

# Malcolm Bluff Shores

With the help of donors like you, we have saved a magnificent expanse of cliff, forest and shoreline at Malcolm Bluff Shores.

Located just 20 km east of Warton, Ontario, Malcolm Bluff Shores is a masterpiece of physical and biological diversity.

Malcolm Bluff Shores' 1,045 acres are home to wonders unlike any other. Fossils from an ancient coral reef lie hidden in the cobbles at the shoreline; a rocky terrace of dolostone provides the base for wetlands, cedar bush and stands of hardwood trees; house-sized boulders litter the base of magnificent white cliffs. Tucked amongst these mossy giants are sensitive Hart's Tongue Fern, Walking Fern and other lush plant life. A diverse array of animals including Peregrine Falcons, Canada Warblers, Black Bears and Spring Peepers all find shelter here.

Having been designated by the landowners for development and extensive logging, Malcolm Bluff Shores is a masterpiece of nature that needed our protection.

In 2009 the Bruce Trail Conservancy negotiated agreements to purchase all 1,045 acres at Malcolm Bluff Shores in three sections over three years. With the agreements in place and a pricetag of over \$2 million, the BTC turned to its conservation colleagues to find the necessary support for this lofty project.

We were thrilled to find that Ontario Nature (formerly the Federation of Ontario Naturalists) were ready to join our effort to protect Malcolm Bluff Shores, the largest stand of continuous forest remaining in private ownership in Southern Ontario. Ontario Nature and the BTC agreed to split the cost of the lands, with Ontario Nature funding the purchase of the eastern and western parcels in 2010 and 2012, and the BTC funding the purchase of the central par-



cel in 2011. Stewardship of Malcolm Bluff Shores will be carried out by dedicated volunteers and staff from both organizations.

### **With our extensive and well-respected collective history of preservation and stewardship, together the BTC and Ontario Nature:**

- Acquired all 3 parcels comprising Malcolm Bluff Shores between March 2010 and March 2012
- Protected 1,045 acres of Niagara Escarpment forest, cliff, shoreline and wetland forever
- Secured 4 km of Bruce Trail Optimum Route that has been in place for decades
- Saved 4 km of spectacular, rugged, natural shoreline from development

- Preserved astounding views overlooking Colpoy's Bay that can only be seen from the Trail
- Preserved habitat for at-risk species such as the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake, Milk Snake, American Hart's Tongue Fern, Peregrine Falcon, Canada Warbler ...and much more!

Now all of the spectacular wild space – forest, cliff, wetland and shoreline - at Malcolm Bluff Shores is permanently protected as a wildlife refuge, and accessible for us all to enjoy.

We thank the many donors to the BTC and Ontario Nature who made the preservation of magnificent Malcolm Bluff Shores possible. •