

TRAIL TALK

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Most of the commentary and attention around ORTA is focused on our hiking program and rightly so. It is at the core of what we are all about. The Adventure Relay, Discovery Night and trail maintenance also garner their share of attention.

An item in which we do not seem to make headway, despite its importance, is finding ways to move more of the trail off road so that users can have a much more engaging experience than walking the shoulder of rural roads or through suburban subdivisions.

This is a challenge for us for several reasons. First, ORTA does not own land. When ORTA was first conceived it was agreed that we not enter into the acquisition of land for the trail; rather we would engage in partnerships with conservation authorities, municipalities and private land owners, gaining permission from these entities to have the trail pass over their properties. Where there are lands owned by public groups such as municipalities and conservation authorities we have enjoyed considerable success in this process.

We also deal with the fact that the trail passes through some large urban areas making the finding of potential off-road routes a challenge. Finally, we operate with the blessing of our partners. Should they withdraw their consent for the trail to traverse their properties, and this has happened, then we are back to the roadside.

At our recent annual general meeting one of our members put forward a motion which was passed by those in attendance directing your Board to engage in a dialogue with the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust to look at ways to cooperate further with one another.

This is a good reminder to us all to keep the relocation of the trail off road on the "front burner" and we will initiate further dialogue with the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust with an eye to seeing whether there are any potential reroutes that they can help us with.

Kevin Lowe

President

Oak Ridges Trail Association

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ICELAND

August 17 to 27, 2019

The land of the midnight sun!

Trek on volcanic terrain, marvel at the view atop Iceland's "Grand Canyon", stand at the edge of the most powerful waterfall in all Europe & relax in the soothing thermal waters of the Blue Lagoon. From Reykjavik to the northern fishing village of Husavik, explore the most dramatic landscape anywhere.

5 Reasons Why ICELAND is a MUST in 2019

Viking explorers got it right – **Iceland** is truly a spectacular place to visit! Although we didn't discover this amazing destination as early as the Vikings did, we can tell you that since 2006 it has been one of our most popular trips. The rest of the world has caught up, and Iceland is now one of the "hottest" destinations anywhere. If Iceland is not on your bucket list - it should be!

1. IT'S BEAUTIFUL – This is the most obvious reason, but we cannot stress enough how gorgeous the hiking is here. Our program offers such a variety of sights and experiences, from majestic waterfalls and geysers, to snow-capped mountains and soothing thermal pools.

2. IT'S UNSPOILED – The country's tourism is booming, but for the most part, we still have the trails all to ourselves! That's because we get off the beaten path and get into areas that bus tours do not venture to. Imagine having an entire national park trail all to ourselves? Or how about taking photos of the massive Asbyrgi Canyon with not a single tourist around?



#3. IT'S SAFE – Iceland is considered one of the safest countries in the entire world. You can walk around Reykjavik in the middle of the night – which is actually pretty cool because we visit during the midnight sun – and feel completely safe. To emphasize the point – it's not uncommon to see mothers leaving babies in strollers outside a store, while they go in to shop. Imagine trying that in North America!?

#4. IT'S DIFFERENT – Yes, the geography and sites are unique, but the people and culture is very special and different as well. The majority of locals still believe in elves! They love strange and unusual foods – fermented shark, anyone? They don't take themselves too seriously – Google Reykjavik Mayor Jon Gnarr.

#5. DEALS! – There's no denying that this is not the most affordable hiking destination, but the deals on airfare these days are truly spectacular!

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2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 18th

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE* AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elected at the AGM, APRIL 18, 2019

- *Kevin Lowe, President
- *Wilma Millage, Past President
- *Garry Niece, Vice President/Trail Director
- *Lissa Dwyer, Secretary
- *Bob Alexander, Treasurer
- *Brian Millage, Regional Director
- Frank Alexander, Regional Director
- Ed Millar, Director at Large
- Huw Evans, Director at Large
- Carol Dowell, Publicity Director

2019 AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Lifetime Achievement Award

Peter Schaefer has served on the ORTA Board of Directors since 2009 where he started as Trail Director. He also served on the Steering Committee which put together ORTA's first Strategic Plan for 2009-2014. Peter then went on to the position of President. Peter is a long-time volunteer who has committed himself to the success of ORTA.

Trailbuilder Award

Tracy McNaught volunteers in the Whit-church Stouffville section where he is particularly busy with trail maintenance in spring prior to our Relay participants passing through.

Commendation Awards

Mike Bender has been an enthusiastic supporter of ORTA during the years he worked with TRCA before his recent retirement. He has also captained the elite TRCA Racer Relay team for many years.

Marilyn Bardeau has been our Trail Talk editor for several years. She has worked closely with Michele to present a polished and informative newsletter.

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L to R: Kevin Lowe, Carol Dowell, Robert Alexander, Wilma Millage, Frank Alexander, Lissa Dwyer, Ed Millar, Brian Millage.
Absent Huw Evans, Garry Niece.

Photo: Robert Alsop



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ORTA was honoured to have David Philips deliver an address at the AGM 2019. As usual, he entertained the audience with his humour along with many stories of legendary weather events. He acknowledged that the climate is changing but was reluctant to be political about what should be done next.

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NEW MEMBERS

ORTA welcomed the following individual and family memberships during our last quarter, January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019.

Cheryl Cannon	Hetty Smeathers
Patty Chen	Joanne & John Brock
Radmir Sharifli	Grace Cantarutti
Christopher Abromonis	Jim Howden & Ruth Moffatt
Le Gong	Doug Lennox
Fulvia Cantarutti	Thomas Cannon
Rebecca Grant	Peter Mok
Lesley Lipinski	Mike Mulvaney
Cathy Lombard	John Esponosa & Graeme Walker
Greg Patterson	Sean Reily
Norman & Jeanne Preston	

CHAMPIONS

January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019
 Thank you to all donors who have made
 donations of \$10.00 or more

Gillian Harding	Charles Roy Holmes
JC Meeker	Diane LeMottee
Barrie Moir	Lynn Havard
Jacky Bramma	Margaret Brock
Josipa Klostranec	Clare & Alex Sudy
Jody Dales	Charlotte Owen
Thomas Barrett	Dianne Zieman
Mikal Lawton	Alexandra Forer
Sig Langhammer	Debbie Schaefer
Judy McIntyre-Smith	Noel Bain
Toni & Tom Dorey	Ruth & Andy Patterson
Radmir Sharifli	Monika Rothman
Belinda Higgs	Fred Bull
Deb Vangalen	Linda Tyndall
Cornelius Sommer	Grace Moores
Gino & Eda Mancini	Madge Ford
Elinor Allison	Peggy Wrightson
Martin & Vicky Earle	Donna DeBacker & Ed Millar
Renate Juelich	

If you would like to make a donation to ORTA
 call 905-833-6600 or visit ORTA's website
www.oakridgestrail.org for more information.

Lake Superior



Guided Sea Kayak Trips
 > Pukaskwa, Slates, Sibley, Superior Park

36 ft Voyageur Canoe Tours
 > Musical & Pukaskwa & Group of Seven

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Hike: Pukaskwa & Lake Superior Park



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Canada Day - June 28 - July 2, 2019

Great hiking weather with lots of time on the south facing deck to relax, Jeanette will find places to swim.

LABOUR DAY Aug. 30 – Sept. 2, 2019

The summer weather will greet us as we hike the area

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, \$75.00 private-double occupancy, \$90.00 private-single occupancy, 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



Oak Ridges Trail Association wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Capstone Infrastructure for their generous donation. This gift will assist the ORTA to continue to build and maintain a public hiking trail system on the Oak Ridges Moraine and protect the integrity of the moraine through trail development, maintenance, and increased awareness. This in turn allows the public to enjoy the experience of a hiking trail through natural forests, wetlands, meadows, beside streams and lakes and climbing the ridge of sandy hills which form the Moraine. We thank Capstone Infrastructure for this gift.

ORTA SUMMER 2019 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

Mon, Jul. 1, 2019 9:30 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest north (Finnerty SR)

ORTA Map 1; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Share beautiful vistas and shady trails with us in one of our favourite areas. Dogs welcome to bring their owners. Join us for lunch nearby after the hike. 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

Fri, Jul. 5, 2019 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)

ORTA Map 4; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; hilly loop hike. 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, Jul. 6, 2019 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 5+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

Fri, Jul. 12, 2019 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)

10km; Moderate to 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. 13, 2019 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, Jul. 14, 2019 9:30 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

2.5km; Slow; 2hrs.; Certified in Japanese Forest Medicine, Pat will lead a hike to introduce the principles of forest bathing and explain the health benefits of being outdoors in nature. Participants will be encouraged to sit and relax during the hike but the ground may be wet. A few park benches may be available but if possible, please bring a water-proof mat or something to sit on. The hike will be at the Countryside Preserve in Uxbridge. The parking lot is located behind the Uxbridge Walmart, 6 Welwood Dr, Uxbridge, ON L9P 1Z7. GPS co-ordinates for the parking lot are: 44.08759, -79.13163. If not reflected elsewhere in this information, contact the hike leader for the meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

Pat Baldwin, 905-985-5257 (before 9:00 PM) cell 289-385-0457 (hike day only)

Mon, Jul. 15, 2019 9:30 AM, Bolton - Humber Valley Heritage Trail (Castleberg Rd.)

6km; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Pretty hike mostly in the forest on variable terrain. We will hike 3km North from Castleberg Rd to Duffy's Lane and re-trace our steps the same way. No dogs please. Coffee after. Bring snacks to eat on the trail. Park at the west end of the bridge over the Humber River. e-mail inquires tjshelvey@yahoo.com North on Hwy 50 from Bolton. Turn west on Castleberg Rd. for 2.1km. Meet in roadside parking on Castleberg Rd. just west of the bridge. GPS: 43.893973, -79.792860

Tessa Shelvey, 416-320-8555

Wed, Jul. 17, 2019 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. 19, 2019 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

Sat, Jul. 20, 2019 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 5+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. 22, 2019 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Well shaded trails with moderate hills make this an ideal summer destination in Uxbridge. Well mannered dogs are welcome to bring their owners. Join us for lunch after the hike. 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, Jul. 24, 2019 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 phone on day of hike 905-960-0543

Fri, Jul. 26, 2019 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley (Weston & 16th Sdrd)

ORTA Map 2; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; There and back Meet at roadside parking northeast corner of Weston Rd & 16th Sdrd. NOTE: For 12 months from the fall of 2017 this meeting place is NOT accessible from the east via 16th SR due to reconstruction of the Hwy 400 overpass GPS: 43.954224, -79.586575

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sat, Jul. 27, 2019 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

Wed, Jul. 31, 2019 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; This hike will include North Walker Woods and the Al Shaw side trail. 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

AUGUST

Fri, Aug. 2, 2019 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)

ORTA Map 4; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; hilly loop hike. 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, Aug. 3, 2019 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 5+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. 5, 2019 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Walk a variety of shaded forest and meadow trails with a few hills. An additional 15 minute walk at the end of the hike will take us to a high lookout - bring your picnic lunch! Dogs welcome too. 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

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

Fri, Aug. 9, 2019 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

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

Sat, Aug. 10, 2019 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, Aug. 11, 2019 9:30 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

2.5km; Slow; 2hrs.; Certified in Japanese Forest Medicine, Pat will lead a hike to introduce the principles of forest bathing and explain the health benefits of being outdoors in nature. Participants will be encouraged to sit and relax during the hike but the ground may be wet. A few park benches may be available but if possible, please bring a water-proof mat or something to sit on. The hike will be at the Countryside Preserve in Uxbridge. The parking lot is located behind the Uxbridge Walmart, 6 Welwood Dr, Uxbridge, ON L9P 1Z7. GPS co-ordinates for the parking lot are: 44.08759, -79.13163. If not reflected elsewhere in this information, contact the hike leader for the meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

Pat Baldwin, 905-985-5257 (before 9:00 PM) cell 289-385-0457 (hike day only)

Mon, Aug. 12, 2019 10:00 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

6km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; We will walk approx. 3km along the pretty Humber Valley Heritage trail and return the same way. 15min walk along a side street and local park to the trailhead. Go north on Hwy 50 from Hwy #7 into downtown Bolton. Park in the lot on the north side of the TD bank. Note the start time of 10a.m. e-mail inquiries to tjshelvey@yahoo.com If not reflected elsewhere in this information, contact the hike leader for the meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

Tessa Shelvey, 416-320-8555

Fri, Aug. 16, 2019 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)

ORTA Map 5; 11+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, Aug. 17, 2019 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 5+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. 19, 2019 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley (Weston & 16th Sdrd)

ORTA Map 2; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Join us on shady Nature Conservancy and TRCA trails with a few hills. Well mannered dogs welcome. Join us for lunch after the hike. Meet at roadside parking northeast corner of Weston Rd & 16th Sdrd. NOTE: For 12 months from the fall of 2017 this meeting place is NOT accessible from the east via 16th SR due to reconstruction of the Hwy 400 overpass GPS: 43.954224, -79.586575

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

Wed, Aug. 21, 2019 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

Fri, Aug. 23, 2019 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)

10km; Moderate to 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, Aug. 24, 2019 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

Wed, Aug. 28, 2019 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

Fri, Aug. 30, 2019 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

Sat, Aug. 31, 2019 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 5+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

SEPTEMBER

Mon, Sep. 2, 2019 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Wilder Tract (Durham Rd. 1 / Brock Rd.)

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; A mix of mature forest and meadow trails makes this a great walking area, with moderate hills. Well mannered dogs welcome to bring their owners. Join us for lunch after the hike. Meeting in the Pleasure Valley Pathways parking lot on the east side of Brock Rd. 3.2Km. north of the Uxbridge/Pickering Townline. GPS: 44.019503, -79.134345

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

Wed, Sep. 4, 2019 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, lunch/snacks. Meet in the first 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: 43.779292, -79.193048

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

Fri, Sep. 6, 2019 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley North (Conc. 7)

ORTA Map 2; 10km; Moderate to fast; 3hrs.; Loop hike some hills lunch after hike at Pine Orchard. Icecs or snowshoes may be required. 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

Sat, Sep. 7, 2019 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, Sep. 8, 2019 10:00 AM, Beausoleil Island - Various Trails (Georgian Bay Islands National Park)

8km; 4hrs.; Contact David Francis to register at david.francis.trails@gmail.com \$15 to cover Park Entrance Fee and cost of Ferry to Beausoleil Island. Limited to first 20 people. Explore the beautiful trails around the rocky Canadian Shield. Swimming opportunity at beach. Bring lunch. Ferry limited to 20 people, so first come get a place. Car pool from Hwy 400/Hwy 9 or go direct. 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

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

Wed, Sep. 11, 2019 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Hilly loop hike. 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

Fri, Sep. 13, 2019 9:30 AM, Markham - Bob Hunter Memorial Park

10+km; Fast; 2hrs.; Meet in parking lot at 7277-14 Ave. Take Reesor Rd (south from hwy #7 or north from Steeles Ave), west on 14 Ave, south at first driveway with house numbers (this is the entrance to the Rouge National Urban Park). GPS: 43.863494, -79.211209

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sat, Sep. 14, 2019 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 5+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, Sep. 16, 2019 10:00 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

6km; Slow; 2hrs.; Nice easy loop hike to check out the Humber Source Woods side trail. Park on the north/east corner of 16th sideroad and Weston Road Map #2. Directions: Take the 400 north until King Road. Head west on King Rd 1km until Weston Road and go north for approx. 4km to 16th sideroad. Bring water and a snack for a break on the trail. Note the 10a.m start time e-mail: tjshelvey@yahoo.com If not reflected elsewhere in this information, contact the hike leader for the meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

Tessa Shelvey, 416-320-8555

Wed, Sep. 18, 2019 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; There and back 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

Fri, Sep. 20, 2019 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)

ORTA Map 4; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; hilly loop hike. 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, Sep. 21, 2019 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 5+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. 22, 2019 9:30 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

2.5km; Slow; 2hrs.; Certified in Japanese Forest Medicine, Pat will lead a hike to introduce the principles of forest bathing and explain the health benefits of being outdoors in nature. Participants will be encouraged to sit and relax during the hike but the ground may be wet. A few park benches may to available but if possible, please bring a water-proof mat or something to sit on. The hike will be at the Countryside Preserve in Uxbridge. The parking lot is located behind the Uxbridge Walmart, 6 Welwood Dr, Uxbridge, ON L9P 1Z7. GPS co-ordinates for the parking lot are: 44.08759, -79.13163. If not reflected elsewhere in this information, contact the hike leader for the meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

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Mon, Sep. 23, 2019 9:30 AM, King - Lloydtown - (18th. SR.+10th. Conc.)

ORTA Map 1; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; This T&B hike will take us along forest and meadow trails to enjoy the fall colours. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for 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

Wed, Sep. 25, 2019 9:30 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest north (Finnerty SR) Revised

ORTA Map 1; 18+km; Moderate to fast; 4.5+hrs.; Hike along Bruce Trail and ORMT ending at Palgrave CA. Hilly with great views. Shuttle. Must pre-register via phone or e-mail: rcomfort@xplor-net.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

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

Fri, Sep. 27, 2019 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. 28, 2019 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, Sep. 29, 2019 12:00 PM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)

ORTA Map 5; 16km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; "4 Tract" loop taking in 4 TRCA Conservation areas. Hilly. Additional Instructions: Join us on our 2nd Annual Hike Rendezvous hike. After our hike we will join other hikers at the Goodwood Community Centre for a potluck dinner. Bring your favourite dish to share with other hikers. 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

Sun, Sep. 29, 2019 2:00 PM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; 3rd Annual Hike Rendezvous-2019- Join us for a walk in this special area of streams, ponds and forest trails with moderate hills. Following the hike we will join other ORTA hikers at the Goodwood CCentre for a celebration of another great year of hiking and a potluck dinner. Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766


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Commendation Awards (continued from page 3)

Frank Alexander has worked as the Check Point Captain and has organized the Finish line of the Adventure Relay for many years. He has also done the Publicity for the event and is now recruiting volunteers as well.

Noel and Judy Carey are long-time Relay volunteers as part of the organizing committee, soliciting and presenting prizes; also participating at checkpoints and as racers on the ORTA Sandspinner team.

Robert Alsop has been the official photographer at the finish line of the Relay for many years. He also produced the Relay promotional video that is on the ORTA website.

Noel Bain is one of our valued hike leaders. She and her dog Ginny are a great team to follow on our trails.



Commendation Award Recipient Frank Alexander



Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Peter Schaefer with Wilma Millage



Commendation Award Recipient Noel Bain with Brian Millage and Michele Donnelly



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