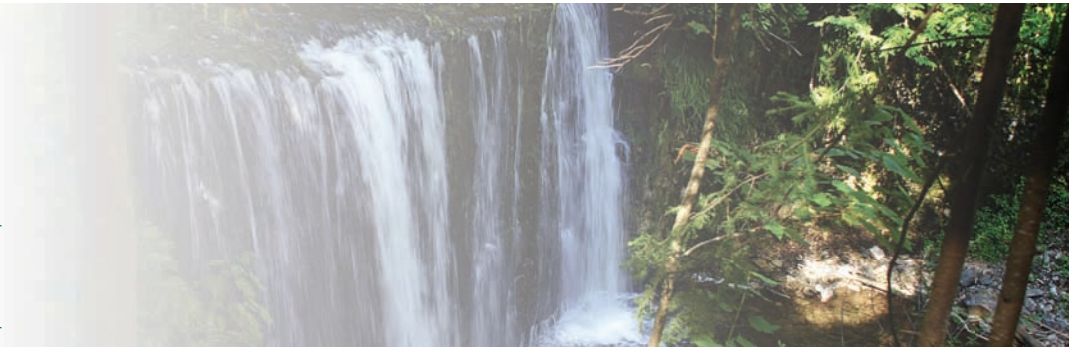




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THE BRUCE TRAIL CONSERVANCY



The Bruce Trail Conservancy is a charitable organization committed to establishing a conservation corridor containing a public footpath along the Niagara Escarpment, in order to protect its natural ecosystems and to promote environmentally responsible public access to this UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.

The Bruce Trail is the oldest and longest continuous footpath in Canada. It runs along the Niagara Escarpment from Niagara to Tobermory, spanning more than 885 km of main trail and 400 km of side trails.

BTC Land Acquisition Program

In order to ensure a secure and permanent Bruce Trail Conservation Corridor, the BTC acquires Niagara Escarpment land. Today almost 7,000 acres of Escarpment land are secured and managed by the BTC. This preserved land is cared for by Bruce Trail volunteers, with the support of a small BTC staff.

Many people don't realize that the Bruce Trail is not permanently secure, and that 52% of the Bruce Trail corridor is still vulnerable to development. The BTC is working to secure this corridor by receiving donations of land or by purchasing the land. Each year the BTC spends from \$1 to \$2 million on purchases, preserving hundreds of acres of Escarpment landscape and Bruce Trail corridor forever.

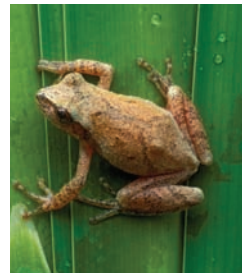
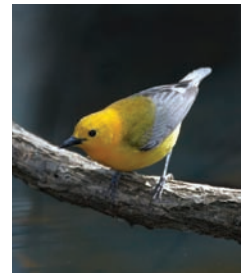
BTC Land Stewardship Program

The Bruce Trail Conservancy manages thousands of acres of Escarpment land. The BTC Land Stewardship Program was created in order to effectively care for this significant land, and is the largest program of its kind run by a non-government organization in Ontario's history.



Each Escarpment property secured by the BTC undergoes an ecological inventory, from which a Stewardship Plan is created. The Plan contains recommendations for responsible care of the property, including protection of flora and fauna and restoration of degraded habitats.

Volunteers are vital to the Land Stewardship Program. A volunteer Land Steward is assigned to each property. These dedicated volunteers care for the land in accordance with the Stewardship Plan. Land Stewards visit their assigned properties at least twice a year, complete annual reports on the conditions of the property, provide input into the stewardship plans, and help to organize and carry out stewardship activities such as tree planting in abandoned fields, garbage removal, and installing signs and fences.





Enjoy more of the Bruce Trail

Become a Member

As a member of the Bruce Trail Conservancy you are helping to sustain and maintain the Bruce Trail and are ensuring public access to the Niagara Escarpment's natural spaces. Benefits of membership include: access to club hiking programs, a charitable tax receipt for the full value of membership, discounts and special offers, Bruce Trail Magazine, Club newsletters, and voting privileges.

Try Volunteering

Volunteering with The Bruce Trail Conservancy allows you to choose from a variety of opportunities with various levels of commitment. From the boardroom to the Trail, more than 1,000 volunteers donate their time and talents to the Bruce Trail Conservancy. Visit our website for information on current volunteer opportunities.

Make a Donation

The Bruce Trail Conservancy is a registered charity and accepts donations of money, property and easements that contribute to the completion of a conservation corridor containing a public footpath along the Niagara Escarpment. Our goal is to protect in perpetuity the unique natural diversity of the Niagara Escarpment on behalf of all Ontarians.

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