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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Your Board of Directors continues to move forward with a number of initiatives to enhance our organization. We have recently entered into a contract with a mapping company to update our guidebook into a digital format. The guidebook was originally created 17 years ago and the technology used to create it is long past its due date. While there have been periodic updates to the guidebook it is time to undertake a large-scale revision of its format. The revised document will be available in midsummer and will give us the ability to readily update the

guidebook electronically and also consider sales of electronic downloads of the guidebook.

We have engaged in a process with IBM Canada through their community outreach department to update our long range plans. In addition to Board members we have invited a number of members at large to join us in this endeavor. Our last plan was written for the period of 2009-2014. It is timely for us to look at who we are as an organization and where we are going in the next number of years. This activity will be taking place over the next few months and we will be communicating with our members along the way.

Hike Coordinator Malcolm Hahn just posted a summary of hikes in 2016 for hike leaders. Twenty-two active hike leaders led 354 hikes last year totaling 3862 hikers covering 38732 km. Quite the feat!

ORTA is alive and well and fulfilling its mandate!

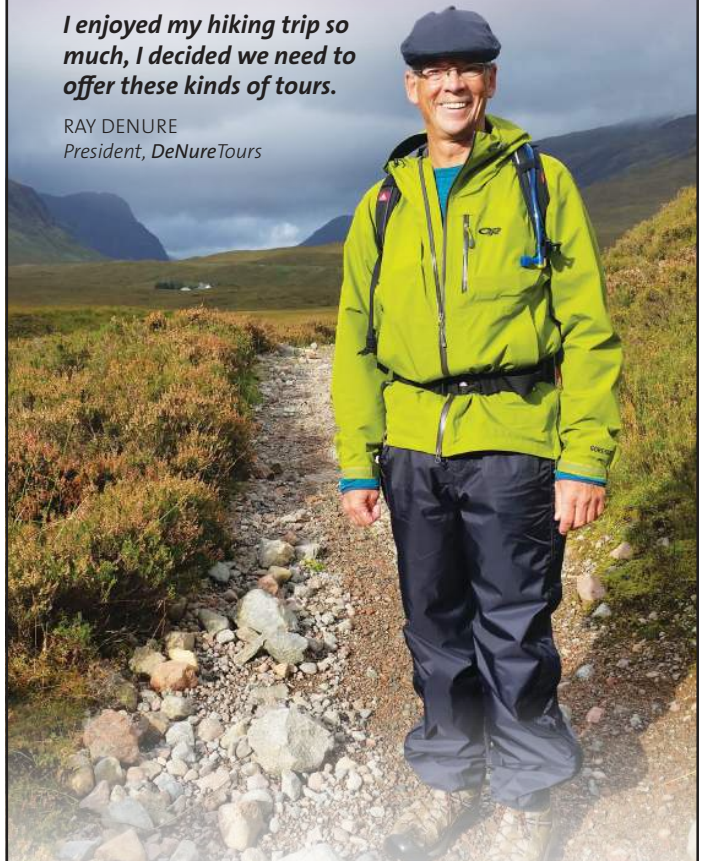
## HIKE LEADER TRAINING

We are always looking to augment our cadre of hike leaders and will be offering a training session on April 22nd at the new Bill Fisch Forest Stewardship and Education Centre. This is a beautiful award winning eco facility. The session will be held both inside and out on the trail. ORTA will reimburse the costs of training and the required first aid certificate for those members who go on to lead hikes. A mentoring program pairing new hike leaders with experienced leaders is also available. If you are a frequent hiker consider taking the next step and leading your own hikes. The training is the official program as developed by Hike Ontario, enabling those who are successful to lead hikes in any Hike Ontario affiliated club. Further questions, contact me at [pres@oakridgestrail.org](mailto:pres@oakridgestrail.org).

# Hike Scotland & Wales

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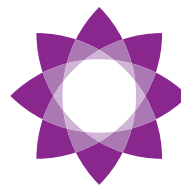


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# OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY APRIL 27, 2017

Location: Goodwood Community Center, 268 Highway 47, Goodwood, ON L0C 1A0 (at the junction of Goodwood Road (21))

All members of the Oak Ridges Trail Association are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association. We look forward to seeing many supporters, hikers and friends on this occasion.

To celebrate our 25th Anniversary, the Honourable David Crombie, forever Toronto's 'Tiny Perfect Mayor' has graciously agreed to be our featured speaker. He was the guest speaker at the preliminary meeting in October 1991 to discuss the formation of what would become ORTA and celebrated by speaking again on our 10th Anniversary. Founder of the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail, he will share with us the successes and challenges of the ambitious goal to create an extensive trail network along the Oak Ridges Moraine as well as the marvellous waterfront we all enjoy here in Southern Ontario.

Since you are interested in hiking, why not get into the swing of things with a warm-up hike prior to the meeting? Brian Millage will be leading a hike in the area. More details below.

There will be a chance to meet with your old hiking friends and perhaps meet new ones before the meeting where you can enjoy some light food and refreshments along with a beer and wine donation bar.

The Annual General Meeting is your opportunity to volunteer or nominate new Directors for ORTA. Please read the 'Election of Directors' item in this issue to see what the process is

Please join us and enjoy this opportunity to catch up on your Association's activities and meet fellow members. Mark your calendars for what promises to be an interesting and informative evening.

## Schedule of Events

### 4:00 PM, Goodwood, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 1.5hrs.; Join me for a short hike prior to our 25th Anniversary AGM in the lovely Secord Forest Wildlife area. Enjoy the scenic ponds, streams, forest and meadow trails. Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766

Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512

**6:00pm Registration, Food & Social.** A \$5 contribution is requested, to defray costs.

**7:00pm Business part of meeting.**

**8:00pm Guest Presentation Great Lakes Waterfront Trail**

For any questions, please contact Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, gcniece@gmail.com

## ORTA ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – 2017/18

At the Annual General Meeting to be held on April 27, 2017, we will once again put forth a slate of nominees to be elected to serve as Directors for a period of one year. To comply with our Constitution, the following must be observed:

1. To be eligible for election as a Director at the Annual General Meeting of Members, a person must:
  - a. be a member in good standing
  - b. have confirmed in writing his/her willingness to serve as a Director.
2. Nominations may be made by any Member to the Nominating Committee. Such nominations shall be:
  - a. In writing
  - b. Accompanied by the Nominee's confirmation of willingness to serve
  - c. Received by the Nominating Committee at least five (5) days before the Annual General Meeting.

Please submit nominations by April 16th to the Committee Chair, Wilma Millage. You may use mail addressed to our office or email [past-pres@oakridgestrail.org](mailto:past-pres@oakridgestrail.org).

Naturally, we would like to hear from you well before that date so that we can compile a slate of nominees. You may even suggest yourself for a position!

Initially, please phone Wilma Millage at (905) 853-2407, or Peter Schaefer (905) 476-0413, or Kevin Lowe (905) 479-6382.



# NEW VISTAS ON AURORA TRAILS

Upon the completion of the Highland Gate subdivision in central Aurora, ORTA hikers will be able to hike from Bathurst Street to Yonge Street off-road. This according to the latest plan that was approved by the OMB at a settlement hearing on December 2, 2016. The final plan, which includes over 7 kilometres of trail, was the product of close cooperation and much detailed work by a very small group from Geranium, (the Developer) and from the Ratepayers' Association. We owe them a debt of gratitude, and congratulate them on a wonderful accomplishment that will benefit generations of Aurorans, ORTA hikers and all who use our trails. It will be up to the ORTA leadership to decide on any final re-routing of the ORT through Aurora and just when this would be appropriate. But the possibility now exists to improve dramatically the hiker's experience when passing through Aurora. Don't hold your breath, though. There are no shovels in the ground yet!

## ORTA AWARDS 2016 – 2017

Presented at the AGM in the following categories:

### Outstanding Member / Member of the Year Award

One award each year is presented to a Member who in recent years has done the most to make our organization successful.

### Commendation Awards

A maximum of 6 Awards are given to Members who have made specific contributions to the organization as a hike leader, volunteer, etc.

### Trail Builder Awards

A maximum of 4 Awards are given to Members who have made significant contributions to the building and maintenance of the trail.

### Lifetime Achievement Award

An occasional award when especially merited. The recipient will be one who has made a significant contribution of time and expertise to the work of ORTA during a sustained period of 5 to 10 years.

Wilma Millage, Stan Butcher, Peter Schaefer, Gaye Mas .



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## MACHU PICCHU

September 15 to 27, 2017

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!**

(Note: This trip does not involve ANY camping – all accommodations are in hotel & lodges.)



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# adventure relay

traversing the  
Oak Ridges Moraine

**JUNE 10**

by Brian Millage

For the 11th Year, planning is underway for the Oak Ridges Trail Association's "Moraine Adventure Relay." This exciting team relay race is ORTA's major annual fundraiser and attracts competitors annually from all over the province to canoe, run and cycle the 160km course from Gore's Landing on Rice Lake to Seneca College, King Campus, in King City. The Jones Family and the Herati Family have hosted the start and provide the canoe course safety boats each year -- and don't forget the shore-side scene as the Scottish piper leads the Parade of Paddlers prior to the exciting start. "They're off!"

Each year, ORTA members and friends staff the 15 checkpoints to guide and monitor competitors as they race across the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail. Will you put the date on your calendar to assist for a few hours on this once a year project? It's a great chance to share the excitement, meet other members and see various sections of our great trail.

If you want to compete, get a team of up to 15 members and participate; canoe, run or cycle, in either recreational or elite categories. Perhaps your company will enter a team in the Corporate Challenge just as Mazda Canada, Mercedes Benz Canada, and Cole Engineering did last year to support our public trail, as well as to serve as a team building exercise. Many teams have come back year after year to join the fun and Challenge the Moraine!

Check the website:  
[www.oakridgestrail.org/adventure-relay](http://www.oakridgestrail.org/adventure-relay)

or get more information on how to volunteer at: [relay@oakridgestrail.org](mailto:relay@oakridgestrail.org)  
or call Michele at the office, Tues/Thurs- 905-833-6600 [info@oakridgestrail.org](mailto:info@oakridgestrail.org)

Facebook: Moraine Adventure Relay June 10, 2017

See you there and RACE ON!



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**For reservations call** Carol Szymanik at 1-814-435-2163

## NEW MEMBERS

ORTA welcomed the following new members and their families during our last quarter

**October 1 - December 31, 2016:**

Debbie Angus	Lefter Kristo
Nancy Barrett	Alex Laserson
Diane Bernard	Lisa Li
Quidde Cheung	Marco Lofranco
Anita Cortez	Elizabeth Pope
Gerald Fox	Barbara Rimmer
Peggy Gallella	Peter So
Amy Hammer	Sharon Taylor
David Heath	Donna Unwin
Christine Jakubowski	Colin Wallace



## CHAMPIONS

Oct. 1, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2016

Thank you to all donors who have made donations of \$10.00 or more.

Robert Alexander  
Shirley Bowers  
Sharon & Jim Bradley  
David Reid Brown  
Walter Brunner  
Anne-Marie Burrus  
Noel & Judy Carey  
Quidde Cheung  
John Clarry  
Monica & John Cocker  
Heather Cooper  
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Stephen & Mary Dunn  
John Fisher  
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Myrla Kilburn  
Zhiqi Li  
Valerie Linton  
Marco Lofranco  
Kelly Mathews  
Marg May  
Wilma & Brian Millage  
Dale Mitchell  
Ruth T. Mori  
Barbara Muirhead  
Nicola Palframan

Frank Pearce  
Bob & Judy Pergau-Comfort  
Elizabeth Pope  
Jody Raffensperger  
Tom Rance  
Keith Rankin  
Mel Rosenfeld  
Peter Schaefer  
John Smale  
Sharon Trbovich  
Eustrate Tseretopoulos  
Donna Unwin  
Stanley Whyte  
Peggy Wrightson

If you would like to make a donation to ORTA, call 905-833-6600 or visit ORTA's website [www.oakridgestrail.org](http://www.oakridgestrail.org) for more information.

## ORTA 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY Celebrations and Events - 1992-2017

### Hike with ORTA and earn your 25 in 25 Year Crest

Take part in any 25 ORTA listed hikes between Jan.1 and Dec 31, 2017. Download the "25 Hike tracking sheet " from the ORTA website to record "the date, location and hike leader." Present your completed form at any of the following and receive your crest: the AGM (April 27), the ORTA Office in King City, or the ORTA Rendezvous Celebration (details to follow Sept/Oct.), or the annual Christmas hike and potluck in December.

### Annual General Meeting

Join us at the AGM on April 27, 2017, at the Goodwood Community Centre. Our keynote speaker will be David Crombie, a long time supporter of trails and green space in Ontario. He was involved at ORTA's beginning, spoke at our 10th anniversary and now will again address our club for the 25th Year Celebrations. Also, come for a scenic hike before the AGM in the Secord Forest and Wildlife Area with hike leader Brian Millage. Join us to see a slideshow of the years gone by. Refreshments will be provided at the nearby AGM after 6 P.M.

### History of ORTA

Stan Butcher, hike leader and former ORTA president, is compiling a History of the Oak Ridges Trail Association. He is collecting data, anecdotes and photos to be available later on DVD. He will present the finished product later this year and copies will be available.

### ORTA 25 Year Rendezvous Celebration

Stay tuned for date and details, but you are invited to join us for a day of hiking and a hikers' Rendezvous to be held in Uxbridge later this year. ORTA hike leaders will offer a variety of hikes, at different speeds and distances, on the scenic trails of Uxbridge. Following the hikes, we will all Rendezvous at the Goodwood Community Centre for refreshments. 25Year Crests and End2End crests will be awarded at this event.

### Annual Wedding Anniversary hike and ORTA Christmas Potluck Lunch

Join Wilma and Brian this December in celebration of their 14th anniversary of marriage on the Oak Ridges Trail. Hike details will be on the website and in the fall Trail Talk edition. Following the morning hike, ORTA members are invited to the Goodwood Community Centre to share in a potluck lunch and share tales of the past year on the Trail.

### Hikes by the Hundred

Yes, each year ORTA has 300 or more guided hikes, on and off the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail. There may be some special "Away Hikes" this year as well. Check both Trail Talk and the ORTA website for later hike additions. With this many choices, there will be hikes for you- Join us on the trail.



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In Memory of friends or family,  
the following was received:

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Bob Comfort**

# ORTA SPRING 2017 HIKE SCHEDULE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF HIKES LISTED ON THE ORTA WEBSITE. OCCASIONALLY THERE ARE ADDITIONAL HIKES OR CORRECTIONS ADDED AFTER PRESS TIME.**

- Remember that it is your responsibility to dress appropriately! Hat, gloves, gaiters, umbrella, may be needed. Wear sturdy hiking boots appropriate to changing precipitation and temperature; no cotton socks, use a liner sock plus a hiking sock. Dress in layers as conditions can vary widely within a short time or distance. Waterproof boots, jacket and pants recommended. Hiking poles optional.
- Keep these in the car: plastic bags for muddy boots, spare footwear, spare dry/warm clothes.
- Drinks and snacks recommended for all hikes and lunch may be needed for longer ones.
- Dogs: It is the hike leader's decision whether to allow dogs on hikes. If not specified in the hike listing, call the leader beforehand. Many landowners regulate that dogs shall be on leash. ORTA hikers and leaders will adhere to this policy. In all cases, dogs are expected to be well mannered and under strict control by their owners, out of consideration and safety for fellow hikers, other trail users and the environment.
- Winter Months: Late fall, winter and early spring are characterized by variable and unpredictable weather and trail conditions, in particular ice and snow. Conditions on the trail will often vary significantly from those outside your front door. For hiker and group safety, based on trail conditions, hike leaders may require participants to use icers or snowshoes to participate in the hike. If concerned, contact hike leader beforehand.
- In case of inclement weather, call the hike leader to confirm the hike.
- Be aware that parking areas are public places; refrain from keeping ANY valuables in your car.

**HIKERS SHOULD ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE ADVERTISED HIKE TIME.**

## APRIL

### **Sat, Apr. 1, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Icers or snowshoes may be required. Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

### **Sun, Apr. 2, 2017 10:00 AM, New Tecumseth -Tottenham CA (Mill St. W.)**

5km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Loop Hike Meet in Tottenham CA south parking lot off Mill Street West GPS: 44.014140, -79.810593

**David Francis, 905-936-4446, cell phone on day of hike 416-579-5432**

### **Wed, Apr. 5, 2017 9:30 AM, Long Sault CA (Woodley Rd)**

ORTA Map 7; 17km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; Loops. Varied, hilly terrain. Bring drink & lunch/snacks. NOTE: In case of winter conditions, be prepared with icers or snowshoes. Actual distance & time dependent on trail & weather conditions. Paid parking \$4. Meet at C.A. Parking Lot. Exit 401 at Waverly Rd. Travel North on Regional Rd. #57. Turn right at Regional Rd. #20. Turn left at Woodley Rd. Pay and Display Parking is in effect at a cost of: Max. - \$5/ vehicle/day or \$2/ hour. GPS: 44.049939, -78.741937

**Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, cell phone on day of hike 905-809-5138**

### **Wed, Apr. 5, 2017 9:30 AM, Newmarket - Jokers Hill (Bathurst St)**

ORTA Map 3; 8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; a loop hike with some hilly sections through this varied forest Meet at road side parking on dead-end street west of Bathurst, 1.3 km north of Mulock Dr. north of town houses. GPS: 44.041408, -79.504148

**Cornelius Sommer, 905-953-7949 before 8 pm, 905-717-7641 hike day only**

### **Fri, Apr. 7, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)**

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; West and East Walker Woods loop hike, hilly. Meet at parking lot on the east side of Conc 6, 2 km south of Durham Rd. 21 at Allbright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

### **Sat, Apr. 8, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

### **Sun, Apr. 9, 2017 10:00 AM, Ganaraska Forest - (Woodvale School Rd)**

ORTA Map 9; 8+km; Moderate; 2hrs.; There and back hike ;mostly forest road ;some hills; dress for the weather ;may still need icers ; bring snack and water . Possible lunch in Bewdley at end of hike. To meet;from Hwy. 115 at Kirby,take Reg. Rd. 9 (Ganaraska Rd.) east past Garden Hill , to Woodvale School Road , go north (left) to 9th Line -roadside parking From Hwy.115 at Kirby, take Regional Rd. 9 (Ganaraska Rd.) east past Garden Hill, to Woodvale School Rd., go north (left) to 9th Line roadside parking. GPS: 44.088754 , -78.353310

**Grace Moores, 905-263-4340**

### **Sun, Apr. 9, 2017 1:30 PM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 7km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Forest, upland meadows and riverside trails with some fairly steep hilly sections. Well behaved dogs welcome. Marianne encourages a love of nature, so bring your camera as we will stop to admire the view. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220, -79.535400

**Marianne Broome. 905-939-7007 Cell 416- 409-1980 (hike day only)**



**Mon, Apr. 10, 2017 9:30 AM, Newmarket - Nokiidaa Trail (Cane Pkwy)**

ORTA Map 3; 8km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; We will hike the Tom Taylor trail to Green Lane and back on both sides of the Holland River. Easy, level paved trail Meet at parking lot, east side of Cane Pkwy, 0.4km north of Mulock Dr. GPS: 44.042200, -79.460776

**Cornelius Sommer, 905-953-7949 before 8 pm, 905 717 7641 hike day only**

**Mon, Apr. 10, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)**

ORTA Map 5; Moderate; 2hrs.; Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766

**Gail Dutchak, 905-737-6675, cell phone on day of hike 647-377-1913**

**Wed, Apr. 12, 2017 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury - YRF Brown Hill Tract (Ravenshoe Rd.)**

14+km; Moderate to fast; 3+hrs.; Come prepared for the weather (icers/snow shoes). Bring water and snacks. The length of the hike will be dependent on the weather. Take 404 north to Woodbine Ave. North to Ravenshoe Rd. East on Ravenshoe Rd. for 5.3Km. Meet in the parking area on the south side of Ravenshoe Rd. GPS: 44.212050, -79.377786

**Malcolm Hann, 905-477-7260 (before 10:00PM) cell 416-333-1440 (hike day only)**

**Sat, Apr. 15, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sun, Apr. 16, 2017 10:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220, -79.535400

**Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)**

**Wed, Apr. 19, 2017 9:30 AM, Clarington - Clarington East (Darlington-Clarke)**

ORTA Map 8; 16+km; Moderate to fast; 5hrs.; There and back some road hiking. Meet at road side parking area, Darlington-Clark Town line and Darlington conc. 8. GPS: 44.035838, -78.682405

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Fri, Apr. 21, 2017 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)**

ORTA Map 4; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; We will hike Eldred King, Scout and Mitchel Tracts. Meet in parking lot west side of Hwy 48, 2.5 km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.0604749881, -79.3080759980

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Apr. 22, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Apr. 22, 2017 10:00 AM, Caledon - Rail Trail - (Old Church Road)**

12km; Moderate; 3hrs.; Easy walk along the Caledon Railway trail. We'll walk east 6km to Humber Station road and then turn back the same way. No dogs please. This is a joint hike with the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail club. e-mail inquires tjshelvey@yahoo.com. Cell on day of hike 416-320-8555. We'll meet at the Caledon Community Complex, at 6125 Old Church Road in Caledon East. Heading either north or south on Airport Rd into Caledon East, turn East onto Old Church Road at the T-junction traffic lights in the centre of town. Go approx. 0.5km to the Caledon Community Complex. GPS: 43.872852, -79.863903

**Tessa Shelvey, 416-320-8555**

**Mon, Apr. 24, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)**

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Somewhat hilly forested trails in Durham Forest and Skyloft tract. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Lunch afterwards. Meet at parking lot on west side of Uxbridge Conc 7, 2 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.0394862, -79.0892224

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

**Wed, Apr. 26, 2017 9:30 AM, Aurora - Sheppard's Bush (Industry St.)**

ORTA Map Aurora; 8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; We will hike to Vandorf sideroad and depending on our time back up as far as the Aurora arboretum Meet at C.A. parking lot. Turn east on Mary St. off Industrial Parkway (south of Wellington St), turn south on Industry Street. GPS: 43.998100, -79.455696

**Cornelius Sommer, 905-953-7949 before 8 pm, 905 717 7641 hike day only**

**Wed, Apr. 26, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)**

ORTA Map 5; 16+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; "4 Tract" loop taking in 4 TRCA Conservation areas. Hilly. Meet at parking lot on east side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Town Line or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.006009, -79.101922

**Bob Comfort, 905-473-2669, cell phone on day of hike 905-960-0543**

**LEGEND**

**HIKE TERRAIN: Easy = mostly flat, good footing. Challenging = some hills and/or poor footing. Strenuous = hills with steep climbs**

CA = conservation area  
T&B = there and back hike  
YRF - York Regional Forest

TRCA - Toronto & Region Conservation Authority  
BT - Bruce Trail Conservancy  
PP - Provincial Park

**Select hikes most suitable for your ability:**

Slow	3km/h	Fast	5km/h
Moderate	4km/h	Very Fast	6km/h

**Thu, Apr. 27, 2017 4:00 PM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)**

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 1.5hrs.; Join me for a short hike prior to our 25th Anniversary AGM in the lovely Secord Forest Wildlife area. Enjoy the scenic ponds, streams, forest and meadow trails. Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

MAY

**Wed, May. 3, 2017 9:30 AM, Whit - Stouffville - Whitchurch CA. (Aurora Rd.)**

ORTA Map 4; 6km; Slow; 2hrs.; We hope to see, identify, photo some of our native spring wild flowers, so we may have frequent stops for this. Meeting in the parking lot on south side of Aurora Rd. 1.1Km. west from Kennedy Rd. GPS: 44.024246, -79.358470

**Cornelius Sommer, 905-953-7949 before 8 pm, 905 717 7641 hike day only**

**Wed, May. 3, 2017 9:30 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Kings-ton Rd)**

16km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; Loops; varied, hilly, terrain. Bring drinks/snacks/lunch. Pub stop afterwards. Meet at parking lot by Glen Rouge Campground. Entrance on north side of Kingston Rd (Hwy 2), east of Port Union Rd (Scarborough), west of Altona Rd (Pickering). GPS: 43.80489, -79.1372092

**Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, cell phone on day of hike 905-809-5138**

**Fri, May. 5, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)**

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Hilly loop hike Walker Woods east and beyond. Meet at parking lot on west side of Uxbridge Conc 7, 2 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.0394862, -79.0892224

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, May. 6, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sun, May. 7, 2017 10:00 AM, Long Sault, East - (Longsault Rd.)**

ORTA Map 7; 8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; two there and back sections ; woods and unopened road allowances ; bring snacks and water ; from Hwy. 57 , travel east on Regional Rd. 20 to Longsault Rd. (east of Woodley Rd.) , go North (left) on Longsault Rd. for 2+ km.to roadside parking. From Hwy. 57, travel east on Regional Rd.20 to Longsault Rd. (east of Woodley Rd). Take Longsault Rd. north (left) for 2+ km. to roadside parking. GPS: 44.066517, -78.718095

**Grace Moores, 905-263-4340**

**Mon, May. 8, 2017 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley North (Conc. 7)**

ORTA Map 2; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; There are some moderate hills on trails in dense forest on this hike through the NCC properties. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Meet at the (dead end) on 7th. Conc. 2.8km south of Pottageville from the Lloydtown-Aurora Rd. NOTE, this point can only be accessed by vehicles coming south on 7th. Conc. GPS: 43.967134, -79.616811

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

**Thu, Apr. 27, 2017 6:00 PM, ORTA Annual General Meeting**

AGM of Members. Special guest presentation by David Crombie, former mayor of Toronto. Full details elsewhere in Trail Talk or Website - Notice of AGM. NOTE: Change of venue from previous years: Goodwood Communtiy Centre, 268 Hwy 47 (at junction with Regional Road #21). GPS: 0, 0

**Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, cell phone on day of hike 905-809-5138**

**Fri, Apr. 28, 2017 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury - YRF Bendor & Graves (Kennedy Rd)**

10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike some hills Meet in the parking area at the dead end of Kennedy Rd, north of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.087113, -79.360133

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, Apr. 29, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, Apr. 29, 2017 9:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 8km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; Afterwards there is the option of Pine farm for fresh bakery . Dress for weather conditions . Bring a drink. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220, -79.535400

**Mina Kazemnia, 905-770-9954**

**Sun, Apr. 30, 2017 10:00 AM, Whit- Stouffville - YRF Porritt Tract - Pangman Springs (Kennedy Rd.)**

ORTA Map 4; 8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Meeting in the YRF parking lot on the west side of Kennedy Rd. 550m. north from Aurora Rd. GPS: 44.031875, -79.347087

**Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)**

**Tue, May. 9, 2017 10:00 AM, Alnwick/Haldimand - Northumberland Forest (Hwy #45)**

ORTA Map 11; 10km; Moderate; 3hrs.; Continuation of the End to End started last year. Note, meeting time is 10 a.m. Sandy, hilly terrain on forest trails with car shuttle to start the hike. This will be the first day of 3 successive hikes to the Eastern trailheads. Don't forget to bring a trail lunch and water. Phone leaders for details about 2nd and 3rd days. Meet in the parking lot on the east side of Hwy 45 at Morris Rd. 19.2km north of Hwy 401. GPS: 44.089801, -78.102624

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

**Wed, May. 10, 2017 9:30 AM, Whit- Stouffville - YRF Porritt Tract - Pangman Springs (Kennedy Rd.)**

ORTA Map 4; 7.5km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; We may have stops to appreciate the native spring wild flowers Meeting in the YRF parking lot on the west side of Kennedy Rd. 550m. north from Aurora Rd. GPS: 44.031875, -79.347087

**Cornelius Sommer, 905-953-7949 before 8 pm, 905 717 7641 hike day only**

**Wed, May. 10, 2017 9:30 AM, Bruce Trail - Hockley Valley (Hockley Rd)**

17+km; Moderate to fast; 4.5+hrs.; T&B hike on Bruce Trail in Hockley Valley with side trails. Many steep hills through hardwood forest. Meet at the Bruce Trail parking area on the north side of Hockley Rd. Take Airport Rd 7 km north of Hwy 9, then west 6 km on Hockley Rd to parking area. GPS: 43.972854, -80.055899

**Bob Comfort, 905-473-2669, cell phone on day of hike 905-960-0543**

**Fri, May. 12, 2017 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley (Weston & 16th Sdrd)**

ORTA Map 2; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Loop hike some hills Meet at roadside parking northeast corner of Weston Rd & 16th Sdrd. GPS: 43.954224, -79.586575

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, May. 13, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, May. 13, 2017 9:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 8km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; Afterwards there is the option of Pine farm for fresh bakery. Dress for weather conditions. Bring a drink. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220, -79.535400

**Mina Kazemnia, 905-770-9954**

**Sun, May. 14, 2017 10:00 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Meadowvale Rd.)**

10km; 2hrs.; Meet at Pearse House, 1749 Meadowvale Rd, east side of Meadowvale Rd at Zoo Rd-follow signs for the Rouge Valley Conservation Centre. GPS: 43.8190238, -79.1709644

**Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)**

**Wed, May. 17, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit) New**

ORTA Map 5; 16km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; Loop hike with lots of hills Meet at parking lot on east side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Town Line or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.006009, -79.101922

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Thu, May. 18, 2017 7:00 PM, ORTA Event - Discovery Night - Ballantrae Community Centre**

ORTA Map 4; Follow along the fabled 1898 Stampeders trail to the gold riches of the Klondike. Backpack the famous Chilkoote Trail from the Alaskan Panhandle into northern British Columbia. Canoe down the Yukon River to Dawson City. Presented by Garry Niece. Meet in Community Centre, on north side of Aurora Road, 1km east from Hwy #48. GPS: 44.040733, -79.286552

**Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, cell phone on day of hike 905-809-5138**

**Fri, May. 19, 2017 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF North Tract**

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Lots of poison ivy. Meet at parking area on the west side of Hwy 48, 0.5km north of Vivian Rd or 1.3 km south of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.082138, -79.307819

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, May. 20, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sun, May. 21, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)**

ORTA Map 5; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Some hilly terrain on mature forested trails. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Meet at parking lot on west side of Uxbridge Conc 7, 2 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.0394862, -79.0892224

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

**Sun, May. 21, 2017 1:30 PM, King - Happy Valley (Weston & 16th Sdrd)**

ORTA Map 2; 7km; Moderate; 2+hrs.; Oak Ridges Trail, Love Mountain and Humber Source Woods. Beautiful forests and meadows with some hilly sections. Well behaved dogs welcome. Marianne encourages a love of nature so we stop to admire the view and take photos. Meet at roadside parking northeast corner of Weston Rd & 16th Sdrd. GPS: 43.954224, -79.586575

**Marianne Broome. 905-939-7007 Cell 416- 409-1980 (hike day only)**

**Mon, May. 22, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)**

ORTA Map 5; 2.5hrs.; A variety of forest and meadow trails at the headwaters of West Duffin's Creek. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**



## JUNE

### **Wed, May. 24, 2017 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail North - (HWY #7)**

26km; Moderate to fast; 5+hrs.; T&B. We will hike from Hwy #7 through Whitevale to Conc. 7 in Pickering and back. Bring water, snacks and lunch. Meet in the Seaton Trail Parking lot on the south side of Hwy #7, 1Km east from Green River. GPS: 43.902114, -79.177021

**Malcolm Hann, 905-477-7260 (before 10:00PM) cell 416-333-1440 (hike day only)**

### **Fri, May. 26, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)**

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Loop hike some hills Meet at parking lot on the east side of Conc 6, 2 km south of Durham Rd. 21 at Allbright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

### **Sat, May. 27, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

### **Sat, May. 27, 2017 9:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 8km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; Afterwards there is the option of Pine farm for fresh bakery. Dress for weather conditions. Bring a drink. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220, -79.535400

**Mina Kazemnia, 905-770-9954**

### **Sun, May. 28, 2017 10:00 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)**

10km; Moderate; 2+hrs.; Meet in the park on the west side of West Duffins Creek, south side of Whitevale Rd in the village of Whitevale. GPS: 43.8865, -79.1628

**Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)**

### **Wed, May. 31, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Durham Forest (Conc. 7)**

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Hilly loop hike including Skyloft. Meet in the Durham Forest parking area on the east side of the 7th Conc. 1 km south of Durham Rd 21. GPS: 44.050009, -79.093841

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

### **Fri, Jun. 2, 2017 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)**

ORTA Map 4; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; We will hike Eldred King, Scout and Mitchel Tracts. Meet in parking lot west side of Hwy 48, 2.5 km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.0604749881, -79.3080759980

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

### **Sat, Jun. 3, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

### **Sun, Jun. 4, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)**

ORTA Map 5; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Join us on this new route through Walker Woods to the Wilder Forest. Moderate hills on shady trails. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Meet at parking lot on west side of Uxbridge Conc 7, 2 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.0394862, -79.0892224

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

### **Mon, Jun. 5, 2017 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Hall & Eldred King (McCowan Rd)**

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Join us on the sandy, sheltered trails of Hall and Eldred King tracts as well as taking a look at York Region's newest Accessible Trail. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards Meet at parking lot 1 km north of Aurora Rd on the east side of McCowan Rd. GPS: 44.042433, -79.323129

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

### **Wed, Jun. 7, 2017 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury- YRF Bendor & Graves (McCowan Rd)**

8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; A loop hike through the new plantation and mature forest Meet at 17858 McCowan Rd at parking lot on west side 1.3 km north of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.101330, -79.338555

**Cornelius Sommer, 905-953-7949 before 8 pm, 905 717 7641 hike day only**

### **Wed, Jun. 7, 2017 9:30 AM, Alnwick/Haldimand - Northumberland Forest (Beagle Club Rd.)**

ORTA Map 11; 16km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; Loops; Varied, hilly, terrain. Bring drinks/snacks/lunch. Pub stop afterwards. Meet at Northumberland County Forest parking lot: From County Road 9, south on Beagle Club Rd (west of Hwy 45) for about 3 km, on west side. GPS: 44.098799, -78.105081

**Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, cell phone on day of hike 905-809-5138**

**Fri, Jun. 9, 2017 9:30 AM, Markham - Unionville Urban Hike (Toogood Pond)**

10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike to Milne Park and back. Meet at Toogood parking area. Take Main St Unionville north, from Carlton Rd 0.5km turn west on Toogood Pond to parking. GPS: 43.872670, -79.314465

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Jun. 10, 2017 7:00 AM, Adventure Relay - 160 Km from Gores Landing to King City**

160km; 16hrs.; Additional Instructions: 11th annual ORTA Adventure Relay. All day event. Come and cheer the relay teams of athletes as they race: paddling canoes, running and cycling over the Oak Ridges Trail. See <http://oakridgestrail.org/adventure-relay/> for details. GPS: 44.12010, -78.23621

**Sun, Jun. 11, 2017 10:00 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Meadowvale Rd.)**

10km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Meet at Pearse House, 1749 Meadowvale Rd, east side of Meadowvale Rd at Zoo Rd-follow signs for the Rouge Valley Conservation Centre. GPS: 43.8190238, -79.1709644

**Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)**

**Sun, Jun. 11, 2017 10:00 AM, Clarington - Bluebird Side Trail (Hwy 35)**

ORTA Map 8; 9km; Moderate; 2+hrs.; there and back; field and forest; lots of poison ivy-long pants strongly suggested; hopefully we will see Bluebirds nesting; bring snack and water; possible stop at Tyrone Mill after hike; to meet-take Hwy.35/115 north from Taunton Rd. to Hwy.35 cut-off; on Hwy. 35, take the first road on the left and bear left past first parking area to the large parking area further on. Take Hwy 115 north from Taunton Rd to Hwy 35 cut-off. On Hwy 35 take first road to the left and bear left past first parking area to meet at the large parking area further on. GPS: 44.058762, -78.624792

**Grace Moores, 905-263-4340**

**Wed, Jun. 14, 2017 9:30 AM, Leader's Choice Hike**

15+km; Moderate to fast; 3+hrs.; We will hike in the Ganaraska Forest including Vista Side trail. Bring water, snacks and lunch. Directions: Take Hwy #115 north from Kirby, past Hwy 35 turnoff. Go east on Boundary Rd. for 1.4Km, then south on dirt road to P2 (just past Micro Rd). Contact the hike leader for meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

**Malcolm Hann, 905-477-7260 (before 10:00PM) cell 416-333-1440 (hike day only)**

**Wed, Jun. 14, 2017 9:30 AM, Vaughan - Humber Valley Heritage Trail (Huntington Road)**

7km; Moderate; 2+hrs.; This is a very picturesque hike with forests, fields and ponds. Some hilly sections. Well behaved dogs welcome. Marianne encourages a love of nature, so bring your camera as we will stop to admire the wildflowers and the view. From Kleinburg go west on Nashville Rd. to Huntington Rd and then go north for 2.5km to the trailhead at the intersection with Kirby Rd. Roadside parking is on Huntington. GPS: 43.860372, -79.668579

**Marianne Broome. 905-939-7007 Cell 416- 409-1980 (hike day only)**

**Fri, Jun. 16, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)**

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Moderate to fast; 2+hrs.; Loop hike in the Brock tract some hills. Meet at parking lot on east side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Town Line or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.006009, -79.101922

**Bob Comfort, 905-473-2669, cell phone on day of hike 905-960-0543**

**Sat, Jun. 17, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4.5km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Bob Comfort, 905-473-2669, cell phone on day of hike 905-960-0543**

**Sat, Jun. 17, 2017 9:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 8km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; Afterwards there is the option of Pine farm for fresh bakery. Dress for weather conditions. Bring a drink. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220, -79.535400

**Mina Kazemnia, 905-770-9954**

**Sun, Jun. 18, 2017 9:30 AM, King - Lloydtown - (18th. SR.+10th. Conc.)**

ORTA Map 1; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Open meadows and mature forest trails in King township. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for a pub lunch afterwards. Meet in roadside parking on 18th. SR., 2Km west from Hwy #27 at the intersection with 10th. Conc. GPS: 43.970641, -79.694223

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

**Mon, Jun. 19, 2017 9:30 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest north (Finnerty SR)**

ORTA Map 1; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Moderate hills in this beautiful forested area with ponds and meadows. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Take Hwy 50 south 0.8km from Hwy 9 and turn west onto Finnerty SR. Drive 750m. to the Palgrave Forest parking lot on the south side of the road. GPS: 43.960580, -79.863394

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

**Wed, Jun. 21, 2017 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)**

16km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; There and back some hilly sections. Meet in the park on the west side of West Duffins Creek, south side of Whitevale Rd in the village of Whitevale. GPS: 43.8865, -79.1628

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Fri, Jun. 23, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)**

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike some hills Meet at parking lot on east side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Town Line or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.006009, -79.101922

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, Jun. 24, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, Jun. 24, 2017 9:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 8km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; Afterwards there is the option of Pine farm for fresh bakery . Dress for weather conditions . Bring a drink. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220 , -79.535400

**Mina Kazemnia, 905-770-9954**

**Sun, Jun. 25, 2017 10:00 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest north (Finnerty SR)**

ORTA Map 1; 10km; Slow to moderate; 3hrs.; Enjoy a nice loop hike in the Palgrave Forest. No dogs please. This is a joint outing with the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail club. Cell 416-320-8555. e-mail inquiries to tjshelvey@yahoo.com Take Hwy 50 south 0.8km from Hwy 9 and turn west onto Finnerty SR. Drive 750m. to the Palgrave Forest parking lot on the south side of the road. GPS: 43.960580 , -79.863394

**Tessa Shelvey, 416-320-8555**

**Wed, Jun. 28, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Durham Forest (Conc. 7)**

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Hilly loop hike including Skyloft. Meet in the Durham Forest parking area on the east side of the 7th Conc. 1 km south of Durham Rd 21. GPS: 44.050009 , -79.093841

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Fri, Jun. 30, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6 / Allbright Rd.)**

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; West and East Walker Woods loop hike, hilly. Meet at parking lot on the east side of Conc 6, 2 km south of Durham Rd. 21 at Allbright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

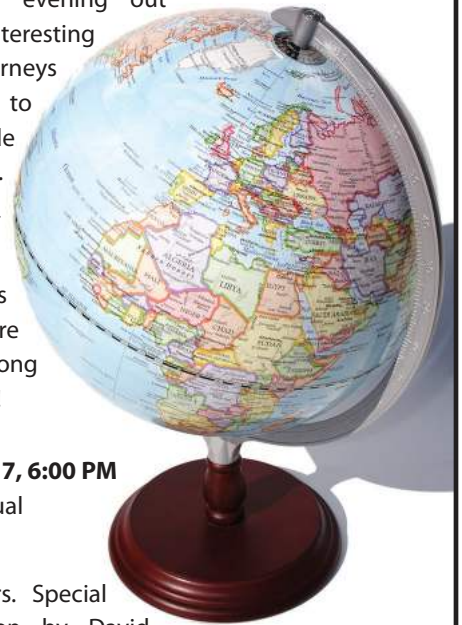
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**Thu., Apr. 27, 2017, 6:00 PM**

ORTA Event - Annual General Meeting

AGM of Members. Special guest presentation by David Crombie, former mayor of Toronto

**NOTE: Change of venue from previous years: Goodwood Community Centre, 268 Hwy 47 (at junction with Regional Road #21).**

**Thu., May. 18, 2017, 7:00 PM**

1898 Stampeders Trail Klondike – by Garry Niece

Meet in Ballantrae Community Centre, on north side of Aurora Road, 1Km east from Hwy #48. Follow along the fabled 1898 Stampeders trail to the gold riches of the Klondike. Backpack the famous Chilkoot Trail from the Alaskan Panhandle into northern British Columbia. Canoe down the Yukon River to Dawson City.

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## GARLIC MUSTARD (ALLARIA PETIOLATA)

If you have been on a hike along the ORMT you have likely seen garlic mustard. When I first saw it, I thought its curvy-edged leaves and tiny white flowers were quite pretty. Based on studies, we know that it is an invasive weed that has a direct, negative effect on the growth of hardwood trees in our forests.

It now grows in great swaths across the Moraine and across Ontario. Apparently, the best way to control it is to hand weed it wherever it is found. We have been practising this method for several years in our Newmarket backyard. I think we are actually making progress in our efforts! It is, however, a slow process.



Garlic mustard is thought to have been used as a culinary herb in Europe and it came here along with some of the early settlers in the 1860's. Last spring I found a recipe for Pesto, using Garlic Mustard! I tried a blind taste test (not telling folks what they were eating) and my guests found it very tasty and actually asked for the recipe.

Since it is widely available, and can be controlled by weeding it out, why don't you try this tasty recipe and see what you think. We can enjoy a pleasant munch and do a good deed at the same time...

### Garlic Mustard Pesto

- 1 ½ cups leaves
- ¼–½ cup pine nuts or walnuts
- 1 clove of garlic
- ½ cup olive oil
- ½ cup grated parmesan

- Combine the garlic mustard leaves, garlic clove, cheese and nuts in your food processor and chop finely.
  - Add olive oil gradually to blend.
- You can serve this as any other pesto either as an appetizer on crackers or possibly on some cooked pasta, a pizza, or anything else you like. ENJOY!

Wilma Millage

## ORTA TREASURER, ROBERT ALEXANDER



I moved to Canada from my native Scotland in 1966 to take a job with the Hudsons Bay Company in the NWT. It took me six years to decide that retail was not in my future. There were positives though, I met my wife of 48 years while there! We left the north in 1972 and moved to Toronto. I spent my career working in Insurance, mainly in accounting and finance, retiring in 2009. We moved to Newmarket in late 2013 and I started hiking with ORTA in 2014. I have been a volunteer at the last two adventure relays and when the opportunity came up to be treasurer, I was happy to take it on. So far, so good! Keep these memberships and donations coming!

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around so, with a group, it is better to phone ahead and the table will be set with a pot of coffee to pass around with a second pot ready when that one is empty.

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