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== PRESIDENT'S CHAT ==



It is my very real pleasure to serve as the President of the Oak Ridges Trail Association. I would like to acknowledge the dedication and continued fine work of my fellow Board members. In addition, I thank them for their support.

I am a retired educator having been engaged in a wide variety of roles in my working days. I have been an elementary school teacher, a Principal, an Administrative Officer within a district school board, the Manager of Accreditation at the Ontario College of Teachers and finally an adjunct professor in a Faculty of Education.

I have been interested in the outdoors all of my life and have a passion for both hiking and canoe tripping. I am a certified Hike Ontario Hike Leader Instructor and possess Wilderness first aid certification.

Our organization - ORTA is on stable footing: Our finances sound, our membership solid, our hikes numerous and well subscribed and our trail well maintained. Much remains to be undertaken though. Currently we have initiatives underway to look at our guide book as well as Trail Talk and how we can bring them into the electronic age, control costs and yet keep both of them relevant to members.

I am interested in your thoughts and ideas so send me an email at pres@oakridgestrail.org or bend my ear while enjoying a hike together. I will also be making the rounds of the Chapter meetings and hope to see you there.

I also look forward to meeting more of you over the coming months at discovery nights and other ORTA events.

Kevin Lowe

== ORTA VOLUNTEER AWARDS ==

The Annual General Meeting is an ideal opportunity to recognize the significant contributions made by our membership throughout the previous year. The Awards and Recognition Committee; Wilma Millage, Peter Schaefer and Stan Butcher found no end of inspiration before selecting the following to be honoured this year.



photo credit: Robert Aslop
Left to right: Stan Butcher, Peter Schaefer, Ed Millar, Wilma Millage

Lifetime Achievement Award

Ed Millar

in appreciation of over fifteen years of dedicated service

Outstanding Member Award for 2016

Kim Aagaard

in appreciation of his service as Treasurer and Executive Member

Commendation Awards

Bob Comfort

for the system collating Adventure Relay data in real-time

Pat Ward

for the system collating Adventure Relay data in real-time

Garry Niece

recognizing him as a dedicated Hike Leader

John Fuchs

recognizing him as a dedicated Hike Leader

Jacky Bamma

for her unique contributions in song at our Christmas parties

Audrey Fullerton

for distribution of Guidebooks to retail vendors


Bruce Corbett

for keeping the Aurora Chapter together and representing ORTA at meetings regarding Town developments

Trail Builders Award

Brian Millage

for negotiating and implementing the new route to the terminus with the Bruce Trail



Rock Island Lodge
Wawa

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- > B&B: no tv, just wind & waves
- > Storm Watching & Fall Colours
- > Painting Lake Superior
 - ^ Taimi Poldmaa ~ Mid October
- > Gales Photography Workshop
 - ^ Rob Stimpson ~ Oct/Nov

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Approved at ORTA AGM 2016

**MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE
INCREASING JUNE 1, 2016**

ORTA continues to be very solvent and has the means to support the time it takes to develop a long-term model for self-sustainability. In January, the Board approved a fee increase (the first in recent memory) to bring fees to \$40.00 annually from \$30.00. As well, the Board continues to evaluate ways to attract new members and increase donations – particularly from organizations and individuals who just want to be “supporters” and believe that hiking and hiking trails add significantly to the quality of life in Ontario.

WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

What do you think of the Trail Talk format? Should Trail Talk move to an electronic format? Do you have any ideas to improve our newsletter or do you have an article or photographs that you would like to share?

Throughout the months of June and July, we will be conducting a survey to gather your opinions on our current publication and get ideas for future issues. To participate, simply go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/TNV62QC and complete our short questionnaire. It takes less than 5 minutes to complete and your voice will help to shape the Trail Talk issues of the future.

Trail Talk continues to be one of ORTA's main methods of communicating with our members and as such, we are constantly striving to improve our publication and bring you the most relevant and timely information.

We appreciate your time and participation.

Comfortable Hiking Holidays (416) 445-2628

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OPEN HOUSE

NEW TRIPS!

We're cooking up something new and we can't wait to tell you all about it!

Sunday, September 11th at 3:30 pm
Crescent School Auditorium
2365 Bayview Ave, Toronto

(1 light north of Lawrence Ave. E on the east side of Bayview)

FREE PARKING!

Corfu • Patagonia • Amalfi Coast • Iceland • Ireland
Machu Picchu Kenya • Turkey • Japan • Camino de Santiago

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!

SLOVENIJA

July 15 to 25, 2016

Slovenija, where the Alps meet the Mediterranean, is a country of amazingly unspoiled beauty. Our program includes hikes behind the thundering Slap Pericnik waterfall, through Vintgar Gorge gushing with white water, on the slopes of & Mt. Triglav, and around the glacier-fed Lake Bohinj. Home base for the entire holiday will be the fairy-tale setting of Bled.

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 for the first time will give you goose bumps!**

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

TURKEY

October 15 to 26, 2016

Hike in Cappadocia with its secret frescoed churches, underground cities and volcanic tuff sculpted into fairy chimneys. Visit ancient ruins, shop the bazaars of Istanbul and take a history lesson through time. Steeped in tradition and a masterpiece of nature, Turkey will impress you.

NEW ZEALAND

1 spot for gentleman to share accommodations

November 8 to 27, 2016

Enjoy a full itinerary of hiking and sightseeing through the North and South Islands, including Tongariro Crossing, the Abel Tasman Coastal Walk and the Milford Track.

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= ORTA AROUND THE WORLD =

BY WILMA AND BRIAN MILLAGE



top: The Alhambra

bottom: Cordoba's Mezquita Mosque/Cathedral

ANDALUCIA, SPAIN

Visions of Flamenco dancers, golden beaches, rugged coastlines, paella, sangria, rooftop patios, elegant horses – all of these are found in Spain's Southern province of Andalusia.

Along with Judy and Bob Comfort, we spent a month exploring historic sites and hiking mountain trails.

Two jewels in the crown, and Wilma's favourite historical sites in Spain, are Cordoba's Mezquita Mosque/Cathedral and the Alhambra, a palace and fortress in Granada shown above.

Hasta la proxima visita!


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ORTA'S 10TH ANNUAL MORaine ADVENTURE RELAY

SATURDAY JUNE 11, 2016

BY BRIAN MILLAGE



Special thanks go out to the Corporate Teams who go the extra mile in making this fundraiser the success it has been. Golder Associates, led by George Schneider, competing for their 7th year, Teams Mazda and Mercedes will return for their 3rd event, while Cole Engineering has entered for the first time this

“Teams of up to 15 members will paddle, cycle and run a total of 160km to our new finish line at the Country Day School in King City”

Do you remember the first Adventure Relay back in 2007? There were 7 teams and long waits between competitors at checkpoints- but it was the start for ORTA's major annual fundraising event. Four time gold Olympian Marnie McBean and Team Running Free were there to help kickstart the event and look at it now! There have been 30-34 teams over recent years in Elite and Recreational divisions, and we have been supported by several Corporate Teams each year. How many will be at the starting line this year? Final results will appear in the next edition.



Again this year George and Denise Jones will host the start for the canoe leg on Rice Lake. Both George and Mike Herati will provide safety support with their pontoon boats- definitely needed to help wet canoeists on occasion when waves get rough. A Scottish piper will lead the “parade of paddlers” to their starting point- then “They’re Off!” The teams of up to 15 members will paddle, cycle and run a total of 160km to our new finish line at the Country Day School in King City (due to construction at Seneca) as they challenge the trails of the Oak Ridges Moraine. The fastest teams will arrive in daylight while others will depend on headlamps and bicycle lights to find the finish line.

Each year over a hundred ORTA volunteers staff the checkpoints providing directions, cheers and the occasional band-aid. Many of them have joined the fun every year. They recognize many of the teams who have returned almost every year for the excitement and to support ORTA.

year. Will there be more? Will Mercedes be able to defend last year's victory? All these teams are winners and we thank them for their contribution and trust that the day will have been a good team building exercise for their members.



Special thanks goes to the ORTA volunteers on the Relay Organizing Committee for their months of planning, and to members who have advertised the event or staffed the checkpoints and supported the racers- or even competed themselves on Bob Comfort's Sandspinner Team. When a team calls, Michele is the enthusiastic voice of the ORTA and the Relay.

Race On!

= THE MAGIC OF BEAUSOLIEL ISLAND =

BY DAVID FRANCIS

Have you ever dreamed of going to live on a desert island? Want to leave the hustle, bustle and noise of our urban life behind? Well, why not escape to Beausoleil Island on September 12, 2016 where there are no motor vehicles and no traffic jams – a place where you can explore the spectacular landscape of the UNESCO Georgian Bay World Biosphere Reserve, the world's largest freshwater archipelago, by foot and boat. No, it's not a desert island but it is natural paradise.

Located only a 60 minute-drive from Newmarket, Georgian Bay Islands National Park offers a truly remarkable Canadian hiking experience for either seasoned outdoor enthusiasts or those new-to-the-outdoors.

Your adventure starts with a scenic 15 minute Parks Canada boat ride from Honey Harbour to the park's largest island, Beausoleil. From there, you can join one of four hikes, 2 km, 5 km, 10 km and 15 km.

Space on Parks Canada boat is limited to 20 people and so far 15 people have signed up, so only five spaces left. Cost is \$16.00 each for ferry and parking. Some of us will be having a waterside meal at the Dam restaurant after the hike around 5 pm. We will be leaving at 9 am from Hwy 400/Hwy 9 car pool lot, or for those who drive directly, 10 am at Honey Harbour. Please email David Francis at to david.francis.trails@gmail.com sign up for this hike.

SUSQUEHANNOCK LODGE and TRAIL CENTRE Hiking in the Highlands of North Central Pennsylvania



CANADA DAY July 1- 4

Celebrate two National Holidays and the kick off of summer. The long days make for comfortable time on the south facing deck after the hikes.

LABOUR DAY Sept 2-5

Enjoy a few days of walking and relaxing before the busy September season starts. Lyman Lake will still be warm for swimming.

THANKSGIVING Oct 8-10

The Lodge is located in Potter County, Pennsylvania, 2.5 hours south of Buffalo. There is no agriculture or industry in the area, just great trails. Daily hikes of 10 to 15 km are led through hardwood forest, many beside mountain streams. Our lodge provides comfortable accommodation & excellent meals for \$70.00 semi-private or \$75.00 private USD per day per person. These outings have proven to be popular with the lodge filling quickly.

For more information, including driving directions, please see hikevincent.wordpress.com or contact Greg Vincent at 519-579-8210 or vincent.greg@gmail.com

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

TRAIL BITES - COUSINS RESTAURANT

BY WILMA MILLAGE



Many of you have already eaten a post-hike lunch at Cousins restaurant in Newmarket and if you haven't you have missed a great meal! They are just beside the Holiday Inn Express hotel at Hwy. 404 and Davis Drive - 110 Pony Drive to be precise.

Paula and her husband Jerry who does most of the chef work behind the counter have been serving Newmarket customers for the last 6 years. However, their restaurant expertise goes back 40 years from the time they emigrated from Greece.

Jerry loves to cook and says he is going to be cooking till he's a 110 (if he lives that long). We particularly love their Reuben sandwich or their toasted westerns with fries. They always have lunch specials listed on their antique menu board shown in our picture with Paula and me. Portions are generous and the coffee is good. Try them the next time you are in the area.



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January 1 - March 31, 2016

Thank you to all donors who have made gifts of \$10 or over to support the ORTA:

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NEW MEMBERS

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

JANUARY 1 - MARCH 31, 2016

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Hugh R. Amos | Wai Hung Lo |
| Hossein Banijamali | Scarlett Minshull |
| Maria Calabrese | Steve & Susann Mott |
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| Marianne Carefoot | Judy Pretty |
| Chen Cohen | Spencer Quinn |
| Carol-Ann Doucher | Ted Sues |
| Elizabeth Ganong | Jiewen Tan |
| Barb Holland | Jacqueline Van Dyke |
| Heather Lachner | Almut von Ow-Szczygielski |
| Derrick Lee | |

A MEANINGFUL ALTERNATIVE

As part of ORTA's program to Celebrate Life's Milestones or In Memory of friends or family, the following gifts were received

**In Memory of
Norm Erickson**

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== ORTA SUMMER 2016 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.

JULY

Sat, Jul. 2, 2016 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Loop hike some hilly sections. No dogs please 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

Mon, Jul. 4, 2016 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville – YRF Hollidge Tract (Hwy 48)

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Easy walking on shaded forest trails. Bring water and a snack. Meet in parking lot east side of Hwy 48, 3km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.067322, -79.304117

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

Wed, Jul. 6, 2016 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

Fri, Jul. 8, 2016 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Hall & Eldred King (McCowan Rd)

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Hilly Meet at parking lot 1 km north of Aurora Rd on the east side of McCowan Rd. GPS: 44.0410721, -79.3228268

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sat, Jul. 9, 2016 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, Jul. 10, 2016 9:30 AM, Durham East Cross Forest CA - Devitts Rd

ORTA Map 7; 12km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; ORTA Map 7; T&B hike south along the Main Access Trail, with possible loops on two additional trails. The trail features a mix of landscape, including some areas being rehabilitated by the Kawartha Conservation Authority. The hike length and duration will depend on the weather and trail conditions. Bring a snack and a drink. From Regional Road #57. Turn east onto Devitts Road. Destination is at 4560 Devitts Road GPS: 44.10063, -78.73180

Bill Morrison, 905-985-2624 (before 10:00PM) cell 905-439-0484 (hike day only).

Mon, Jul. 11, 2016 9:30 AM, Richmond Hill - Oak Ridges Meadows - George St.

5km; Slow; 2hrs.; Suitable for families including children in larger wheeled strollers. Dogs welcome but must be on leash. Bring water and maybe a snack. Lunch option afterwards. Meet at roadside parking on north side of George Street, halfway between Parker Avenue and Schomberg Road, Oak Ridges. Parker Ave. is off the north side of King Sideroad 800m. west from Yonge St. Drive 150m. north on Parker Ave and turn east on George St. GPS: 43.944435, -79.461983

Stan Butcher, 905-737-3966, cell phone on day of hike only 416-434-3471

Wed, Jul. 13, 2016 9:30 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest (Hwy 50)

ORTA Map 1; 17+km; Fast; 4hrs.; 2016 Sideways trek. Today we will trek from the western end of the Oak Ridge Trail to the Palgrave Forest. The trek will include a loop around the Palgrave ST. A car shuttle will be required. The trail is hilly with some sections of road. Come prepared to support the car shuttle. Bring snacks and a drink. Meet at Palgrave Forest Parking Lot, W side of Hwy 50, 2.2 km S of Hwy 9 or 0.5 km N of Palgrave Village. GPS: 43.955354, -79.843260

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

Wed, Jul. 13, 2016 9:30 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

7km; Moderate; 2hrs.; ORTA Map 6; Approaching from the east, a loop hike of the beautiful wooded terrain along the side trail in Crow's Pass CA. The hike length and duration will depend on the weather and trail conditions. Bring a snack and a drink. Contact hike leader for details, including meeting location. Contact the hike leader for meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

Bill Morrison, 905-985-2624 (before 10:00PM) cell 905-439-0484 (hike day only).

Fri, Jul. 15, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; 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, Jul. 16, 2016 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 on day of hike 905-960-0543

Mon, Jul. 18, 2016 10:00 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest (Hwy 50)

ORTA Map 1; 8km; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Pretty loop hike in the Palgrave Forest. Bring water and snack for break on the trail. No dogs please. e-mail inquires at tjshelvey@yahoo.com Meet at Palgrave Forest Parking Lot, W side of Hwy 50, 2.2 km S of Hwy 9 or 0.5 km N of Palgrave Village. GPS: 43.955354, -79.843260

Tessa Shelvey, 416-320-8555

Wed, Jul. 20, 2016 9:30 AM, Bruce Trail - Mono Cliffs (Mono Centre)

16+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; Loop walk along sections of Bruce Trail through diverse hilly landscape with many geological features. Meet at the Mono Community Centre parking area, 100m S of Mono Centre. Take Airport Rd 12.7 km north of Hwy 9, then west 6 km on C.R. 8 (Mono Centre Rd) through village of Mono Centre to parking area. GPS: 44.0267861, -80.0720156

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

Fri, Jul. 22, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Hilly loop hike including Skyloft. 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, Jul. 23, 2016 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

Mon, Jul. 25, 2016 9:30 AM, Newmarket - Nokiidaa Trail (Cane Pkwy)

ORTA Map 3; 6km; Slow; 2hrs.; We will go north past Fairy Lake to the Mabel Davis Conservation Area. Dogs welcome but must be on leash. Bring water and maybe a snack. Lunch option afterwards. Meet at parking lot, east side of Cane Pkwy, 0.4km north of Mulock Dr. GPS: 44.042200, -79.460776

Stan Butcher, 905-737-3966, cell phone on day of hike only 416-434-3471

Wed, Jul. 27, 2016 9:30 AM, Vaughan - Humber Valley Heritage Trail (Huntington Road)

6+km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Very picturesque forest, upland meadows and riverside trails with some fairly steep hilly sections. Well behaved dogs welcome. Marianne encourages a love of nature so we stop to admire the view and take photos. 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)

Wed, Jul. 27, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)

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

Fri, Jul. 29, 2016 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)

10km; Fast; 2hrs.; 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

Sat, Jul. 30, 2016 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Loop hike some hilly sections. No dogs please 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



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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

AUGUST

Mon, Aug. 1, 2016 9:30 AM, Richmond Hill - Bayview Hill Community Centre - (Spadina Rd).

5.5km; Slow; 2hrs.; Civic Holiday. Easy walk on town trails suitable for families with children including larger wheeled strollers. Dogs welcome but must be on leash. Bring water and snacks. From Bayview Avenue take Weldrick Road East to the junction with Spadina Road. From Major Mackenzie Drive take Spadina Road south; from 16th. Avenue take Spadina Road north to the junction with Weldrick Road East. Enter the parking lot of Bayview Hill Community Centre and Pool parking lot to the west off Spadina Rd. 100 metres south of this junction - enter opposite Brookhill Crescent. GPS: 43.871219, -79.401974

Stan Butcher, 905-737-3966, cell phone on day of hike only 416-434-3471

Mon, Aug. 1, 2016 9:30 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Wilder Tract/Pleasure Valley area. Join us for a hike from this new Uxbridge area parking lot on the East side of Brock Rd., 3km south of Coppins Corners. Lovely forested trails with several hills. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Contact the hike leader for meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

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

Wed, Aug. 3, 2016 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley North (Conc. 7)

ORTA Map 2; 12km; Moderate to fast; 3hrs.; Loop hike some hills lunch after hike at Pine Orchard 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

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Thu, Aug. 4, 2016 9:30 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

14km; Moderate; 4hrs.; End to end hike with car shuttle. Meet at Ganaraska Forest parking lot on Boundary Rd, 2km east of Hwy 115. Forested trails and country roads. Contact the hike leader for meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

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

Fri, Aug. 5, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Loop hike some hills Meet at parking lot on west side of Uxbridge Conc 7, 2 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.0394862, -79.0892224

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sat, Aug. 6, 2016 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Loop hike some hilly sections. No dogs please 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

Mon, Aug. 8, 2016 9:30 AM, Richmond Hill - Oak Ridges Corridor/Jefferson Forest (Oak Ridges Community Ctr.)

ORTA Map 3; 7.5km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; Enjoy the newly constructed trail east of Bayview Avenue and a rugged trail through Jefferson

Forest. Boots or good hiking shoes recommended - there is some rough ground and steep hills. Dogs on leash welcome. As usual bring drinks and maybe a snack. Lunch option afterwards. South parking lot of Oak Ridges Community Centre, west side of Bayview Ave, 1.5 km north of Stouffville Rd. GPS: 43.947384, -79.427794
Stan Butcher, 905-737-3966, cell phone on day of hike only 416-434-3471

Wed, Aug. 10, 2016 9:30 AM, Clarington - Bluebird Side Trail (Hwy 35)

ORTA Map 8; 17km; Fast; 4hrs.; 2016 Sideways trek. Today we will explore both the Bluebird and Vista Side Trails. Bring snacks a drink and lunch. 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

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

Fri, Aug. 12, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Albright 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 Albright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sat, Aug. 13, 2016 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

Mon, Aug. 15, 2016 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Sandy, forested trails of Eldred King, along with a loop hike around the Scout Tract ponds will make for a nice day. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Meet in parking lot west side of Hwy 48, 2.5 km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.059809, -79.302761

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

Wed, Aug. 17, 2016 9:30 AM, Ganaraska Forest - (Cold Springs)

ORTA Map 9; 15km; Moderate; 4hrs.; End to end hike with car shuttle. Sandy forest trails. Bring water and a snack. From Hwy 35/115 go east on Regional Road #9 for 10 km, then north 4 km on Cold Springs Camp Rd to meet in Ganaraska Forest Centre parking lot. GPS: 44.073736, -78.503882

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

Wed, Aug. 17, 2016 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, Aug. 19, 2016 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Hall & Eldred King (McCowan Rd)

ORTA Map 4; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Loop hike some hills Meet at parking lot 1 km north of Aurora Rd on the east side of McCowan Rd. GPS: 44.0410721, -79.3228268

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Fri, Aug. 19, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major East (Conc. 7)

ORTA Map 5; 8km; Moderate; loop hike through pretty forest, spectacular views over Toronto skyline on a clear day, some hills Meet at parking lot off Uxbridge Conc 7, 6 km south of Durham Route 21 or 1 km north of Uxbridge/Pickering town line or Conc 5 Pickering on Sideline 4. GPS: 44.0060802, -79.0692565

Kevin Lowe, 416-655-2256

Sat, Aug. 20, 2016 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Loop hike some hilly sections. No dogs please 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, Aug. 21, 2016 9:30 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

7km; Moderate; 2hrs.; ORTA Map 6; Approaching from the east, a loop hike of the beautiful wooded terrain along the side trail in Crow's Pass CA. The hike length and duration will depend on the weather and trail conditions. Bring a snack and a drink. Contact hike leader for details, including meeting location. Contact the hike leader for meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

Bill Morrison, 905-985-2624 (before 10:00PM) cell 905-439-0484 (hike day only).

Mon, Aug. 22, 2016 9:30 AM, Aurora - NW Aurora Trails - St. Andrew's Loop.

ORTA Map 4; 7km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; Short road sections link town parks and school playing fields. Dogs welcome but must be on leash. Bring water and a snack. Optional lunch afterwards. Meet at south end of the parking lot of Aurora Community Centre, south off Aurora Heights Dr., west off Yonge St, 0.6 km north of Wellington St. GPS: 44.003408, -79.471130

Stan Butcher, 905-737-3966, cell phone on day of hike only 416-434-3471

Wed, Aug. 24, 2016 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 on day of hike 905-960-0543

Wed, Aug. 24, 2016 9:30 AM, Oshawa - Purple Woods C.A. (Coates Rd.)

ORTA Map 6; 8km; Moderate; 2.25hrs.; ORTA Map 6; Loop through the Rahmani Tract, down to Raglan with a possible stop at the country store, and back up the ridge to Purple Woods. Primarily country roads (traveled and untraveled) with some forested areas. The hike length and duration will depend on the weather and trail conditions. Bring a snack and a drink. Meet at Purple Woods C.A. parking area, 70m. east of Simcoe St. north on the south side of Coates Rd. GPS: 44.037431, -78.919935

Bill Morrison, 905-985-2624 (before 10:00PM) cell 905-439-0484 (hike day only).

Fri, Aug. 26, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; East Walker Woods and beyond, loop hike, hilly. 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, Aug. 27, 2016 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, Aug. 27, 2016 1:30 PM, King - Cold Creek Conservation Area (Conc. 11)

7+km; Moderate; 2hrs.; 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. Meet at park entrance east side of Concession 11, 3.5 Km north from King Road. GPS: 43.919444, -79.706778

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

Mon, Aug. 29, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; We'll do the Secord loop which takes us through cedar forests and open meadows along with a section

of the Goodwood Tract. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. 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

Wed, Aug. 31, 2016 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Hall & Eldred King (McCowan Rd)

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Hilly Meet at parking lot 1 km north of Aurora Rd on the east side of McCowan Rd. GPS: 44.0410721, -79.3228268

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161



Wed, Aug. 31, 2016 9:30 AM, Ganaraska Forest - (Cold Springs)

ORTA Map 9; 15km; Moderate; 4hrs.; End to end shuttle hike from Ganaraska to Woodvale School Rd. Scenic side roads and forest trails. Bring water and a snack. From Hwy 35/115 go east on Regional Road #9 for 10 km, then north 4 km on Cold Springs Camp Rd to meet in Ganaraska Forest Centre parking lot. GPS: 44.073736 , -78.503882

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

SEPTEMBER

Fri, Sep. 2, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Hilly loop hike including Skyloft. 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, Sep. 3, 2016 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, Sep. 4, 2016 10:15 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Meadowvale Rd.)

10km; Moderate; 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)

Mon, Sep. 5, 2016 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Hall & Eldred King (McCowan Rd)

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Sandy, forested trails with moderate hills. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Meet at parking lot 1 km north of Aurora Rd on the east side of McCowan Rd. GPS: 44.0410721, -79.3228268

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

Mon, Sep. 5, 2016 9:30 AM, Aurora - Sheppard's Bush (Industry St.)

ORTA Map Aurora; 6km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; Labour Day walk from Sheppard's Bush on the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail, informal trails made by local residents around woodlots and continue on the Nokiidaa Trail south of Vandorf Sideroad to Benville Crescent. Bring drinks and a snack. Dogs welcome but must be on leash. Lunch option afterwards. 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

Stan Butcher, 905-737-3966, cell phone on day of hike only 416-434-3471

Wed, Sep. 7, 2016 9:30 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

12km; Moderate; 3.5hrs.; End 2 End hike with shuttle. Mix of country roads and shady trails. Bring water and snack. Meet at northwest corner of Long Sault CA. Roadside parking at Avery Rd. and Concession 10. (Map 7). Contact the hike leader for meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

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

Wed, Sep. 7, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)

ORTA Map 5; 16+km; 3+hrs.; 2016 sideways hike. T&B trek covering the Secord Forest, White Family, Goodwood and Glasgow Side Trails. Bring snacks a drink and lunch. Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766

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

Fri, Sep. 9, 2016 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, Sep. 10, 2016 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Loop hike some hilly sections. No dogs please 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, Sep. 11, 2016 9:30 AM, Oshawa - Purple Woods C.A. (Coates Rd.)

ORTA Map 6; 8km; Moderate; 2.25hrs.; ORTA Map 6; Loop through the Rahmani Tract, down to Raglan with a possible stop at the country store, and back up the ridge to Purple Woods. Primarily country roads (traveled and untraveled) with some forested areas. The hike length and duration will depend on the weather and trail conditions. Bring a snack and a drink. Meet at Purple Woods C.A. parking area, 70m. east of Simcoe St. north on the south side of Coates Rd. GPS: 44.037431 , -78.919935

Bill Morrison, 905-985-2624 (before 10:00PM) cell 905-439-0484 (hike day only).

Mon, Sep. 12, 2016 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley North (Conc. 7)

ORTA Map 2; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; This lovely Nature Conservancy of Canada property trails through mature forest with moderate hills. To get to the parking spot drive south from Pottageville to the dead end meeting point. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. 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

Mon, Sep. 12, 2016 10:30 AM, Beausoleil Island – Fairy Lake Trail (Georgian Bay Islands National Park)**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED, SPACES ARE LIMITED.**

10km; Slow to moderate; 8hrs.; Ferry ride to Beausoleil Island. Fee for ferry \$16.00 by reservation only. Hikes of 2 km, 5 km, 10 km and 15 km. Ferry limited to 20 people. Take Hwy #400 north to Port Seven. Turn onto Honey Harbor Rd. (Muskoka Rd. 5) for 13Km. Turn left (west) into DayTripper parking area. GPS: 44.867367 , -79.821628

To register, please contact David Francis, 905-936-4446, cell phone on day of hike 416-579-5432

Wed, Sep. 14, 2016 9:30 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

12km; Moderate; 3.5hrs.; End 2 End shuttle hike. Mostly country roads with some CA trails. We will start at the junction of Russell Rd and Byers Rd., Bring water and a snack. We will meet in Scugog at the Ocala Winery (Map 6) High Point Rd. and Smith Side Road. Contact the hike leader for meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0
Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512

Wed, Sep. 14, 2016 9:30 AM, Scarborough - Highland Creek (Morningside Park)

17km; Moderate to fast; 4.5hrs.; Loop. A pleasant walk in Scarborough's treed valleys and parks, residential streets of Guildwood and along Lake Ontario shoreline. Bring water and lunch/snacks. Meet at parking lot of Morningside Park in Scarborough. From Hwy 401, S on Morningside Ave, 0.5 km S of Ellesmere Rd. on W side. GPS: 43.781131, -79.197228

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

Fri, Sep. 16, 2016 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: 44.059809, -79.302761

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sat, Sep. 17, 2016 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, Sep. 18, 2016 10:00 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Meadowvale Rd.)

10km; Moderate; 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, Sep. 18, 2016 10:00 AM, Clarington - Ganaraska Forest (Micro Rd)

ORTA Map 8; 8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Loop hike to Tower Hill ; one steep hill ; dress for the weather ; bring water and a snack From Hwy 115, exit at Boundary Rd (first exit north of exit to Hwy 35). Go east approx. 1.5 km to meet at Micro Rd. roadside parking. GPS: 44.082972, -78.587273

Grace Moores, 905-263-4340

Sun, Sep. 18, 2016 10:00 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)

10km; Moderate; 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)

Mon, Sep. 19, 2016 9:30 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.) New

ORTA Map 2; 6.5km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; Apple Picking season. We will hike west past Mary Lake along the Oak Ridges Moraine Main

Trail to Jane Street. Then east on 16th. Sideroad to Pine Farms for morning coffee. Returning to Keele Street via the side trail. Afterwards optional return by car to Pine Farms for lunch and to pick apples. Dogs on leash welcome. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220, -79.535400

Stan Butcher, 905-737-3966, cell phone on day of hike only 416-434-3471

Wed, Sep. 21, 2016 9:30 AM, Lindsay - Pontypool Fleetwood Creek (Wild Turkey Rd)

14+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; Three loop hikes depending on time and conditions Take highway 35 and turn east on Ballyduff Road. Meet in road side parking on the south west corner of Ballyduff and Wild Turkey Roads. GPS: 44.142627, -78.621845

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Wed, Sep. 21, 2016 9:30 AM, Durham East Cross Forest CA - Devitts Rd

ORTA Map 7; 12km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; ORTA Map 7; T&B hike south along the Main Access Trail, with possible loops on two additional trails. The trail features a mix of landscape, including some areas being rehabilitated by the Kawartha Conservation Authority. The hike length and duration will depend on the weather and trail conditions. Bring a snack and a drink. From Regional Road #57. Turn east onto Devitts Road. Destination is at 4560 Devitts Road GPS: 44.10063, -78.73180

Bill Morrison, 905-985-2624 (before 10:00PM) cell 905-439-0484 (hike day only).

Fri, Sep. 23, 2016 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley (Weston & 16th Sdrd)

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

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sat, Sep. 24, 2016 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Loop hike some hilly sections. No dogs please 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, Sep. 25, 2016 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley (Weston & 16th Sdrd)

ORTA Map 2; 7+km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Oak Ridges Trail, Love Mountain and Humber Scource 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)



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Mon, Sep. 26, 2016 9:30 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest north (Finnerty SR)

ORTA Map 1; Slow to moderate; 3hrs.; Car shuttle from Finnerty Road parking lot. Walk back to Palgrave through the western extension of our trail. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. 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, Sep. 28, 2016 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Hall & Eldred King (McCowan Rd)

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Hilly Meet at parking lot 1 km north of Aurora Rd on the east side of McCowan Rd. GPS: 44.0410721, -79.3228268

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Thu, Sep. 29, 2016 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)

8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; there and back hike along the riverside 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

Kevin Lowe, 416-655-2256

Fri, Sep. 30, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Albright 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 Albright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

DISCOVER YOUR WORLD

Join us for the Oak Ridges Trail Association's Discovery Night! Enjoy an evening out sharing in interesting worldwide journeys and listening to speakers on a wide variety of subjects.

Catch up on 'off trail' socializing. ORTA members and the public are invited to come along and bring a friend!

There will be no Discovery Night in June, July or August.

Thursday September 15, 2016

Guest Speaker To Be Announced

Please check the ORTA Website closer to the date

JOIN THE DISCOVERY NIGHT TEAM:

Help us continue to bring fun and informative evenings to ORTA and the community at large. Many hands make light work, as they say. Please lend a hand to secure lively speakers, organize the night's smooth running and keep the Discovery Night tradition active.

Do you or someone you know have a great story to share? You could be an upcoming Discovery Night speaker. Let us know!

When: 7-9 p.m.

Where: Ballantrae Community Centre, 5592 Aurora Road, Stouffville (just east of Hwy. 48/Markham Rd, on the north side)

A \$5 contribution is requested at the door to offset expenses. Coffee, tea, juice and cookies served. Please lug-a-mug!

Questions? Contact Garry Niece: 905-655-8040, gniece@gmail.com

ROUTE CHANGES TO GUIDEBOOK MAPS

Route changes may have occurred since the current issue of the Guidebook was published. In addition, changing seasons and weather may effect trail conditions. Remember to always check the "Route Changes & Trail Conditions" page on the ORTA website for the most up-to-date information.

(<http://oakridgestrail.org/hikes/current-trail-conditions-route-changes>)

DOORS OPEN KING SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

In all seasons, hikers on our trail through King Township are treated to the grandeur of Eaton Hall at Seneca College King Campus, and the immense red brick barn at Marylake Augustinian Monastery. On Saturday, September 17th we're invited to step closer and learn more about these buildings, as well as the 1905 brick and wood horse barn at Seneca and magnificent stone gate and gatehouse at the Monastery.

Doors Open King Township will feature eleven sites in all. Nearby on Dufferin Street are the 1883 Eversley School House, now part of The Country Day School (guided tours will be offered), and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (1848). Close to the four corners in King City, hikers might visit Locale Restaurant or The Roost Café, highlighted for their history as an 1863 store and a 1900 home.

Historic photos of these buildings, and information about other sites in King City and Kettleby, may be found at www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/kingtownship

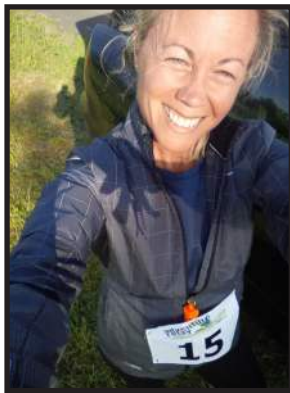
#ORMT300 - 7 MARATHONS / 7 DAYS

BY KELLY MATHEWS



“Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt!” (John Muir)

ORMT300 is a record-attempt challenge that I created for myself over this past winter. ORMT300 stands for “Oak Ridges Moraine Trail 300km” and is the acronym I have been using to promote my fundraising and my week-long adventure. My goal is to complete an End to End Hike of the entire Oak Ridges Moraine Trail from Caledon (Glen Haffy Conservation Area) in the West to Trent Hills (Warkworth) in the East between Sunday August 28 and Saturday September 3, 2016. This means I hope to cover the entire ORTA trail in 7 days, which will require me to hike at least A-Marathon-A-Day (42km/26mi) for 7-days straight. I will be completing this trek completely on my own, and sleeping in a tent each evening just off the trail. I will be living out of a backpack for the 7 days. I plan to hike approximately 10 hours each day. To make up the 300km of trail I will be utilizing all of the main ORTA trail and some of the ORTA side trails. The ORTA has advised me that if I am successful, this will be the fastest trek across the entire Moraine Trail ever!



The purpose of this personal challenge is to raise money and generate awareness for two fundraising campaigns that are incredibly important to me, all-the-while creating a challenge for myself that I feel will be incredibly taxing both physically and mentally. Both of the campaigns that I’m supporting have an incredibly positive impact on the communities that they serve, they also have a connection. The two fundraising campaigns that I’m supporting include: The ORTA ‘Experience the Moraine Campaign’ (24 years 1991-2016); and, Seneca College’s ‘King Campus Expansion Campaign’ (45 years in King City 1971-2016). You may or may not know that 4 km of the ORTA Trail meanders through the King Campus grounds of Seneca College in King City and has been a part of the King Campus landscape for the past 21 years. Through your support, it is my hope to raise at least \$5,000 (\$17 per km) between the two causes – I would be absolutely tickled-pink to raise more than that!



Any support you can provide would be greatly appreciated... and... If you happen to see me along the trail during my 7 day adventure... I take my “Timmies” double-double (with cream & sweetener)!


For more information or to make a donation in support of my record-attempt please visit: www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/ormt-300

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BILL 100 - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

BY PETER SCHAEFER

In spring of 2015, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport submitted an Ontario Trails Act for review. As the Ministry has told us, they have held consultations with over 250 organizations, including municipalities, Aboriginal groups, trail organizations and not-for-profit organizations. The feedback from these consultations then formed the basis for proposed legislation. Subsequently, the Province introduced Bill 100, the Supporting Ontario's Trails Act, 2015, "...to improve access to Ontario's trails, building both a healthier and more prosperous Ontario".

Since the introduction of the Bill, incorrect information has been circulated to various media outlets around the Province by the Ontario Landowners Association (OLA), a group committed to the cause of property rights in rural areas, about the effect on landowner's property values through trail use. The OLA misrepresentation suggests, that with the passage of the legislation, the Government would force easements onto all owners with existing footpaths and snowmobile trails. This has already resulted in the closure of 10 snowmobile trails in Muskoka and threats of closure to long standing portions of the Thames Valley Trail.

This is misinformation and, if not corrected, could be a threat to all types of trails on private land throughout Ontario. Yet, under Bill 100, when properly read, the Act would provide a new ability for landowners and incorporated trail groups to voluntarily enter into

easements to secure the route of the trail. Section 12(3) entitled "Granting of Easements" states "An owner of land may grant an easement...", clearly indicating a voluntary choice on the part of the landowner and an eligible body, such as a Land Trust, to enter into an easement.

Hike Ontario has been working very hard both in conjunction with the Ontario Trails Council as well as through government channels and we believe that this coordinated action can help recover the situation as best as possible. Renewing the request for a tax credit for allowing pedestrian trails on private land is only one of several strategies that Hike Ontario and the trail organizations have been proposing. Our trail is insured by our liability insurance coverage for \$ 5 million at no cost to the landowner. The Landowner's Occupancy Act and The Trespass Act have protected landowner's rights since 1980 and the proposed Trails Act would modernize trespass fines and payments for willful property damage.

We have followed the discussion closely. If any of our landowners should approach you about this misinformation, I would appreciate it if you could get in touch with me so that I will have an opportunity to discuss their concerns with them and provide the correct information (peter.sch@sympatico.ca or 905-476-0413). So far we have not heard of any concerns from our landowners.



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