at the waterwheel in Glen Huron.

Bring lunch and water.

Contact Frieda (705) 245-1005

Sunday, June 8, 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.: Scanlon Creek Conservation Area

Pace: Leisurely; Terrain: Easy; Distance: 4 km.

Meet at entrance off 9th Line. From Bradford, take Yonge Street north to 9th Line east.

We will explore the loop trail, wild life, swamps and forest. Bring snacks and water.

Hike Leader: David Francis (905) 936-4446, cell phone on day of hike (416) 579-5432.

Saturday, June 14, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.:

Blue Mountain End-to-End, Hike #3 of 4

Blue Mountain Section, Map 23; Car shuttle hike

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate to strenuous, including major hills; Distance: 18.7 km.

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at roadside parking just south of km. 56.7 on 3rd Line. Follow Hwy 124 north from Shelburne. Turn left onto Poplar Sideroad, just south of Collingwood. At Collingwood/Clearview Townline, turn right, then immediately left (west) onto Grey Road 19. Turn left onto 3rd Line and park at the dead end. Today we will car pool back to km. 37.8 then head north through Nottawasaga Lookout CA, Pretty River Provincial Park and Petun CA and enjoy the views from Osler Bluffs. Bring lunch, water, sun screen and bug spray. Coffee/pub stop following the hike.

Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854, or les.babbage@sympatico.ca

Saturday, June 21, 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.:

Dufferin Hi-Land 20 Km. Challenge

Dufferin Hi-Land Section, Map 20; Out and back hike

Pace: Leisurely to Fast (no hike leader); Terrain: Strenuous; Distance: Approx. 20 km.

All the hills in Dufferin County have been brought together for your hiking pleasure. The Challenge starts at 9:30 a.m. from the parking lot on 1st Line East, Mono (km. 29.2), 6 km north of Highway 89. To register, please send your name, email address or phone number and cheque for \$10 to Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club, PO Box 698, Alliston ON L9R 1V9 by June 7. For more information, contact Peter Blackmere at (519) 217-6689 or peter.blackmere@gmail.com or Les Babbage at les.babbage@sympatico.ca or (416) 763-8854.

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Saturday, June 28, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Blue Mountain End-to-End, Hike #4 of 4
Blue Mountain Section, Map 24, Car shuttle hike.
Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 19.5 km.

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the end of Maple Lane (km. 66.0).

Follow Hwy 124 north from Shelburne. Turn left onto Poplar Sideroad, just south of Collingwood. At Collingwood/Clearview Townline, turn right and continue north onto Grey Road 19. Road 19 turns left (west) then north again. At the turn north, take a left onto Scenic Caves Road. At the top of the escarpment, turn right onto Swiss Meadows Road. At the end of Swiss Meadows, turn right onto Maple Lane.

Today we will car pool back to km. 56.5, then make our final ascent of the escarpment and enjoy panoramic views of Collingwood and Georgian Bay. Bring lunch, water, sun screen and bug spray. Coffee/pub stop following the hike.

Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854, or les.babbage@sympatico.ca

Saturday, July 5, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Glen Haffy

Caledon Hills Section, Map 17; Loop hike.

Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate, some hills; Distance: 10.3 km.

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at roadside parking on the south side of Coolihans Sideroad at km. 38.0.

We will hike north on the main trail and then take the Glen Haffy Side Trail back to our cars.

Well-mannered dogs welcome. Please bring leash. We will be crossing Hwy 9 twice.

After the hike you are invited to come back to my house for a swim.

Bring a lunch. We will eat poolside.

Hike Leader: Helen Bailey
helenbailey@dynamicchcs.com or (905) 936-1119

Saturday, July 12, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Hardy Lake (Bala Area)

Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate.

Meet at 9:00 a.m. in Midland, or meet at 10:15 a.m. at Hardy Lake on Hwy 169.

Bring swimsuit and lunch.

Contact Frieda Baldwin at (705) 245-1005

Saturday, July 19, 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.: Killbear Provincial Park

Pace: Medium; Terrain: Moderate.

Meet at 9:00 a.m. in Midland, or at 11:00 a.m. at the Day Use Shelter.

Park fees apply.

Bring lunch and bathing suit.

Contact Frieda Baldwin at (705) 245-1005

Saturday, August 23, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.:

Sydenham End-to-End, Hike #1 of 8

Sydenham Section, Maps 28/29; Car shuttle hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 22.1 km.

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at km. 22.1 where the trail crosses Sideroad 3.

From Hwy 10, turn right (north-east) at Holland Centre onto 30 Sideroad, then left onto Taylor Drive. Taylor Drive becomes Veterans Road, then 6th Concession S. Turn right at Sideroad 3 and drive about 1 km. east. Park on the shoulder at the trail crossing.

We will car pool back to the section boundary in Blantyre, then hike through woods, fields and rolling countryside. Highlights include historic and scenic Walters Falls. Bring lunch, water, sun screen and bug spray. If staying over for hike #2 contact Les for accommodation info.

Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854 or les.babbage@sympatico.ca.

Sunday, August 24, 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.:

Sydenham End-to-End, Hike #2 of 8

Sydenham Section, Maps 29/30; Car shuttle hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 22.3 km.

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at km. 44.4 where the trail crosses St. Vincent-Sydenham Townline.

From Hwy 26, drive north on St. Vincent-Sydenham Townline. Park on the shoulder at the trail crossing about 0.5 km. north.

We will car pool back to km. 22.1, then hike through the Spey River Forest, Bognor Marsh and the Woodford Escarpment, along with some road work in between. Highlights include a floating board walk across Bognor Marsh, scenic lookouts and an excursion through a narrow crevice (or around the by-pass).

Bring lunch, water, sun screen and bug spray.

Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854 or les.babbage@sympatico.ca

Hike Schedule Continued

Sunday, September 7, 9:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.: Palgrave Side Trail

Caledon Hills Section, Map 17; Car shuttle hike.

Pace: Medium; Terrain: Easy, gentle hills; Distance: 11.0 km.

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Palgrave Conservation Area parking lot on west side of Hwy 50, just north of Palgrave.

We will shuttle to the start of the hike on Coolihans Road, then hike back along the Main and Palgrave Side Trails.

Well-mannered dogs welcome.

Hike Leader: Helen Bailey
helenbailey@dynamichcs.com or (905) 936-1119

Saturday, September 20, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Sydenham End-to-End, Hike #3 of 8

Sydenham Section, Maps 30/31; Car shuttle hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 20.3 km.

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at km. 64.7 on Irish Block Road, where the main trail leaves the road to the west and the Irish Block Side Trail leaves the road to the east. From Hwy 26, turn north onto Irish Block Road. Park on the shoulder at the trail crossing about 0.5 km. north.

We will shuttle back to km. 44.4. Our hike will take us through the Bayview Escarpment Nature Reserve, featuring lush woodlands, scenic lookouts and deep crevices, followed by a road trip through picturesque farmland. Bring lunch, water and sun screen.

Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854 or
les.babbage@sympatico.ca

Sunday, September 21, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: Sydenham End-to-End, Hike #4 of 8

Sydenham Section, Map 31; Car shuttle hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 21.5 km.

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at km 86.2 in the Centennial Tower parking lot on the west side of Hwy 6 & 10. at the top of the hill as you enter Owen Sound.

We will car pool back to km. 64.7. The trail includes a mix of forest, fields and road. Bring lunch, water and sun screen.

Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854
les.babbage@sympatico.ca

October 4, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.: Dundas Valley Conservation Area Challenge Hike

Iroquoia Section, Map 8; Loop hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate to Strenuous; Distance: approx. 25 km., with drop out option at about 15 km.

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the parking lot at the back of the Lions Outdoor Pool in Ancaster.

Going west on Hwy 403 up the escarpment past Hamilton, take Fiddler's Green Road (Exit 60) north. Follow Fiddler's Green to the end, turning left on Jerseyville Rd. Continue for approx. 1 km, turning right into the Lions Community Pool Facility (you'll see baseball diamonds on the immediate left of this turn off). Parking lot is at the back of the facility.

We'll circle the whole of Dundas Valley on an approximately 25 km. hike. Lots of hills and good distance to challenge the most hearty hiker.

Bring lunch and plenty of water. Pub stop to follow.

Hike Leader: Gilles Gagnon (289)237-5663 or
Bluewater@it-mike.com

October 18-19, 2014, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Dufferin Hi-Land Fall Classic End-to-End

Come out and hike the hills of the Dufferin Hi-Land section. The bus will leave at 8:00 a.m. each day from the parking lot on the 1st Line EHS (km. 29.2, map 20). The hike distance is 28 km. per day. To register, please send a \$25.00 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.

For further information contact Peter Blackmere at (519) 217-6689 or peter.blackmere@gmail.com

Saturday, October 25, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.:

Sydenham End-to-End, Hike #5 of 8

Sydenham Section, Map 32; Car shuttle hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 15.5 km.

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Grey-Bruce Tourist Information Office on Hwy 6, just north of the junction of Hwy 6 and Hwy 21 (near km. 101.3).

We will shuttle back to km. 86.2. Today's hike features a close up look at cliff face, excursions through crevices, views of abandoned lime kilns and the beauty of Inglis Falls. We will hike back to km. 101.3, then take the Merle Gunby Side Trail to return to our cars. Bring lunch, sunscreen and lots of water.

Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854 or
les.babbage@sympatico.ca

Hike Schedule Continued

Sunday, October 26, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Sydenham

End-to-End, Hike #6 of 8

Sydenham Section, Maps 32/33; Car shuttle hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 24.1 km.

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at km. 125.4, roadside parking on Lindenwood Rd, where the trail runs briefly along the road.

Take County Rd. 1 north from Owen Sound to Hogg. Turn left onto Lindenwood Rd, and drive about 5 km. west. Look for the blazes along the road.

We will car pool back to the Grey Bruce Tourist Information Office. Today's hike will take us through the north end of Owen Sound, along the Georgian Bluff Rail Trail, then through the Glen Management Area.

Bring lunch and lots of water.

Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854 or les.babbage@sympatico.ca

Saturday, November 8, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.:

Sydenham End-to-End, Hike #7 of 8

Sydenham Section, Map 34; Car shuttle hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 20.0 km.

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at roadside parking at the end of Graham's Hill Rd just east of km. 145.7.

Take County Rd. 1 north from Owen Sound to Kemble Rock Road, turn left onto Concession 24, right onto Big Bay Sideroad and right onto Graham's Hill Road.

We will car pool back to km. 125.4. Today's hike will take us through the Lindenwood and Kemble Mountain Management Areas.

Bring lunch and lots of water.

Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854 les.babbage@sympatico.ca

Sunday, November 9, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.:

Sydenham End-to-End, Hike 8 of 8

Sydenham Section, Maps 34/35; Car shuttle hike.

Pace: Brisk; Terrain: Moderate; Distance: 23.0 km.

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at km. 168.4, Bluewater Park parking lot, across from the arena in Wiarton.

We will car pool back to km. 145.7. Today's hike will take us along the cliffs of Skinner's Bluff and through the Bruce's Caves Conservation Area to a rendezvous with Wiarton Willie! Bring lunch, and lots of water.

Hike Leader: Les Babbage (416) 763-8854 les.babbage@sympatico.ca

Tuesday Hikes

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Glenys Williams 519-925-5406

James Griffin 705-434-9316 or gryps@sympatico.ca

Tuesday, June 3, 2014 9 am

Dufferin Hi-Land 8.9km

Pace leisurely, terrain moderate

We will hike from Lavender south to Centre Rd. Meet at Superburger at Hwy 10 and 89 at 9am Or at Lavender Cemetery at 9:30 am Map 21

Tuesday, June 10, 2014 8:30am

Sydenham Section 11.5 km

Pace leisurely, terrain moderate

We will hike a loop around Kemble Mountain

Starting at the parking area on the Nels Maher

Side trail, north of Concession 21. Meet at Superburger, Hwy 89 and 10 Map 34 Bring lunch

Tuesday, June 17, 2014 9 am

Dufferin Hi-Land approx 7 km

Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous

We will hike some loops on Pollock and Oliver Creek properties. Meet at parking lot on 1st Line East, just south of Dufferin 17 Map 20

Tuesday, June 24, 2014 8:30 am

Blue Mountain Distance dependent

on weather conditions Approx.10 km.

Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous

We will hike the area round Nottawasaga Bluffs, Devils Glen and Duntroon Crevice Heights (Soon to be secured by the BTC). Meet at Superburger Hwy 89 and 10. Map 22 Bring lunch

There are no hikes scheduled for July and August

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Tuesday Hike Schedule Continued

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There are no hikes scheduled for July and August

Tuesday, September 2, 2014 9:30 am

Dufferin Hi-Land. Approx. 8km
Pace leisurely, terrain moderate
We will hike loops in Mono Cliffs
Meet at Mono Community Centre
On County Rd 8 Map 19

Tuesday, September 9, 2014 9am

Beaver Valley 9.3km
Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous
We will hike from Hogg's Falls km 63.3 to
North St. in Eugenia km54
Meet at Superburger Hwy 10 & 89 or Hogg's Falls
at 9.30am. Follow the signs north off Highway 4
approx 2 km
east of Flesherton
Map 26 Bring lunch

Tuesday, September 16, 2014 9am

Caledon, 8.8km
Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous
We will hike from Forks of the Credit Rd. up the
Devil's Pulpit
to the Cheltenham Badlands km 0.
Meet at Home Hardware parking lot Hwy 10
Orangeville
at 9am or Forks of 6th Credit Rd. km 8.8 at 9:30am
Maps 15 and 16 Bring lunch

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 9:30am

Dufferin Hi-Land 8.1 km
Pace leisurely, terrain moderate to strenuous
We will hike from Dufferin County Rd 21 km 49.6
South to 20 Side road and Prince of Wales Rd
Meet at Superburger Hwy 10 and 89 9:30am
Or Dufferin Rd 21 at 10am
Map 21 Bring a lunch

Tuesday, September 30, 2014 9am

Toronto Section 8.3km
Pace leisurely terrain easy/moderate
We will hike various loops in Silver Creek
Conservation Area
Meet at Home Hardware Hwy 10 in Orangeville at
9am
Or 10th Line parking area south of County Rd 42 km
38.5 at 9:30 am
Map 14 Bring a lunch

Tuesday, October 7, 2014 8:30am

Annual trek around Big Head River in Meaford 14
km
Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate
Meet at Superburger Hwy 10 and 89 at 8:30am
Or at Beautiful Joe Park in Meaford at 9:45am
Bring lunch
Tuesday, October 14, 2014 9am
Blue Mountain 10.7km
Pace leisurely, terrain moderate/strenuous
We will hike from the John Haigh Side Trail to
km41 just
South of Standing Rock and Caves Side Trail
Meet at Superburger Hwy 10 and 89 at 9am or
at John Haigh Side Trail approx. 3km east of
Gibraltar
and 4th Line at 9.45am
Map 23 Bring lunch

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 9.00am

Caledon, Hockley Valley approx 10km
Pace leisurely, terrain strenuous
We will hike the Glen Cross and Tom East Side
trails (Jeju Olle Friendship Trail)
Meet at parking lot east of main trail (2nd Line
EHS)
on Hockley Valley Rd.
Map 18 Bring lunch

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 9:30am

Dufferin Hi-Land approx 8km
Pace leisurely, terrain easy/moderate
We will hike the Rockhill loop and other loops
in the Pollock property
Meet at parking lot on 1st Line East, just south of
Dufferin 17, Map 20

Attention, Dufferin County residents:

The post office has been changing many addresses
and postal codes in Dufferin County. If your
address has changed, please notify the Bruce Trail
by contacting

Pat Stainton email pstainton@brucetrail.org or by
telephone at 800-665-4453 ex. 21 Changes may
also be made on the Bruce Trail Website.

Not Your Usual Tim Horton's Hike

As usual, this April 1st, intrepid Dufferin hikers braved the dangers of the streets of Orangeville to participate in the Annual April Fool's Tim Horton's Hike to every Timmy's location in Orangeville. This year, as opposed to last, the weather was good for hiking, not too windy, not too cold.

Unusually, this year's trek offered innovations, starting with a change in direction. Instead of heading west to the most distant outlet near Riddell Road, the group headed northish, leaving the starting outlet near the LCBO on East Broadway, going past the half-Timmy's in the Esso station to strike out for the Tim's and Wendy's combo near Island Lake, then on to the one near Staples.

From there we wended our way through streets and past tree trunk sculptures toward the Dufferin County Courthouse complex. And then something else new happened.



Court House, built in 1881

As the history of the courthouse was being explained, who should appear but our President Larry Haskell, who graciously took time off from his practice of law in said Courthouse to give us all a conducted tour of

the offices and courtrooms, including the magnificent courtroom number 204, whose Victorian splendour is still in regular use, both as a court, and as the meeting venue for Dufferin County Council.

When the hike reached the Tim's by the railway tracks on West Broadway, another innovation was tried. Hikers were given the option of continuing on to the distant outlet on Riddell Road, or turning directly east to go straight down Broadway back to the beginning. Most, actually all, decided to take the direct way back.



The group at Tim Horton's

Most did not quite make it. The consensus among the group was that the hike should end at the former Greystones Restaurant (the oldest building in Orangeville), because stopping there meant it was a shorter walk to Barb's place for cheesecake.

Despite all the rash experimentation, some things did remain constant. As usual, the hike provided the highest-class pit stops on the entire Bruce Trail, and, as usual, free coffee was provided to all hikers courtesy of the Orangeville Tim Horton's franchisee.

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