



Bruce Trail CONSERVANCY

NIAGARA CLUB

SPRING 2018 HIKE SCHEDULE

Hike time change with Daylight Savings (March 11th)

10 am hikes will be changed to 9am after this date (Unless otherwise posted)

Tuesdays: 9am 1.5 hrs+ Meet at Pelham Rd. (B-s!) Leader: Vince Zvonar vmzvonar@bell.net 905-563-1109
Short Hills **OR** 10am (9am after March 11) 1.5hrs Meet at Wiley Rd entrance (M-s!) Contacts: Sheila Massey
Provincial smassey449@gmail.com 289-362-5233 or Janet Davey needstogolf@gmail.com 226-755-0362
Park **NOTE FOR MARCH & APRIL** – Both Tuesday hikes move to Glenridge Quarry, St.David's Rd (Reg Rd 71)

Thursdays: 10am (9am after March 11) 1.5 hrs. Meet in parking lot across from Boo's Restaurant, 2980 King St.,
Jordan Valley Vineland. (M-m) Leader: Vince Zvonar vmzvonar@bell.net 905-563-1109

Thursdays: 7pm 1.5 hrs Meet in parking lot of Lion's Club Outdoor Pool on Elm St. in Grimsby. (M-e)
Grimsby **March only.** Optional pub stop follows at Different Strokes.
Leader: Richard Reble reblerichard@gmail.com 905-945-0536 (before 9pm)

LEGEND: HIKING PACE: **L**eisurely <3km/hr, **M**edium 3-4km/hr, **B** brisk 4-5km/hr, **F**ast 5+ km/hr
TERRAIN: **e**asy – mostly flat with good footing; **m**oderate – some hills & some poor footing; **s**trenuous – hilly with
steep climbs and some poor footing.

Map references are from the 29th edition of the BRUCE TRAIL REFERENCE GUIDE

MARCH

Saturday March 3

9am End to End #1 Woodend to Queenston 15.2 km

Meet at the Cairn, Queenston. Niagara Parkway. (Map 1, km 0.0) Carpool. M-m. Leader: Margaret Northfield margaret.northfield@gmail.com 905-324-2707.

10am Friendship Trail Fort Erie to Ridgeway 2.5 hrs

Meet at Municipal parking lot, Ridge Road N, Ridgeway. Carpool to 350 Lakeshore Rd. Fort Erie. M-e. Leader: Rowan Shirkie trampsnark@gmail.com 905-687-9805

Sunday March 4

2pm Merritt Island 1.5 hrs

Meet in the parking lot of Merritt Island, at the west end of Cross St., Welland. M-e Leader: Sylvia Wheeler girlopontrek@gmail.com 905-735-2069

Wednesday March 7

10am Firemen's Park Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet at upper parking lot, corner of Dorchester and Mountain Rd, Niagara Falls. (Map 2, km 7.0) M-m Leader: Keith Rae krae@pppoe.ca 905-892-6633

Saturday March 10

9am End to End #2 Decew to Woodend 14.6 km

Meet at entrance to Woodend Conservation Area on Taylor Rd. NOTL. (Map 2, km 15.2) Carpool. M-m. Leader: Jacques Boilard jboilard1@cogeco.ca 905-732-3520

10am Shorthills to St. Johns Loop 2 hrs

Meet at Pelham Rd Short Hills Prov. Park. (Map 3) B-s. Leader: Steve Bortolussi stebor@cogeco.ca 905-684-1684

Sunday March 11

2pm Cave Springs Witch Hunt 2 hrs

Pkg lot on Quarry Rd., Beamsville. (Map 4, km 65.0) M-m. Leader: Bill Russell bill.russell690@gmail.com 905-563-4700

Monday March 12- 10am – Pancake Hike 1.5 hrs

Meet at Agape Valley Bible Camp, 392 Kilman Rd, Ridgeville. Pancake lunch to follow. M-m. Leader: Bernice Thiessen bthiessen@cogeco.ca 905-684-0085

March 13-17 -Greater Niagara Circle Route – See Note 2

Wednesday March 14

9am Port Dalhousie Carousel 1.5 hrs

Meet at Lakeside Park parking lot, near the carousel in Port Dalhousie. M-e. Leaders: Gary & Donna Sands gsands1941@gmail.com 905-682-3433

Saturday March 17

9am End to End #3 Staff Avenue to Decew 19.5 km

Meet at DeCew House, DeCew Rd, Thorold. (Map 3, km 29.8) Carpool. M-m. Leader: Jacques Boilard jboilard1@cogeco.ca 905-732-3520

9am Merritt – Twelve Mile Creek Loop 4 hrs

Pkg lot 166 Westchester Cres (blue propellers), St. Cath. M-e. Leader: Rowan Shirkie trampsnark@gmail.com 905-687-9805

9am Niagara Glen (Gorge) 2 hrs

Meet at the Whirlpool stairs parking lot (across from the Whirlpool Golf Course), Niagara Pkwy, NF. M-s. Leader: Keith Laushway keithlaushway@rogers.com 416-671-5805

Sunday March 18

2pm Woodend Loop

Meet - parking lot near the Education Centre, Woodend Conservation, Taylor Rd., NOTL. (Map 2, km 12.5) M-m
Leader: Ann Judd agsjudd@hotmail.com 905-468-8273

2pm Children & Family Hike – Explore the Bruce Trail

Meet-Kinsmen Park pkg lot, Beamsville. (Map 4, km 66.9)
Children must be accompanied by an adult, wear appropriate footwear, varying & possibly muddy terrain. Bring water and snack. M-m. Leader: Carol Taylor cmtretired@gmail.com 905-730-1690. Preregister.

Wednesday March 21

9am Merritt Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet at Merritt Trail parking lot beside Sobeys on Glendale Ave. St. Catharines. (Map 3, km 21.9) M-m. Leader: Bill Ford fordwilliams64@gmail.com 905-517-7830

Saturday March 24

9am End to End #4 Quarry Road to Staff Avenue 15.2 km

Meet at Louth Conservation Area parking lot on Staff Ave. Jordan. (Map 4, near km 49.3) Carpool. M-m. Leader: Jacques Boilard jboilard1@cogeco.ca 905-732-3520

9am Woodend Loop 2 hrs

Meet at entrance of Woodend Conservation Area, Taylor Rd, NOTL. (Map 2, km 15.2) B-m. Leader: Bernice Thiessen bthiessen@cogeco.ca 905-684-0085

10am Shorthills/Morningstar Loop 2 hrs

Meet at Pelham Rd Short Hills Prov. Park. B-s. Leader: Steve Bortolussi stebor@cogeco.ca 905-684-1684

Sunday March 25

2pm Kinsmen Park 1.5 hrs

Meet at Kinsmen Park, end of Frost Rd (just off Mountain Rd). Beamsville. (Map 4, km 66.9) M-m. Leader: Bill Russell bill.russell690@gmail.com 905-563-4700

Wednesday March 28

9am Port Dalhousie Lighthouse 1.5 hrs

Meet at the lighthouse on Lighthouse Rd, off Lakeshore Rd in St. Catharines. M-e. Leaders: Gary & Donna Sands gsands1941@gmail.com 905-682-3433

Friday March 30

9am Annual Hawk Watch 2 hrs

Meet at the Lions Pool parking lot (off Main St just west of Mountain St lights), Grimsby. L-m. Leaders: Bruce Manion bamontrails@gmail.com 289-235-9192 & Dan Welsh bluebird6@sympatico.ca 905-659-4957

Saturday March 31

9am End to End #5 Grimsby Road to Quarry Road 14.8 km

Meet at the parking lot on Quarry Rd., Beamsville. (Map 4, km 65.0) Carpool M-m. Leader: Lily Konkle lilybelle7779@gmail.com 289-880-5944 Bring \$5 for badge if you've done all 5 for E2E.

9am Merritt Trail Loop 2 hrs

Meet at the 12 Mile Creek parking lot on Glendale Avenue near Pelham Road St. Catharines. Hike both sides of the creek M-m. Leader: Trudy Senesi, 905-935-9777, trudykp@becon.org

APRIL

Sunday April 1

2pm Firemen's Park Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet at upper parking lot, corner of Dorchester and Mountain Rd, Niagara Falls. (Map 2, km 7.0) M-m Leader: Ann Judd agsjudd@hotmail.com 905-468-8273

Wednesday April 4

9am Woodend Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet-parking lot near the Education Centre, Woodend Conservation, Taylor Rd., NOTL. (Map 2, km 12.5) M-m Leader: Keith Rae krae@pppoe.ca 905-892-6633

Thursday April 5

7pm Grimsby Night Hike 1.5+ hrs

Meet in inner pkg lot of Grimsby's Centennial Park, entrance on Main St. E. M-m. **SEE NOTE *1 (end of sched)**

Saturday April 7 & Sunday April 8

7am Fort to Fort

Hike the entire length of the Niagara Parkway, from Fort George to Fort Erie, over 2 days. Small hills, mostly paved paths and some road walking. Coordinator: Lauren Doig ldoig_4@bell.net 905-309-1398 Register on line: <http://niagarabrucetrail.club/wp/event-hikes/>

Saturday April 7

9am Rockway to Louth & Back 2 hrs

Rockway Community Centre, 2021 Pelham Rd, Lincoln. (Map 3, km 45.1) M-s Leader: Diane Marlatt dianemarlatt@gmail.com 289-241-4221

10am The Trails of the Glen/Gorge 2 hrs

Niagara Glen from the Natural Reserve Centre. Meet at the glen/gorge parking lot. Niagara Pkwy, NF. B-s Leader: Steve Bortolussi stebor@cogeco.ca 905-684-1684

Sunday April 8

2pm DeCew Loop 1.5 hrs

DeCew House, DeCew Rd, Thorold (Map 3, km 29.8) M-m Leader: Sylvia Wheeler girgupontrek@gmail.com 905-735-2069

Wednesday April 11

9am Port Weller East 1.5 hrs

Hike along the spit trail. Meet at the end of Broadway Ave., St Catharines. M-m Leaders: Gary & Donna Sands gsands1941@gmail.com 905-682-3433

Thursday April 12

7pm Grimsby Night Hike 1.5+ hrs

Meet in parking area at the dead end of Kelson Ave. N in lower Grimsby – B-m **Note *1 (bottom of schedule)**

Saturday April 14

9am Twelve Mile Creek Loop 3.5+ hrs

Meet in the parking lot at the bottom of Welland Vale Rd, St Catharines. B-m. Leader: Bernice Thiessen bthiessen@cogeco.ca 905-684-0085

9am DeCew Loop 2hrs

DeCew House, DeCew Rd, Thorold. (Map 3, km 29.8) M-m Leader: Diane Marlatt dianemarlatt@gmail.com 289-241-4221

10am Fireman's Park Loop 2hrs

Meet at upper parking lot, corner of Dorchester and Mountain Rd, Niagara Falls. (Map 2, km 7) B-m. Leader: Steve Bortolussi stebor@cogeco.ca 905-684-1684

Sunday April 15

2pm Niagara-on-the-Lake Loop 1.5 hrs

Pkg lot at King St and Veteran's Lane, NOTL. M-m. Leader: Barbara Waller notlbarbarawaller@gmail.com 905-468-8484

April 16, 17 & 30 - Dufferin Hi-Land End-to-End See Note 2

Wednesday April 18

9am Cave Springs Witch Hunt 2 hrs

Meet-pkg lot on Quarry Rd., Beamsville. (Map 4, km 65.0) M-m. Leader: Bill Russell bill.russell690@gmail.com 905-563-4700

Thursday April 19

7pm Grimsby Night Hike 1.5+ hrs

Meet on shoulder of Old Hwy8 – intersection of Casablanca in lower Grimsby. M-m. **See Note *1**

Saturday April 21

9am Merritt Trail - #1 of 3 - 15 km

Meet in pkg lot on Merritt Island, Welland. Carpool. B-e. Leader: Lauren Doig ldoig_4@bell.net 905-309-1398

9am Kinsmen In & Out 2 hrs

Kinsmen Park, Beamsville. (Map 4, km 66.9) M-m. Leader: Bernice Thiessen bthiessen@cogeco.ca 905-684-0085

Sunday April 22

2pm Bailey Bridge Loop 2 hrs

Meet at pkg lot near the Bailey Bridge (just west of 21 St), Jordan. (map 4) M-m Leader: Bill Russell bill.russell690@gmail.com 905-563-4700

Wednesday April 25

9am Port Dalhousie Carousel 1.5 hrs

Lakeside Park pkg lot, near carousel. M-e Leaders: Gary & Donna Sands gsands1941@gmail.com 905-682-3433

Thursday April 26

7pm Grimsby Night Hike 1.5+ hrs

Meet on south shoulder of Ridge Rd E at corner of Park Rd in Upper Grimsby. M-m. **See note *1**

Saturday April 28

9am Merritt Trail - #2 of 3 - 15 km

Meet in parking lot at Book Depot, 67 Front St. North, Thorold. Carpool. B-e. Leader: Lauren Doig ldoig_4@bell.net 905-309-1398

9am Ode to Ewell Gibbons 2 hrs

Meet at the parking lot near the Bailey Bridge (just west of 21 St), Jordan. (Map 4) M-m. Leader: Bill Russell bill.russell690@gmail.com 905-563-4700

10am Woodend Loop 2 hrs

Meet - parking lot near the Education Centre, Woodend Conservation, Taylor Rd., and NOTL. (Map 2, km 12.5) B-m. Leader: Steve Bortolussi stebor@cogeco.ca 905-684-1684

Sunday April 29 – NBTC Annual General Meeting

All members welcome – learn about club, vote for & welcome new board.

Rockway Comm. Centre-2021 Pelham Rd (RR69), St.Cath.

1pm – Loop to Swayze Falls – 2.5 hrs M-m

2pm – Rockway Area Loop – 1.5 hrs L-m

4pm – Meeting

5pm- BBQ (minimal charge), cash bar

MAY

May 1, 14 & 15 - Blue Mountain End-to-End –See note 2

Wednesday May 2

9am Malcolmson Park 1.5 hrs

Meet in Malcolmson Park at end of Niagara St & Lakeshore Rd, St Cath. M-m. Leader: Bonnie Stevenson 905-935-5857

Thursday May 3

7pm Grimsby Night Hike 1.5+ hrs

Elm St. parking lot of Grimsby's Lion's Outdoor Pool. M-m. **See Note *1**

Saturday May 5

9am Merritt Trail – #3 of 3- 15 km

Meet in parking lot at Lakeside Park, Port Dalhousie. Carpool. B-e. Leader: Lauren Doig ldoig_4@bell.net 905-309-1398. Bring \$5 for badge if you've done all 3

9am Fonthill Loop 2 hrs

Meet-pkg lot Harold Black Park, Haist Rd., Fonthill. M-e
Leader: Diane Marlatt, Dianemarlatt@gmail.com 289 241 4221

Sunday May 6

2pm Rotary Park Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet in parking lot of Rotary Park, Pelham Rd, St Catharines. M-m. Leader Sylvia Wheeler
girlopontrek@gmail.com 905-735-2069

Wednesday May 9

9am Port Weller East 1.5 hrs

Hike along the spit trail. Meet at the end of Broadway Ave., St Catharines. M-m Leaders: Gary & Donna Sands
gsands1941@gmail.com 905-682-3433

Thursday May 10

7pm Grimsby Night Hike 1.5+ hrs

Meet in parking lot of Kinsmen Park above Beamsville. (Map 4, km 66.9) M-m, varied terrain. **See note *1**

Saturday May 12

9am Bert Lowe Loop 4.5 hrs

Meet at Merritt Trail parking lot beside Sobey's, 344 Glendale Ave. St.Catharines. (Map 3, km 21.9) B-m Leader: Vince Zvonar vmzvonar@bell.net 905-563-1109

9am Merritt Trail Loop 2 hrs

Meet-12 Mile Creek pkg lot on Glendale Ave near Pelham Road St. Catharines. Hike both sides of the creek M-m. Leader: Bill Ford fordwilliams64@gmail.com 905-517-7830

10am Glenridge Regeneration, Snakes&Ladders Loop 2 hrs

Meet at Glenridge Quarry parking lot, St David's Rd, St Catharines. (Map 3) B-m. Leader: Steve Bortolussi stebor@cogeco.ca 905-684-1684

Sunday May 13

2pm Niagara-on-the-Lake Loop 1.5 hrs

Pkg lot at King St and Veteran's Lane, NOTL. M-m Leader: Barbara Waller, notlbarbarawaller@gmail.com, 905-468-8484

May 15-22 Peninsula End-to-End

Hike 166 km South to North over 8 days. 8 am meet times. For details contact Ruth Moffatt ruthdmoffatt@gmail.com 905-928-7056. Brisk – strenuous.

Wednesday May 16

9am Allanburg Loop 1.5 hrs

Allanburg Bridge-Hwy 20 pkg lot on west side of bridge. (Map 3) M-m. Leader-Keith Rae krae@pppoe.ca 905-892-6633

Thursday May 17

7pm Grimsby Night Hike 1.5+ hrs

Meet on west shoulder of Quarry Rd across the road from De Sousa Winery. (Map 4) M-M. **See note *1**

Saturday May 19, Sunday May 20 & Monday May 21 Annual End to End

Hike the entire Niagara Section (80km) of the Bruce Trail in 3 days! Event Co-ordinator: Trudy Senesi
trudykp@becon.org 905-935-9777. Register online:
<http://niagarabrucetrail.club/wp/event-hikes/>

Wednesday May 23

9am Lock #1 1.5 hrs

Meet in parking lot of Lock 1, Welland Canal, Welland Canal Pkwy, St Catharines. M-m. Leaders: Gary & Donna Sands
gsands1941@gmail.com 905-682-3433

Thursday May 24

7pm Grimsby Night Hike 1.5+ hrs

Meet in small pkg lot of Mountainview Conservation Area on west side of Mountainview Rd across road from Organized Crime Winery.(Map5, km70.6) M-m. **See note *1**

Saturday May 26

9am Dump to Dump 3+ hrs

Meet at Glenridge Quarry parking lot, St David's Rd, St Catharines. (Map 3) Carpool. M-m. Leader: Vince Zvonar vmzvonar@bell.net 905-563-1109

9am Rotary Park – Morningstar Loop 2.5+ hrs

Meet in parking lot of Rotary Park, Pelham Rd, St Catharines. (Map 3) B-m Leader: Steve Bortolussi stebor@cogeco.ca 905-684-1684

Sunday May 27

2pm Malcolmson Park 1.5 hrs

Meet - Malcolmson Park at end of Niagara St & Lakeshore Rd, St Cath. M-m. Leader: Bonnie Stevenson 905-935-5857

May 28 & 29- Beaver Valley Club End-to-End-See note 2

Wednesday May 30

9am Rotary Park Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet in pkg lot of Rotary Park, Pelham Rd, St Cath. M-m. Leader: Bill Ford fordwilliams64@gmail.com 905-517-7830

Thursday May 31

7pm Grimsby Night Hike 1.5+ hrs

Meet on the shoulder of Quarry Rd. across the road from De Sousa Winery. (Map 4) M-m. **See note *1.** Pub stop &/or ice cream at Conversations in Beamsville.

NOTES:

*1 – Wear hiking boots, join us for optional pub stop after at Different Strokes. For details contact Richard Reble reblerichard@gmail.com 905 -945-0536 (before 9pm)

*2 – For details on these end to end hikes refer to newsletter or website.

<http://niagarabrucetrail.club/wp/calendar/>