

TRAIL TALK

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we think about the Oak Ridges Trail Association there is a tendency to view trail building and multiple led hikes as our sole undertakings. We also engage regularly with municipalities, forest authorities and other groups in terms of our trail and its connectedness to other trails.

For example, we are in talks currently with staff from the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority (TRCA) and Rouge National Urban Park, as well as the folks at Green Durham planning and laying out connections from Rouge Park Trails to the ORTA main trail and loop trail in the Goodwood Glasgow area. When this comes to fruition there will be linkages allowing hikers to travel all the way from Lake Ontario at Rouge Beach to our trail and east and west from there. An exciting project! More details will be available when planning is further along.

We are also engaged with TRCA in planning and developing the Macleod Trail Linkage Project in the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve (ORCCR) in Richmond Hill. In addition we are working together on the Cycling on Secondary Trails Project in the same area.

I recently represented ORTA in an input session organized by Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP) for partners of the park, of which we are one, providing commentary and direction to the Park's long-range plan.

We have also been active with Metrolinx and the Town of Aurora providing our viewpoints regarding trail connections vis-à-vis the Metrolinx track expansion and the need for a secure crossing allowing the Trail to cross the railroad tracks safely.

All of these projects are in early stages and we will provide additional details as progress is made.



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On another note, our dedicated hike leader coordinator Malcolm Haan has recently released his summary of hikes from summer and fall of 2017:

- 22 hike leaders lead 177 hikes.
- The 177 hikes were attended by 2,094 hikers.
- Those 2,094 hikers walked a total of 18,631 km.

Our organized hike program is one of the jewels of our association, something that we are very proud of. The next time you take part in a hike remember to thank your leader, for they make the hikes go. If you see Malcolm out on the trails thank him sincerely too. He undertakes considerable work in the background to ensure hike leaders are kept up to date, hikes are listed accurately and hazards noted.

For an organization with one part time employee and in which the many tasks needed to keep us operational and growing are undertaken by volunteers, it is astounding to see what we accomplish.

I look forward to seeing you out and about the trails as the season moves from the many layers of winter hiking to spring.

Kevin Lowe,
President, Oak Ridges Trail Association



Anyone interested in completing the ORTA E2E this year?

Please contact Bob Comfort for more information and to pre-register at rcomfort@xplornet.com.

The 1st hike will be Monday April 23rd and continue approximately every 2nd Monday after that for a total of 12 hikes, each 19-23 km at a moderate-fast pace. Start, end points and shuttle details will be emailed to registered participants. Due to logistical constraints, there will be a limit of 12 hikers.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY APRIL 26, 2018

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

All members of the Oak Ridges Trail Association are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association. We look forward to seeing many supporters, hikers and friends on this occasion.

Our guest speaker will be Andre Flys of Pioneer Brand Honey, a commercial apiary in King Township, where honey has been produced 1930.

Andre has served as a past director with the Oak Ridges Trail Association, past President of the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust, The Aurora Farmers Market, and is currently serving as Vice President of the Ontario Beekeepers Association. Andre also teaches beekeeping with the Ontario Beekeepers Association Tech Transfer Team and at Niagara College postgraduate commercial beekeeping program. Andre also coordinates the honey bee and pollinator education exhibit at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

ORTA AWARDS 2017 – 2018

Who do you know that did a great job for ORTA last year? Let us know about it!

Each year the Oak Ridges Trail Association seeks to honour and say Thank You! to those members who have made significant contributions to our organization and the development of the ORMT. Please send your nomination for a member who should, in your opinion, receive an award.

The Awards Sub-Committee this year consists of

- Kevin Lowe pres@oakridgestrail.org
- Wilma Millage past-pres@oakridgestrail.org,
- Gaye Mas volunteer@oakridgestrail.org

The award categories are:

Commendation Awards — a maximum of 6 are awarded each year to Members who have made specific contributions to the management and development of ORTA and its programs.

Trail Builder Awards — a maximum of 4 of these are awarded each year to individuals who have made significant contributions to the building and maintenance of the trail.

Outstanding Member or Member of the Year Award — one award each year is presented to the Member who in recent years has done the most to advance the purposes of ORTA.

Lifetime Achievement Award — an occasional award when especially merited. The recipient will be one who has made a significant contribution of his or her time and expertise to the work of ORTA over a sustained period of 5 to 10 years.

Please visit the website for further details on award categories

- <http://www.oakridgestrail.org/news-events/awards-2017/>
- or to view previous award recipients visit
- <http://www.oakridgestrail.org/library/award-history/>

Mix and mingle beforehand and indulge in light food and refreshments along with a beer and wine donation bar.

And why not get into the swing of things with a warm-up hike led up Brian Millage prior to the meeting?

Join us and enjoy this opportunity to catch up on your Association's activities and meet fellow members. Mark your calendars for what promises to be an interesting and informative evening.

Schedule of Events

4:00 pm Pre-AGM hike, Goodwood.

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 1.5hrs.; Join a short hike prior to our AGM in the lovely Secord Forest Wildlife area. Enjoy the scenic ponds, streams, forest and meadow trails. Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766.

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

6:00 pm Registration, Food & Social. A \$5 contribution is requested, to defray costs.

7:00 pm Business part of meeting.

For any questions, please contact Wilma Millage, cell phone on event day 416-655-4052

ORTA ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – 2018/19

At the Annual General Meeting to be held on April 26, 2018, we will once again put forth a slate of nominees to be elected to serve as Directors for a period of one year. We are seeking new ideas and perspectives and your input is welcomed. We meet about 6 times annually and hope that you'll join us. To comply with our Constitution, the following must be observed:

To be eligible for election as a Director at the Annual General Meeting of Members, a person must:

- be a member in good standing
- have confirmed in writing his/her willingness to serve as a Director.

Nominations may be made by any Member to the Nominating Committee. Such nominations shall be:

- In writing
- Accompanied by the Nominee's confirmation of willingness to serve.
- Received by the Nominating Committee at least five (5) days before the Annual General Meeting.

Please submit nominations by April 16th to the Committee Chair, Wilma Millage. You may use snail mail addressed to our office or email past-pres@oakridgestrail.org.

Naturally, we would like to hear from you well before that date so that we can compile a slate of nominees. You may even suggest yourself for a position!

If you prefer, please call Wilma Millage at (905) 853-2407, or Kevin Lowe (905) 479-6382.

RYERSON – UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO TRAIL STUDY

Brian Millage

The Oak Ridges Moraine Trail (ORMT) is about 260Km end to end with another 40Km of side trails. This is a trail for all seasons with many connections to other trails along the Moraine. Wilma and I were recently part of an outing with university students studying landscape architecture and trail connections. The instructor for these students suggested an on-site visit to the Goodwood Tract (TRCA) and Glasgow Forest (the future northern gateway of the Rouge National Urban Park operated by Parks Canada).

Two First Nations Elders joined the group sharing their perspectives regarding respect for the environment, contact with the land, flora and fauna, and the sacredness of water. The message was 'always give thanks and keep in mind that we must protect these resources for our children's children and beyond.' I like to think that all of us encourage the same respect and beliefs for the environment.

The choice of Goodwood and Glasgow for this study was particularly appropriate at this time as ORTA is participating in an exciting new venture – the joining of the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail and the new Rouge National Urban Park. Discussions and planning are now underway to create a northern gateway to the Rouge Park where it meets our trail at Glasgow/Goodwood, just east of Stouffville. ORTA is participating in this process along with TRCA, Parks Canada, and Green Durham.



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THE "CAMINO", SPAIN

April 28 to May 10, 2018

The Camino de Santiago is an iconic trek covering some 800km across the north of Spain. Our journey encompasses the last 160km from O'Cebeiro 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, 2018

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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MACHU PICCHU, PERU

September 14 to 26, 2018

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!**

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



NEW ZEALAND

November 6 to 25, 2018

This New Zealand trip is a "legend" in our company history and is always regarded as a guest favourite, and we do New Zealand proud. Enjoy a full itinerary of hiking and sightseeing throughout the North and South Islands, including the Tongariro Crossing, the Abel Tasman Coastal Walk and the famed Milford Track.

WHY TRAVEL WITH US?

- * We lead/accompany every trip, so we have detailed knowledge of each destination
- * Small group size + comfortable accommodations + great food!
- * Destinations catering to all levels
- * A great mix of singles and couples, so that you never feel alone or left out
- * Special invitations to hiking clinics on topics such as hiking gear, exercise programs, photography

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A MEANINGFUL ALTERNATIVE

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

in Memory of

**Robert Taylor (Bob),
Diana Cornell (Joye)
Rick Wright
William Young (Bill)**

in celebration of:

Bruce and Judy Murray
(who enjoy the natural beauty of the Oak Ridges Moraine)

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

NEW MEMBERS

ORTA welcomed the following individual and family memberships during our last quarter,
October 1 – December 31, 2017:

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| Ray Bielecki | Danuta Moyseowicz |
| Bev Billings | Nadia Crisante Rochon |
| Deb Chute | Gail Manning |
| Ian McCombe | Nancy Gillespie |
| Opal Segree | Julia Hitchcock |
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| Rebecca Pittam | Tatiana Prismakov |
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| Stephanie Corvese | Norm Pemberton |



CHAMPIONS

October 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Thank you to all donors who have made donations of \$10.00 or more.

Robert Alexander
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Stanley Whyte

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

ORTA SPRING 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.

APRIL

Sun, Apr. 1, 2018 10:00 AM, King - Happy Valley North (Conc. 7)

ORTA Map 2; 6km; Moderate to fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike around the trail system of Happy Valley, south of Pottageville. Meet at the (dead end) on 7th. Conc. 2.8km south of Pottageville from the Lloyd-town-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, Apr. 2, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville – YRF Hollidge Tract (Hwy 48)

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

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

Wed, Apr. 4, 2018 9:30 AM, Ajax - Greenwood Conservation Area (Greenwood Rd)

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

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

Fri, Apr. 6, 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. 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, Apr. 7, 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

Sun, Apr. 8, 2018 10:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)

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

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

Wed, Apr. 11, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Hall & Eldred King (McCowan Rd)

ORTA Map 4; 14+km; Moderate to fast; 3+hrs.; From the meeting place we will hike the Hall Side Trail, Eldred King Woodlands and beyond. T&B and loop hike. Mostly a flat hike with some hills. Length of hike will be dependent on weather. Bring a drink and snacks. Come prepared for weather with icers / snowshoes. Meet at parking lot 1 km north of Aurora Rd on the east side of McCowan Rd. GPS: 44.042433, -79.323129

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

Fri, Apr. 13, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; There and back some hills. Meet at parking lot on the east side of Conc 6, 2 km south of Durham Rd. 21 at Allbright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sat, Apr. 14, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

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

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Mon, Apr. 16, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit- Stouffville - YRF Porritt Tract - Pangman Springs (Kennedy Rd.)

ORTA Map 4; 8km; Slow to 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

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

Wed, Apr. 18, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)

ORTA Map 5; 16+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; "4 Tract" loop taking in 4 TRCA Conservation areas. Hilly. Meet at parking lot on east side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Town Line or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.006009, -79.101922

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

Fri, Apr. 20, 2018 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: 44.0604749881, -79.3080759980

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sat, Apr. 21, 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

Sun, Apr. 22, 2018 10:00 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)

10km; Moderate; 2+hrs.; you might still need icers. 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, Apr. 23, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Walk the sandy and sheltered trails of York Region Forest. Dogs welcome. Join us for lunch after the hike. Meet in parking lot west side of Hwy 48, 2.5 km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.0604749881, -79.3080759980

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

Mon, Apr. 23, 2018 9:15 PM, Leader's Choice Hike

19+km; Moderate to fast; 5+hrs.; E2E hike #1 of 12. E-mail Bob Comfort to pre-register: rcomfort@xplornet.com If not reflected elsewhere in this information, contact the hike leader for the meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

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

Wed, Apr. 25, 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

Wed, Apr. 25, 2018 9:30 AM, Newmarket - Jokers Hill (Bathurst St)

ORTA Map 3; 8km; Moderate to fast; 2.5hrs.; We will do a loop through this area including going to the steps leading to the CA parking lot. 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

Cornelius Sommer, 905-953-7949 before 8 pm, 905 717 7641 hike day only

Thu, Apr. 26, 2018 4:00 PM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 1.5hrs.; Join me on these winding forest trails for a social walk before our AGM in the Goodwood Community Centre. Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766

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

Fri, Apr. 27, 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, Apr. 28, 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

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 |

Mon, Apr. 30, 2018 9:30 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Meet at the Pleasure Valley parking area, 2499 Brock Rd., Uxbridge. Walk through mature forest on hilly and winding trails. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch after the hike. 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

MAY

Wed, May. 2, 2018 9:30 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Kings-ton Rd)

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, May. 4, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)

ORTA Map 5; 11+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Hilly loop hike Walker Woods east and beyond. Meet at parking lot on west side of Uxbridge Conc 7, 2 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.0394862, -79.0892224

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sat, May. 5, 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

Sun, May. 6, 2018 10:00 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Mead-owvale 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 Conser-vation Centre. GPS: 43.8190238, -79.1709644

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

Sun, May. 6, 2018 10:00 AM, Newmarket - Cawthra Mulock Nature Reserve (Bathurst St.)

5km; Moderate to fast; 2hrs.; Loop Hike exploring the nature reserve Reserve's parking lot, 500 m. west of Bathurst Street, 400 m. north of Green Lane. GPS: 44.071031, -79.511700

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

Sun, May. 6, 2018 2:15 PM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)

ORTA Map 5; Slow; 2hrs.; This nature oriented loop hike will focus on the diversity of the Secord Forest with its ponds, fields and streams and varied forest habitats. The hike follows the Ontario Nature Regional meeting in the Goodwood Community Centre. 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

Mon, May. 7, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit- Stouffville - YRF Porritt Tract - Pangman Springs (Kennedy Rd.)

ORTA Map 4; 7.5km; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; We will hike through this forest and to the Pangman Springs parking lot and hope to see many spring wild flowers in that area. Meeting in the YRF parking lot on the west side of Kennedy Rd. 550m. north from Aurora Rd. GPS: 44.031875, -79.347087

Cornelius Sommer, 905-953-7949 before 8 pm, 905 717 7641 hike day only

Wed, May. 9, 2018 9:30 AM, Bruce Trail - Hockley Valley (Hockley Rd)

17+km; Moderate to fast; 4.5+hrs.; T&B hike on Bruce Trail in Hock-ley Valley with side trails. Many steep hills through hardwood forest. Meet at the Bruce Trail parking area on the north side of Hockley Rd. Take Airport Rd 7 km north of Hwy 9, then west 6 km on Hockley Rd to parking area. GPS: 43.972854, -80.055899

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

Fri, May. 11, 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, May. 12, 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

Mon, May. 14, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Join us on this scenic walk through the Durham Forest to the Skyloft Tract. Moderate hills through mature mixed forest. Dogs welcome. Join us for lunch later. 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, May. 16, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit - Stouffville - Whitchurch CA. (Aurora Rd.)

ORTA Map 4; 6km; Slow; 2hrs.; We will hike into the Robinson tract forest to look for, identify, and photo spring wild flowers. Meeting in the parking lot on south side of Aurora Rd. 1.1Km. west from Kenne-dy Rd. GPS: 44.024246, -79.358470

Cornelius Sommer, 905-953-7949 before 8 pm, 905 717 7641 hike day only

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Wed, May. 16, 2018 9:30 PM, Clarington - Clarington East (Darlington-Clarke)

ORTA Map 8; 19+km; Moderate to fast; 5hrs.; There and back with side trails some road walking. Meet at road side parking area, Darlington-Clark Town line and Darlington conc. 8. GPS: 44.035838, -78.682405

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Thu, May. 17, 2018 7:00 PM, ORTA Event - Discovery Night - Ballantrae Community Centre

ORTA Map 4; Karen Stephenson invites us to enrich our diets by foraging for healthy edible plants in the wild, or our backyards. Meet in Community Centre, on north side of Aurora Road, 1Km east from Hwy #48. GPS: 44.040733, -79.286552

Fri, May. 18, 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. 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, May. 19, 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

Sun, May. 20, 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)

Wed, May. 23, 2018 10:00 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

17+km; Moderate to fast; Warkworth lilac festival hike. A car shuttle will be required between the meeting place and the hike start location. Please be prepared to be a car shuttle driver. To register for this hike and obtain directions to the meeting place contact Malcolm.hann@sympatico.ca. This hike is at the height of the Lilac blossom season. We will hike from a location close to Castleton ending in Warkworth where we will stroll along Warkworth's Millenium Trail to admire the beauty of many lilac shrubs. If not reflected elsewhere in this information, contact the hike leader for the meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

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

Fri, May. 25, 2018 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)

10km; Moderate to fast; 2hrs.; There and back some hilly sections. Meet in the park on the west side of West Duffins Creek, south side of Whitevale Rd in the village of Whitevale. GPS: 43.8865, -79.1628

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sat, May. 26, 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

Mon, May. 28, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Always a favourite, visit the ponds, streams and shady trails of Secord and Goodwood Forests. Some moderate hills. Well mannered dogs welcome to bring their owners. Join us for lunch after the hike. Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766

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

Wed, May. 30, 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

JUNE

Fri, Jun. 1, 2018 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: 44.0604749881, -79.3080759980

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sat, Jun. 2, 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

Sun, Jun. 3, 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)

Sun, Jun. 3, 2018 1:30 PM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)

ORTA Map 5; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; The moderate hills of the Durham Forest and Skyloft Tract will be an excellent spring hike. Dogs welcome to bring their owners. 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, Jun. 6, 2018 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury- YRF Bendor & Graves (McCowan Rd)

8km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; A loop hike starting in the new plantation area before heading into the forest proper. 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

Cornelius Sommer, 905-953-7949 before 8 pm, 905 717 7641 hike day only

Wed, Jun. 6, 2018 9:30 AM, Caledon - Forks of the Credit (Forks of the Credit Rd.)

17km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; Scenic, hilly, Devils Pulpit. Some road. Bring drinks/snacks/lunch. From Hurontario St (Rd #10), west on Forks of the Credit Rd (Rd 11) for about 4.5 km. Roadside parking, north side, just east of Dominion Rd. GPS: 43.803109, -79.993832

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

Fri, Jun. 8, 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, Jun. 9, 2018 8:00 AM, ORTA Event - Adventure Relay - 160 Km from Gores Landing to King City

Canoe, run or cycle with your team on the full or half Adventure Relay, ORTA's major annual fundraising event along the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail. Check details on the ORTA website. GPS: 44.12010, -78.23621

Mon, Jun. 11, 2018 9:30 AM, Vaughan - Woodbridge - Trails (Rutherford Rd)

8km; Slow to moderate; 3hrs.; We will walk the trails in Boyd Park. Bring snack and water. No dogs please. Cell 416-320-8555. e-mail tjshelvey@yahoo.com Meet in the Pierre Berton Library parking lot, 350 m. east from the intersection of Islington Avenue and Rutherford Road. GPS: 43.817958, -79.596205

Tessa Shelvey, 416-320-8555

Wed, Jun. 13, 2018 9:30 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest north (Finnerty SR)

ORTA Map 1; 14km; Moderate to fast; 3hrs.; The hike will circle several trails in the Palgrave Forest and include some unexpected treasures. The trail is good but there are some moderate hills. Bring water and something to snack/eat along the way. 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

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

Fri, Jun. 15, 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, Jun. 16, 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, Jun. 16, 2018 2:00 PM, Leader's Choice Hike

7km; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; We will hike 2km east along the Caledon Railway trail from Inglewood to the Ken Whillans Resource Management Area. After exploring the trails in this area we will return back the same way. Directions: From Brampton go north on Hwy #10 until Old Baseline Road. Turn left (west) on Old Baseline and follow until McLaughlin Road. Go north about 500m until you reach a parking lot on the east side of the railway tracks just south of the town of Inglewood. e-mail inquiries to tjshelvey@yahoo.com. Bring snacks and water. No dogs please. 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



Sun, Jun. 17, 2018 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)

Wed, Jun. 20, 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, Jun. 22, 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. 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, Jun. 23, 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

Wed, Jun. 27, 2018 9:30 AM, Markham - Bob Hunter Memorial Park

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

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Fri, Jun. 29, 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, Jun. 30, 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

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