



WINTER 2018 HIKE SCHEDULE

CHECK THE ONLINE CALENDAR REGULARLY FOR FULL HIKE INFORMATION & UP TO DATE INFORMATION INCLUDING ANY HIKE CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS! <http://niagarabruceclub.com/wp/calendar/>

REOCCURRING HIKES:

Weekly – Tuesdays at 10am – Wiley Road, Short Hills – 1.5 hrs+
Meet at Wiley Rd. entrance to Short Hills. M-s. Leader: Janet Davey, needstogolf@gmail.com 226-755-0362

Weekly –Thursdays at 10am - Jordan – 1.5 hrs
Meet at pkg lot at 2980 King St., Vineland. M-m. Leader: Vince Zvonar vmzvonar@bell.net 905-563-1109

Monthly – Leisurely Paced Hikes – Rotary Park – 1-1.5 hrs
Second Monday of each month at 10am, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11. Meet at Rotary Park, St.Cath. L-m. Leader: Alicia Aitchison, aliciaaitchison1@gmail.com, 289-690-8292

DECEMBER

Saturday December 1

9am - Twelve Mile Creek Loop - 4 hrs

Meet in pkg lot at bottom of Welland Vale Rd, St Cath. B-m. Leader: Bernice Thiessen barneythiesen@gmail.com 905-684-0085

10am - Niagara Glen (Gorge) - 2 hrs

Meet at the Whirlpool stairs parking lot (across from the Whirlpool Golf Course), Niagara Pkwy, NF. M-s. Leader: Dan Wilson dkw1@sympatico.ca 289-931-3063

Saturday December 1 & Sunday December 2

8:30am - Two Day Beaver Valley Falling Water Badge Hike

Approx 15km each day - About 4-5hours.
Meet-Beaver Valley Ski Club pkg lot/carpool to Hogg's Falls Lower pkg lot. B-s Register with leader Ruth Moffatt ruthdmoffatt@gmail.com 905-928-7056



Sunday December 2

2pm – Firemans Park Loop – 1.5 hrs

Meet at upper parking lot, corner of Dorchester & Mountain Road, Niagara Falls. M-m. Leader: Ann Judd, agsjudd@hotmail.com 905-468-8273

Wednesday December 5

10am – Woodend Loop – 1.5 hrs

Meet at entrance of Woodend Conservation Area, Taylor Rd, NOTL. (Map 2, km 15.2) M-m. Leader-Keith Rae krae@pppoe.ca 905-892-6633



7pm - Festival of Lights Hike, 2 hrs

Meet-Dufferin Islands pkg lot, Niagara Parkway, south of the Falls. Park in angled pkg spots at base of Burning Springs Hill. M-m Bring a flashlight. Leader: Margaret Northfield Margaret.northfield@gmail.com 905-324-2707

Saturday December 8

9am Dump to Dump – 4 hrs

Meet at Glenridge Quarry parking lot, St.David's Rd, St. Catharines. Carpool. B-s. Leader Lauren Doig ldoig52@gmail.com 905-309-1398

10am – Cave Springs– 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

9:30am-1:30pm - Mono Cliffs in Winter.

Dufferin Hi-Land Map 19. Parking by Mono Community Centre N44.026194, W80.071516. Hike several loops within beautiful Mono Cliffs. Distance & pace depends on trail conditions. Icers or snow shoes may be req'd. M-s. Pre-register with hike leader, Galina Szlapetis, gszlapetis@gmail.com, 647-239 9264

Sunday December 9

2pm - Citizen Science/inaturalist Hike, 2 hrs

Meet-entrance to Woodend Conservation Area. Bring smart phone, camera or tablet. Learn how to become a Citizen Scientist. You don't need a smart phone to participate but once you are a finished a hike you should have access to a computer to load any digital photos that you take. L-m. Leader: Margaret Northfield Margaret.northfield@gmail.com 905-324-2707

Wednesday December 12

10am- Robert's Route - in and out. 1.5-2 hrs

Meet at DeCew House & follow the Bert Lowe side trail, 45 mins in & out. M-e. Leader: Debbie Demizio ddemizio@bell.net 905-892-4239

Saturday December 15

9am – Rockway to Shorthills Loop 3+hrs

Meet-Rockway Community Centre, 2021 Pelham Rd, Lincoln. (Map 3, km 45.1) M-s. Leader: Margaret O'Dell margaretodell@rogers.com 647-291-9518

10am – Decew Loop 2 hrs

DeCew House, DeCew Rd, Thorold (Map 3, km 29.8) M-m Leader: Debbie Demizio ddemizio@bell.net 905-892-4239

10 am – WINTER YOUTH HIKE #1 of 4 – 1.5 hr

Meet at Kinsmen Park, Beamsville.

(Map 4, km 66.9)

Explore the Bruce Trail in the winter!

Join us for a fun Youth Hike & work towards one of the new Youth Hiking Program Badges! All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. **Please register in advance with Hike Leader:** Stephen Connacher hikes@steviec.ca 905 379 4872

NEW!

Sunday December 16

2pm – Twelve Mile/Participark Trail Loop – 1.5 hrs

Meet at p.lot off Old Glendale Rd. near Pelham Road, St.

Catharines. M-m. Leader: Audrey Lopez. Alopez33@cogeco.ca 289-501-4981

Wednesday December 19

10am – 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 DECEMBER 21st – Winter Begins! Log your hikes to earn your winter badge!



Saturday December 22

9am Merritt-Twelve Mile Creek – 3.5+hrs

Meet at Sobey's parking lot 344 Glendale Ave. St.Catharines & hike the main trail loop. (Map 3, km 21.9). B-m. Leader: Vince Zvonar. vmzvonar@bell.net 905-563-1109

10am - Queenston Loop - 2 hrs

Meet-Queenston Hgts Pkg Lot,near cairn. (Map 1, km 0) M-m. Leader: Bernice Thiessen barneythiesen@gmail.com 905-684-0085

Sunday December 23

2pm – Merritt Island 2 hrs

Meet Merr. Island p lot, west end of Cross St. Welland. M-e Leader: Sylvia Wheeler girupontrek@gmail.com 289-687-3224

Tuesday December 25

12pm – Christmas Day Hike – 1.5 hrs

Meet at Dufferin Islands pkg lot, Niagara Parkway, south of the Falls. Park in angled pkg spots at the base of Burning Springs Hill. M-m. Leader: Margaret Northfield Margaret.northfield@gmail.com 905-324-2707



Wednesday December 26

10am – Kinsmen Park – 1.5 hrs

Kinsmen Park, Beamsville. (Map 4, km 66.9) M-m. Leader: Bill Russell bill.russell690@gmail.com 905-563-4700

Saturday December 29

9am – Rotary Park Loop – 3 hrs

Meet in the parking lot of Rotary Park, Pelham Rd, St.Catharines. B-m. Leader: Susan Meinzinger suszinger@hotmail.com 905-945-7065

10am - Kinsmen Park In & Out - 2 hrs

Kinsmen Park, Beamsville. (Map 4, km 66.9) M-m. Leader: Bernice Thiessen barneythiesen@gmail.com 905-684-0085

Sunday December 30

2pm – Happy Rolph's – 1.5hrs

Meet at Happy Rolph's parking lot, 650 Read Rd, (corner of Read and Northrup Cres), St.Catharines. M-m. Leader: Gary & Donna Sands gsands1941@gmail.com 905-682-3433

JANUARY

Tuesday January 1

11am – President's Hike 1.5 hrs

Rockway Community Centre, 2021 Pelham Rd., Lincoln. . Bring finger Foods to share after the hike. M-m Leader: Debbie Demizio ddemizio@bell.net 905-892-4239

Wednesday January 2

10am – 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 January 5

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: Jacques Boilard jboilard1@cogeco.ca 905-732-3520

10am – Rim of Africa Friendship Trail Hike – 1.5 hrs

Meet at Short Hills Prov. Park – Pelham Road pkg lot. M-m. Leader: Debbie Demizio ddemizio@bell.net 905-892-4239

10 am – WINTER YOUTH HIKE #2 of 4 – 1.5 hrs

Join us for a fun Youth Hike - meet @ Wiley Rd entrance to Short Hills (GPS 43.101891,-79.272332). All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. **Pre-register with Hike Leader:** Stephen Connacher hikes@steviec.ca 905 379 4872

9:30am-1:30pm - Terra Cotta Forest in Winter

Toronto Map 14. Roadside pkg - km 38.7 on the Tenth Line, 2.2 km southeast of 32 Sideroad (Halton Rd 42). Hike the loop trail formed by Terra Cotta Side Trail and Main Trail, ~12 km. GPS N43.709749, W79.962893. M-m. Pre-register with hike leader, Galina Szlapetis, gszlapetis@gmail.com, 647-239 9264

Sunday January 6 – Kinsmen Park – 1.5 hrs

Kinsmen Park, Beamsville. (Map 4, km 66.9) M-m. Leader: Barb Kocsis barbkocsis@gmail.com 905-984-7222

Wednesday January 9

10am – Rockway Community Centre – 1.5 hrs

Rockway Community Centre, 2021 Pelham Rd., Lincoln. M-s. Leader: Barb Kocsis barbkocsis@gmail.com 905-984-7222

Saturday January 12

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 - Kinsmen Park – 1.5 hrs

Kinsmen Park, Beamsville. (Map 4, km 66.9) M-m. Leader: Barb Kocsis barbkocsis@gmail.com 905-984-7222

Sunday January 13

2pm – Decew House – 1.5 hr

Meet at DeCew House, DeCew Rd, Thorold. (Map 3, km 29.8). M-m. Leader: Sylvia Wheeler girlypontrek@gmail.com 289-687-3224

Wednesday January 16

10am - Merritt Island – 1.5 hrs

Meet Merr. Island p lot, west end of Cross St. Welland. M-e Leader: Keith Rae krae@pppoe.ca 905-892-6633

Saturday January 19

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

10am – The Twelve/Participark Trail Loop Extended – 2 hrs

Meet at p. lot off Old Glendale Road near Pelham Road. M-m. Leader: Audrey Lopez. Alopez33@cogeco.ca 289-501-4981

10 am – WINTER YOUTH HIKE #3 of 4 – 90 minutes

Meet @ Roland Rd entrance to Short Hills. Join us for a fun Youth Hike & work towards one of the new Youth Hiking Program Badges! All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. **Please pre-register with Hike Leader:** Alicia Aitchison aliciaaitchison1@gmail.com 289-690-8292

Sunday January 20

2pm – 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

Wednesday January 23

10am – Lock #1 - 1.5 hrs

Meet-pkg lot-Lock 1, Welland Canal, Welland Canal Pkwy, St Cath. M-e. Leader: Gary & Donna Sands gsands1941@gmail.com 905-682-3433

Saturday January 26

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

10am – Woodend Conservation Area - 2 hrs

Meet at entrance to Woodend Conservation Area on Taylor Rd. NOTL. (Map 2, km 15.2) M-m. Leader: Dan Wilson dkw1@sympatico.ca 289-931-3063

Sunday January 27

2pm - Malcolmson Park – 1.5 hrs

Meet in Malcolmson Park at end of Niagara St & Lakeshore Rd, St.Cath. M-m. Leader: Audrey Lopez Alopez33@cogeco.ca 289-501-4981

Wednesday January 30

10am - Firemans Park Loop – 1.5 hrs

Meet at upper parking lot, corner of Dorchester & Mountain Road, Niagara Falls. M-m. Leader: Keith Rae krae@pppoe.ca 905-892-6633

FEBRUARY

Saturday February 2

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

Meet- pkg lot, Quarry Rd., Beamsville. (Map 4, km 65.0) Carpool M-m. Leader: Lauren Doig lidoig52@gmail.com 905-309-1398 **Bring \$5 for badge if you've done all 5 for E2E.**

10am - Fonthill Loop - 2 hrs

Meet-pkg lot Harold Black Park, Haist Rd., Fonthill. L-e Leader: Debbie Demizio ddemizio@bell.net 905-892-4239

9:30am-1:30pm - Scotsdale Farm

Toronto Map 13. Scotsdale Farm Parking Lot N43.687771, W79.990300. We will hike several loops. Distance & pace will depend on trail conditions. Ice or snow shoes may be required. M-m. Pre-registration is req'd with hike leader, Galina Szlapetis, gszlapetis@gmail.com, 647-239 9264

Sunday February 3

2pm - Queenston Loop – 1.5 hrs

Meet-Queenston Hgts Pkg Lot, near cairn. (Map 1, km 0). M-m. Leader: Ann Judd agsjudd@hotmail.com 905-468-8273



Wednesday February 6

10am – DeCew Loop 1.5 hrs

DeCew House, DeCew Rd, Thorold (Map 3, km 29.8) M-m
Leader: Gary & Donna Sands gsands1941@gmail.com 905-682-3433

Saturday February 9

9am – International Hike – 3.5+hrs

See the Falls from every angle and hike the parks on both sides of the Niagara River. Meet in Dufferin Islands parking lot, Niagara Parkway, south of the Falls. Park in angled parking spots at the base of Burning Springs Hill. M-m. Bring a passport or equivalent and \$1 to cross the Rainbow Bridge. Leader: Margaret Northfield.

Margaret.northfield@gmail.com 905-324-2707

10am – Wetland Ridge Loop – 2 hrs

Meet at Niagara College (Glendale Campus), Taylor Road near greenhouse, NOTL. (Map 2) M-m. Leader: : Vince Zvonar. vmzvonar@bell.net 905-563-1109

10am – Winter Youth Hike #4 of 4 - 90 minutes.

Meet in parking lot at Louth Conservation Area on Staff Ave. Parking is limited. Join us for a fun Youth Hike & work towards one of the new Youth Hiking Program Badges! All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please register in advance with Hike Leader: Ruth Moffatt ruthdmoffatt@gmail.com 905-928-7056. ***If you've done all four hikes bring your hike log and \$4 to receive your Young Trail Blazer Badge!***

Sunday February 10

2pm – Veteran's Lane – NOTL – 1.5 hrs

Meet in the parking lot at King St and Veteran's Lane, Niagara-on-the-Lake. Leader: Gary & Donna Sands gsands1941@gmail.com 905-682-3433

Wednesday February 13

10am – Bailey's Bridge - 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

Saturday February 16

9am –Grimsby Historical Loop – 3 hrs

Meet at the Grimsby Beach Community Centre on Park Road N., Grimsby. M-e. Leader: Bruce Manion bamontrails@gmail.com 289-235-9192

10am - Kinsmen Park In & Out - 2 hrs

Kinsmen Park, Beamsville. (Map 4, km 66.9) M-m. Leader: Bill Russell bill.russell690@gmail.com 905-563-4700

Sunday February 17

2pm – Fonthill Arena – 1.5 hrs

Meet at Pelham Arena, 1120 Haist St., Pelham. M-m. Leader Sylvia Wheeler girlupontrek@gmail.com 289-687-3224

Wednesday February 20

10am – 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

Saturday February 23

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: Lauren Doig ldoig52@gmail.com 905-309-1398

10am – Historic Canal Hike– 2 hrs

Meet at Lakeside Park, 1 Lakeport Road, St.Catharines. M-m. Leader: Audrey Lopez. Alopez33@cogeco.ca 289-501-4981

Sunday February 24

2pm – The Twelve/Participark Trail Loop – 1.5 hrs

Meet at p.lot off Old Glendale Road near Pelham Road, St. Catharines. M-m. Leader: Audrey Lopez. Alopez33@cogeco.ca 289-501-4981

Wednesday February 27

10am – Kinsmen Park – 1.5-2 hrs

Kinsmen Park, Beamsville. (Map 4, km 66.9) M-m. Leader: Bill Russell bill.russell690@gmail.com 905-563-4700

While there are a few portions of the Bruce Trail within Conservation areas that are wheelchair accessible, 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. Please refer to the hiking schedule for hike details.

LEGEND:

HIKING PACE: **L**eisurely <3km/hr, **M**edium 3-4km/hr, **B**risk 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**

We invite you to submit your ideas for different hikes to:

Wed & Sun hikes: Lynda Bonnar 905-227-8220

Saturday hikes: Alicia Aitchison, aliciaaitchison1@gmail.com,

SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER & HIKE CONTRIBUTION DEADLINES:

Newsletter – January 31st: Hike Schedule – January 15th

Hike Coordinator: Alicia Aitchison, aliciaaitchison1@gmail.com, 289-690-8292

On-line Calendar – Jenna Bader, jennaleighbader@gmail.com