

BEAVER VALLEY BRUCE TRAIL CLUB FALL HIKES 2017

(Please check the BVBTC website for any changes or cancellations to this schedule.)

Activities Committee

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- 1) All kms mentioned are according to maps in Edition 29 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 their 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 Areas 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

BTC AGM: September 22, 2017 until September 24, 2017 in Milton.

Registration opens in August; check <http://brucetrail.org/events/137-btc-annual-general-meeting-2017-september-22-2017> for further information and registration.

Sept 2 & 3 and 9 & 10 - BVBTC End to End. Please note that registration for the 2017 End to End is closed, our spaces are full. Thanks for the great response to this event!

Fri. Sept 29 - Star watching at Observatory. Check the BVBTC website for details <http://www.beavervalleybrucetrail.org/events.html>

Sun. Oct. 1 Bruce Trail Day - See schedule for details on this great day. Additional details at: <http://brucetrail.org/events/145-bruce-trail-day-october-01-2017>

“Soup’s On” and “Potlucks”

Check schedule for outings that are followed by friendly get-togethers. You can choose to participate in the hike and the ‘eats’ or just one or the other.

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.

***Beyond the Beaver Valley Hikes – We’re heading away on the Bruce Trail!

Check for the triple stars *** on our fall hiking schedule for hikes that will take us out and about to some of the other Bruce Trail clubs. For those of you who want a bit of a challenge, some of these hikes are for you!

Caledon Hills

Join us on the Caledon Hills section of the Bruce Trail to hike the whole section (End to End) in a series of five beautiful fall outings. Those of us who live in the vicinity of Meaford will carpool to Caledon while others are welcome to join us at the Caledon meeting places. Just let us know so we can time our meeting! Join us on any or all of our hikes, you’re sure to see great fall colours in October and lovely vistas in November.

Wed. Sept. 6 Trout Hollow

T=Moderate
P=Medium
Meet at 1:30 p.m. at Beautiful Joe Park, Meaford to carpool to the start of a 1 ½ to 2 hour outing.
Register with leader: Audrey Woods-Dobie 519-538-1567.

***Thurs. Sept. 14 Inglis Falls Loop, Sydenham Map 32

T=Strenuous
P=Medium
Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Centennial Tower parking lot on Hwy. 6/10 (km 90.1) for a 12 km loop hike through the Inglis Falls CA. Bring lunch.
Register with leaders: Bruce or Val 519-922-2198.

***Sat. Sept. 16 Fall Photo Hike Harrison Park/Centennial Tower

Map 32
T=Moderate
P=Slow
Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Harrison Park Restaurant Owen Sound to carpool to km 90.1 at Owen Sound Centennial Tower for a 3 km photography hike. **Register with leader:** Doug Galloway 519-599-2288 or d.jgalloway@bmts.com

Tues. Sept. 19 Fairmount & Siegerman Side Trails

Map 27
T= Moderate
P=Medium
Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the intersection of Grey Rd 7 and Sideroad 22B, close to km 94.3, for a 9.7 km loop hike. Bring snack and water. **Register with leader:** Scott Thompson 519-924-2556 or sethompson1955@gmail.com

***Fri. Sept. 22 Caledon End to End #1 Maps 14&15

T=Moderate/Strenuous
P=Medium/Brisk
Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Big Apple parking lot in Meaford to car pool to Forks of the Credit Parking Area (which is about 1 km east of the trail near km 8.8), entering from McLaren Rd. for an approx. 15.5 km hike. If you live nearer the hike meeting place and wish to meet there, let the leader know when you register. **Register with leader:** Glenda Collings 519-694-7691 or gcollings@rogers.com

***Thurs. Sept. 28 Mono Cliffs Provincial Park Map 19

T=Moderate
P=Medium
Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Community Centre in Flesherton behind the library on Hwy 10, south of the stop lights to carpool to Mono Cliffs for an approx. 9 km loop hike followed by lunch at Mono Cliffs Inn. **Register for hike and lunch by Tues. Sept. 26 with leader:** Judy Galloway 519-599-2288 or d.jgalloway@bmts.com

Sun. Oct. 1 Bruce Trail Day - Metcalfe Rock Area Map 25

Come out to a meet and greet information day being held from 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. at the parking lot near Metcalfe Rock km 27.9. Learn more about the Bruce Trail while enjoying refreshments. For more information call Margaret at 705-888-7686.

Tues. Oct. 3 Fall Colours Hike Beaver Valley West Map 26

T=Moderate
P=Leisurely

Meet at 2:30 p.m. at parking area on Grey Rd 30 (km 74.8) to carpool to start of approx. 5 km hike, taking time to enjoy the fall colours. Potluck to follow at the home of Fred Young, 110 Fulton St., Clarksburg. **Register with host:** 519-599-2354. Leader: Anne McGarrigle 416-805-6808 or anne.mcgarigle6@gmail.com

Thurs. Oct. 5 Valley Crossover Graham's/Campbell's Hill Map 26

T=Moderate/Strenuous
P=Medium

Meet at 10 a.m. at Ed's house (194700 Grey Rd 13 km 50.0) for a 12.6 km loop hike including 2 crossover side trails and stretches of main trail on both sides of the valley. Bring lunch. **Leader:** Ed Stedman 519-924-0264 or estedman92@gmail.com

Wed. Oct. 11 Fall Colours Hike Old Baldy Map 25

T=Moderate
P=Medium

Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Old Baldy parking lot on Sideroad 7B (km 42.1) for a 5 km in-and-out walk enjoying the fall season with all of its colours. **Register with leader:** Evelyn Ledsham 705-888-4318 or evelyn.ledsham@rogers.com

*****Thurs. Oct. 12 Hockley Valley Loop Caledon Hills BTC Map 18**

T=Moderate/Strenuous
P=Medium

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Hockley Road parking lot, 250 m east of km 60.1 for a 12.3 km hike taking in 3 loops in the Hockley Valley Provincial Nature Preserve. **Register with leaders:** Bruce or Val 519-922-2198.

Sat. Oct. 14 Kolapore Uplands Map 25

T=Moderate
P=Medium

Meet at 10:00 a.m. south of km 23.8, at the skier's parking lot on Grey Rd. 2 located 650 m south of the trail for a 6 km hike in and out. Optional lunch following hike at Ravenna Market. **Register with leader:** Barb Dufton call or text 705-446-6800.

Thurs. Oct. 19 Fall Colours Hike Map 26

T=Moderate
P=Medium

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Johnston's Sideroad parking (km 70.2) to carpool to Hogg's Falls parking (km 63.2) for a 6.8km hike. Bring a snack and water. **Register with leader:** Scott Thompson 519-924-2556 or sethompson1955@gmail.com.

Tues. Oct. 24 Urban Walk & Georgian Trail Meaford

T=Easy
P=Medium

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Meaford Harbour parking lot for a 2 hour outing in town and on the Georgian Trail. Optional lunch to follow. **Register with leader:** Dale Burgess 519-538-4510.

*****Wed. Oct. 25 Silent Valley Side Trails Map 30**

T=Moderate (with rocky sections)
P=Medium

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the parking area at the end of 2nd Conc. South, off Grey Rd. # 18 just north of the village of Bognor for an approx. 6 km loop hike on a few of the Silent Valley side trails. **Register with leader:** Dennis Knight 519-379-1532, phone/text or dennisknight@rogers.com

*****Fri. Oct. 27 Tom Thomson Trail Map 30**

T=Moderate
P=Medium

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of the 11th Line and 22nd Sideroad, west of Meaford, for a 9.2 km loop hike taking in part of the Tom Thomson Trail and the River Kwai Side Trail. Bring a snack. Optional lunch to follow at Ted's Range Road Diner. **Register with leader:** Audrey Woods-Dobie 519-538-1567.

*****Mon. Oct. 30 Caledon End to End #2 Maps 15&16**

T=Moderate/Strenuous
P=Medium/Brisk

Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Big Apple parking lot in Meaford to car pool to roadside parking at km 26.1 on Escarpment Sideroad, for an approx. 15 km hike. If you live nearer the hike meeting place and wish to meet there, let the leader know when you register. **Register with leader:** Glenda Collings 519-694-7691 or gcollings@rogers.com

*****Wed. Nov. 1 Woodford Sydenham Map 30**

T=Moderate
P=Medium

Meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Woodford Community Centre parking lot on Hwy. 26 (near km 41.7) for an approx. 5.5 km hike to St. Vincent-Sydenham Townline, returning by the main trail and the Woodford Escarpment Side Trail. **Leader:** Lotte Hedges 519-538-9126 or lhedges@teksavvy.com

*****Sat. Nov. 4 Caledon End to End #3 Maps 16&17**

T=Moderate/Strenuous
P=Medium/Brisk

Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Big Apple parking lot in Meaford to car pool to the 7th Line parking area, just east of Airport Rd, at km 42.2 for a 16.1 km hike. If you live nearer the hike meeting place and wish to meet there, let the leader know when you register. **Register with leader:** Glenda Collings 519-694-7691 or gcollings@rogers.com

Hunting Season Precaution

Hunting with a rifle in the Blue Mountains, Beaver Valley, and Owen Sound/Meaford area occurs between Nov. 6 and Nov. 11, 2017. The BVBTC has no rural hikes planned for that time. For further information go to the MNR website www.mnr.gov.on.ca

Wed. Nov. 8 Lora Bay

T=Easy
P=Medium

Meet at 2:30 p.m. at the parking lot of the Lora Bay Restaurant for a 2 hour walk on the golf trails. Potluck to follow at the home of Marg and Ken Yaraskavitch, 53 Alice St. Thornbury (Hwy 26 to east side of river, right on Elgin St. to Alice St.) **Register with hosts:** 705-888-7686. **Register with leader:** Dale Burgess 519-538-4510.

*****Mon. Nov. 13 Caledon End to End #4 Maps 17&18**

T=Moderate/Strenuous
P=Medium/Brisk

Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Big Apple parking lot in Meaford to car pool to km 53.9 on 4th Line EHS at the entrance to the Peter Beecham ST. for an 11.7 km hike. If you live nearer the hike meeting place and wish to meet there, let the leader know when you register. **Register with leader:** Glenda Collings 519-694-7691 or gcollings@rogers.com

Tues. Nov. 14 Hogg's Falls Loop Map 26

T=Moderate
P=Medium

Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Hogg's Falls parking (km 63.2) for a 5 km loop hike. Bring snack and water. **Register with leader:** Scott Thompson 519-924-2556 or sethompson1955@gmail.com

*****Thurs. Nov. 16 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 1 1/2 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 higdon@gmail.com

*****Sat. Nov. 25 Caledon End to End #5 Maps 18&19**

T=Moderate/Strenuous
P=Medium/Brisk

Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Big Apple parking lot in Meaford to car pool to roadside parking at km 70.2, 3rd Line EHS, 30 m south of County Rd. 8 for a 16.3 km hike. If you live nearer the hike meeting place and wish to meet there, let the leader know when you register. **Register with leader:** Glenda Collings 519-694-7691 or gcollings@rogers.com

Wed. Nov. 29 Loree Loop Map 24

T=Moderate
P=Medium

Meet at 10:00 a.m. on the shoulder of 21st Sideroad near the entrance to Loree for a 5 km loop hike. **Register with leader:** Barb Dufton: call or text 705-446-6800.

This is the last issue of the Hike and Special Activities Schedule. Instead check the BVBTC website or Facebook for hikes and special activities, which will be displayed month by month. Go to beavervalleybrucetrail.org for information.