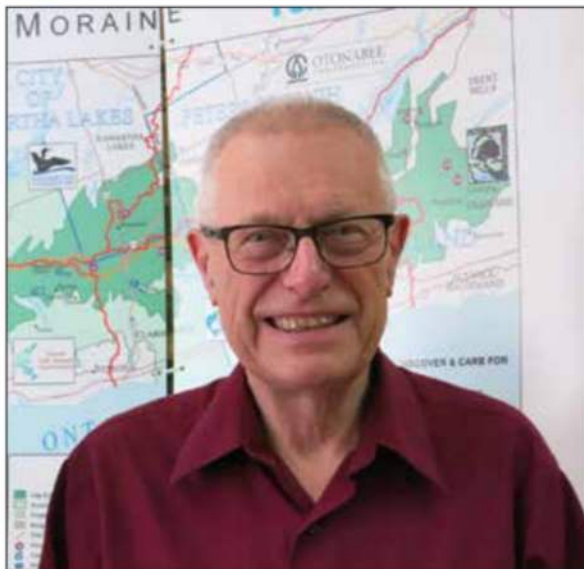


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## ACROSS THE MORAINE

The Oak Ridges Trail Association Story - 1992-2017



I have, at last, completed compiling this account of our ongoing journey.

It's quite a story . . . 192 lavishly illustrated pages configured for comfortable reading on your laptop.

Almost 150 diagrams, tables and historic map sections showing how the association grew and the trail was developed, plus 275 photographs, mostly in full colour.

It's under a new tab on the association's website – HISTORY. It's the story of so many people who love the moraine's countryside and communities enough to establish, maintain and hike the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail. If you've participated it's likely you'll find yourself somewhere.

*Stan Butcher*

The Oak Ridges Trail Association would like to thank and congratulate Stan Butcher for his tremendous accomplishment of compiling The Oak Ridges Trail Association Story: 25 Years Across the Moraine: 1992 – 2017, a comprehensive account of the ORTA's formation and the development of the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail. Stan has been actively involved in the ORTA for years, including serving as President from 2004 to 2009, and this history reflects his deep commitment to the Oak Ridges Moraine and to the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail. The entire history can be read and downloaded for free from the History tab of the ORTA's website.

In honour of Stan's accomplishment and his commitment and dedication, we ask that you please donate generously to the ORTA by visiting: <http://www.oakridgestrail.org/donate/> and selecting HISTORY as your contribution type. Your donation will contribute to the conservation of the Oak Ridges Moraine and make it available for generations to enjoy along the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail.

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# PRESIDENTS REPORT SPRING 2020



It seems to me that the first item of business is to extend our sincere thanks to former President Stan Butcher for his outstanding work chronicling ORTA's history. This highly readable accounting of the trials and tribulations of our organization is an easy read that makes one aware of the struggles undertaken to become one of the most respected hiking related groups in the province. Well done Stan!

This has been a quiet period for us as things seem to slow down over the winter time. No new projects are underway and your Board met on November 23rd and January 11th to address day to day matters.

Wearing my other hat as Hike Leader Instructor for ORTA I plan to put on a hike leader course on April 5th, 2020. If you are a moderately experience hiker this may be an opportunity to take your commitment to ORTA and to hiking itself to another level. You would probably be out hiking with one of our groups anyway so why not become a leader?

The Hike Ontario Provincial Certification is granted to all who complete the course successfully. The course is comprehensive and will cover all facets of hike leadership preparing you to become a successful leader. In addition ORTA will mentor you through your first few hikes and ensure you are well grounded before setting out on your own.

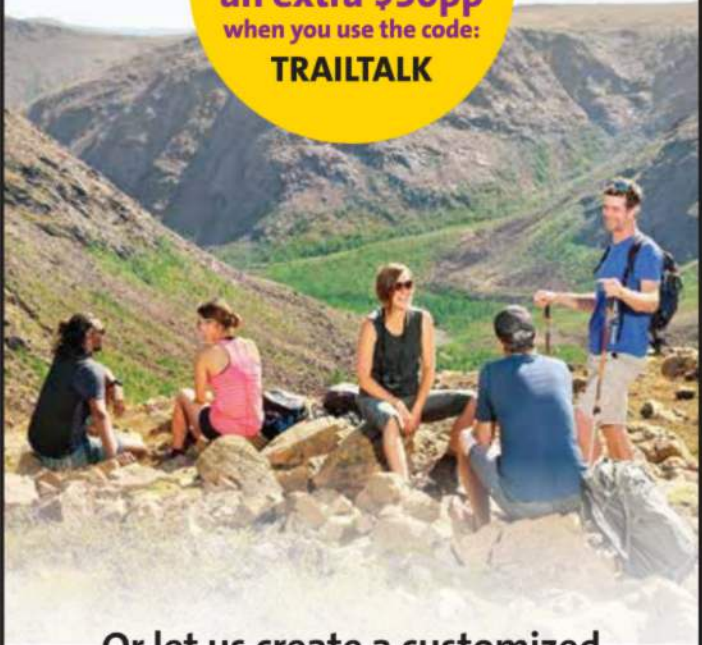
Location is at the beautiful Bill Fisch Centre in the Hollidge Tract. This is an opportunity for experienced hikers to add a new dimension to their repertoire of hike related skills. The registration fee is \$60.00 which is reimbursed to candidates who go on to lead 6 hikes in the coming year. In addition 50% of the cost of the basic first aid course (to be taken at some point) will also be covered by ORTA. This course will be open for individuals outside of ORTA in addition to ORTA members. Please contact me at pres@oakridgestrail.org or 416 655-2256 for further details.

*Kevin Lowe,  
President  
Oak Ridges Trail Association*

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# THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REMINDER

THURSDAY APRIL 16, 2020

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

## Schedule of Events

### 4:00pm Pre-AGM hike, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)

ORTA Map 5; 5km; Slow to moderate; 1.5hrs.; Join us on these scenic, winding forest trails for a social walk before our AGM in the Goodwood Community Centre. Check back for trail conditions. 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. Please bring cutlery/plate for your use to avoid use of disposables.

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

**8:00pm Guest Presentation, Kevin Callan (see below)**

**Submissions for Awards presentations must be received by March 31, 2020. For any questions, please contact Carol Dowell, cell phone on event day 905-717-4091 (agenda subject to change except registration & food – that will be first!)**



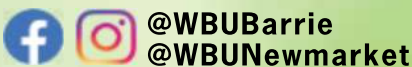
Kevin Callan is the author of 16 books, including the best-selling *The Happy Camper* and his incredibly popular series of paddling guides. He's a notable public speaker and frequent guest on radio and television. Kevin is also a regular contributor, blogger and columnist for *Explore Magazine* and has won several National Magazine Awards. He was made Patron Paddler for Paddle Canada and has recently won several film making awards. I have, at last, completed compiling this account of our ongoing journey.



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

### In Memory of Jane Underhill

a champion for the environment and the Oak Ridges

### In Memory of Jill Doble

a lifetime member of ORTA. She served on the executive as Secretary and was an enthusiastic hike leader receiving several Commendation Awards

### In Celebration of Pam Heron and Garry Conway

in recognition of 20 years of membership in the Oak Ridges Trail Association since April 1999

### In Support of Walker Woods

we kindly thank David & Belinda Hyndman

### In Support of the Boardwalk Project at Marylake

we kindly thank Seniors for Nature Outdoor Club

Please remember ORTA if you have someone special to remember or an event to celebrate.

## CHAMPIONS

October 1 – December 31, 2019

Thank you to all donors who have made donations of \$10 or more

Flavelle Family Foundation	Jeanette McPherson
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Harry Dahme	Mel Rosenfeld
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Gerry Heath	Kin Po Siu
Doug Ingram	Gaye & Robert Spence
Myrla Kilburn	Sharon Trbovich
Marg May	

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.

## NEW MEMBERS

ORTA welcomed the following individual and family memberships during our last quarter, October 1 – December 31, 2019:

Claudia Campos & Joel Perez  
 Peter & Sukyin Chan  
 Denise & Andy Chong  
 Mary-Ellen Cole  
 Lisa Coyne Baxter & Family  
 Elizabeth Cunningham  
 Wim Faassen\  
 Veronique Grandioux & Kurt Wenzel  
 Susan Guinn  
 Michael Hook  
 Patti Juffs  
 Brenda Kearn  
 Ida Mammone  
 Sukmatie Narain  
 Ellahe Rezai  
 Charles & Janet Shagass  
 Fred Somerville  
 Teri & Andrew Tworzyanski  
 Rita Woodcock  
 Afshan & Saeed Zahedi

# MORaine ADVENTURE RELAY IS SATURDAY JUNE 13, 2020

This annual fundraising event wouldn't happen without the many volunteers at the various checkpoints, making this such a fun and rewarding experience. It is because of YOU and YOUR HARD WORK that our Relay continues to be one of the best activities of its kind in the country! Mark your calendars now and plan to be involved in this unique event that brings all of ORTA members together.

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## RELAY PRE-RACE MEETING: THURSDAY JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00PM

Location: Goodwood Community Hall  
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Goodwood, ON L0C 1A0  
Time: open from 6:30 pm meeting starts promptly at 7pm  
Light refreshments served.

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# ORTA SPRING 2020 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

**Mon, Mar. 30, 2020 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville – YRF Hollidge Tract (Hwy 48)**

ORTA Map 4; 8km; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Dog walk, wooded trails, moderate hills. Meet in parking lot east side of Hwy 48, 3km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.067322, -79.304117

**Noel Bain, 905 470 8425, cell on hike day 647 261 6095**

**Wed, Apr. 1, 2020 9:30 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Kingston Rd)**

15km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; NOTE: Meet 9:15 for 9:30 start. 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**

**Wed, Apr. 1, 2020 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville – YRF Hollidge Tract (Hwy 48)**

ORTA Map 4; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; hilly loop hike including the Drysdale woods. Meet in parking lot east side of Hwy 48, 3km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.067322, -79.304117

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

**Fri, Apr. 3, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)**

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike some hills Joan Taylor will be leading the 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

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

**Sat, Apr. 4, 2020 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. 5, 2020 10:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 10km; 2hrs.; you will need icers. 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)**

**Mon, Apr. 6, 2020 9:30 AM, King - Lloydtown - (18th. SR.+10th. Conc.)**

ORTA Map 1; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; This hike will feature two sections- each a combination of field edge and forest trails. Hike one or both, then join us for lunch in Schomberg. Well mannered dogs may bring their owners. 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, Apr. 8, 2020 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Hall & Eldred King (McCowan Rd)**

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Dependant on weather come prepared with icers/snow shoes. Meet at parking lot 1 km north of Aurora Rd on the east side of McCowan Rd. GPS: 44.042433, -79.323129

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



Photo: Heather Clark Cooper

**Wed, Apr. 15, 2020 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)**

15km; Moderate to fast; 2hrs.; There and back some hilly sections. lunch On trail 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**

**Thu, Apr. 16, 2020 4:00 PM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)**

ORTA Map 5; 5km; Slow to moderate; 1.5hrs.; Join me on these scenic, winding forest trails for a social walk before our AGM in the Goodwood Community Centre. Check back for trail conditions. 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**

**Fri, Apr. 17, 2020 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley North (Conc. 7)**

ORTA Map 2; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; 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**

**Sat, Apr. 18, 2020 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. 19, 2020 10:00 AM, Whit- Stouffville - YRF Porritt Tract - Pangman Springs (Kennedy Rd.)**

ORTA Map 4; 7km; 2hrs.; you might need icers 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)**

**Mon, Apr. 20, 2020 9:30 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest north (Finnerty SR)**

ORTA Map 1; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; This hike will feature a shuttle, then a series of beautiful concessions, mostly forested, from the western Oak Ridges Moraine Trailhead. There are several hills at the start. Join us for lunch in Schomberg following 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**

**Sat, Apr. 11, 2020 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, Apr. 13, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)**

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; We will hike a variety of sheltered but hilly trails in both Durham Forest and Walker Woods. Well mannered dogs are welcome to bring their owners. Join us for a local 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**

**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

**Wed, Apr. 22, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)**

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Hilly loop hike including Wilder. 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, Apr. 24, 2020 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, Apr. 25, 2020 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**

**Wed, Apr. 29, 2020 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. 16-18 km 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**

MAY

**Fri, May. 1, 2020 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Hall & Eldred King (McCowan Rd)**

ORTA Map 4; 11+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; hilly loop hike. Meet at parking lot 1 km north of Aurora Rd on the east side of McCowan Rd. GPS: 44.042433, -79.323129

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

**Sat, May. 2, 2020 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, May. 3, 2020 10:00 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Meadowvale Rd.)**

10km; 2+hrs.; Challenging terrain. T&B, hilly, forested, new members welcome. Bring snacks and water. Bring proper hike gear. 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. 6, 2020 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**

**Wed, May. 6, 2020 9:30 AM, Ajax - Greenwood Conservation Area (Greenwood Rd)**

16+km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; T&B. Quite hilly terrain. Bring drink, lunch or snacks. Meet at C.A. parking lot. From Westney Rd, go W on Greenwood Rd (3.5 km S of Hwy 7; 1 km N of Taunton Rd), turn left at T-junction; then right. Park in front of entrance gate. GPS: 43.898568, -79.058256

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

**Fri, May. 8, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)**

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike hilly we will be hiking east Glen Major 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, May. 9, 2020 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**

**Mon, May. 11, 2020 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Porritt Tract - Pangman Springs (Kennedy Rd.)**

ORTA Map 4; 7km; Moderate; 2hrs.; A hike through Porritt tract and Pangman Springs CA to see, admire, identify, photograph some of our typical 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, 905 717 7641**

**Wed, May. 13, 2020 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**

**Wed, May. 13, 2020 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, May. 15, 2020 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, May. 16, 2020 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, May. 17, 2020 10:00 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)**

10km; 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. 20, 2020 9:30 AM, Whit - Stouffville - Whitchurch CA. (Aurora Rd.).**

ORTA Map 4; 7km; Moderate; 2hrs.; WE will hike to Robinson forest tract to see, inspect, admire, discover, photograph thr many spring wildflowers to be found on the Oak ridges Moraine. Meeting in the parking lot on south side of Aurora Rd. 1.1Km. west from Kennedy Rd. GPS: 44.024246, -79.358470

**Cornelius Sommer, 905 717 7641**

**Wed, May. 20, 2020 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**

**Wed, May. 20, 2020 9:30 PM, Clarington - Clarington East (Darlington-Clarke)**

ORTA Map 8; 19+km; Moderate to fast; 5hrs.; There and back with side trails some road walking. 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, May. 22, 2020 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, May. 23, 2020 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**

**Mon, May. 25, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glasgow/Goodwood (Conc. 2)**

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; This hike will feature two loops. The first will be fairly flat in the Glasgow Tract at the north end of the Rouge National Urban Park, The second will be more hilly and will go north of Webb Rd on a new loop trail in the Goodwood Tract of TRCA. Well mannered dogs are welcome to bring their owners. Join us for lunch after the hike. Meet in the parking lot east side of Conc 2, 200M south of Webb Rd. GPS: 43.991959, -79.203572

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

**Wed, May. 27, 2020 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, May. 29, 2020 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, May. 30, 2020 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**



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## JUNE

### **Mon, Jun. 1, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)**

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; One of our favourite hikes is the Secord Forest loop with its ponds, streams and forest trails. You will have to negotiate boardwalks and several moderate hills. Well mannered dogs are welcome to bring their owners. Join us for lunch after the hike. 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, Jun. 3, 2020 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**

### **Wed, Jun. 3, 2020 9:30 AM, Long Sault CA (Woodley Rd)**

ORTA Map 7; 17km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; NOTE: Meet 9:15 for 9:30 start. Loops. Varied, hilly terrain. Bring drink & lunch/snack. Paid parking \$6. 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. - \$6/ vehicle/day or \$3/ hour. GPS: 44.049939, -78.741937

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

### **Fri, Jun. 5, 2020 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, Jun. 6, 2020 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, Jun. 7, 2020 10:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 10km; 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)**

### **Mon, Jun. 8, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)**

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Our second hike during Seniors' Month will be the sheltered forest trails of North Walker Woods. There are some rolling hills along the wide trails of this deciduous forest. Well mannered dogs are welcome to bring their owners. Join us for lunch after the 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

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

### **Wed, Jun. 10, 2020 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - Drysdale Woods**

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Today we will circle various trails within the Drysdale Woods. Bring water to quench your thirst on a hot day. Parking area on east side of RR 30 (York Durham Line) 1.5km south from Vivian Road (Vivian Road tee junctions at RR30). GPS: 44.0566602, -79.2588956

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

### **Fri, Jun. 12, 2020 9:30 AM, Markham - Unionville Urban Hike - Unionville Main Street**

11km; Fast; 2hrs.; Please read the parking instructions as they have changed. This hike goes from the back of the stores on Main Street Unionville to Markham Rd. over board walks, forested areas, and a new suspension bridge over a dam. Meet in the parking area behind the stores on the east side of Unionville Main Street, south east from Main Street and Carlton Road. GPS: 43.868529, -79.311416

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

### **Sat, Jun. 13, 2020 8:00 AM, ORTA Event - Adventure Relay**

**160 Km from Gores Landing to King City**

**Fast; GPS: 44.12010, -78.23621**

### **Wed, Jun. 17, 2020 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)**

17km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; There and back hilly hike. Lunch on trail. 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. 19, 2020 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley North (Conc. 7)**

ORTA Map 2; 10km; Moderate to fast; 2hrs.; 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**

### **Sat, Jun. 20, 2020 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, Jun. 21, 2020 10:00 AM, Whit- Stouffville - YRF Porritt Tract - Pangman Springs (Kennedy Rd.)**

ORTA Map 4; 7km; 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)**

**Wed, Jun. 24, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)**

ORTA Map 5; 16+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; Loop hike through Glen Major and Walker Woods 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, Jun. 26, 2020 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, Jun. 27, 2020 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, Jun. 29, 2020 10:00 AM, Leader's Choice Hike**

6km; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; This T& B hike will be along the Humber Valley Heritage trail as it passes through the pretty Albion Hills Conservation area. NOTE: 10A.M. START!. We will meet at the parking area on the north side of Old Church Road at Duffy's Lane Directions: Take Hwy 50 for 10min's north of Bolton then turn left (west) at Old Church Road and continue for 1.3km until Duffy's Lane. Parking is on the north side of Old Church Road. GPS: 43.9174148,-79.8158048. Coffee after in Bolton. No dogs please. e-mail inquiries: 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**



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# ORTA EVENTS AROUND THE MORAINES

*Weibo Cheng*

Thank you to Brian and Wilma Millage for coming to the City of Richmond Hill's Ward 4 EnviroFest on Mill Pond Park October 5, 2019. You provided lots of promotional materials and were a huge help to Lisa Li and myself. Thank you for sharing your ideas on how better to promote the trail to the residents. I can say that we had a very successful day. The four of us distributed lots of trail maps, membership flyers and extra newsletters. We even demonstrated icers as well. Hope that we will see some new people come to our hike and join as members. Thank you everyone! See you on the Trails!



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### Thursday, March 19, 2020

The Regional Municipality of York is pleased to offer a new program that brings the stories of the forest through a FREE interactive presentation including the use of 3D virtual reality devices. Participants will learn about the benefits of nature and spending time outside, what services are available for seniors and about other nature-related opportunities in their local communities.

Following the presentation, participants will be invited to a hands-on demonstration of the 3D virtual reality device. They will watch a short virtual reality film about the wonders of the forest. In addition, Annie Seto-Choo, Zoonotic Diseases Program Coordinator also from the Regional Municipality of York, Public Health, will give a presentation on Ticks and Lyme Disease.

### Thursday, May 21, 2020

"HEART OF TURTLE ISLAND: THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT" + "Books That Heal"

Award-winning photographer and publisher Mark Zelinski presents a Power Point of photographs and stories from his ninth

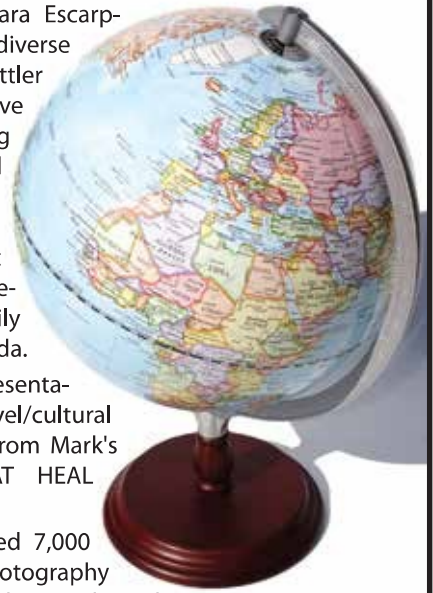
book "HEART OF TURTLE ISLAND: THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT". The images bring exquisite focus to the environmental treasures of the magnificent Niagara Escarpment, celebrating the diverse Indigenous and settler communities that thrive along its rugged, curving path. Its aquifers and ecosystems support hundreds of at-risk species that coexist alongside the most densely populated and heavily developed region in Canada.

Also included in this presentation, images and travel/cultural stories and experiences from Mark's 80-country BOOKS THAT HEAL Initiative.

Mark Zelinski has donated 7,000 copies of his three photography books, "Untitled", "From the Field" and "One Small Flame" to poor children and 100 charities around the world. A preview of Zelinski's upcoming book "Niagara: Land Between Two Waters" will be shown as well.

[www.MarkZelinski.com](http://www.MarkZelinski.com)

TORONTO STAR: Mark Zelinski captures Heart Of Turtle Island <https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2017/12/13/photographer-captures-the-heart-of-turtle-island-in-photo-project.html>



**Cancelled to be re-scheduled**



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# ORTA UPCOMING EVENTS

Besides the coveted Adventure Relay on June 13, 2020. Just as Weibo and Lisa did in Richmond Hill there are many opportunities to be an ambassador for your trail association. Check out what's happening in your local area and call Michele at the ORTA office to reserve the various equipment available, (like tables, tents and flags) and get a supply of brochures.

## Sunday June 7, 2020 Annual Aurora Chamber Street Festival

Lissa Dwyer will once again be looking for volunteers for the ORTA booth. York Region's largest community event, the Aurora Chamber Street Festival is held annually on the first Sunday in June. The Festival is a fun-filled family event for all ages with 500+ vendors, fantastic street performers, live music, food galore and so much more. Yonge Street is closed to traffic between Wellington Street and Murray Drive, allowing vendors and visitors full access to the street. Plan to attend rain or shine! Free parking and admission.

## June 27th and 28th, 2020 Whitchurch-Stouffville Strawberry Festival

takes place over the Canada Day weekend and is run for the benefit of our community - all the Festival's organized entertainment and kids' activities are free. From the festival market, to inflatables, live entertainment, the food zone, pancake breakfast, the Red Berry Café, fireworks and all the fun in between - it's a weekend where thousands come to participate and enjoy, and it takes place in the heart of Stouffville in Memorial Park.

## June 28, 2020 Community Pollinator Event.

Celebrated at Cold Creek Conservation Area 11am-3pm, Carol Dowell is looking for people to volunteer at this event. The Township of King is a designated Bee City Certified Community making us the 9th Bee City in Canada. We want to celebrate our commitment to helping pollinators by hosting a community pollinator event this summer that will be an all ages, free-to-enter event focusing on increasing community engagement throughout the Township.



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# LAST MINUTE?

If you prefer to wait until the last minute to plan a trip or if you're a spur of the moment kind of person, then add your name to one of our waitlists for 2020, and we will contact you if/when an opening becomes available.

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