



Dufferin
Map #20 – Boyne Valley Springs reroute
 New Main Trail = 2.1 km
 New Side Trail = 450 m

In 2007, Chris Walker, the BTC Trail Director died suddenly of pancreatic cancer. Donations in his name helped to acquire the Boyne Valley Springs property in the beautiful Mulmur hills of Dufferin.

On Saturday October 24, 2009, more than 50 volunteers gathered to build the reroute of the main Trail on this land. Dufferin Trail Director Earl Cowan had done a masterful job of trail design: the route passes a bubbling brook, climbs through abandoned farm fields with lovely views into the Boyne Valley, and then enters a magnificent forest, now referred to as Walker's Woods. Along the volunteers were seven current or former Trail Directors from BTC clubs, each there with strong memories of all that Chris had meant to the organization. Seven of the BTC clubs had sent volunteers, as had the BTC's Flying Squad.

In the forest is posted a sign:

WALKER'S WOODS

This majestic hardwood forest has been named in memory of Chris Walker
Chris, a former Trail Director, was a long-time trail volunteer who did so much to help the Bruce Trail to achieve the optimum route and thus to preserve the beauty of the Niagara Escarpment for all of us to enjoy...

The trail description for the rerouted Trail is as follows:

At km 24.5 (25th Edition), the 2nd Line Road ends and the Trail continues north on the unopened road allowance. It soon curves right onto the Boyne Valley Springs property, recently purchased by the BTC. At 2nd Line ECL Side Trail exits left, and the main Trail swings east. A map posted at this location shows the reroute. 20 m past this intersection, look for two big Butternut trees on your right. They are endangered trees in Ontario. The Trail descends to Oliver Creek and follows the creek bank where it crosses a bridge and follows an old farm lane. 100 m past the

bridge, the Trail turns right off the lane and heads along the edge of the ravine to another old road. The Trail climbs a Queenstone Shale outcrop to the Southeast Lookout which gives a view over the Boyne Valley. It then follows the rim of the East Ravine to the north side of the Boyne Valley Springs property where it enters a tall hardwood forest. This area is named Walker's Woods, in memory of the former BTC Trail Director, Chris Walker. The Trail turns left and winds past the Walker's Woods Lookout where the cliffs of Mono Cliffs Provincial Park are visible on the horizon. The Trail continues west onto the 2nd Line Road allowance where it meets the north end of the 2nd Line ECL Side Trail (the former route of the main Trail)

2nd Line ECL Side Trail - 450 m

The route of the former main Trail, this side trail follows the unopened road allowance along the west side of the BTC's Boyne Valley Springs property. With the new route of the main Trail, it forms a 2.6 km loop.