



50th Anniversary Milestones Project

Celebrating the BTC's Role in Preserving and Conserving the Niagara Escarpment

In this third year of the BTC's 50th Anniversary Milestones Project, we are proud to celebrate the monumental work done by the BTC since 1974 in preserving and conserving the Niagara Escarpment.

Over the course of the next four Bruce Trail Magazines we will profile 50 properties protected through a variety of means, including partnerships,

generous donations of land, and with donations from our BTC supporters. From tranquil wetlands to towering cliffs to majestic forests to stunning

shorelines, the permanent protection of these lands – and careful stewardship afforded them by volunteers and staff ecologists – is something all supporters of the BTC can celebrate.

In this issue we profile 14 properties acquired with funds provided by our generous BTC donors. Donations totaling \$2.7 million meant preservation of these 1,025 acres of Escarpment landscape, and permanently secured 12.5 km of the Bruce Trail. •

The Chris Walker Nature Reserve at Rush Cove

PENINSULA SECTION

Acquired in 2006 with BTC donor funds
28.5 acres; 956 m of Bruce Trail

A shingle beach adorned with monolithic boulders and erupting springs stretches one kilometer along the Georgian Bay shoreline



Photo: Ethan Meleg

Kimberley Springs

BEAVER VALLEY SECTION

Acquired in 2013 with BTC donor funds

52.5 acres; 885 m of Bruce Trail

Nestled in a rich forest of Sugar Maples and Beech, water bursts from the rocky hillside in lush, fern-laden wetlands and coalesces on its journey to join the Beaver River.

Photo: Alison Watt



Tensuda

TORONTO SECTION

Acquired in 2004 with BTC donor funds

51.1 acres; 515 m of Bruce Trail

The headwaters of Sixteen Mile Creek gather in a wetland of soft ferns, and bright wildflowers dot the forest in the spring

Photo: Brian Popelier



Noisy River

BLUE MOUNTAINS SECTION

Acquired in 2011 with BTC donor funds

81 acres; 758 m of Bruce Trail

A majestic mature forest rises above the banks of lively Noisy River, providing a home to Butternut trees and Lady's Slipper orchids.

Photo: Kevin Durfy



Splitrock Narrows

DUFFERIN HI-LAND SECTION

Acquired in 2012 with BTC donor funds

63 acres; 1 km of Bruce Trail

Fern-laden rocky pathways and a gentle forest of spring wildflowers stand in contrast to the landscape's turbulent glacial past

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Bull Homestead

PENINSULA SECTION

Acquired in 2008 with BTC donor funds

62.6 acres; 506 m of Bruce Trail

In a landscape of karst topography, meadow marsh and regenerating fields, a unique barn foundation marks the presence of some of the first Europeans to settle at Colpoy's Bay



Photo: Gary Hall

Boyne Valley Springs

DUFFERIN H-LAND SECTION

Acquired in 2008 with BTC donor funds
79.1 acres; 1.5 km of Bruce Trail

Endangered Butternut trees line the Trail leading down into the deep river valley, and wildflowers carpet Walker's Woods in the spring.



Photo: Alison Watt

E. Wilson

BEAVER VALLEY SECTION

Acquired in 2005 with BTC donor funds
37.5 acres; 1.5 km of Bruce Trail

A hardwood forest towers over springs that erupt from the rocky flanks of the Beaver Valley



Photo: Kevin Durfy

Duntroon Crevice Heights

BLUE MOUNTAINS SECTION

Acquired in 2013 with BTC donor funds
7.7 acres; 483 m of Bruce Trail

High on the Escarpment overlooking Nottawasaga Bay is a rocky oasis of trees, ferns and deep crevices that provide the iconic Bruce Trail experience



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Boundary Bluffs

PENINSULA SECTION

Acquired in 2008 with BTC donor funds

158.6 acres; 1.1 km of Bruce Trail

Old growth cedars clinging to the Escarpment cliffs overlook rich hardwood forests, ancient beach ridges, and extensive bobolink habitat



Photo: Gary Hal

Skinner's Bluff

SYDENHAM SECTION

Acquired in 1996 with BTC donor funds
99.3 acres; 1.2 km of Bruce Trail
*A majestic forest containing the rare
Laurentian Fragile Fern gives way to the
Escarpment's rocky edge and magnificent
views over Colpoy's Bay*



Photo: Brian Popeller

Beaver Springs Wetland

SYDENHAM SECTION

Acquired in 2009 with BTC donor funds
56.8 acres; 534 m of Bruce Trail
*Fireweed, sedges, mammals and migratory
birds find a home at a beaver meadow marsh*



Photo: Ron Savage

Silent Valley

SYDENHAM SECTION

Acquired in 2013 with BTC donor funds
200 acres; 1.1 km of Bruce Trail
*Following a rich history of pioneer settle-
ment and logging, this now tranquil spot is
home to vast wetlands, regenerating forests
and deep crevices.*



Photo: Beth Calliespy

Crevice Springs

SYDENHAM SECTION

Acquired in 2008 with BTC donor funds
47 acres; 664 m of Bruce Trail
*Springs burst from the deeply sculpted rock
face and tumble into a lush wetland, home
to Wood Ducks, turtles and amphibians.*