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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On Thursday April 27th we hosted our 25th anniversary meeting. The event was held at the Goodwood Community Centre, a change of venue from past years when we used the hall at All Saints church in King City. The turnout was excellent and the business meeting proceeded smoothly and quickly. Congratulations to those recognized for their contributions to ORTA.

Our Guest speaker, David Crombie, who had addressed the members at both the initial meeting of what

would become ORTA, the tenth year, and now our 25th anniversary, gave a powerful address to the members. More details are available elsewhere in this issue.

Wearing my other hat as a Hike Ontario Hike Leader Instructor, I recently delivered a training session for 16 prospective hike leader candidates. We had the use of the amazing Bill Fisch Education Centre courtesy of the York Regional Forest Authority and enjoyed an engaging and rewarding day both in the classroom and on the nearby trails. Fourteen of those attending were ORTA members, a talented bunch indeed, who will go on to become excellent hike leaders.

Congratulations to the following individuals who are now Certified Hike Leaders:

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| Noel Bain | Jane Hu |
| Rhys Beak | Mark Humphrey |
| Muriel Cober | Nancy Marr |
| Bruce Cohen | Kelly Mathews |
| Reza Farmand | Ed Millar |
| David Fowler | Bill Patterson |
| Adeline Griffen | Leila Ram |

Watch for them leading hikes on the trails and acknowledge their accomplishment and dedication!

Kevin Lowe, President



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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.)

NORTHERN LIGHTS NORWAY

February 14 to 24, 2018

Capture some of the most fascinating and fun adventures Norway is known for like cross-country skiing, dog-sledding and snowmobiling plus Mother Nature's lightshow - the Aurora Borealis (a.k.a. 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 a little cultural exploration.

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AMALFI COAST, ITALY

TWO DEPARTURES: April 9 to 21, 2018 and October 8 to 20, 2018

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

PROVENCE & COTE D'AZUR

April 2018

French provincial charm and Mediterranean opulence combine in the South of France for "une experience magnifique". Beginning in Avignon in Provence, hike under the jagged ridge of Les Dentelles de Montmirail, descend into the Nature Reserve of Gorge Du Gardon and visit the famous Roman aqueduct, the Pont du Gard. Then it's over to the luxurious Cote d'Azur to explore the "villages perchés", like Eze and Peillon with their narrow cobblestone lanes, church squares & communal washing stations. Contrast that with a coastal hike around Cap Ferrat, where some of the world's wealthiest people call home. Plenty to see & do including Nice, Grasse (perfume capital of the world) & Monte Carlo, so grab a baguette & come!

ALSO IN 2018

Camino de Santiago * Corfu (Greece) * Ireland * Slovenija * Iceland * Canadian Maritimes * Iceland * Japan * Norway

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FOR THE LOVE OF BIRDS & NATURE, 17th BIRDATHON

This past May I completed my 17th Birdathon in support of the Oak Ridges Trail Association. What is a 'birdathon' you ask? It is a Canada-wide event, organized by Bird Studies Canada (BSC), that has taken place each May since 1976. The 'birder' (that's me) chooses a day in May and spends up to 24-hours outdoors identifying as many bird species by sight or sound as possible. The month of May is chosen as it is the peak of migration and provides the best opportunity to see a large number of species - and the birds are a bit easier to find as they are in their bright breeding plumage. Since a portion of the funds I raise are given to ORTA I undertake my Birdathon hiking the Oak Ridges Trail.

Can you help me reach my fundraising goal? I set a target of **\$1250** and as I write this I have raised just over 50% of my goal. If you can pledge support for my 17th Birdathon please contact me at diana.piche@sympatico.ca or visit my fundraising page, hosted by BSC, at <http://birdscanada.kintera.org/birdathon/diana4orta>

- **All donations of \$10 or more** automatically receive a **tax receipt** from BSC; and
- Donations over \$35 also receive a one year subscription to Bird Watch Canada (4 issues)

With your support I look forward to another successful BIRDATHON. For more information on BSC please go to their website at: <http://bsc-eoc.org>

A bit about BSC:

Their mission is to conserve the wild birds of Canada through sound science, on-the-ground actions, innovative partnerships, public engagement, and science-based advocacy.

They are a national charity built on the contributions of thousands of supporters and Citizen Scientists. Using data from volunteer monitoring programs and targeted research, scientists identify significant population changes and direct conservation planning.

Their head office is located in Port Rowan Ontario and they operate banding stations in Long Point on the shores of Lake Erie. If you have an interest in birds or just enjoy watching them I strongly encourage you to take a road trip to Long Point.



Ruffed Grouse

Their banding season usually runs from April 1st - June 15th and August 15th - November 15th. Banding occurs 7 days per week and the visitor centre is open from 9am - noon. Owl banding occurs every evening in the fall starting about the end of September until early November. The public is welcome to attend the banding station for that - starting each day about one hour after sunset.

Diana Piche

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF PROTECTION FOR THE OAK RIDGES MORAINÉ AT QUEEN'S PARK

On Monday April 24th, 2017, Klaus Wehrenberg and Michele Donnelly of ORTA were honoured to join Ontario Nature, EcoSpark, STORM Coalition, Earthroots and other advocates for the moraine to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP) at Queens Park.

Julia Munro, MPP for York Simcoe, acknowledged all of these groups in the Legislature: "It is my pleasure to rise today to acknowledge an important milestone that has had a long-lasting impact on the protection and conservation of our important natural heritage and water resources in southern Ontario. This weekend was the 15th anniversary of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. I am pleased, as a long-standing member of this House, to have been here on December 13, 2001, when the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act received third reading by an all-party unanimous vote...On behalf of the countless numbers of community groups and individuals, I'd like to say thank you. To my colleagues in this House, I urge you to continue to build on the legacy laid down by our government 15 years ago."



Debbe Crandall of STORM Coalition notes "This anniversary is an important moment to take stock of how far we've come and where we need to go to protect all vulnerable water supply areas across the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Please continue to support our efforts to protect other moraine systems across the Greater Golden Horseshoe."

AGM 2017

By Lissa Dwyer

Our Annual General Meeting held on April 27th, 2017 at the Goodwood Community Centre drew one of the biggest audiences ever - almost 100 people attended! Hikers who joined Brian Millage to travel the Secord Tract were greeted with delicious refreshments just as the rest of our guests arrived. This meeting provides an opportunity to thank and recognize everyone who participates in the organization without whom ORTA could not function. It truly takes an army to complete all the tasks that allow us all to enjoy our experience. From selling the 50/50 tickets at the door, setting out trays of sandwiches and treats and welcoming our guests at the door, even the AGM needs a lot of help to pull off! Kudos to all!

The formalities of the meeting included a review of the accomplishments by the various Chapter Chairs and Regional Director, all found inside the Annual Report which will be available online or at Discovery Night. Bob Alexander, our Treasurer explained the successful review of our financial picture by Paul Stainton. Malcolm Hann's Hike report revealed that over 350 hikes with almost 4,000 hikers travelled almost 40,000 km!

Known to most avid hikers, Klaus Wehrenberg was welcomed to the Board. A tireless advocate for trail network, preferably off road, Klaus will bring a fresh perspective to this new role.

Following the official meeting and a chance to top up our glasses, we welcomed Toronto's former mayor and current Commissioner for the Waterfront Trail Foundation, the Honourable David Crombie. David was part of the original meeting which contributed to the formation of ORTA, then delivered a keynote address at the 10th Anniversary celebrations. For the record, he has promised to be there for us again when we celebrate our 35th Anniversary! He expressed great pride in the success of ORTA and all the people who contribute so much to make it work. He positioned ORTA as being on the forefront of the revolution in building a positive relationship with nature. Reflecting back many years, he honoured Charles Sauriol as a pioneer trail advocate and Jane Jacobs who encouraged people to be aware and participate in their communities. He suggested that ORTA was continuing their legacy (fine company indeed!) Bringing his thoughts into a contemporary framework, he suggested that just as Toronto is largely defined by its waterfront, the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail also contributes enormously to the quality of life for all. These contributions extend beyond the physical to the economic, ecological and social, all of which are interdependent. Several members had excellent questions which he deftly answered. His charisma was very much appreciated by all.



Commendation award presented to Bill Pressmar from Wilma Millage and Kevin Lowe.

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ANNUAL 2017 AWARDS

Lifetime Achievement Award

Russ Burton

Adventure Relay competitor, providing bar service (and revenue); one of the most popular hike leaders

Commendation Awards

Lena McDonell

Enabling IBM grant for Western trail kiosk trailhead

Bill Morrison

Current co-chair of Scugog Chapter

Monica Rothman

One of first Adventure Relay checkpoint captains; Initially served as co-chair of Scugog Chapter

Bill Pressmar

Great example of an 80+ gentleman enjoying hikes and serving as Relay volunteer and in trail maintenance

Trail Builder Award

Dave Whiffen

New Caledon member took charge of trail maintenance in Caledon Chapter

Outstanding Member of the Year

Kelly Matthews

Seneca College Manager, completed Fastest ever End to End on Oak Ridges Moraine Trail, dedicating funds raised to ORTA and Seneca College's building project



Congratulations go to Joan Taylor and Russ Burton, as two more ORTA members are presented their 25 Hikes Badge from Wilma Millage. You too can earn this coveted badge by completing 25 hikes lead by ORTA this year. Please visit the website or ask a hike leader for more information.

CHAMPIONS

January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017
Thank you to all donors who have made
donations of \$10.00 or more.

Bird Studies Canada	Renate Jeulich
Elinor Allison	Hedy Lannois
Brenda & Paul Arkell	Gino & Eda Mancini
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Margaret Brock	Ed Millar
Robin Butler	Grace Moores
Patricia Chinell	Barbara Muirhead
Song Choo	Garry Neice & Grace Stanley
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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.

NEW MEMBERS

ORTA welcomed the following individual and family
memberships during our last quarter, January to March 2017.

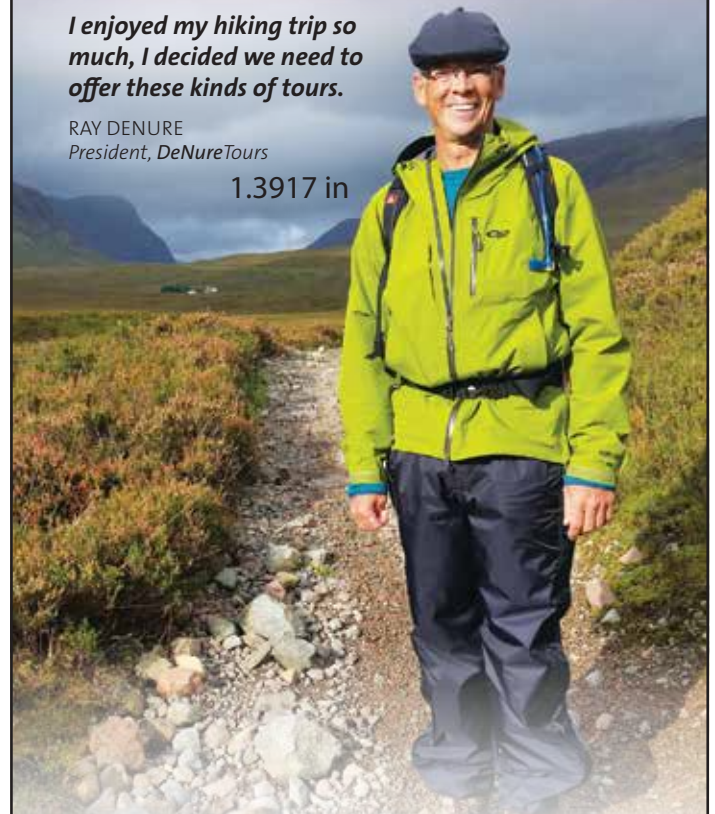
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*I enjoyed my hiking trip so
much, I decided we need to
offer these kinds of tours.*

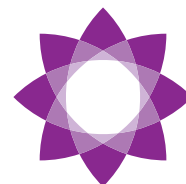
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CELEBRATE 25 YEARS WITH ORTA—1992–2017

This is a big year- ORTA is 25, the BTA is 50 and Canada is 150 years young! Let's celebrate by inviting friends out on trail to appreciate all that Canada's environment has to offer. ORTA is again on track to offer over 300 guided hikes across the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail and elsewhere. Come and join the fun!

The ORTA 25th Anniversary committee has been busy planning special events to make this a memorable year. Start with the AGM on April 27 as David Crombie, former mayor of Toronto and long-time trail supporter, is our featured speaker. David was there at the ORTA beginning, spoke at our 10th AGM and now at our 25th. Paul Jarvis has been collecting memorable photos for a DVD retrospective of the first 25 years— did we really look that young? We recently had a long-time member return and comment on the impressive changes that have occurred: 270km+ of trail, 300+ hikes, website, Relay, Discovery Nights. Sometimes you just have to step back and take a look at the progress.

Stan Butcher has also been very busy creating a video history of the Oak Ridges Trail Association. He is planning to create a DVD, available later in the year, and hopes to present it at a fall Discovery Night. Copies will be prized keepsakes for ORTA members. Thanks Stan for all your work!

The Challenge- Will you earn the ORTA 25 Year Crest? The proposal was made to the Board, and endorsed, that a special crest would be designed for our 25th, to be earned by participating in 25 ORTA guided hikes anytime during 2017. The aim is to encourage ORTA hikers and others to experience many different trails and meet the leaders who plan the hikes, on the Moraine or elsewhere. A tracking sheet is available on the ORTA website under the "Hike" heading.. Just list hike dates, locations and leaders, all on the usual honour system. Present your completed tracking sheet at the AGM or later Discovery Nights to collect your 25 Year Crest. Some folks have got 15 or more on their list already.

HIKE RENDEZVOUS- This major event is still in the planning stages but should be something to look forward to this fall. Numerous hikes will be planned and led by ORTA hike leaders in the Uxbridge region. The fall colours will help us celebrate and hikers will have the option of joining friends and visitors on one of the scenic trails in Durham; slow- moderate- fast, your choice. Each leader will plan their route to finish , then go to the Rendezvous site nearby for food, pix, drinks and a social with old and new friends. Watch for details in the next edition of Trail Talk. See you on trail—and bring some friends!

Brian, Wilma, Kevin, Sara, Lise, Lissa, Weibo

A MEANINGFUL ALTERNATIVE

As part of ORTA's program to Celebrate Life's Milestones or In Memory of friends or family, a gift was received:

in honour of
Lissa Dwyer

in memory of
Fiona Cowles

in memory of
Harvey Kingelin

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



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ORTA SUMMER 2017 HIKE SCHEDULE

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF HIKES LISTED ON THE ORTA WEBSITE. OCCASIONALLY THERE ARE ADDITIONAL HIKES OR CORRECTIONS ADDED AFTER PRESS TIME.

- Remember that it is your responsibility to dress appropriately! Hat, gloves, gaiters, umbrella, may be needed. Wear sturdy hiking boots appropriate to changing precipitation and temperature; no cotton socks, use a liner sock plus a hiking sock. Dress in layers as conditions can vary widely within a short time or distance. Waterproof boots, jacket and pants recommended. Hiking poles optional.
- Keep these in the car: plastic bags for muddy boots, spare footwear, spare dry/warm clothes.
- Drinks and snacks recommended for all hikes and lunch may be needed for longer ones.
- Dogs: It is the hike leader's decision whether to allow dogs on hikes. If not specified in the hike listing, call the leader beforehand. Many landowners regulate that dogs shall be on leash. ORTA hikers and leaders will adhere to this policy. In all cases, dogs are expected to be well mannered and under strict control by their owners, out of consideration and safety for fellow hikers, other trail users and the environment.
- Winter Months: Late fall, winter and early spring are characterized by variable and unpredictable weather and trail conditions, in particular ice and snow. Conditions on the trail will often vary significantly from those outside your front door. For hiker and group safety, based on trail conditions, hike leaders may require participants to use icers or snowshoes to participate in the hike. If concerned, contact hike leader beforehand.
- In case of inclement weather, call the hike leader to confirm the hike.
- Be aware that parking areas are public places; refrain from keeping ANY valuables in your car.

HIKERS SHOULD ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE ADVERTISED HIKE TIME.

JULY

Sat, Jul. 1, 2017 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, Jul. 1, 2017 10:00 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

8km; Slow to moderate; 3hrs.; Glen Haffy Conservation Park: We will explore the trails in this pretty conservation area. Nice views, mostly in the forest, terrain is variable with a few hills. No dogs please. This is a joint hike with the Caledon Hills hiking club. Meeting place: Roadside parking on Coolihan Sideroad. Directions: From Hwy 7 go north on Airport Road to Town of Caledon East, then continue north about 9 km to Coolihan Sdrd. Turn right on Coolihan for 2 km, then park on the road at intersection of Coolihan and Glen Haffy Rd. e-mail inquiries: tjshelvey@yahoo.com Contact the hike leader for meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

Tessa Shelvey, 416-320-8555

Wed, Jul. 5, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)

ORTA Map 5; 10+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

Fri, Jul. 7, 2017 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, Jul. 8, 2017 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, Jul. 9, 2017 9:30 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)

ORTA Map 2; 8km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; We will go from Keele St. to Seneca and through the forest trails to the lake. There are some rough and hilly sections. Well behaved dogs welcome. Marianne encourages a love of nature, so bring your camera as we will stop to admire the wildflowers and the view. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220, -79.535400

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

Mon, Jul. 10, 2017 9:30 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest (Hwy 50)

ORTA Map 1; 8.2km; Slow to moderate; 3hrs.; This T&B hike will follow the main Oak Ridges Trail/Caledon Trailway/Trans Canada Trail easterly to Mt. Pleasant Rd. and then return. From Hwy 50 to Mt. Pleasant Road, the trail is a former rail line so is dead flat. Bring along water and a snack for the trail. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Note: if any hikers are interested in beginning an End-to-End, a few individuals will be hiking 5.5 km from the east to join our group at Mt. Pleasant Rd for the return to Palgrave. Contact the hike leader for information on this option and check the hike calendar for other "make-up" hikes. 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

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

Wed, Jul. 12, 2017 9:30 AM, Bruce Trail - Mono Cliffs (Mono Centre)

16+km; Moderate to fast; 4.5+hrs.; Loop walk along sections of Bruce Trail through diverse hilly landscape with many geological features. Meet at the Mono Community Centre parking area, 100m S of Mono Centre. Take Airport Rd 12.7 km north of Hwy 9, then west 6 km on C.R. 8 (Mono Centre Rd) through village of Mono Centre to parking area. GPS: 44.0267861, -80.0720156

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

Fri, Jul. 14, 2017 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley (Weston & 16th Sdrd)

ORTA Map 2; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Loop hike some hills Meet at roadside parking northeast corner of Weston Rd & 16th Sdrd. GPS: 43.954224, -79.586575

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sat, Jul. 15, 2017 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, Jul. 17, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Somewhat hilly, forested trails in Durham Forest and Skyloft Tract. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Meet at parking lot on west side of Uxbridge Conc 7, 2 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.0394862, -79.0892224

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

Wed, Jul. 19, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit) New

ORTA Map 5; 16km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; Loop hike with lots of hills Meet at parking lot on east side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Town Line or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.006009, -79.101922

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Fri, Jul. 21, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Durham Forest (Conc. 7)

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Hilly loop hike including Skyloft. Meet in the Durham Forest parking area on the east side of the 7th Conc. 1 km south of Durham Rd 21. GPS: 44.050009, -79.093841

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sat, Jul. 22, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

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

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Mon, Jul. 24, 2017 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Walk these wide shaded trails to the ponds of the Scout Tract. Well mannered dogs are welcome to bring their owners. Lunch after. 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

Wed, Jul. 26, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)

ORTA Map 5; 15+km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; Sideways hike. The hike will take a circular rout covering the Al Shaw and Allbright Side Trails. Bring water, snacks and lunch. 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

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

Fri, Jul. 28, 2017 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)

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

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sat, Jul. 29, 2017 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, Jul. 31, 2017 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury - YRF Bendor & Graves (Kennedy Rd)

Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Hike these well shaded, easy trails in York Region Forest. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Meet in the parking area at the dead end of Kennedy Rd, north of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.087113, -79.360133

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

LEGEND

HIKE TERRAIN: Easy = mostly flat, good footing. Challenging = some hills and/or poor footing. Strenuous = hills with steep climbs

CA = conservation area

T&B = there and back hike

YRF - York Regional Forest

TRCA - Toronto & Region Conservation Authority

BT - Bruce Trail Conservancy

PP - Provincial Park

Select hikes most suitable for your ability:

Slow 3km/h Fast 5km/h

Moderate 4km/h Very Fast 6km/h

AUGUST

Wed, Aug. 2, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)

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

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Fri, Aug. 4, 2017 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike with some hilly sections. 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, Aug. 5, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

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

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Wed, Aug. 9, 2017 9:30 AM, King - Cold Creek Conservation Area (Conc. 11)

7km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; This is a very picturesque hike with forests, fields and ponds. Some hilly sections. Well behaved dogs welcome. Marianne encourages a love of nature, so bring your camera as we will stop to admire the wildflowers and the view. Meet at park entrance east side of Concession 11, 3.5 Km north from King Road. GPS: 43.919444, -79.706778

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

Wed, Aug. 9, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)

ORTA Map 5; 16+km; Moderate to fast; 3+hrs.; Sideways hike. T&B trek covering the Secord Forest, White Family, Goodwood and Glasgow Side Trails. Bring snacks a drink and lunch. Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766

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

Fri, Aug. 11, 2017 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

Fri, Aug. 11, 2017 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)

Moderate; 2.5hrs.; T & B hike, along the banks of East Duffin's Creek. Village of Whitevale, at parking lot on southside of Whitevale Road, west of Duffin's Creek. Meet in the park on the west side of West Duffin's Creek, south side of Whitevale Rd in the village of Whitevale. GPS: 43.8865, -79.1628

Adeline Griffin, cell phone on hike day only 416 985 9572

Sat, Aug. 12, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

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

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Mon, Aug. 14, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Join us on these beautiful mixed forest trails with ponds and streams to view. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. 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, Aug. 16, 2017 9:30 AM, Lindsay - Pontypool Fleetwood Creek (Wild Turkey Rd)

14+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; Three loop hikes depending on time and conditions Take highway 35 and turn east on Ballyduff Road. Meet in road side parking on the south west corner of Ballyduff and Wild Turkey Roads. GPS: 44.142627, -78.621845

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Fri, Aug. 18, 2017 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, Aug. 19, 2017 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, Aug. 21, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Durham Forest (Conc. 7)

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Enjoy the company of fellow hikers on the forested and hilly trails of Durham Forest. Bring along water and a snack for the trail. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. 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

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

Wed, Aug. 23, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)

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

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

Fri, Aug. 25, 2017 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, Aug. 26, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

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

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Mon, Aug. 28, 2017 9:30 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest north (Finnerty SR)

ORTA Map 1; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Moderate hills in this beautiful forested area with ponds and meadows. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. 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, Aug. 30, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)

ORTA Map 5; 10+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

SEPTEMBER

Fri, Sep. 1, 2017 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, Sep. 2, 2017 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, Sep. 4, 2017 9:30 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)

ORTA Map 2; 8km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; We will hike over to Eaton Hall Lake, go around the lake and back the same way. No dogs please. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA sign. Lunch after in King City. 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, Sep. 6, 2017 9:30 AM, Scarborough - Highland Creek (Morningside Park)

17km; Moderate to fast; 4.5hrs.; Loop. A pleasant walk in Scarborough's treed valleys and parks, residential streets of Guildwood and along Lake Ontario shoreline. Bring water, lunch/snacks. Meet in the first parking lot of Morningside Park in Scarborough. From Hwy 401, S on Morningside Ave, 0.5 km S of Ellesmere Rd. on W side. GPS: 43.779292, -79.193048

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

Fri, Sep. 8, 2017 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, Sep. 9, 2017 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, Sep. 9, 2017 10:00 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

Sun, Sep. 10, 2017 11:00 AM, Leader's Choice Hike

8km; Moderate; 4hrs.; Car Pool from Hwy 88/Hwy 400 at 9.30 am. Drive to Hardy Lake parking lot for 8 km Loop Hike around Hardy Lake. This is a wilderness hike. Swim at half way point. Bring lunch. Contact the hike leader for meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

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

Mon, Sep. 11, 2017 9:30 AM, Whit- Stouffville - YRF Porritt Tract - Pangman Springs (Kennedy Rd.)

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Dogs welcome. Shady, moderate hills. 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



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Mon, Sep. 11, 2017 10:00 AM, Beausoleil Island – Various Trails (Georgian Bay Islands National Park)

16+km; Fast; 8+hrs.; There is a ferry ride to Beausoleil Island (fee \$10.00) This hike is by reservation only. You must have hiked previously with Malcolm. The ferry is limited to 20 persons. We will be on the Island for 5 hours with time to hike several trails and take a relaxing swim. Please contact Malcolm Hann (malcolm.hann@sympatico.ca) make you reservation. Note, this hike had been well attended for the last several years. Don't leave you reservation too late. Take Hwy #400 north to Port Seven. Turn onto Honey Harbor Rd. (Muskoka Rd. 5) for 13Km. Turn left (west) into DayTripper parking area. GPS: 44.867367 , -79.821628

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

Wed, Sep. 13, 2017 9:30 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Kingston Rd)

12km; Moderate to fast; 2hrs.; Bring a snack and if the weather is hot and humid make sure you bring enough water for the activity We will snack on the trail. There is no plan to have a full blown lunch stop. 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

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

Fri, Sep. 15, 2017 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, Sep. 16, 2017 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

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

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sun, Sep. 17, 2017 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley (Weston & 16th Sdrd)

ORTA Map 2; 7km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Oak Ridges Trail, Love Mountain and Humber Source Woods. Beautiful forests and meadows with some hilly sections. Well behaved dogs welcome. Marianne encourages a love of nature so we stop to admire the view and take photos. Meet at roadside parking northeast corner of Weston Rd & 16th Sdrd. GPS: 43.954224, -79.586575

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

Sun, Sep. 17, 2017 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)

Wed, Sep. 20, 2017 9:30 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest (Hwy 50)

ORTA Map 1; 18+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; T & B Hike with from Palgrave CA to new terminus of Oak Ridges Trail . Experience this great addition to ORMT. Hilly with great views. 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

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

Wed, Sep. 20, 2017 9:30 AM, King - Cold Creek Conservation Area (Conc. 11)

6km; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Noel Bain 905-470-8425 Meet at park entrance east side of Concession 11, 3.5 Km north from King Road. GPS: 43.919444 , -79.706778

Gail Dutchak, 905-737-6675, cell phone on day of hike 647-377-1913

Fri, Sep. 22, 2017 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, Sep. 23, 2017 12:00 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, Sep. 24, 2017 10:00 AM, Clarington - Ganaraska Forest (Micro Rd)

ORTA Map 8; 8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; ORTA Map 8; loop hike to Tower Hill ; dress for the weather ; bring water and a snack; From Hwy 115, exit at Boundary Rd (first exit north of exit to Hwy 35). Go east approx. 1.5 km to meet at Micro Rd. roadside parking. GPS: 44.082972, -78.587273

Grace Moores, 905-263-4340

Mon, Sep. 25, 2017 9:30 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)

ORTA Map 2; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; An end-of-summer hike through the beautiful Mary Lake property of the Augustinian Order. Some gentle hills. Property owners permit no dogs. Lunch option following the hike. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220 , -79.535400

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

Wed, Sep. 27, 2017 9:30 PM, Clarington - Clarington East (Darlington-Clarke)

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

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Fri, Sep. 29, 2017 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike some hills Meet at parking lot on east side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Town Line or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.006009 , -79.101922

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sat, Sep. 30, 2017 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

OCTOBER

Sun, Oct. 1, 2017 12:00 PM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)

ORTA Map 5; 16+km; 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

Sun, Oct. 1, 2017 2:00 PM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Join us on our First Hike Rendezvous to celebrate ORTA's 25th Anniversary. After our hike through this beautiful area of forest, ponds and streams we will join other hikers at the Goodwood Community Centre for a potluck dinner. Bring your favourite dish to share with other hikers. Meet at 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, Oct. 4, 2017 9:30 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Kingston Rd)

16km; 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

Wed, Oct. 11, 2017 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

WANTED, HARDY HIKERS FOR HARDY LAKE WILDERNESS HIKE

September 10, 2017, 11 am
Pace: Moderate

Distance: 8km
Duration: 4hrs.

Additional Instructions: Car Pool from Hwy 88/Hwy 400 at 9.30 am. Drive to Hardy Lake parking lot for 8 km loop hike around Hardy Lake. This is a wilderness hike, a jewel in the Muskokas that is forever protected for public exploration. Half way around the trail is a swimming opportunity at the



Skinny Dippers Bridge. Bring lunch. Finishing about 3pm, we will head for the Wolf's Den Café and Eatery in Gravenhurst for post hike refreshments.

For more information and highlights of this natural environmental park, or to sign up for this hike, please contact David Francis at david.francis.trails@gmail.com

SPECIAL OUT-OF-TOWN HIKE

Join us on Monday September 11 for a fast hike on Beausoleil Island in the Georgian Bay National Park.

We will be on Beausoleil Island for 5 hours giving adequate time to hike 16+km of trails, relax in the beautiful island scenery and swim before returning to the mainland.

Ferry boat capacity limits the hike to no more than 20 hikers. The cost for the ferry boat ride is \$10.00 (payable in advance).

The hike is by reservation only. You must have hiked previously with Malcolm. If you wish to participate and have not hiked with Malcolm, join me on one of my fast Wednesday hikes (see the ORTA hike calendar for schedule) letting me know your interest in hiking Beausoleil Island with me in September.

Contact Malcolm Hann 905-477-7260 (any day before 10:00PM) to reserve your place.

I will organize a car shuttle for those who need it from Newmarket to the hike meeting place on Georgian Bay and provide driving instructions for those who wish to drive alone.

Malcolm Hann

ORTA HISTORY

In the early days of Harold's Wednesday Hike program a frequent participant became known as The Chocolate Lady! Do you remember her? Why? What was her name?

If you know the answers, or if you have other special reminiscences of ORTA activities, please send to me at history@oakridgestrail.org. Thanks,

Stan Butcher

ORTA AROUND THE WORLD: VIMY MEMORIAL – 2017

In April, four ORTA members visited the Vimy Ridge Memorial near Arras in northern France on the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the significant Canadian victory near the end of WW1. It has been described as one of the achievements and sacrifices that helped to forge our nation. Wilma and Brian, and Bob and Judy, arrived at the site on a sunny April morning and were immediately greeted by a double flypast of 3 replica




France and the Vimy Memorial, designed by Walter Allward, took 11 years to build and was restored in 2007. The gleaming white pillars and statues tower above the surrounding landscape. A week after our peaceful visit, more than 25,000 Canadians visited to pay tribute to their memory of the fallen. The monument evokes strong feelings as the inscription reads-"To the valour of their countrymen in the Great War and

WW1 biplanes. A Canadian student gave us a personal tour, sharing the history and the importance of Canada's role in ending the Great War. The historic grounds were donated to Canada by

in the memory of their 60000 dead this monument is raised by the people of Canada."





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ORTA MEMBERS TRAINED IN INVASIVE SPECIES REPORTING

by Frank Alexander



Trail Captain and Whitchurch-Stouffville co-chair Jim Rhyness pulls back a slingshot to hurl a rubber ball into the branches of a tree infected by Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. The idea is that the woolly egg sacs would attach to the Velcro on the balls. This method is used since hemlock can grow so tall and the species is so tiny that early detection is key but visual monitoring is a challenge.

Twenty-five ORTA hike leaders and trail captains attended an Invasive Species Workshop on Saturday, April 29, hosted by Invasive Species Specialist Dayna Laxton of York Region Forestry. Dayna was aided by Colin Cassin and Kellie Sherman of the Ontario Invasive Plant Council (OIPC).

This Early Detection and Rapid Response workshop armed ORTA members with the knowledge and tools to identify and report invasive species. It combined classroom lectures with hands-on exercises in a lab environment where the participants learned to mock-up wood samples using hand drills with simulated tell-tale signs of infestation. In the afternoon, the group took a hike to the eastern part of the forest tract to spot simulated infected trees.

At the start of the hike, Colin pointed out a tree simulating infestation by Asian Long Horned Beetle with clear egg-laying (oviposition) sites and exit holes. This is on permanent display in the Hollidge tract and includes an accompanying sign giving detailed information.

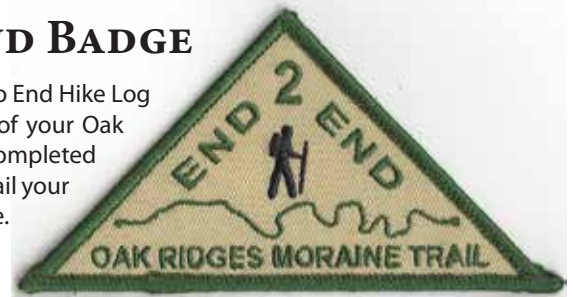
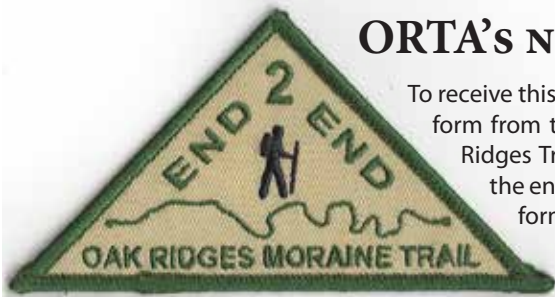
Near the stream in the eastern end of Hollidge, The 25 participants formed into teams to identify simulated egg clusters of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid high up in the Hemlock branches using binoculars. Next, the teams were given slingshots with balls covered in Velcro. They would sling the balls into the branches of the infected tree. If the shot was good, the ball would return with eggs stuck on the Velcro, confirming the tree was infected.

The ORTA members really enjoyed the combination of lectures and exercises. The hands-on sessions kept the interest high and made sure the information sank in. A must-have technical resource to take with you into the woods is the pocket-size 'Quick Reference Guide to Invasive Plant Species' available on the <http://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/> site which you can either order or download.

Many of the attendees look forward to incorporating invasive species reporting into their hike leading or trail maintenance duties. On the <http://www.edmaps.org/Ontario/> website, you can download either the Apple or Android app for your smartphone, or report sightings directly on the website. You can also call the Invading Species Hotline: 1-800-563-7711. Several attendees have already downloaded the app but you don't have to be a hike leader or trail captain to participate in Invasive Species reporting. Please consider getting involved yourself.

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TRAIL BITES – NATHAN’S RESTAURANT, COPPINS CORNERS



A welcome re-opening along the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail is Nathan's Restaurant in Coppin's Corners. In past years we all knew this as Fast Eddie's. Nathan and his wife come from a successful career in their Newmarket restaurant after emigrating from Sri Lanka 32 years ago. They have a full range of food on the menu from sandwiches, soups, salads and on to larger meals such as souvlaki and perogies. Wilma can attest to the delicious taste of the

perogies! Nathan "cooks with love," and you'll taste the result in this friendly location.

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