

# Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club

## WINTER ACTIVITIES 2017

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: Joëlle Martin, chair; Glenda Collings, Evelyn Ledsham, Tina MacPhail, Anne McGarrigle

- 1) All kms mentioned are according to maps in edition 28 of the Bruce Trail Reference.
- 2) Hike participants are expected to wear sturdy footwear.
- 3) Please arrive 10 minutes before start of hike.
- 4) Always carry I.D. and your health card.
- 5) For spring and summer hikes bring sunscreen, insect repellent and water.
- 6) Potlucks will be held even if outing is cancelled.
- 7) Each potluck participant is asked to bring his own dishes, cutlery, glass and drink of choice. Each participant is to bring a main dish or a salad or a dessert for at least 6 servings. The hosts will provide pre-dinner snacks as well as tea and coffee.

Please note: While there are a few portions of the Bruce Trail within the Conservation Area that are wheelchair accessible, none of these are within the Beaver Valley and use of the majority of the Trail is suitable for foot traffic only. To participate in an organized hike, you need to be able to complete the specified length of the hike on your own or with your own support person within the time allowed.

### RATING SYSTEM

Terrain (T): Easy: Mostly flat and good footing  
Moderate: Some hills and/or some poor footing  
Strenuous: Hilly with steep climbs and some poor footing

Pace (P): Leisurely (3 km/hr or less)  
Medium: (3-4 km/hr)  
Brisk (4-5 km/hr)  
Fast (5+ km/hr)

"Out of consideration for your fellow hikers, we request that you leave your dogs at home. Free running dogs on the trails are a source of concern to many hikers and even leashed dogs may interfere with the enjoyment of others on the hike."

## Special Activities

### Snowshoe Adventure Badge Series

Two daylight snowshoe hikes (Jan. 29, Feb. 26) and two moonlight snowshoe hikes (Jan. 14, Feb. 11) will be held to obtain the Beaver Valley Snowshoe Adventure Badge. See schedule for details.

### "Soups' On" and "Potlucks"

Check schedule for outings that are followed by friendly get-togethers.

Advance notice: BEAVER BITES another challenge, another badge! The Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club has 25.4 km of side trails. These trails, when combined with parts of the main trail make for some interesting, less travelled excursions. Details of the hikes are on the BVBTC website. We will be offering a series of guided hikes to earn this badge, so look for them in the spring 2017 newsletter and join us!

## Hike Schedule

To all new hikers: If you need help in how to get to the start of hike or for any other info regarding the hike feel free to call the leader.

### Wed. Jan. 4 Snowshoeing Georgian Trail

T=Easy

P=Medium

Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the parking lot at the end of Swarthmore Dr. Meaford (near Grandma Lamb's, north of Hwy. 26) for a 2-hour outing.

**Register with leader:** Joëlle Martin 519-538-5766.

### Thurs. Jan. 12 Snowshoeing Quiet Valley Map 27

T=Moderate

P=Medium

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at 412 Quiet Valley Road (off Grey Rd 7, south of Epping) for a 1½ to 2-hour outing on area trails. Soup's on to follow at the Barons. **Register with leader and host:** Norine Baron 519-599-2442.

### Sat. Jan. 14 Moonlight Snowshoeing Adventure Badge #1 Margaret Paull Map 24

T=Moderate

P=Medium

Meet at 6:30 p.m. on the north side of 18th Sideroad, 450 m west of 5th Line, for an approx. 3.5 km outing. Let's hope for a clear sky and big moon! **Register with leader:** Glenda Collings 519-694-7691 or gcollings@rogers.com

### Sun. Jan. 15 Snowshoeing/X-C Skiing Meaford

T=Easy

P=Leisurely

Meet at 2:00 p.m. at the intersection of the 11th Line and SR 22 (former St. Vincent Township, west of Meaford, north of Hwy 26) for an approx. 2-hour outing. Potluck to follow at the Morgans, 107 Lakeshore Rd. S., Meaford 519-538-1115. **Register with Leaders and Hosts:** Snowshoe leader: Barry Westhouse 519-538-1773. X-C ski leader: Audrey Woods-Dobie 519-538-1567.

### Wed. Jan. 18 Snowshoeing Beaver Valley West Map 26

T=Mod/Strenuous

P=Medium

Meet at 1:00 p.m. at parking area on Sideroad 7A (km 80.8) for a 2-hour in-and-out outing. **Register with leader:** Mike Arkless 416-520-1059 or mearkless@rogers.com.

### Mon. Jan. 23 X-Country Skiing Kolapore South

T=Moderate

P=Medium

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at 104 Dawson Lane, Blue Mountains, for a 6-km loop outing. Bring lunch. Soup's On at leaders' home. **Register with leaders:** Bruce King and Val Jones 519-922-2198.

### Thurs. Jan. 26 X-C Skiing Massie Map 29

T=Mod/Strenuous

P=Medium

Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the entrance of the Massie Ski Trails, 6th Concession, south of Grey Rd. 18 for a 2-hour outing on trails suitable for intermediate skiers. Fee for use of trails.

**Register with leader:** Steve Griffiths 519-538-2622.

### Sun. Jan. 29 Snowshoe Adventure Badge #2 South Sligo Map 27

T=Moderate

P=Medium

Meet at 1:30 p.m. at km 87.7 (Sideroad 16C, off 7th Line) for a 2-hour outing. **Register with leader:** Anne McGarrigle 416-805-6808 or anne.mcgarrigle6@gmail.com

### Tues. Jan. 31 Sligo Side Trail Snowshoe Map 27

T=Moderate

P=Medium

Meet at 1:00 p.m. at parking area on Sideroad 16C off 7th line (km 87.6) for a 3.8 km loop hike. **Register with leader:** Scott Thompson 519-924-2556 or sethompson1955@gmail.com

**Thurs. Feb. 2 Snowshoeing Kolapore Map 25**

T=Moderate P=Medium

Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Skiers' parking lot on Grey Road 2 (5 km south of Ravenna) for a 6.4 km in-and-out outing starting at km 23.8.

**Register with leader:** Mike Arkless 416-520-1059 or mearkless@rogers.com.**Sun. Feb. 5 Snowshoeing Eugenia Map 26**

T=Moderate P=Medium

Meet at 2:00 p.m. at km 54 (parking area on North Street) for a 2-hour outing. **Register with leader:** Anne McGarrigle 416-805-6808 or anne.mcgarrigle6@gmail.com. Potluck to follow at the home of Dale and Ed Stedman, #194700 Grey Road 13.**Register with hosts:** 519-924-0264 or estedman92@gmail.com.**Thurs. Feb. 9 Snowshoeing Loree Map 24**

T=Moderate P=Medium

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the McCullams #729045 Sideroad 21, east of Victoria Corners for a 2-hour outing. Bring lunch. Soup's On at the McCullams. **Register with leaders and hosts:** Liz and John McCullam 519-599-5351.**Sat. Feb. 11 Moonlight Snowshoeing Adventure Badge #3 Loree Map 24**

T=Moderate P=Medium

Meet at 6:30 p.m. east of km 8.4 on the north shoulder of 21st Sideroad for an approx. 6 km outing. If the sky's clear, we will have a beautiful full moon! **Register with leader:** Glenda Collings 519-694-7691 or gcollings@rogers.com**Tues. Feb. 14 X-Country Skiing Glenelg Nordic**

T=Moderate P=Medium

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Glenelg parking lot (proceed west from Markdale on Grey Road 12, turn left onto the West Backline and right onto Hamilton Lane). Approx. 2-hour outing. Fee for use of the trails. **Register with leader:** Scott Thompson 519-924-2556 or sethompson1955@gmail.com**Thurs. Feb. 16 Snowshoeing Margaret Paull ST Map 24**

T=Moderate P=Medium

Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the roadside parking area west of the intersection of 18th Sideroad and 5th Line (km 11) for a 4 km loop outing. **Register with leader:** Cliff Kachaluba 519-924-0660.**Wed. Feb. 22 Snowshoeing Trout Hollow Trail**

T=Moderate P=Medium

Meet at 1:30 p.m. at roadside parking on Sideroad 13, east of 7th Line in Meaford for a 1½ to 2-hour outing. **Register with leader:** Audrey Woods-Dobie 519-538-1567.**Sun. Feb. 26 Snowshoe Adventure Badge #4 Old Baldy Map 25**

T=Moderate P=Medium

Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Old Baldy parking lot (km 42.1) off 7B for a 1.5 - 2 hour outing. **Register with leader:** Anne McGarrigle 416-805-6808 or anne.mcgarrigle6@gmail.com.**Wed. Mar. 1 Wasaga Beach Snowshoeing or Hiking**

T=Moderate P=Medium

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Tim Horton's, Mosley Street, Wasaga Beach (just before the bridge). We will be joining the BM Club and carpool to start of either a hike over the dunes or snowshoeing on local trails. Approx. distance: 6 km. Optional lunch to follow. **Register with leader:** Harold Higdon 705-422-1916 or higdonh@gmail.com.**Sun. Mar. 5 Snowshoeing Swiss Meadows Map 24**

T=Moderate P=Medium

Meet at 2:30 p.m. at the parking area on Maple Lane (km 0.0) for a 4.6 km in and out outing. **Register with leader:** Norine Baron 519-599-2442. Potluck to follow at the home of Christine and Ed Blake,229 Maple Street, Collingwood. **Register with hosts:** 705-446-9592.**Tues Mar. 7 Snowshoeing Beaver Valley Ski Club Map 26**

T=Moderate P=Medium

Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the lower parking lot of the Beaver Valley Ski Club for a 1½ to 2-hour outing. **Register with leader:** Scott Thompson 519-924-2556 or sethompson1955@gmail.com**Thurs. Mar. 16 Snowshoeing Webwood Falls Map 28**

T=Easy P=Moderate

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at #806424 Sideroad 25 (km 100.2) for a 1½ to 2-hour outing. Bring lunch. **Register with leader:** Lotte Hedges 519-538-9126. Soup's On to follow at Bill McMurray's home, #316634 3rd Line D. **Register with host:** 519-599-6123.**Wed. Mar. 22 X-C Skiing Meaford**

T=Easy P=Medium

Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the intersection of the 11th Line and SR 22 (former St. Vincent Township) for a 1½ to 2-hour outing.

**Register with leader:** Audrey Woods-Dobie 519-538-1567.**Tues. Mar. 28 Snowshoeing in the Orchard**

T=Easy P=Medium

Meet at 1:30 p.m. at #496487 Grey Road 2 (Carpe Diem Gardens) for a 1½ to 2-hour outing. **Register with leader:** Jane Dykstra 519-599-2641.**Thurs. Apr. 6 Blantyre to Euphrasia-St. Vincent Townline Map 28**

T=Moderate P=Medium

Possible snowshoeing if it's a long winter! Meet at 1:00 p.m. at km 107.5 on the shoulder of Euphrasia-St. Vincent Townline to carpool to the start of a 6.3 km hike. **Register with leader:** Glenda Collings 519-694-7691 or gcollings@rogers.com**Sun. Apr. 9 Urban Walk Meaford**

T=Easy P=Medium

Meet at 1:30 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Big Apple in Meaford for a 2-hour outing to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. **Register with leader:** John McCullam 519-599-5351.**Wed. Apr. 12 Woodford Map 30**

T=Moderate P=Medium

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at roadside parking on St.Vincent/Sydenham Townline (km 44.4) for a 7.2 km loop hike taking in both the Woodford Escarpment and Crevice Springs side trails. A chance to see a spring run-off waterfall. **Register with leader:** Dennis Knight 519-538-4729.**Tues. April 18 Mystery Hike!**

T=Moderate P=Medium

Meet at 10:00 a.m. The location of our hike will be determined by the conditions on the trail at this possibly wet and slushy time of year. **Register with leader** close to the date for parking details: Glenda Collings 519-694-7691 or gcollings@rogers.com**Sun. Apr. 23 Lora Bay Hike**

T=Easy P=Medium

Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Lora Bay restaurant parking lot for a 2-hour outing. **Register with leader:** Joëlle Martin 519-538-5766.**Thurs. Apr. 27 Wasaga Beach**

T=Moderate P=Medium

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Tim Horton's, Mosley St., Wasaga Beach (just before the bridge) for a 1½ to 2-hour outing over the dunes and maybe along the river. Optional lunch to follow. **Register with leader:** Harold Higdon 705-422-1916 or higdonh@gmail.com.