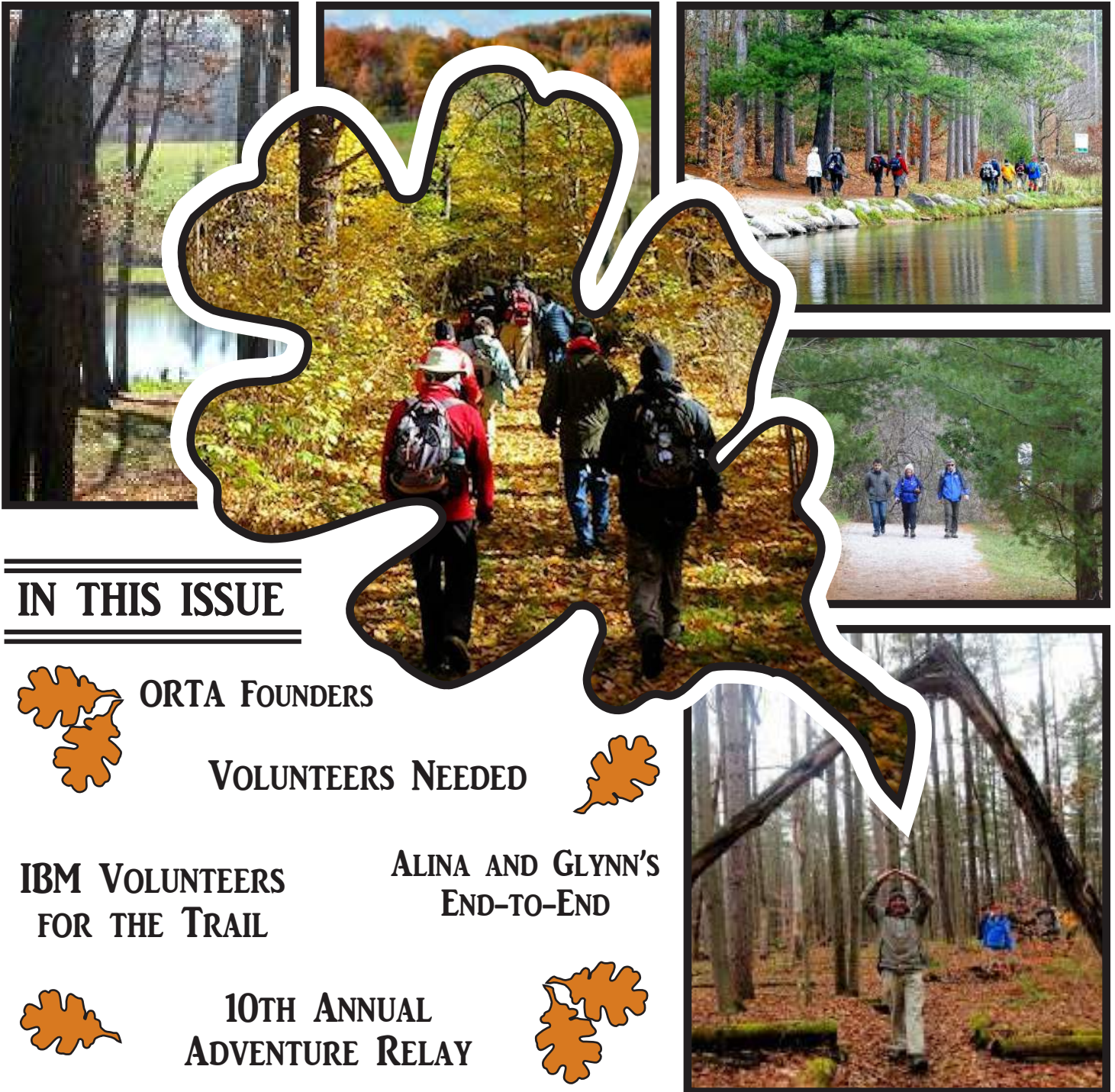


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== PRESIDENT'S CHAT ==



As a beautiful summer draws to a close, it's time to look ahead to the fall and the beauty that goes with fall colours and clear crisp days for hikes. Also on the horizon for 2017 is the 150th anniversary of the creation of Parks Canada with many celebrations, not to mention the fact that parks are free to Canadians for 2017. The year 2017 also marks the 25th anniversary of the Oak Ridges Trail Association. Quite an accomplishment in this day and age! Thanks to all whose hard work over the many years has culminated in an outstanding trail system that we all can enjoy. Look for activities in the coming New Year to mark this occasion.

Work at the Board level is focused on moving forward, with several major projects to be undertaken.

Our guide book was first produced in 1999 and while there have been minor updates and reroutes it is now 17 years old and was developed with the technology of the day. As we know 17 years in terms of technological progress is a lifetime. There have been many advances and consideration needs to be given to updating the guide book format and means of distribution.

Trail Talk too has been produced in the same format for a number of years. Recently a survey was undertaken to look at Trail Talk and consider updates to the format. This will be a subject of discussion this fall at the Board table.

Finally our advertising brochure is also in need of a revamp which reflects the ability of prospective members to register electronically. As you can see lots on the go! I look forward to seeing many of you out on the trails through the fall and winter.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

An organization such as ours cannot be successful and persevere unless it has a large cadre of dedicated volunteers. While we have many members who give generously of their time to ORTA, we can always use additional support. Volunteering is a way to give back to ORTA and can be very rewarding.

We are in need of individuals to take on the following roles. None of these positions is overly demanding in terms of time and should take no more than 3-5 hours a month.

Publicity Coordinator

This role involves connecting with the local media to keep them in informed about our activities and responding to queries about ORTA.

Membership Coordinator

This function involves activities related to the members such as welcome calls to new members and follow up calls to members who choose to leave ORTA.

Fundraising Coordinator

This position, working with the Board of Directors, entails exploring grant possibilities and other forms of fundraising, developing applications for such funding and managing the related processes.

Brochure Revision

For this position we are looking for a member who has graphic art skills who could assist with the layout and design of our brochure and other forms of print communications.

Trail Talk Editor

This position involves collecting submissions and advertisements for the quarterly 16-page newsletter, designing the layout, and communicating with the printers for publication and mailing.

If you are interested in any of the opportunities or wish further information please E mail me, Kevin Lowe, at pres@oakridgestrail.org

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contact Adeline (ORTA member) for 2017 tour
dates and information: adgrif@rogers.com

LEVI STRAUSS VOLUNTEER DAY

BY GARRY NIECE



Oh happy day! After being rained out last year, May 16 turned into a sunny, clear day - perfect for some trail maintenance. The Levi Strauss company has a policy whereby their employees are able to contribute to the community by volunteering in a variety of worthy endeavours. As part of this program, ORTA and Levi Strauss have successfully worked together for a number of years. This has resulted in well-needed trail maintenance being completed on various sections of the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail.

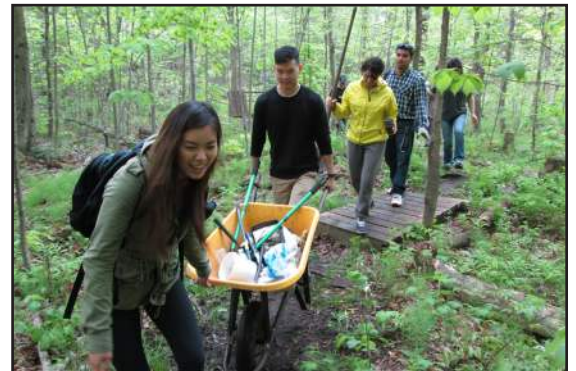
This year we tackled trails in the Secord and adjacent areas. In particular, brush cutback and reblazing was carried out on the Secord blue side trail. Much was accomplished, as well as simply enjoying a nice outing in pleasant company.

Our hearty thanks to the Levi Strauss participants, and their organizer David Bush. We look forward to a continuing relationship in the future.

IBM VOLUNTEERS FOR THE TRAIL

BY BRIAN MILLAGE

Thanks to the initiative of Lena McDonell, ORTA member and IBM retiree, we have been introduced to Dave Robitaille of IBM Citizenship and Corporate Affairs. Dave is very interested in promoting activities for current and past employees of IBM within the community. He suggested that one group, the IBM Trailblazers, might be able to assist ORTA with spring maintenance. Jasmine Malhotra and Julia Xiao of the Finance Department took up the challenge and on May 26, sixteen enthusiastic volunteers arrived at the Secord Forest south of Goodwood to help with boardwalk construction and trail maintenance.



Wilma and Judy guided two groups along the Goodwood main trail- which would shortly be used in our 10th Adventure Relay- and instructed them in trimming undergrowth back and clearing fallen branches. Martin, Bob, Bruce, Bill and myself led the third group along the challenging Secord sidetrail where they helped move and construct a series of boardwalks. Many of the volunteers were new interns with IBM and brought a high degree of energy and enthusiasm. For most of them this was a trip into the Ontario wilderness, so different from their urban environment, and was a learning experience (eg. trilliums are real flowers, not just images on the healthcard). Luckily we encountered few mosquitoes and everyone asked for a repeat invitation later this year or next.

Thank you IBM for your contribution to one of Ontario's largest trail systems, the 270km Oak Ridges Moraine Trail.



NEW WESTERN TERMINUS KIOSK

ORTA's new west end Trailhead Map and Kiosk has now been installed. Garry Niece and Bob Comfort supervised the July project, located in the Glen Haffy C.A. in Caledon where we now meet the Bruce Trail. Our thanks to IBM Canada for their contribution. The official dedication is scheduled for September 15 at 2 p.m.

ORTA'S 10TH ANNUAL MORAINÉ ADVENTURE RELAY



Thank You, all ORTA volunteers, competitors and Relay organizing team! You made the 10th Adventure Relay one of our best annual fundraisers yet! Over a hundred checkpoint cheerleaders timed, helped and directed thirty teams along the 160 km course from Gore's Landing on Rice Lake, to the Country Day School in King City. The slight change of destination was necessary as Seneca College embarks on a program of building new facilities for the future. The result was an excellent finishing point and facilities for Adventure Relay teams and volunteers alike. The other major change for this year was the need to avoid part of Vandorf Road due to construction- teams handled that well.

Thanks go to The Jones and Herati families of Gore's Landing, our enthusiastic hosts and safety boat teams, who have continued to be big supporters of our volunteer efforts to maintain the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail- all 270km plus side trails! There was an added bonus as our Scottish piper, Mary Ito, was joined by a friend. It was a beautiful morning on the shores of Rice Lake as the two pipers led the "parade of paddlers" after the introductions. Then the starter's horn as three waves of canoes surged down the lake towards Bewdley, the next checkpoint. Was it just for us that the Rhino Restaurant, recently damaged by fire, managed to reopen the morning of the Relay? The Race was on as runners and cyclists "Challenged the Moraine"!

This year, twenty-nine teams tested their skills competing with other teams in their division and their own previous best time from former years. Our thanks to the teams in the Corporate Division for their tremendous support for our recreational trail

for all Ontarians. Team Mazda Canada were victorious this year, joined again by Team Mercedes-Benz Canada, the 2015 champions, and Team Cole Engineering, competing for the first time. Golder Associates hope to rejoin the Relay in 2017. The Elite Division was won in record time by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Racers, led by Mike Bender, closely followed by the Durham Mountain Bike Association- both have competed in almost every Relay. The Recreational Division was won by the Hot Peppers. All teams have come to appreciate the beauty and diversity of the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail and the challenges ORTA faces in maintaining it for current and future generations. We hope all the competitors will return often with family and friends to enjoy the peaceful and scenic pathways.

ORTA's volunteers have always been the backbone of this major fundraising event

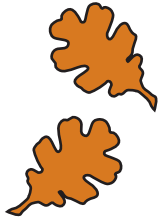


and are recognizable in their bright coloured t-shirts. This year we received valuable financial support towards their purchase from Second Wedge Brewery of Uxbridge, the owner a former Relay participant, and Viper Advertising. We also appreciate the contributions made by businesses across the Moraine given as incentives for racers.

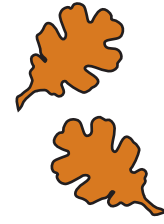
If you would like to join the Adventure Relay organizing committee, form a team or contribute in some other way, please contact Michele at the ORTA office in King City.

RACE ON,

BRIAN MILLAGE and the RELAY RACE COMMITTEE



HIKE LEADER ALINA AND GLYNN'S OAK RIDGES TRAIL END-TO-END



BY GLYNN RICHARDSON



Between January 10th and May 14th, 2016, Toronto Bruce Trail Club hike leaders Alina Lin and Glynn Richardson led a total of over two hundred participants on a series of thirteen hikes along the 270 kilometre Oak Ridges Trail. Eleven hikers completed this entire trail from end to end. In addition, the hikers raised \$362 for the Oak Ridges Trail Association through the last few hikes.

Below is an article written by Glynn, detailing some interesting episodes during the journey.

On May 14, eleven hikers completed the 265km trek across the Oak Ridges Trail from Caledon to Warkworth. They started their 13 stage journey in January and hiked through mostly good weather until they completed their journey.

Congratulations to all that completed the trail: Alina Lin, Glynn Richardson, Kara Kuo, Lynne Horbatiuk, Jacqueline Van Dyke, Anisa Khan, Mony and Gurdev Soora, Barb Walsh, Lina Cicclutti, and Nick Rodmore.

This series of hikes was sanctioned by the Bruce Trail. The group was composed of Bruce Trail members as well as members of the Ganaraska and Oak Ridges Trail Associations, and hikers from Meetup.

As a group of experienced hikers, we enjoyed each other's company a great deal. And that, for most, was the attraction of this end-end hike - hanging out with fantastic people for thirteen days and get to know them much more so than if we were just out for a day hike.

Aside from the usual hiking experiences we shared some unique experience. One that stands out the most occurred in mid-January when we lined up along both sides of the trail and created a trekking pole arch in salute to a bride and groom who passed under along the trail. They were out for a winter wonderland photo shoot.

We lost hikers along the way to personal/work reasons, previous commitments, for example, a previously booked trip to hike the Camino; some just came out for a day hike.

Lunches ranged from hunkering under a tarp in the pouring rain to picnicking on Rice Lake to enjoying a warm toasty lunch at Ocala Winery estate to watching cars race around the training track at Mosport Speedway while we eat.

We are so lucky to have access to the trails that we do. All of us recognize the hard work and effort it takes by all the volunteers that help to organize and maintain these trails. We acknowledged that with a donation of \$362 dollars that we collected along each stage, which we presented to Wilma (Past President of ORTA) and Brian Millage (Regional Director) when they met us at the end to present the End-End badges to those that competed the trail.

I highly recommend contacting a local hiking group and see what they have in the near future in the way of end-end hikes. You'll love it.

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ORTA FOUNDING MEMBERS

BY STAN BUTCHER

Next Spring we will mark the 25th Anniversary of the founding of ORTA. It will be a time to honour the visionaries who worked together with great enthusiasm to get the association up and running. Following a Preliminary Meeting in October 1991 at Seneca College, King Campus, sponsored by The Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Hike Ontario and STORM (Save the Oak Ridges Moraine Coalition) the people below marked ** formed a Steering Committee which laid the foundation for the Inaugural Meeting on May 23rd, 1992 at Albion Hills.

Below are the 30 Founding Members who joined in May 1992 and a second list of those who had enrolled by the following October.

Some you should recognize as they are still Members. But are there others whose whereabouts you know? Please let us know.

We will also recognize the founding Chapter Chairs.

Original Members

**Peter Attfield
 Frances Bain
 **Fiona Cowles
 Debbe Crandall
 Ian Deslauries
 Jill Doble
 Dick Douglas
 **Steven Greenland
 Dorothy Izzard
 **Kris Keating
 Ene Levio
 **Jill Leslie (Hike Ontario)
 Boris Mather
 **David McQueen
 **Dan O'Reilly
 **Paul Peterson
 **Joy Pierce
 **Teresa Porter
 **Tom Rance
 **Peter Scholefield
 Karen Scott
 Carol Segline
 Pat Taylor
 Ilse Thompson
 David Usherwood
 L. C. Warner
 **Klaus Wehrenberg
 Yvette Wells
 Barry Westhouse
 Richard Whitehead

Additional Members, October 1992

John and Marian Anderson
 Bruce and Eleanor Chambers
 Andrew Cooper
 Birley Cowan
 Margaret Cranmer-Byng
 Mary Drummond
 Tim Frakes
 Bill Roberts
 Anne Smith
 Rosemary Van Oostrom
 Robert Woodland
 Eric Worsley
 Adam Zakrzewski

Initial Chapter Leaders

Uxbridge	Theresa Porter
King	Fiona Cowles
Aurora	Rosemary Van Oostrom
Scugog	John Scott
Caledon	Sheilagh Crandall
Whitchurch-Stouffville	Joe Palma
Clarington	Roy Forrester
Hope-Hamilton	Gary Ford
Northumberland	Tim Lawley



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April 1 - June 30, 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.

APRIL 1 - JUNE 30, 2016

Jill Bradbury & Mike Campolicto

Eileen Braganza & Jackie Lok

Jeff Budd & Linda Mackiewicz

Yim Fong Cheng

Anne DiGiovanni

Maureen Ford

Rod Fraser & Kathrine Haugh

Shawn Gallagher

Sandra Green & Trevor Arndt

Kevin Hall

Robert & Nancy Holder

Anne Hunter & Brian Milne

Margaret Hutson & Russell Marles

Paul Jarvis

Walt Klywak

Thiva Kulasingan

Maribeth LimFaylay

Gary Linton

Kathy Mallia

John McCuaig

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Marie Nawrocki

Thomas & Heather Pearson

Shelley Prentice

Donna & Steve Quinn

Ann & Terence Skinner

Valerie Starr

Kim & David Stratton

Eve-Lynn & Mark Swan

Betty & Calvin Tse

Timothy Twydell

ORTA FALL 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.

OCTOBER

Sat, Oct. 1, 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, Oct. 2, 2016 10:00 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Meadowvale Rd.)

10km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; 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, Oct. 2, 2016 10:00 AM, King - Cold Creek Conservation Area (Conc. 11)

6km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Loop Hike around Cold Creek. Meet at park entrance east side of Concession 11, 3.5 Km north from King Road. GPS: 43.919444, -79.706778

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

Mon, Oct. 3, 2016 9:30 AM, Aurora - Confederation Park to Keele St. King City (Glass Dr.)

ORTA Map 2; 8.5km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; A car shuttle from Confederation Park to Keele Street. Then we hike along the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail back to the meeting place. Allow time for the car shuttles before and after the hike. Not suitable for dogs. Bring drinks and maybe a snack. Lunch option afterwards. Meet in the parking lot of Confederation Park, Glass Drive - see ORTA Aurora Town Map. GPS: 43.982924, -79.477065

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

Wed, Oct. 5, 2016 9:15 AM, Bruce Trail - Hockley Heights (7th Line)

18+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; Note start time! Enjoy the fall colours. Many steep hills through mixed forest. Hilly with great views over Hockley valley. Shuttle. Must pre-register via phone or e-mail: rcomfort@xplornet.com Meet at the Bruce Trail parking area on the east side of Airport Rd. Take Airport Road 1.7 km north of Hwy 9, then east on 7th Line to parking area. GPS: 43.960276, -79.979739

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

Wed, Oct. 5, 2016 9:30 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

Moderate; Moderate End2End Series, ORMT East. Details on website. 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, Oct. 7, 2016 9:30 AM, Markham - Unionville Urban Hike (Toogood Pond)

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

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sat, Oct. 8, 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, Oct. 10, 2016 9:30 AM, Newmarket - Nokiidaa Trail to Mackenzie Wetland (Newmarket Municipal Offices)

ORTA Map 3; 7.5km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; Thanksgiving Monday hike

suitable for families with children in strollers. A there and back hike - depending on the participants we may not make it all the way to Mackenzie Wetland. Well mannered dogs welcome but must be on leash. Bring drinks and maybe snacks. Meet in the parking lot behind the Newmarket Town Hall, 395 Mulock Dr, 0.7km west of Bayview Ave. GPS: 44.0416762, -79.4585222

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

Wed, Oct. 12, 2016 9:30 AM, Alnwick/Haldimand - Northumberland Forest (Hwy #45)

ORTA Map 11; 22+km; Fast; 4+hrs.; 2016 Sideways trek. This is a T&B hike through the Northumberland Forest. This trek will circle the Hazel Bird ST. Bring snacks, water and lunch. Meet in the parking lot on the east side of Hwy 45 at Morris Rd. 19.2Km north of Hwy 401. GPS: 44.089801, -78.102624

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

Fri, Oct. 14, 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

Sat, Oct. 15, 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, Oct. 16, 2016 10:00 AM, Uxbridge - Durham Forest & Crow's Pass CA. (Houston Rd)

ORTA Map 6; 10km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; there and back hike ;beautiful, hilly, wooded area. Dress for the weather; bring water and snacks. May not get into Crow's Pass C.A.. Meet at the dead end of Houston Rd., west from Lakeridge Rd. (2.4 km. north of Chalk Lake Rd.). GPS: 44.044566, -79.067489

Grace Moores, 905-263-4340

Sun, Oct. 16, 2016 10:00 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)

10km; Moderate; 2hrs.; 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)

Sun, Oct. 16, 2016 1:30 PM, Vaughan - Humber Valley Heritage Trail (Huntington Road)

6+km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Very picturesque forest, upland meadows and riverside trails with some fairly steep hilly sections. Well behaved dogs welcome. Marianne encourages a love of nature. Bring your camera as we stop to admire the view. From Kleinburg go west on Nashville Rd. to Huntington Rd and then go north for 2.5km to the trailhead at the intersection with Kirby Rd. Roadside parking is on Huntington. GPS: 43.860372, -79.668579

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



Mon, Oct. 17, 2016 9:30 AM, Newmarket - Jokers Hill (Whipper Billy Watson Park)

ORTA Map 3; 7km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; A challenging hike if we make it to the 99 Steps. Dogs on leash welcome. Bring drinks and a snack. Lunch option afterwards. Meet at Whipper Billy Watson Park parking lot on Clearmeadow Blvd, east off Bathurst St, 0.4 km north of Mulock Dr. GPS: 44.0364833, -79.4960489

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

Wed, Oct. 19, 2016 9:30 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Kingston Rd)

15km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; Loops; varied, hilly, terrain. Bring drinks/snacks/lunch. 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

Thu, Oct. 20, 2016 7:00 PM, Whit-Stouffville - ORTA Event - Ballantrae Community Centre

ORTA Map 4; Discovery Night. "A Norwegian Odyssey" by Dianne Charlton Meet in Community Centre, on north side of Aurora Road, 1Km east from Hwy #48. GPS: 44.040733, -79.286552

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

Sat, Oct. 22, 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

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
Moderate	4km/h	5km/h

Mon, Oct. 24, 2016 9:30 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)

ORTA Map 2; 8km; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; We will hike over to Eaton Hall Lake, go around the lake and back the same way. No dogs please. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220 , -79.535400

Tessa Shelvey, 416-320-8555

Wed, Oct. 26, 2016 9:30 AM, Long Sault CA (Woodley Rd)

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

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

Fri, Oct. 28, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)

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

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Fri, Oct. 28, 2016 9:30 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

Moderate; Moderate End2End Series. ORMT east. Details to follow on website. 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

Sat, Oct. 29, 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, Oct. 31, 2016 9:30 AM, Aurora - Nokiidaa Trail (Industrial Parkway North)

ORTA Map Aurora; 7.5km; Slow; 2hrs.; Hiking south to take a loop around Sheppard's Bush. Dogs welcome but must be on leash. Bring drinks and a snack. Lunch option afterwards. Meet at the south parking lot of the Aurora Family Leisure Centre, 135 Industrial Parkway North GPS: 44.006878, -79.459456

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

NOVEMBER

Wed, Nov. 2, 2016 9:15 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest north (Finnerty SR)

ORTA Map 1; 16+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; Note start time! Hike from Palgrave CA to new terminus of Oak Ridges Trail . Experience this great addition to ORMT. Hilly with great views. Shuttle. Must pre-register via phone or e-mail: rcomfort@xplornet.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 on day of hike 905-960-0543

Fri, Nov. 4, 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, Nov. 5, 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, Nov. 6, 2016 10:00 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Meadowvale Rd.)

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

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

Sun, Nov. 6, 2016 10:00 AM, King - Happy Valley North (Conc. 7)

ORTA Map 2; 6km; Moderate; 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

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

Mon, Nov. 7, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Join us in this beautiful forest on firm trails with moderate hills. Friendly dogs welcome. Lunch with us in Uxbridge 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, Nov. 9, 2016 9:30 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)

ORTA Map 2; 7+km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; We will go from Keele St. to Seneca and hike around these beautiful trails. Some rough and hilly sections. Well behaved dogs welcome. Marianne encourages a love of nature, so bring your camera as we will stop to admire the view. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220 , -79.535400

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

Wed, Nov. 9, 2016 9:30 AM, Clarington - Clarington East (Darlington-Clarke)

ORTA Map 8; 18+km; Fast; 3+hrs.; 2016 Sideways trek. This is a T&B hike that will include the Yeo and Bluebird Side Trails. The trek will follow trails through forests and meadows and along some sections of road. Dress appropriately for the weather. Bring snacks, drink and lunch. Meet at road side parking area, Darlington-Clark Town line and Darlington conc. 8. GPS: 44.035838 , -78.682405

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

Fri, Nov. 11, 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, Nov. 12, 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, Nov. 13, 2016 10:00 AM, Ganaraska Forest - (Pinegrove Lane)

ORTA Map 9; 8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; There and back hike ; dress for the weather ; bring water and snacks ; mostly wooded area. Take Ganaraska Rd (#9) to Garden Hill, go north (left) on County Rd #10 to Pine Grove Ln (2-3km) go west (left) on Pinegrove Ln to meet at roadside parking. GPS: 44.075235 , -78.409269

Grace Moores, 905-263-4340

Mon, Nov. 14, 2016 9:30 AM, Richmond Hill - Municipal Greenway (Central Library) - Atkinson St.

7km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; Will we ever see Mary Dawson Park when it's raining? Dress appropriately for seasonal weather. It will be time to learn about Iciers and winter clothing. Dogs on leash welcome. Bring drinks and a snack. Lunch option afterwards. Meet outside the front entrance of Richmond Hill Central Library, SW corner of Major Mackenzie Dr. and Yonge St. GPS: 43.870210, -79.438739

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

Wed, Nov. 16, 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

Thu, Nov. 17, 2016 7:00 PM, Whit-Stouffville - ORTA Event - Ballantrae Community Centre

ORTA Map 4; Discovery Night. Speaker TBA. Check website close to the date. Meet in Community Centre, on north side of Aurora Road, 1Km east from Hwy #48. GPS: 44.040733, -79.286552

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

Fri, Nov. 18, 2016 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, Nov. 19, 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, Nov. 20, 2016 10:00 AM, Whit- Stouffville - YRF Porritt Tract - Pangman Springs (Kennedy Rd.)

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

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

Mon, Nov. 21, 2016 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Walk these sheltered, sandy trails with moderate hills with our friendly group. Well mannered dogs are welcome to bring their owners. Join us in Aurora for lunch after the hike. 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, Nov. 23, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)

ORTA Map 5; 16+km; Fast; 4+hrs.; Figure of 8 hike through Durham Forest, Skyloft CA and Crowspass CA. Hilly. Meet at parking lot on west side of Uxbridge Conc 7, 2 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.0394862, -79.0892224

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

Fri, Nov. 25, 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, Nov. 26, 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

Sat, Nov. 26, 2016 10:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)

ORTA Map 2; 8km; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Nice loop hike including Millar and Pine Farms side trail. No dogs please. e-mail inquires to tjshelvey@yahoo.com. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220 , -79.535400

Tessa Shelvey, 416-320-8555

Mon, Nov. 28, 2016 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury - North Nokiidaa Trail (Green Lane)

ORTA Map 3; 7.5km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; Our route will depend on construction along 2nd. Concession Rd. We may be able to make it, for the first time, a loop hike on the new trail around Rogers Reservoir. Dogs on leash welcome. Bring drinks and maybe a snack. Lunch option in Newmarket afterwards. Meet at Rogers Reservoir front parking lot on the north side of Green Lane, 1.7 km west of Leslie St. GPS: 44.079958, -79.452813

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

Wed, Nov. 30, 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

DECEMBER

Fri, Dec. 2, 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, Dec. 3, 2016 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. Might need icers. 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, Dec. 4, 2016 10:00 AM, Markham - Unionville Urban Hike (Toogood Pond)

10km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Meet at Toogood parking area. Take Main St Unionville north, from Carlton Rd 0.5km turn west on Toogood Pond to parking. GPS: 43.872670, -79.314465

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

Sun, Dec. 4, 2016 1:30 PM, King - Cold Creek Conservation Area (Conc. 11)

7+km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; This is a very picturesque hike with forests, fields and ponds. Some rough and hilly sections. Well behaved dogs welcome. Marianne encourages a love of nature, so bring your camera as we will stop to admire the view. Meet at 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, Dec. 5, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6 / Allbright Rd.)

ORTA Map 5; 5km; Slow to moderate; Join us as we celebrate our 13th Wedding Anniversary hike on sheltered forest trails. This outing will be followed by the annual Christmas pot-luck lunch for ORTA members. More details to follow. 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, Dec. 7, 2016 9:30 AM, Ajax - Greenwood Conservation Area (Greenwood Rd)

16+km; Moderate to fast; 4.5hrs.; T&B. Quite hilly terrain. Exact distance & time dependent on weather & trail conditions. If winter arrives early, be prepared with both snowshoes and icers, which may be mandatory if conditions dictate. 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, Dec. 9, 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, Dec. 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

Sat, Dec. 10, 2016 10:00 AM, Caledon - Rail Trail - (Old Church Road)

8km; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Easy, flat rail trail. We will hike for 4km and re-trace our steps the same way. Coffee after. e-mail inquires to tjshelvey@yahoo.com. No dogs please. We'll meet at the Caledon Community Complex, at 6125 Old Church Road in Caledon East. Heading either north or south on Airport Rd into Caledon East, turn East onto Old Church Road at the T-junction traffic lights in the centre of town. Go approx. 0.5km to the Caledon Community Complex. GPS: 43.872852, -79.863903

Tessa Shelvey, 416-320-8555

Sun, Dec. 11, 2016 1:00 PM, Clarington - Leskard (Leskard Rd.)

ORTA Map 8; 9km; Moderate; 2hrs.; There and back hike ; some up and down terrain ; dress for the weather ; bring water and snacks ; may need icers or snowshoes. Meet at 3-way stop in the village of Leskard; from Tauton Rd east, take Leskard Rd north about 4 km to Leskard. GPS: 44.022771, -78.650824

Grace Moores, 905-263-4340

Mon, Dec. 12, 2016 9:30 AM, Richmond Hill - Elgin Mills Greenway (Elgin West Community Ctr)

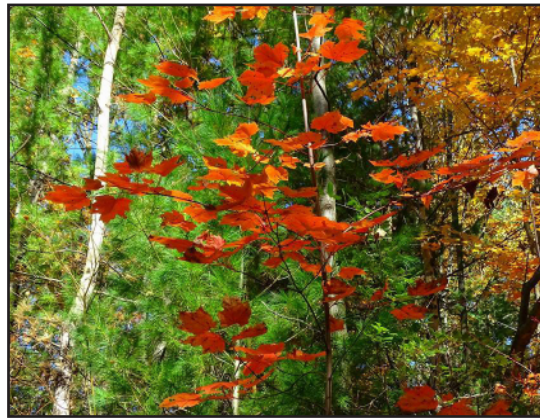
4.5km; Slow; 1.5hrs.; Dress for winter weather. An easy hike on a recently improved trail, but Icers may be necessary. Bring water or a hot drink in a flask. Meet in the south parking lot of Elgin West Community Centre, 11099 Bathurst St, 0.8 km north of Elgin Mills Rd. GPS: 43.8940811, -79.469663

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

Wed, Dec. 14, 2016 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Hall & Eldred King (McCowan Rd)

ORTA Map 4; 12+km; Fast; 3hrs.; 2016 Sideways trek. We will circle through Hall and Patterson side Trails. The length of the hike will dependant on the weather. Come prepared with icers/snow shoes. Bring a snack and warm drink. Meet at parking lot 1 km north of Aurora Rd on the east side of McCowan Rd. GPS: 44.0410721, -79.3228268

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Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sat, Dec. 17, 2016 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

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Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

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

Mon, Dec. 19, 2016 9:30 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest north (Finnerty SR)

ORTA Map 1; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; The trails of Palgrave are among our favourites. Icers may be needed on the moderate hills in this beautiful forest. Well mannered dogs are welcome. 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

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Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sat, Dec. 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

Wed, Dec. 28, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)

ORTA Map 5; 12+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; 12-16 km. depending on conditions. Loop hike through Walker Woods and Glen Major. Icers or snowshoes, as required. Hilly. Meet at parking lot on west side of Uxbridge Conc 7, 2 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.0394862, -79.0892224

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

Fri, Dec. 30, 2016 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6 / Allbright Rd.)

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; West and East Walker Woods loop hike, hilly. Might need icers or snowshoes. 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

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Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

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>)



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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!

Thursday October 20, 2016

The Norway Coast: the world's most beautiful voyage, by Dianne Charlton

After visiting Oslo, Bob & Dianne travelled to Bergen where they embarked on the Coastal Express, a ship that would take them on an 11 day non-stop tour in the waters of the Gulf Stream: north of the Arctic Circle as far as the Russian Border, through glorious fjords, past quaint villages and snow-capped mountains, past islands and skerries too numerous to mention.

Thursday November 17, 2016

Mushrooms of the GTA, by Pat Burchell

Pat Burchell, Chair of the Education Committee and a past President of the Mycological Society of Toronto, will talk about fungi and their role in nature. She will introduce the various diverse groups of fungi to be found in the Greater Toronto Area, and provide tips for identifying some of the most common and distinctive mushrooms people may find in both the urban environment and our natural areas, such as parks and forests.

There will be no Discovery Night in December.

JOIN THE DISCOVERY NIGHT TEAM:

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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,
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In Argentina, travel to El Chalten & El Calafate for hikes in Los Glaciares NP, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Hike over to view Mt. Fitz Roy and visit Perito Moreno Glacier. This exciting adventure concludes in the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires.

AMALFI COAST, ITALY

April 17 to 29, 2017

Italy never fails to capture the hearts (and stomachs) of its visitors, and the Amalfi Coast lives up to that reputation - towns perched impossibly on mountainsides, one of the most famous stretches of coastline in the world, sapphire-blue water in every direction, an infamous volcano and some of the finest Limoncello anywhere. Come hike in Sorrento, Positano, Amalfi and on the posh island of Capri.

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The Camino de Santiago is an iconic trek covering some 800km across the north of Spain. Our journey encompasses the last 152km from O'Cebreiro to Santiago de Compostela, including many "extras" in order to make it a complete Galician experience. Thousands of pilgrims have walked before us, and it is time to add your footsteps to this famous trail.

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#ORMT300 - GOOD LUCK KELLY!



The following is an excerpt from the send off from Kevin Lowe, President, to Kelly Mathews on the morning of her #ORMT300 End to End Sunday, August 28th. Stay tuned to the Winter Trail Talk when Kelly will provide a synopsis.

"Kelly on behalf of the Oak Ridges Trail Association we wish you well over the next few days as you undertake an amazing journey. We are all here cheering for you. Some of us will see you again along the way and some of us will be there to greet you at the conclusion. Looking around for a quote to illustrate the challenge you have in front of you, I found this one by a gentleman named Edward Abbey:

'The longest journey begins with a single step, not with a turn of the ignition key. That's the best thing about a walking, the journey itself. It doesn't much matter whether you get where you're going or not. You'll get there anyway. Every good hike brings you eventually back home. Right were you started.' - Edward Abbey

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