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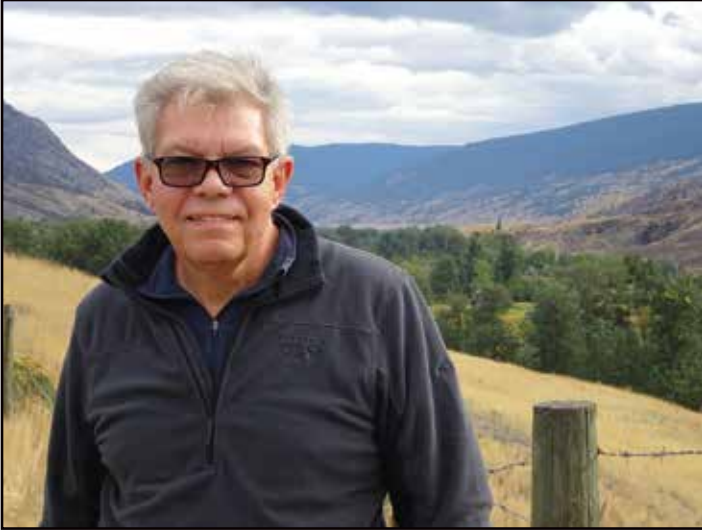
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## PRESIDENT'S CHAT

As we head into the wonderful fall hiking period it's a good time to refresh some simple rules of hiking etiquette. Here is a good list I came across recently searching the internet from "The Art of Being Manly," of all places.

### 1. Horses, Hikers, and Bikers

The first thing that you need to know is that there is a hierarchy on the trail. Horses have priority, followed by hikers, and then bikers. It's pretty simple to remember and makes encounters much more pleasant when everyone knows who gets to go first. Always check to see what other kinds of travelers will be sharing the trail with you before you start. If horses or bikes are allowed, then be mentally prepared to encounter them.

### 2. Yield to Uphill Traffic

Always yield to uphill traffic. If you've ever been plodding up a hill at a nice steady pace only to be run into by someone in a hurry to get down, then you understand the logic behind this. Going uphill is hard work, and changing up your speed can ruin your momentum. This is why people traveling uphill have the right of way. Of course, some hikers (like me) welcome any opportunity to stop and rest and we will often signal for downhill hikers to pass us. This happens a lot. Just remember that it's up to the guy going uphill to make the call. Otherwise, yield.

### 3. Stay to the Right, Pass on the Left

The trail is a lot like the road in this respect. Keep to the right side of the trail when you are being passed.

If you want to pass someone from behind, get his attention by shouting out "On your left." However, you don't need to be overly formal or gruff, and a friendly, "Hi there. Can I get around you?" works just as well.

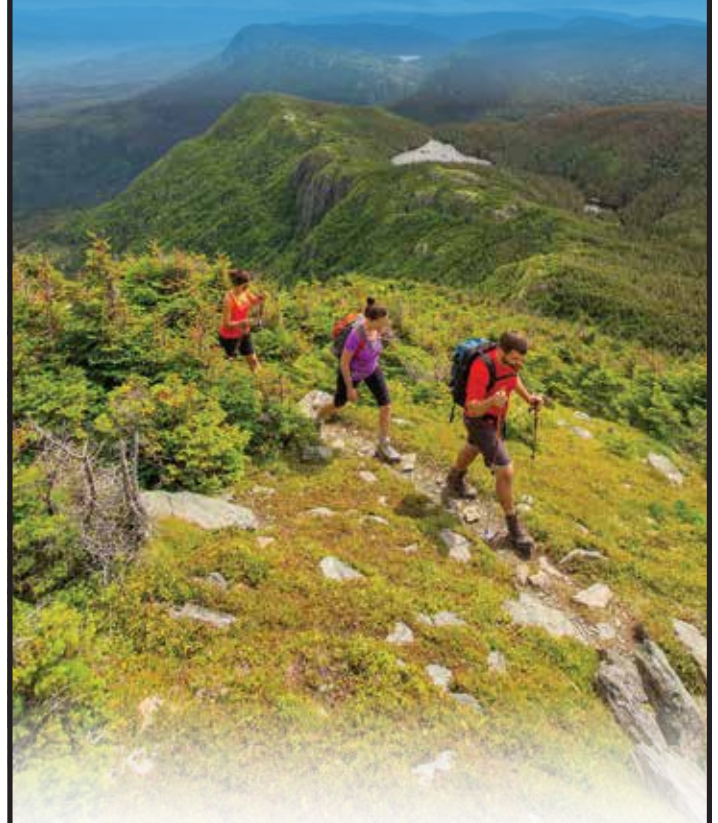
### 4. Leave No Trace

This rule can be observed in a number of ways.

The most apparent way is to clean up after yourself and pack out anything that you brought in. Even things like banana peels and apple cores can take quite a while to decompose and they don't improve the scenery one bit.

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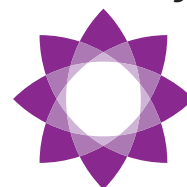
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This goes for dogs too. If you're unwilling to clean up after your dog, then don't take it out. No one wants to step in your dog's little presents on the sidewalk, and the trail is no different.

Another way to leave no trace is to stay on the trail. You don't need to prove anything by cutting across switchbacks on your way up the mountain. This can damage fragile plants, erode trails, and loosen rocks and boulders that may injure you or people below you.

**5. Tech on the Trail**

The increase in the use of technology in our daily lives has led to a proportional increase in its use in the outdoors, so a few courtesies should be taken. Remember that you (and your twitter followers) aren't the only person on the trail. If you are listening to music or taking pictures or videos, be sure to be aware of your surroundings. Look around to make sure that you are not blocking the trail or holding up fellow hikers. Your kid really is adorable, but he will still be adorable after you get out of the way of the people behind you.

Phones are good to have on hand in case of an emergency, but their use should be limited to such. One of the wonderful things about hiking is the chance it provides to get away from the noise and annoyances of everyday life, and loud gabbing ruins this restorative stillness. If you absolutely must make or take a phone call, keep the conversation short and your voice low.

**6. Be Friendly and Have Fun**

Your fellow hikers are out to have a good time just like you are, and a friendly "howdy" or "hello" can go a long way toward fostering a positive atmosphere among everyone on the trail.

I hope to see you all out there!

*Kevin Lowe, President*



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**AURORA STREET FESTIVAL, SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018**

Aurora's annual street festival is a wonderful chance to connect with new and old residents who might be interested in hiking. This year, Irene Pollard, Jody Raffensberger, Sharon Bradley, Carol Dowell and myself had the opportunity to talk with many curious, potential hikers. Our booth is graciously decorated with a fallen limb showing the trail markings, courtesy of Bruce Corbett. Stop by to say hello next year. First Sunday in June!

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2018**

We survived the extreme heat at the Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 30, as fortunately there was a gentle breeze and we were close to nature's best air conditioner, trees! We had a great team of volunteers (Great work rounding up volunteers, Frank!) who were able to communicate with many people to promote our mission---Get Out in Nature and Hike the Oak Ridges Moraine!

We distributed about 700 flyers, and had a lot of interest from newcomers and oldcomers who are quite enthused about getting out and enjoying nature.

**MILL POND SPLASH EVENT, JUNE 3RD, 2018**

Held annually in the Town of Richmond Hill since 1998, Mill Pond Splash is a celebration of the Don River watershed. Through interactive displays and fun activities, visitors gain an increased appreciation for the natural environment, the challenges facing the Don River watershed, and the solutions that we can all implement.

Weibo Cheng, Chapter Chair for Richmond Hill, seen here with two high school volunteers, reported they had great weather for the event this year, and the team of ORTA volunteers throughout the day could be found handing out promotional material about our organisation, our hikes and the Adventure Relay. Lots of kids enjoyed taking their pictures with the hiker display! "Hope more people will come out and join the hikes with ORTA."

## ORTA ADVENTURE RELAY – JUNE 9, 2018

The 160km Adventure Relay has been ORTA's principal fundraising event for 12 years. It's an exciting relay race for elite or recreational teams who canoe, cycle and run from Rice Lake to King City. We were pleased to welcome Golder Associates and Mazda Canada back again as long-time Corporate supporters for ORTA. In addition, this was the inaugural year for the 80km Half Relay starting at Purple Woods.

This year the start of the race was again hosted by George and Denise Jones and new co-hosts Dale and Sandy Millson, of Gore's Landing. These two families not only provide a beautiful setting for the teams of canoeists, led by a Scottish piper and drummer in their pre-race parade, but also crew two pontoon boats as safety support for the first leg to Bewdley. Once again they had a major challenge in removing the heavy weed growth at the launch point; our thanks for doing such a great job!

Again this year racers were ecstatic about the smooth operation of checkpoints and the assistance provided by the ORTA volunteers, many of whom are quite experienced and always enthusiastic. Our thanks go to all of you. Winners in the race categories were: Corporate- Golder Associates; Recreational- Team Running Free; Elite- Team Pullin' Foot; and Half Relay- Knotty By Nature (York Region Forestry). Full results can be found on the ORTA/Relay website along with great photos on the Relay Facebook page provided by Bill Patterson and Robert Alsop.

Thank you to Viper Marketing and The Second Wedge Brewing companies for their sponsorship of \$500 each toward the cost of our recognizable volunteer blue t-shirts again this year, thus helping the ORTA volunteers stand out for racers and teams. As well, our thanks

to the many businesses who provide gift cards or awards which are presented to stage winners, fund raisers and for sportsmanship. Our full appreciation goes out to all the race volunteers and Relay Committee members who make this such a special day each year. There is a special camaraderie that develops and brings ORTA members together. If you would like to join our Relay Committee and help organize those vital checkpoint teams, please consider joining our group. Next year's event will take place on Saturday, June 8, 2019. Stay tuned, and Race On!

*Brian, Michele, and the Relay Race Committee*

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relay 2018  
traversing the  
Oak Ridges Moraine



## OUR THANKS

The Oak Ridges Trail Association (ORTA) Adventure Relay Committee takes the opportunity to extend a sincere "thank you" to all the businesses that have supported us this year. You have enabled us to provide a gift card/voucher to reward individual participants who have raised at least \$100 for ORTA and also to reward our winning racers.

Blue Heron Books	Uxbridge
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A special thank you is given to Wynn Fitness Clubs for their continued support and very generous donation. It will be distributed to the winning teams of each division-Corporate, Elite, Recreational and Half Relay.

## TO RACERS AND TEAMS

Thanks to the RACERS and TEAMS who went that extra mile and raised additional funds for the Oak Ridges Trail with pledges and donations. We thank you for your efforts!

Andy Patterson, Anna Sunn, Bob Comfort, Garry Niece, Graham Loeb, Jim Rhyness, Judith Nancekivell, Judy Carey, Louise Pogue, Peter Dick, Russ Burton, Stephen Cockle.

Sandspinnners and The Wandering Singers

adventure  
relay Thanks!!!



Photo: Pete Livingston



Photo: Chee Ling Chong



Photo: Robert Alsop

## ORTA RENDEZVOUS HIKE CELEBRATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Save the date and join in the fun- the Oak Ridges Trail Association invites you to join our 2nd annual Hike Rendezvous, a special afternoon of hike options for all, followed by a potluck dinner celebration, awards and a picture show. Mark this date on your calendar and invite other ORTA friends along. This will be an opportunity to meet up with hiking friends and share tales of the trail. The Uxbridge Chapter will again host this event. A wide variety of trails is available and ORTA leaders are planning hikes from slow/moderate to moderate or fast- your choice. Check this issue as well as the website. Most hikes will start just after lunch but will end about 4pm so we can then assemble at the Goodwood Community Centre for a potluck dinner. Bring your favourite dish- enough for you and a few others to sample- and drop your food off before the hike so it can all be arranged for your arrival when the hikes are done. If you have ever attended the ORTA Christmas potluck lunch you will know how well this works. Delicious!

The Goodwood Community Centre is located east off hwy 404 on the Bloomington Rd. right at the stoplights in Goodwood. We plan to show some of the hiking highlights of this and past years, and to recognize recent End2End accomplishments. We would also like to recognize and thank the many volunteers and hike leaders who make our organization so special. We have come a long way in 26 years.

Please consider joining our group. Next year's event will take place on Saturday, June 8, 2019. Stay tuned, and Race On!


—Brian, Michele, and the Relay Race Committee

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## SHARING THE CANADIAN NATIONAL PARKS

Marlis Butcher describes herself as a "Park Bagger", someone visiting all the National Parks of Canada. To date, Marlis has visited 46 of the 47 parks. She is writing a book tentatively entitled "Adventures in the Canadian National Parks": [www.canadianparkbagger.com](http://www.canadianparkbagger.com). This summer Marlis visited three national parks in the Arctic: Nááts'ihch'oh, Vuntut, and Wood Buffalo.

As an environmental conservationist, Marlis Butcher is very active with the Bruce Trail Conservancy, protecting the Niagara Escarpment, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve by volunteering on the Board of Directors and as the Trail Director for the Toronto Bruce Trail Club. Marlis is also a member of the Explorers Club where she volunteers as the Membership Director for the Canadian Chapter.

Watch for a synopsis of her explorations of three Arctic parks in the next issue of Trail Talk, coming Winter 2019.





## NEW MEMBERS

ORTA welcomed the following individual and family memberships during our last quarter, April – June 2018

Shahrzad Akhtari	Rudy Nandial
Tracy Calvering	Selmon Naziri
John Chen	Shane Price
Derek Connelly	Judy Ritchie
Jane Garthson	Peter Rivington
Ian Hanna	Brenda Rosenberg
Alan & Ann Hayton	Imelda Santiago
Doug Ingram	Jennifer Sedgewick
Lulzim Koshani	Stephen Senior
Ed Lehming	Ross Tapp
Zhao Lin	Tenzin Tekan
Rayme Lo	John Walker
Graham Loeb	David Whipp
Sherry Ma	Helen Zhang
Herma Myers	Hui Zhao

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



#### LABOUR DAY Aug. 30, Sept 1, 2, 3, 2018

The summer weather will greet us as we hike in this area.

#### THANKSGIVING - Oct. 6, 7, 8, 2018

Great fall colours and a full Thanksgiving dinner.

#### NEW YEARS - Dec. 28, 29, 30, 2018, Jan 1, 2019

Snow – we will snowshoe, cross country ski.

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

## CHAMPIONS

April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018. Thank you to all donors who have made donations of \$10.00 or more.

A.K. Aagaard	Leah Darke	Graham Loeb	Sandy Qu
Jane Alderdice	Gary Dixon	Kevin Lowe	David Rawcliffe
Sophie Alexander	Lissa Dwyer	Sheila Macadam	Jim Rhyness
Brenda & Paul Arkell	Vicki Elsinga	Theresa & Stephen Martin	Nora Ryan
John Back	Virginia Evoy	Gaye Mas	Howard & Judith Sandys
Beate Barnett	Reza Farmand	Michele A. Mastroeni	Imelda Santiago
Jim Batson	Alexandra Forer	JC Meeker	Peter Schaefer
Rick Berry	Barbara Francey	Wilma & Brian Millage	Len Shelvey
Fred Bull	Juergen Friedrich	Jo-Ann Minden	Tessa Shelvey
Emily & Bruce Burgetz	Robert Gibson	Ruth T. Mori	Andrew Sunn
Louis Burkholder	Virgilia Groza	Dr. Mary & Bill Morrison	Stephen Swigger
Russell Burton	Pamela Hasson	Barbara Muirhead	Sandra Tang
Susan Canning	Lyn Havard	Selmon Neziri	Joan Taylor
Noel & Judy Carey	Isobel Hood	Garry Niece	Scott Tsang
Song Choo	Bob & Diane Hughes	Charlotte Owen	John Walker
Judy Pergau & Bob Comfort	Jan Jones	Ruth & Andy Patterson	Millie Wan
John Comfort	Mina Kazemnia	Catherine Peer	Ileana Wenger
Ruth Comfort	Richard & Anne Kinch	Lesley Pergau	David Whipp
Derek Connelly	Michael Lauzon	Linda Pottle	Gayle Whitehead
Pam Heron & Garry Conway	Rayme Lo	Douglas Pritchard	Amy Wright
Joan Cotton			

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

# ORTA FALL 2018 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

### **Mon, Oct. 1, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville – YRF Hollidge Tract (Hwy 48)**

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Dogs welcome. 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, Oct. 3, 2018 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**

### **Fri, Oct. 5, 2018 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, Oct. 6, 2018 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, Oct. 7, 2018 10:00 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest (Hwy 50)**

ORTA Map 1; 5km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Loop hike around this beautiful natural forest with some hills. Meet at Palgrave Forest Parking Lot, W side of Hwy 50, 2.2 km S of Hwy 9 or 0.5 km N of Palgrave Village. GPS: 43.955354, -79.843260

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

### **Sun, Oct. 7, 2018 10:00 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)**

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

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

### **Mon, Oct. 8, 2018 9:30 AM, Holiday**

No hikes have been scheduled on this holiday at the time of TT publication, but be sure to check the calendar on-line at <http://www.oakridgestrail.org/hikes/hike-calendar-schedule> closer to the date. If you aren't computer savvy, now is the opportunity for a new adventure. Visit your local library, and one of the staff will be happy to take you to a computer, show you how to begin, launch a "browser", and type in the URL (that's Universal Resource Locator, a.k.a. Web address—see above). Then your guide will show you how to "scroll" down the page a bit where you'll see a block calendar. After a few seconds, hikes will appear in the calendar boxes, and clicking on one brings up a description to the right of the calendar. See you on the trails! GPS: 0, 0

### **Wed, Oct. 10, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Dainty & Clarke Tract (McCowan Rd)**

ORTA Map 4; 15+km; Moderate to fast; Hikers must be prepared to support the car pool shuttle. We will hike the main ORT trail west from Regional Road 30 (York Boundary Road) back to the meeting place. The trail is flat following both country roads and forest trails. Come prepared for the weather. Bring a snack and water. Meet at



Dainty Tract parking lot on west side of McCowan Rd, 0.4 km south of Aurora Rd. GPS: 44.028935 , -79.319816

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

**Fri, Oct. 12, 2018 9:30 AM, Markham - Unionville Urban Hike (Toogood Pond)**

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

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

**Sat, Oct. 13, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

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

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

**Sat, Oct. 13, 2018 9:30 AM, Newmarket - Jokers Hill (Bathurst St)**

ORTA Map 3; 8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Loop hike in Jokers Hill and Thornton Bales. There are some hilly sections. Meet at road side parking on dead-end street west of Bathurst, 1.3 km north of Mulock Dr. north of town houses. GPS: 44.041408, -79.504148

**Jane Hu, 647-692-8811, Email: Jane.hu.jane@gmail.com**

**Sun, Oct. 14, 2018 8:00 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Kings-ton Rd)**

15km; Moderate; 4hrs.; Bring your dog. Loops; varied, hilly, terrain. Bring drinks/snacks. Meet at parking lot by Glen Rouge Camp-ground. 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

**Soheila Dehmassi, 416-768-7446**

**Mon, Oct. 15, 2018 9:00 AM, East Gwillimbury - Holland River Trail (west trailhead)**

8km; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Easy hike along newly completed trail section of Nokiidaa Trail from Yonge St in Holland Landing to 2nd Con to Green Lane and return. Follow historical sites along locks of the East Holland River. Meet at SE corner public parking lot of Yonge St and Mt Albert Sd Rd. Meet at the parking lot on SE corner of Yonge St. and Mount Albert Road. GPS: 44.095454 , -79.490029

**Robert Alsop, cell phone on day of hike 905-717-3718**

**Wed, Oct. 17, 2018 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**

**Thu, Oct. 18, 2018 9:15 AM, Leader's Choice Hike**

2.3km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; Introduction to "forest bathing" for seasoned hikers. Interested people unaccustomed to hiking may find the terrain too steep and the forest too enclosed to obtain the relaxational goals of forest bathing. We will hike along the Crows Pass Side Trail/ORTA loop within Crow's Pass Conservation Area. Bring a mat or sit-upon to use along the trail. When taking Highway 12, turn west onto Scugog Line 2 (Chalk Lake Rd) and travel to Ashburn Rd. Then, turn north onto Ashburn Rd. followed by a turn to the west onto Middle March Road. Continue along Middle March Rd, to the intersection of Middle Road and Woodbridge Circle. From there we will walk to the Conservation Area entrance. The GPS coordinates are: 44.032601, -79.034109 (just copy them into Google Maps to get the location and directions). 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)**

**Thu, Oct. 18, 2018 7:00 PM, ORTA Event - Discovery Night - Ballantrae Community Centre**

ORTA Map 4; (speaker to be determined) Meet in Community Centre, on north side of Aurora Road, 1Km east from Hwy #48. GPS: 44.040733, -79.286552

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

**Fri, Oct. 19, 2018 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, Oct. 20, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

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

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

**Sat, Oct. 20, 2018 9:30 AM, Aurora - Sheppard's Bush (Industry St.)**

ORTA Map Aurora; 8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Loop hike in Sheppard Bush and along Holland River. A few gentle slopes Meet at C.A. parking lot. Turn east on Mary St. off Industrial Parkway (south of Wellington St) , turn south on Industry Street. GPS: 43.998100, -79.455696

**Jane Hu, 647-692-8811, Email: Jane.hu.jane@gmail.com**

**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

**Sun, Oct. 21, 2018 10:00 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Meadowvale Rd.)**

10km; Moderate; 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)**

**Mon, Oct. 22, 2018 9:30 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest north (Finnerty SR)**

ORTA Map 1; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Wide, shaded, slightly hilly trails are what we will be enjoying today. Join us in Schomberg for lunch after the hike. 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

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

**Wed, Oct. 24, 2018 9:30 AM, Long Sault CA (Woodley Rd)**

ORTA Map 7; 17+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; Loop hike through Long Sault Conservation Area. Hilly. 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

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

**Fri, Oct. 26, 2018 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, Oct. 27, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

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

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

**Sat, Oct. 27, 2018 9:30 AM, Richmond Hill - Jefferson Forest - (Bethesda Side Rd.)**

ORTA Map 3; 10km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Loop hike in Jefferson Forest. A few hills. Meet in the parking area on the south side of Bethesda SR, 600m east from Bayview Ave. GPS: 43.951676, -79.420876

**Jane Hu, 647-692-8811, Email: Jane.hu.jane@gmail.com**

**Mon, Oct. 29, 2018 9:30 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. 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, Oct. 31, 2018 1:30 PM, 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**

## NOVEMBER

**Fri, Nov. 2, 2018 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, Nov. 3, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

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

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

**Sat, Nov. 3, 2018 9:30 AM, Richmond Hill - Oak Ridges Corridor - (Old Colony Rd.)**

ORTA Map 3; 10km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Loop hike around Bond Lake and Jefferson Forest. A few gentle slopes. Meet in the parking area on the south side of Old Colony Rd. 550m. west from Bayview Ave. GPS: 43.938785, -79.435619

**Jane Hu, 647-692-8811, Email: Jane.hu.jane@gmail.com**

**Sat, Nov. 3, 2018 1:30 PM, Uxbridge - Durham Forest (Conc. 7)**

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Join us on this scenic walk through the Durham Forest. Moderate hills through mature mixed forest. Dogs welcome. 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

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

**Sun, Nov. 4, 2018 10:00 AM, Bruce Trail - Mono Cliffs (Mono Centre)**

5km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Loop hike around Mono Cliffs Provincial Park with some hills, incredible views and cave walk. 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

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

**Sun, Nov. 4, 2018 10:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

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

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

**Mon, Nov. 5, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Hall & Eldred King (McCowan Rd)**

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Join us on wide, sandy, sheltered forest trails. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Meet at parking lot 1 km north of Aurora Rd on the east side of McCowan Rd. GPS: 44.042433, -79.323129

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

**Wed, Nov. 7, 2018 9:30 AM, Richmond Hill - Jefferson Forest - (Bethesda Side Rd.)**

ORTA Map 3; 15km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; Discover tableland, hardwood forest, ravines, pine plantations, a hemlock grove, kettle wetlands, a dry kettle, meadows, and buckthorn thickets. Lots of winding and back-and-forth trails to maximize our exploration. Many hills! Meet in the parking area on the south side of Bethesda SR, 600m east from Bayview Ave. GPS: 43.951676, -79.420876

**Peter Attfield, 905-773-3935 (before 10:00PM) cell 416-930-9761 (hike day only)**

Fri, Nov. 9, 2018 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: 44.042433, -79.323129

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

**Sat, Nov. 10, 2018 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**

**Sat, Nov. 10, 2018 9:30 AM, Richmond Hill - Jefferson Forest - (Bethesda Side Rd.)**

ORTA Map 3; 10km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Loop hike in Jefferson Forest. A few hills. Meet in the parking area on the south side of Bethesda SR, 600m east from Bayview Ave. GPS: 43.951676, -79.420876

**Jane Hu, 647-692-8811, Email: Jane.hu.jane@gmail.com**

**Mon, Nov. 12, 2018 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury- YRF Bendor & Graves (McCowan Rd)**

Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Dogs welcome The meeting place is in the Bendor Graves parking lot on west side of McCowan Rd. 1.3 km north of Davis Dr. and 400m., north of the rail tracks. GPS: 44.101330, -79.338555

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

**Wed, Nov. 14, 2018 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury - YRF Brown Hill Tract (Ravenshoe Rd.)**

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

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

**Thu, Nov. 15, 2018 7:00 PM, ORTA Event - Discovery Night - Ballantrae Community Centre**

ORTA Map 4; (speaker to be determined) Meet in Community Centre, on north side of Aurora Road, 1Km east from Hwy #48. GPS: 44.040733, -79.286552

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

**Fri, Nov. 16, 2018 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, Nov. 17, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

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

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

**Sat, Nov. 17, 2018 9:30 AM, Newmarket - Jokers Hill (Bathurst St)**

ORTA Map 3; 8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Loop hike in Jokers Hill and Thornton Bales. There are some hilly sections. Meet at road side parking on dead-end street west of Bathurst, 1.3 km north of Mulock Dr. north of town houses. GPS: 44.041408, -79.504148

**Jane Hu, 647-692-8811, Email: Jane.hu.jane@gmail.com**

**Sun, Nov. 18, 2018 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. 19, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)**

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Join us on some of our favourite trails in the Secord Forest. Some moderate hills through mixed forest. Well mannered dogs welcome. Lunch with us in Goodwood 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, Nov. 21, 2018 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)**

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

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

**Fri, Nov. 23, 2018 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. 24, 2018 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**

**Sat, Nov. 24, 2018 9:30 AM, Richmond Hill - Oak Ridges Corridor - (Old Colony Rd.)**

ORTA Map 3; 10km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Loop hike around Bond Lake and Jefferson Forest. A few gentle slopes. Meet in the parking area on the south side of Old Colony Rd. 550m. west from Bayview Ave. GPS: 43.938785, -79.435619

**Jane Hu, 647-692-8811, Email: Jane.hu.jane@gmail.com**

**Sun, Nov. 25, 2018 10:00 AM, Leader's Choice Hike**

9.5km; Moderate; 3hrs.; Explore most of the trails in the Ballycroy Tracts (Map 0). Angle parking on east shoulder, opposite #1316 Concession Road 5, Adjala-Tosorontio, 1.2 km north of Hwy 9. GPS: 43.97516, -79.88718. If not reflected elsewhere in this information, contact the hike leader for the meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

**Peter Attfield, 905-773-3935 (before 10:00PM) cell 416-930-9761 (hike day only)**

**Mon, Nov. 26, 2018 9:30 AM, Richmond Hill - Jefferson Forest - (Bethesda Side Rd.)**

ORTA Map 3; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Meet in the new parking lot on the southerly side of Bethesda Road east of Bayview Avenue whence we shall follow a loop clockwise through the Jefferson Forest. Dogs welcome. Meet in the parking area on the south side of Bethesda SR, 600m east from Bayview Ave. GPS: 43.951676, -79.420876

**Bill Patterson, 905-833-0391, cell phone on day of hike 289-380-0002**

**Wed, Nov. 28, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)**

ORTA Map 5; 15+km; Moderate to 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. 30, 2018 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**

## DECEMBER

**Sat, Dec. 1, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

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

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

**Sat, Dec. 1, 2018 9:30 AM, Richmond Hill - Jefferson Forest - (Bethesda Side Rd.)**

ORTA Map 3; 10km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Loop hike in Jefferson Forest. A few hills. Meet in the parking area on the south side of Bethesda SR, 600m east from Bayview Ave. GPS: 43.951676, -79.420876

**Jane Hu, 647-692-8811, Email: Jane.hu.jane@gmail.com**

**Sun, Dec. 2, 2018 10:00 AM, Markham - Bob Hunter Memorial Park**

10km; Moderate; 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

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

**Sun, Dec. 2, 2018 10:00 AM, New Tecumseth - Beeton Forest -10th. Sideroad**

5km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Loop hike around this recently designated Heritage Forest including beaver dam. Heritage Guide Neal Arbic will be accompany us on this hike to explain the history of the forest. Directions to meeting place: from Hwy 9 go north on 10th Sideroad for 8.3Km to the junction with 7th. Line. Or from Beeton, go south on 10th Sideroad to 7th Line. Go east on 7th line to the parking lot entrance on south side, just before the Town of New Tecumseth Works Yard. Follow the road south to the parking area. GPS: 44.064915, -79.769857

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

**Mon, Dec. 3, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Come along to celebrate our 15th wedding anniversary hike on the Oak Ridges Trail. This is a lovely forested area with wide sandy trails that lead to our 'Chapel in the woods' where we share memories and treats with our many hiking friends. Afterwards, ORTA members are invited to join us for the ORTA Christmas Pot Luck Lunch served at the Goodwood Community Centre. 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

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

**Wed, Dec. 5, 2018 9:30 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Kingston Rd) New**

15km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; Loops; varied, hilly, terrain. Bring drinks/snacks/lunch. Pub stop afterwards. Meet at parking lot by Glen Rouge Campground. Entrance on north side of Kingston Rd (Hwy 2), east of Port Union Rd (Scarborough), west of Altona Rd (Pickering). GPS: 43.80489, -79.1372092

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

**Fri, Dec. 7, 2018 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. Your icers and snowshoes should be in your car now. Meet at parking lot on the east side of Conc 6, 2 km south of Durham Rd. 21 at Allbright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

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

**Sat, Dec. 8, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 5+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. you might need ices or snowshoes. 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. 9, 2018 10:00 AM, Leader's Choice Hike**

6km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Explore the rolling conservation lands east of Musselman Lake. Meet in the parking lot of Coultice Park, 14769 Ninth Line (east side), 2.9 km north of Bloomington Rd. or 1.6 km south of Aurora Rd. GPS: 44.03158, -79.26734. If not reflected elsewhere in this information, contact the hike leader for the meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

**Peter Attfield, 905-773-3935 (before 10:00PM) cell 416-930-9761 (hike day only)**

**Mon, Dec. 10, 2018 9:30 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 6km; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; 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, 3km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA sign. phone 416-320-8555. e-mail 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**

**Wed, Dec. 12, 2018 9:30 AM, Ajax - Greenwood Conservation Area North (Conc. 5)**

Moderate to fast; 2hrs.; T&B hike north along the Duffins Creek to the Pickering Village Museum @ Hwy #7. The trail follows the creek offering beautiful views of forest and stream. The hike length and duration will depend on the weather. Bring a snack and a drink. Come prepared for weather with icers / snowshoes. Meet in the parking area on the north side of Pickering Conc. #5, 2.4Km east from Brock Road. GPS: 43.908763, -79.068708

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

**Fri, Dec. 14, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)**

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike with some hilly sections, icers snowshoes may be required. Meet in parking lot west side of Hwy 48, 2.5 km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.0604749881, -79.3080759980

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

**Sat, Dec. 15, 2018 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, Dec. 16, 2018 10:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

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

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

**Mon, Dec. 17, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glasgow/Goodwood (Conc. 2)**

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Hike with us on the Coyote Trail and Goodwood Forest Tract. This is the new northern terminus of the Rouge National Urban Park. There are some moderate hills. Well mannered dogs welcome to bring their owners. 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, Dec. 19, 2018 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, Dec. 21, 2018 1:30 PM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)**

ORTA Map 5; 11+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Hilly loop hike Walker Woods east and beyond. You might need ices or snowshoes. 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. 22, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 5+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. you might need ices or snowshoes. 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, Dec. 24, 2018 9:30 AM, Holiday**

No hikes have been scheduled on this holiday at the time of TT publication, but be sure to check the calendar on-line at <http://www.oakridgestrail.org/hikes/hike-calendar-schedule> closer to the date. If you aren't computer savvy, now is the opportunity for a new adventure. Visit your local library, and one of the staff will be happy to take you to a computer, show you how to begin, launch a "browser", and type in the URL (that's Universal Resource Locator, a.k.a. Web address—see above). Then your guide will show you how to "scroll" down the page a bit where you'll see a block calendar. After a few seconds, hikes will appear in the calendar boxes, and clicking on one brings up a description to the right of the calendar. See you on the trails! GPS: 0, 0

**Wed, Dec. 26, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)**

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 the east side of Conc 6, 2 km south of Durham Rd. 21 at Allbright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

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

**Fri, Dec. 28, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)**

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Snowshoe or hike in Glen Major very hilly section. 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, Dec. 29, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

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

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

**Sat, Dec. 29, 2018 2:00 PM, Leader's Choice Hike**

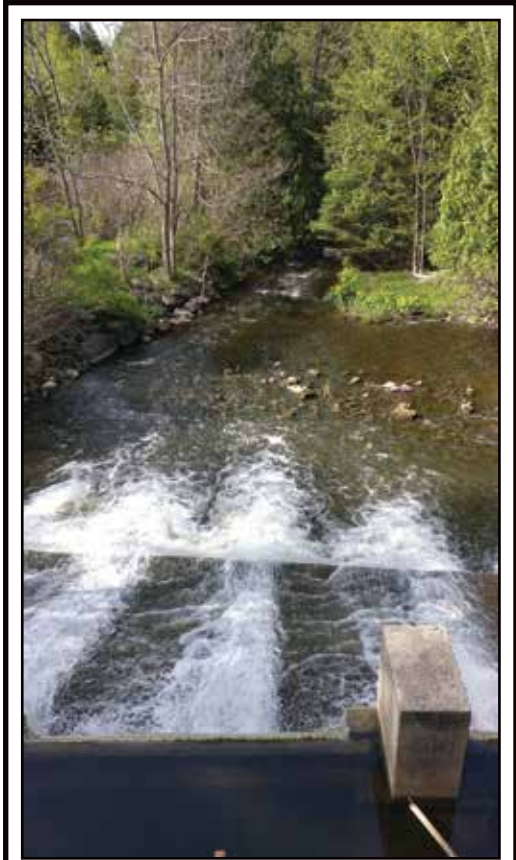
Moderate; 2hrs.; Hike the Wilder Forest and Wildlife Area . Meet at the parking lot, 3km south of Coppin's Corners, 2499 Brock Rd., Uxbridge. Use the Pleasure Valley entry. Hike through majestic forest with some challenging hills. Icers may be needed. If not reflected elsewhere in this information, contact the hike leader for the meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

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

**Mon, Dec. 31, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF North Tract**

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Join us on a walk on these wide forest trails. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Meet at parking area on the west side of Hwy 48, 0.5km north of Vivian Rd or 1.3 km south of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.082138, -79.307819

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



Our End to End Challenge November 2017 to May 31, 2018. We had a blast doing this adventure. I'm sure we will talk about it for many years to come.

Judy Carter and Leon Vandenhoven

**Holiday Cheer**  
December 16th - 2:00 to 4:30pm



**CASH BAR**

**Town Hall**  
**460 Botsford St. Newmarket**

For Tickets contact  
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Russ Burton, Josie Klostranec, and Malcolm Hann at last year's Anniversary Hike.

This year Brian & Wilma's Anniversary Hike, followed by ORTA's Christmas Party, will take place on the actual day of their 15th Anniversary: Mon., Dec. 3, 2018, 9:30am. See Hiking Schedule in this issue for details.

## DISCOVERY NIGHT IS BACK!

Starting again in September our Discovery Night series will be presenting interesting and entertaining speakers. Presentations take place in the Ballantrae Community Centre, 5592 Aurora Rd., on the 3rd Thursday of each month, starting at 7 p.m. A \$5 fee covers the presentation, coffee, juice and cookies. A very inexpensive cost for an interesting evening!



Join us for this series of speakers on worldwide journeys, fascinating nature stories, adventure treks and other stories on a wide variety of subjects. It is also an opportunity to get together with your ORTA friends to catch up on what is happening in our organization. Come along and bring a friend to enjoy these pleasant evenings.

### Thursday, September 20, 2018

Kelly Mathews is going to join us to launch our new year. You will all remember her from her marathon walk across our trail in 2016. Kelly has written a new book *The Road to Mary Lake* (about the Pellatt Estate which was built by Sir Henry Pellatt of Casa Loma fame). Many of you have already enjoyed her previous book *Eaton Hall* which she published in 2015. Join us to hear her interesting story about this famous landmark on our trail.

### Thursday, October 18, 2018

To be determined.... A couple of very interesting treks are in the offing but final details have yet to be arranged.

### Thursday, November 15, 2018

To be determined... Watch our website for the details as they are confirmed.

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## NORTHERN LIGHTS NORWAY

February 13 to 23, 2019

A full itinerary of adventures like cross-country skiing, dog-sledding & snowmobiling plus Mother Nature's lightshow - the Aurora Borealis (the Northern Lights).

Home base is Tromso - one of THE best places in the world to see the Northern Lights.

Also visit the capital, Oslo, for some cultural exploration.  
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## THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO, SPAIN

April 28 to May 5, 2019

The Camino de Santiago is an iconic trek covering some 800km across the north of Spain. Our journey encompasses the last 160km 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.

## CANADIAN MARITIMES

June 21 to July 3, 2019

Hike & kayak the world's highest tides at the Hopewell Rocks in New Brunswick; meet Anne of Green Gables and build sandcastles in Prince Edward Island; celebrate Canada Day in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Plus lots more activities from cycling to hiking, and you could conceivably eat lobster every day of this trip if you tried!

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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.

## MACHU PICCHU, PERU

September 13 to 25, 2019

Explore the Sacred Valley of the Incas by hiking through the famed salt pans of Maras, the ancient ruins of Pisac, and trekking high up into the Urubamba mountain range. Then that all important day arrives when we hike into Machu Picchu - **rounding the corner of the Sun Gate and seeing Machu Picchu with your own eyes will give you goose bumps!**  
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