

### IROQUOIA

#### **Iroquoia Club End-to-End – October 20, 21, 27, 29**

This challenging but richly-rewarding series of hikes covers the Iroquoia section in four hikes over two weekends – averaging 32 km per hike. All hikes will meet at 7:00 am at set locations, and a bus will take all participants to the start of the hike. Volunteers will be at checkpoints along the route with water and snacks. The hike can be completed at your pace, but it is expected that participants will be able to finish by 4:00 pm.

Meeting locations: Day 1: shoulder of Guelph Line, between Dundas St. and No 1 Side Road in Burlington (Map 10, km 82.1, Ed. 26); Days 2 and 3: entrance to Woodley's Lane at Dundas Golf and Country Club (Map 8, km 55, Ed. 26); Day 4: Mountain Brow Blvd. near Mohawk Road E on the east Hamilton mountain (Map 7).

Space is limited. Registration fee: \$30 for all four hikes or \$8 per day that you wish to hike. The fee covers the cost of transportation and receiving the coveted Waterfalls Badge for those who complete all four hikes. Hikes will go rain or shine.

To register send a cheque payable to the Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club to Dan Welsh: 812 8th Concession Road West, RR 3, Puslinch ON, N0B 2J0. Please include your phone number. For further information, call Dan at 905-659-4957.

### TORONTO

#### **Pear Tree Park**

On May 12, 2012, Pear Tree Park (previously Pear Tree Parking Lot) was officially dedicated in a special celebration with donors, staff, and TBTC volunteers. The Toronto Club has created a commemorative area in the park to recognize donors that have contributed \$10,000 or more to the BTC. Donor names appear on bronze plaques set into large boulders or on posts. All Toronto section donor plaques will now be displayed in this area rather than on the Trail itself. The May 12 celebration marked the completion of this multi-year project and recognized these generous donors.

Pear Tree Park Donor Recognition Rocks



Photo: Stan Gasner

The Park takes its name from the beautiful lone pear tree which separates the parking lot from the commemorative area. The land on which Pear Tree Park sits was originally purchased by the Bruce Trail Conservancy in 2005. It is now part of Speyside Resource Management Area, managed by Conservation Halton. The parking lot was financed by the Toronto Bruce Trail Club and completed in 2007. An interpretive sign has been installed sharing the Pear Tree story and showing it in the context of the entire Bruce Trail.

TBTC volunteers who contributed to the project are Paul Vanhanen, Peter Leeney, Todd Bardes, Ian Clunie, Vlad Bosnar, Don Sargent and Stan Gasner. Donors of time and/or material to the construction of the park are Dufferin Aggregates, Landscape Architect Brad Smith, and Nancy and Charles Tilt.

#### **New 22nd Sideroad Parking Lot Opens**

In June 2012 the Toronto Club opened a new parking lot for hikers on 22nd Sideroad, just west of 4th Line in Speyside, providing access to the extended Canada Goose Side Trail (See Trail Changes noted in Bruce Trail Magazine, Summer 2012). The lot, which provides parking for approximately 18 cars and a reserved space for bus parking, was financed by the Toronto Club on land owned by Dufferin Aggregates. Dufferin also donated the granular material. Thank you to volunteers Paul Vanhanen, Paul Brown, Don Sargent and Andrew Costley for their contributions to this project.

### CALEDON

#### **Fall Colours Fundraiser & Train Excursion – October 21**

Join the Caledon Hills Club for a spectacular Fall Colours Fundraiser aboard the Credit Valley Explorer. The historic train departs from Orangeville, travels down through the beautiful Credit Valley to Snelgrove, then returns, with a short stopover in Inglewood. Enjoy the afternoon train excursion, onboard lunch, plus gorgeous views and autumn colours. Time: 11:00am – 2:15pm.

Cost: \$67/person. Price includes return train trip, a delicious light lunch, historical commentary and a \$20.00 income tax receipt (per ticket purchased) for a charitable donation to the BTC. Cash bar service is available.

To order tickets, send cheque payable to the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club to: 75 Baybrook Rd., Brampton, ON, L7A 1L4. Please include your mailing address, email address, the number of tickets you wish, and your food preference (regular, vegetarian or gluten free). Ticket sales end Sept. 28 or when the car is full, whichever occurs first. If your cheque is received after the train is full, your cheque will be returned. You will receive email confirmation of your seat reservation and driving directions to the Orangeville train station upon receipt of payment.

For further information contact CHBTC Treasurer, Andree Zeritsch, at treasurer@caledonbruce-trail.org or 905-970-1245. Order forms can be found at [www.caledonbruce-trail.org](http://www.caledonbruce-trail.org) under "Events".



# BRUCE TRAIL DAY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

## Celebrating 50 Years of Trailblazing

This year we celebrate 50 years since trailblazers began to build the Bruce Trail.

Why not make this your year to introduce someone new to the Trail on Bruce Trail Day?

Head to one of nine spectacular locations on the Trail and join volunteers from each of the Bruce Trail Clubs for free guided hikes and other activities for the whole family.

For full event details and locations visit [www.brucetrail.org/pages/bruce-trail-day](http://www.brucetrail.org/pages/bruce-trail-day)

### Caledon Hills Club End-to-End – October 6 - 8

The Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club invites you to join us for our annual End-to-End hike of the Caledon Hills section of the Bruce Trail on the Thanksgiving weekend. Plan now to participate in one of the most enjoyable and challenging hiking experiences of the year, a 70 km hike through the spectacular fall colours of the Caledon Hills. You can complete the 70 km distance over the three days of the Thanksgiving weekend or the same distance over Saturday and Sunday. Join the select group of hardy hikers who have earned the “Fall Colours” End-to-End badge, awarded only to those who complete this event. The cost is: \$25.00 for the three-day event; \$20.00 for the two-day event; \$10.00 for a single day.

This fee covers daily bus transportation, snacks and refreshments and the “Fall Colours” End-to-End badge on completion. To register, please send a cheque payable to the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club, to: Peter Leeney, 902 Silver Birch Trail, Mississauga, ON L5J 4C1. Please include your email address and phone number with your payment. For more information contact Peter at 905-822-1877 or [peter.leeney@utoronto.ca](mailto:peter.leeney@utoronto.ca)

### DUFFERIN

#### Dufferin Hi-Land Fall Classic End-to-End – September 29-30

Come out and hike the hills of the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club. The bus leaves at 8:00 am each day from the parking lot on the 1st Line EHS (Map 20, km 28.6, Ed 26). Both hikes are 28 km in length.

Please send a \$25.00 cheque payable to the Dufferin Hi-Land BTC c/o Rick McCoy 305-8 Speedvale Ave. West, Guelph, ON, N1H 1J4.

For further information contact Rick McCoy at 519-829-4143 or [rickpmccoy@sympatico.ca](mailto:rickpmccoy@sympatico.ca)



### BEAVER VALLEY

#### Beaver Valley Club's Falling Water Trail End-to-End – September 1, 2012

Come and test your mettle! Join us for the third biennial Falling Water Trail End-to-End hike. Experience a 30.9 km hike that traverses the beautiful, rugged upper Beaver Valley and during which you will never be far from the sound of falling water. To register send a \$10.00 cheque (made out to the Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club) to Joëlle Martin, P.O. Box 3251, Meaford, ON, N4L 1A5, 519-538-5766. Please include your name, telephone number and e-mail address. Fee will cover refreshments and the special FWT hike badge awarded to each hiker who completes the hike.

### SYDENHAM

#### “Looping Through Sydenham” - New 2nd edition celebrating 50 years

In celebration of its 50th anniversary in 2012, the Sydenham Bruce Trail Club has published the 2nd edition of its highly regarded “Looping Through Sydenham” guide. Now updated and expanded to include 25 enjoyable walks with maps, notes and narratives, it is a handy pocket-sized reference.

Each hike description includes key details such as trail length, estimated time of completion, degree of difficulty, access routes, and parking. Beyond that, it explores the human and natural history of the area, such as nineteenth century mills, and the flora, fauna, and fossils along the way.

All proceeds from the book will support the Bruce Trail Conservancy in its mission to secure in perpetuity a conservation corridor and public footpath along the Niagara Escarpment. The \$20.00 guide is available at bookstores in the Owen Sound area and from Sydenham Board members. Copies can be ordered via Sydenham Bruce Trail Club, c/o Bruce Price, Treasurer, P.O. Box 841, Owen Sound, ON, N4K 5W9. Bruce can be contacted at [bprice.ca@bmts.com](mailto:bprice.ca@bmts.com)

### PENINSULA

#### Peninsula Club End-to-End – August & September 2012

If you are planning to do some or all of this year's Peninsula section End-to-End, let us know. Our guest leader, John Grandy, will be covering the section in 9 days – the last three weekends in August and the three-day long weekend in September. To confirm your attendance, contact Susan Allen at 519-534-5898 or [susan\\_allen@sympatico.ca](mailto:susan_allen@sympatico.ca). Details on our webpage, [www.pbtc.ca/hikes\\_end2end](http://www.pbtc.ca/hikes_end2end)

#### Bruce Peninsula Outdoor Festival – September 28 - 30

Mark your calendars now for this year's Outdoor Festival in Tobermory. This year's theme is “Take a Walk on the Wild Side: hiking experiences in the wilderness right here in Southern Ontario!” Through festival events we'll explore the wonderful and unique natural gifts that we enjoy in this out-of-the-way place and how and why they are so special. All are welcome. New this year: registration fees can be paid by credit card. Special events and lectures normally sell out, so watch for details and registration options at [www.pbtc.ca](http://www.pbtc.ca). •

#### GEOLOGY HIKES – FALL 2012 Explore the geology of the Niagara Escarpment this Fall with the next series of hikes.

Check the BTC web page at [brucetrail.org](http://brucetrail.org) after August 15, or call 1-800-665-4453 ext. 23 for all the details.

Content deadline for the Winter 2012 Bruce Trail Magazine is September 24, 2012  
Please forward content to: Laura Tuohy, BTC Membership Coordinator at [ltuohy@brucetrail.org](mailto:ltuohy@brucetrail.org)