

THE Grapevine

Newsletter of the Bruce Trail Conservancy Niagara Club



SUMMER 2026



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In Memory of Marinus Koole

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Marinus Koole, our beloved Treasurer of the Niagara Bruce Trail Club.

Marinus was a shining example of integrity, compassion, and kindness, with a wonderful sense of humor. He selflessly devoted himself to our organization, always willing to lend a hand with projects and events. Marinus brought a voice of reason and wisdom to our Board meetings, and his ability to sell a 50/50 ticket was unmatched.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Obituary information for Marinus Koole can be found at <https://www.tallmanfuneralhomes.ca/obituaries/Marinus-Koole?obId=48090513>

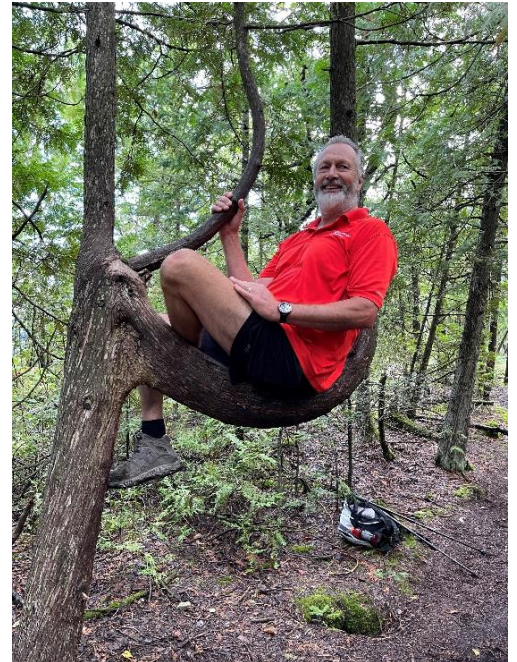


Photo: D. Demizio

From The Grapevine, Fall 2023

On the trail ... with Marinus & Friends



From: An email from Ross Estrella
Date: Sun, Jul 2, 2023 at 2:11 PM
Subject: thank you
To: <niagarabruceclub@gmail.com>
Cc: Marinus Koole email

NBTC,

Meet this very friendly and helpful (Marinus Koole) while clearing the trail during our hike (June 25, 2023) from Grimsby Mountain to Ball Falls.

Unselfish dedication keeping our Eco-Friendly Greenbelt clean and safe.

I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation.

Truly,
Ross Estrella

President's Message

Ellen Savoia

Ah! Spring is finally here!

Like spring weather, with rain and then glorious sunshine, we have some sad and happy news.

Sadly, we lost two amazing Bruce Trail family members. Kevin McNamara passed away suddenly and completely unexpectedly while on a group hike. We also lost long-time Board member Marinus Koole, who died after a short illness. (Read more about Marinus on Page 2.) We miss them both.

In happier news, we had a great AGM that started with an early morning hike, followed by an amazing pancake breakfast and a "get to know your fellow hikers" game designed by Joanne Krupa. Bruce Trail Conservancy CEO Michael McDonald joined in the fun.

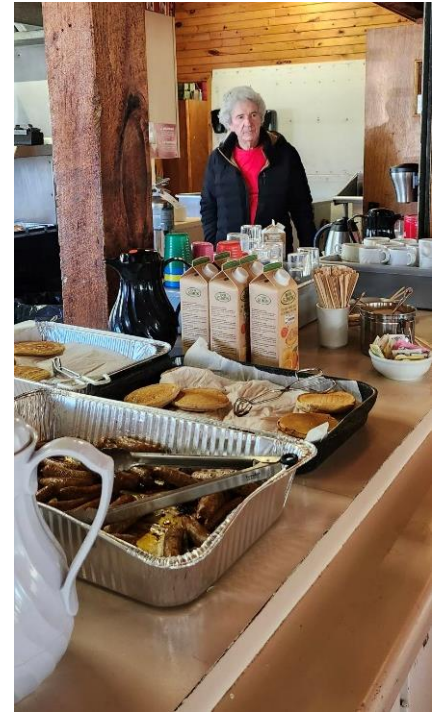
NBTC welcomed Tammy Morris as our new Treasurer. Tammy has served as Director at Large and Archivist on the board for several years and she will be a great asset as treasurer. I would also like to welcome Susan Auty to our board as a new Director at Large and Archivist.

We have two vacant board positions. The Director of Trail Development and Maintenance and Director at Large positions need to be filled. Please reach out if you are interested in either of those positions.

Have fun out on the trail!



NBTC President Ellen Savoia with BTC CEO Michael McDonald



Getting to know your fellow hikers.





In appreciation of her service, NBTC President Ellen Savoia presents Past President Janet Davey with NBTC plaque.

Joanne Krupa and Margaret Northfield



Kitchen Magicians

Table Artistry



NBTC Annual General Meeting, May 2, 2026



Above: Coffee Time
Below: Rick Waters and Karen Couch



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2026-2027 NBTC Board Members.
From Left: Trevor Price, David Kelly, Alan Laver, Sam Rutherford, Marion Hanover, Tammy Morris, Rick Waters, Susan Auty, Robin Garrett, Joanne Krupa, Lynne Mitchell, Kristin Hanson, Kathleen Orth, Ellen Savoia



Bruce Trail Day — at Queens Park

Submitted by Ellen Savoia

May 5th was Bruce Trail Day at Queens Park. BTC staff and board members as well as club presidents went to Queens Park, attended Question Period, and met with MPPs and Ministers.

The main focus of our day was advocating for a procedural exemption or streamlined pathway for "conservation severances," specifically, the severance of land for the sole purpose of environmental protection and securing the Bruce Trail corridor. Under the current legislation, severance processes can take a year or more and can be very costly.

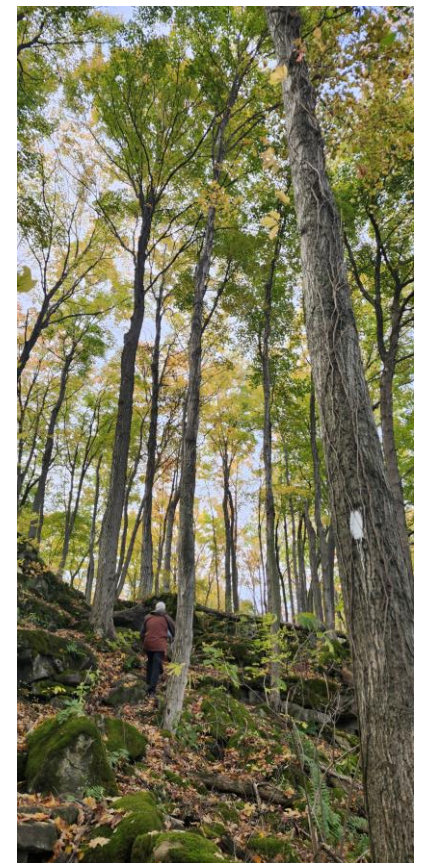
We had an amazing day! A lot of engaging conversations were had that not only moved the needle for our severance initiative but advanced our reputation as a leader in conservation and recreation in Ontario.

Michael McDonald and BTC staff will be undertaking follow up discussions to keep the process moving forward. ◀



Save the Date! Bruce Trail Day 2026 – October 6, 2026

Bruce Trail Day is an annual celebration of the Bruce Trail and the wonders of the Niagara Escarpment, hosted by the Bruce Trail Conservancy at each of its Bruce Trail Clubs. More information will be shared as details become available. Check for updates at <https://brucetrail.org/bruce-trail-day-2026/>



NBTC Landowner Appreciation Celebration September 2026

Sam Rutherford
LANDOWNER RELATIONS DIRECTOR

This year's annual Landowner Appreciation Celebration will be held on **Sunday September 20** at Ball's Falls Centre for Conservation.

We will host a drop-in social event between 2:00pm and 5:00pm, with catered appetizers, a cash bar, plus short nature hikes at 3:00pm (weather permitting). This event will feature informative displays highlighting our work on biodiversity, the land stewardship programs available to all our landowners, and, of course, the prize draw.

We are looking for volunteers to provide a selection of sweets. Members and volunteers who sign up to attend will be through the club's hike calendar.

We look forward to taking this opportunity to collectively thank all our generous landowners for allowing the Bruce Trail to pass through their private property. Clearly our NBTC landowners are concerned about the environment and climate change. They love hiking for their health and family and community connections and want to give back. Bruce Trail hikers respect the privacy of people living along the trail and owe a debt of gratitude to all landowners. A free native tree or native plant takeaway will again be offered to all attending landowners.

We invite our landowners to stop by the Glen Elgin Room, in the LEED-certified Centre for Conservation at Ball's Falls Conservation Area. Our Landowner Ambassador Volunteers will be personally delivering invitations and encouraging each landowner along their routes to join us on **September 20**.

We look forward to celebrating with our landowners and expressing our appreciation by saying thank you for sharing our mission. ◀



Trail Maintenance

Rick Waters

TRAIL MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR

Vince clearing the trail not far from Lake Moodie



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- Page 1: Alan Laver
- Page 2: Debbie Demizio
- Page 3: Karen Couch
- Page 4: Karen Couch. "Kitchen Magicians" by Kathleen Orth
- Page 5: Karen Couch. Rick & Karen by Kathleen Orth
- Page 6: Karen Couch, Cave Springs
- Page 7: Jim Arcangeletti, from The Grapevine, Winter 2025
- Pages 8 & 9: Rick Waters
- Page 10: Mary-lyn Hopper

Trail Maintenance

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Reroute around Locust Lane Winery & Parking Lot.



Bruce Hogg putting up new blazes.



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- Page 11: Debbie Demizio
- Page 12: S. Demizio, Scavenger Hunt
- Page 13: Karen Couch, AGM. Mary-lyn Hopper, Evergreen.
- Page 14: Lauren Doig
- Page 15: Lauren Doig
- Page 16 & 17: Kristin Hanson
- Pages 18 & 19: Martin Singh
- Pages 20 & 21: Deb Foster
- Page 22: Alan Laver for the hike, Karen Couch for the AGM
- Page 23: Karen Couch for the AGM

Making the Most of Your Cell Phone Camera

Submitted by Mary-Lyn Hopper

Due to cold temperatures and a bleak landscape, most of us take fewer photos during the winter. With the sprouting of spring ephemerals, the myriad of greens of the vegetation and a greater likelihood of seeing wildlife, we are at the ready to record our observations.

But - are you disappointed in the quality of the photos that you take?

Perhaps your first thought is -- *my cell phone just does not take good pictures.*

While there is a difference in the cameras of cell phones, you can likely improve the quality of the photos you take. In this issue, I will deal with lighting and focus.

LIGHTING

Before you begin taking photos, ensure that your screen brightness is turned up, so you have a clear view of what your camera is seeing. The natural light in the scene will have a significant effect on your photos - - capture your images early in the day or in the late afternoon whenever possible. The harsh light of midday produces photos that are either washed out, or with sharp contrasts that distort the scene. Generally, the lighting will be best in a photo when the sun is behind you but if that is not possible, try moving when you take the photo to reduce glare. Interestingly, some of the best images are taken on overcast days.

FOCUS

It is important to consider what your focus is when taking a photo. Do you want a record of the overall scene or are there specific elements that you want to highlight, such as flowers, or the shapes of a group of rocks, etc.? Before you take a photo of a landscape, look around in all directions, including up and down -- move to the right and left and perhaps move again, considering which direction looks best to you. Try experimenting. This means that you may want to move forward or to step back before you shoot. If you want to capture the whole scene, often looking at it from the side, rather than straight on, is most appealing. Stepping back to include a leading line, like a road or stream, enhances the viewpoint.

The focus is perhaps most important when capturing a close-up. If you are too far back, the photo will not have the appeal of the whole scene, nor will it clearly capture the beauty of an object or group or objects. While a photo can be cropped, getting close to the object will often improve the clarity, and it will force you to carefully consider what the focus is and what you want included, adding pizzazz to the image. The angle of the camera is critical for these photos -- try tilting it in various directions, taking numerous photos, and, where appropriate, change the direction of your phone to both landscape and portrait

directions. Taking many photos and deleting all but the best will boost your confidence.

EXAMPLES

Consider these three photos. You will see that the first includes feet because of the angle; the second offers an overall view of the flowers (Golden Ragwort, a native); and the third highlights the form of this flower, blurring the background which is not the main focus. ◀



Counting Down to Counting Up!

Submitted by Debbie Demizio

As the school year winds down and families begin dreaming up summer plans, it's the perfect moment to think about what the Bruce Trail—and the Niagara Bruce Trail Club—can offer kids of every age. Summer invites children outdoors, encouraging curiosity, confidence, and a lifelong love of nature.

Preschool Children

Even little ones who aren't reading yet can join in the fun. A simple picture scavenger hunt is a wonderful way to help them explore—use the example shown here or create your own. These children, ages 3 and 4, enjoyed discovering the Bruce Trail near Rockway Conservation Area.

School aged Children

The Niagara Bruce Trail Club also offers badges that youth under 15 can earn. They're a great motivator and a fun keepsake of time spent on the trail.



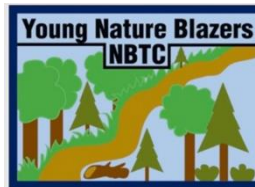
Photo: D. Demizio

- **Young Trail Blazers Badge**

Complete one hike of at least 3 km on the Niagara Bruce Trail. This can be done on an organized club hike or independently with family.

- **Young Nature Trail Blazers Badge**

Complete a 90-minute hike on the Niagara Bruce Trail and submit a short write-up describing how you used one or more of your five senses—what you saw, touched, smelled, heard, or even tasted along the way.



Badges are **\$6 each**. More information is available at: <https://niagara.brucetrail.org/badges/>

Suggested Family-Friendly Routes

Here are a few accessible options to get you started, including two that aren't on the Bruce Trail but are **fully accessible for strollers and wagons**, making them ideal for families with young children.

- **St. John's Conservation Area** 3101 Barron Rd., Fonthill ON (0.5 km). The **Pond Trail** is a smooth, crushed-stone path around the Twelve Mile Creek Pond, stocked with trout. The flat terrain makes this loop **excellent for strollers and wagons**, and you're likely to spot turtles and geese along the way.

- **Short Hills Provincial Park – Paleozoic Path** Parking Lot B, 3101 Roland Rd., Ridgeville ON (1 km) This gentle, well-maintained loop is **stroller-friendly** and perfect for young hikers. The wide, accessible path offers an easy introduction to exploring the outdoors.

- **Rockway Conservation Area** 2021 Pelham Rd., Lincoln. Follow the Rockway Side Trail to the lower Rockway Falls and loop back to the upper falls for a scenic adventure. This route is a suitable challenge for school aged kids.

















Hiking is a wonderful family activity, and children of all ages can develop a deep appreciation for nature when given the chance to explore it. This summer, once you've finished "**counting down**" the days to the end of school, start "**counting up**"—whether it is kilometers walked, wildlife spotted, or memories made. I hope you and your family discover something new and meaningful on the trail.

Reminders

- Plan ahead
- Wear appropriate footwear, a hat, sunscreen, and insect repellent
- Bring water and a snack
- Stay on the marked trail
- Check for ticks

SUMMER

scavenger hunt

<p>FIREFLY</p> 	<p>ANTS</p> 	<p>BUTTERFLY</p> 	<p>FLYING INSECT</p> 
<p>DANDELION</p> 	<p>FLOWER</p> 	<p>LONG GRASS</p> 	<p>CRAWLING INSECT</p> 
<p>SNAIL</p> 	<p>MOSS</p> 	<p>EVERGREEN TREE</p> 	<p>BIRD</p> 
<p>FEATHER</p> 	<p>MUSHROOM OR FUNGHI</p> 	<p>WORM</p> 	<p>LADYBUG</p> 

Credit: S. Demizio



The Niagara Bruce Trail Club Loves Our Volunteers!

Submitted by Kristin Hanson

Our club runs entirely on volunteer effort, from staffing (and bringing food for special event hikes), leading group hikes, serving on the board and committees, driving as trail angels, building and maintaining trails, liaising with landowners, monitoring trails and stewarding BTC lands, we have so many different members that volunteer in many fantastic ways to our club and to the BTC mission. The purpose of our Volunteer Appreciation event in the Fall (2026 details are still TBD) is to thank and recognize all our volunteers. This year, we are hoping to introduce a new “Year of Volunteer Service” award program. This program will recognize volunteers for their length of service. But first – we need to know how long you’ve been a volunteer! One year, 5, 10 15, 20+? Look for an email coming soon to enquire about your volunteer service date so we can implement this new program, hopefully this year.

This new program is not replacing our volunteer recognition awards and it’s time to call for nominations for these awards. Any member can submit a nomination. Please nominate a volunteer deserving of this special recognition.

- **Volunteer of the Year** – recognizes a volunteer or committee whose volunteerism has gone above and beyond this year.
- **Unsung Hero** – recognizes a member(s) who can always be counted on to lend a hand and volunteer at the club level over many years (current board members not eligible).
- **Lifetime Achievement** – recognizes a member who has made significant volunteer contribution to the organization at the club level over many years.

Nominations can be made by any current NBTC member by submitting a nomination of 150-250 words describing why the nominee should be considered for the award. Email nominations to niagarabruceclub@gmail.com. Details and past award winners can be found on the club web site. See Volunteer Awards - Niagara Bruce Trail Club (<https://niagara.bruceclub.org/volunteer-awards/>). ◀



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The Niagara Bruce Trail club would like to acknowledge the generous and gracious continued support of de la terre Bakery.

Fort to Fort 2026

Submitted by Lauren Doig



There is so much beauty and history along the Niagara Parkway Recreational Trail: spring flowers, blossoms, the turbulent Niagara River, vineyards, and farmland near Niagara on the Lake and Queenston, historical plaques documenting Niagara's rich history, beautiful old buildings near the raging Niagara Falls, fishermen standing in freezing cold water working on their first catch of the spring season, huge new homes along the Fort Erie side of the Falls. And, of course, there are the two Forts: Fort George and Old Fort Erie.

These forts are the start points for the two-day 54 km Fort to Fort Hike, a NBTC annual event to start off the hiking season each year. Hopefully, these beautiful landmarks helped to distract hikers from the discomfort and, perhaps, pain in hiking from Fort George to Old Fort Erie over two days.

Early in the morning on April 18th, 80 participants started out on the two-day adventure. The weather was perfect for a long hike and many hikers stopped along the way to snap some photos of the beauty along the trail. Although the weather did make a turn for the worse later in the day, most of the hikers had completed the hike.

Sunday's weather was a little more unpredictable. In fact, hikers experienced four seasons in one day! From sleet and wet snow to persistent rain, and finally a glimpse of the sun, hikers handled it all, and most were in great spirits when they arrived back at the park! Whether seasoned long-distance hikers, or hikers taking on their first

endurance trek, participants experienced camaraderie, challenge, and the unforgettable reward of completing one of the Niagara region's most iconic journeys. And.... Let's not forget the reward of the badge at the end!

This event could not run without the support of the Niagara Parks Commission who kept us informed of any changes along the parkway, and also provided free parking passes to all hikers for both days.

As well, thanks go out to all the Checkpoint Volunteers and Trail Angels who have supported this event for many years:

- Jen Roberts,
- Nino Ferantelli,
- Roberta Blackie,
- Jacques Boilard,
- Jennifer Scott,
- Judy Wasitis,
- Gloria Van Natter,
- Jennifer Dinning and
- Peter Maciag.

Without your support, this event could not be held. And, lastly, a huge "thank you" to all the hikers whose participation helped the Niagara Bruce Trail Club to "preserve a ribbon of wilderness for everyone, forever."

See you all next year! ◀

Fort to Fort Photos, see next page.

Fort to Fort 2026

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DEIB Open Meeting & GeoHike: Building a Trail for All

Submitted by the DEIB Committee

On Sunday, March 29, the DEIB Committee hosted its first open meeting of 2026 at Cave Springs Conservation Area, pairing a fascinating GeoHike with a lively discussion at Cave Springs Winery. The geology-themed hike, led by committee member Kristin Hanson, explored the ancient rock and fossils of the escarpment: a perfect backdrop for a conversation about breaking down barriers and opening the trail to more people.

Following the hike, members and guests gathered to share ideas on how to diversify the NBTC hike schedule and strengthen community connections. The roundtable discussion confirmed what many of us feel: our club is welcoming, but there is still work to do to ensure everyone knows they belong here.

Several clear themes emerged. Participants highlighted a desire for shorter, slower-paced hikes, evening and weekend options, and “parent and baby” outings where new parents don’t have to worry about being a burden. Others noted that hiking with dogs, mindful silent walks, and offering gear through the Bridges Niagara lending library can help remove real barriers to participation.

One committee member reminded us that a hike doesn’t need dozens of registrants to be considered a success; sometimes a small group in nature is the perfect introduction that encourages someone to try longer or more challenging hikes later. Another participant suggested collecting member testimonials — stories of how the Bruce Trail has changed lives — to share on our website and help attract new partners. It was also noted that with Hike Ontario now offering Zoom training, recruiting and training new hike leaders for the kinds of hikes we’re currently missing may be easier than ever.



Community partnerships were another important part of the conversation. Participants highlighted the strong relationships already built with organizations such as PFLAG Niagara, Bridges Niagara, and the Niagara Falls and Lincoln/Pelham libraries. We are also looking for volunteers to help with tabling at events and exploring sponsorship opportunities that could provide transportation or equipment for those who need it. Even small contributions — a ride to a hike or an old pair of hiking poles — can make a real difference.

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DEIB Open Meeting & GeoHike: Building a Trail for All

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The DEIB Committee is deeply grateful to everyone who came out and shared their thoughts, and to those who continue to champion inclusion on the Bruce Trail. We'll be using the ideas from this meeting to guide our work in 2026. If you'd like to get involved, join a Rainbow-Welcome Hike, suggest a partnership, or simply learn more, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Angela at nbtc4membership@gmail.com.

Committee members in attendance: Angela Lytle (Chair), Dian Wright, Greg Shupe, Jeanne Lewis, Johar Singh, and Kristin Hanson. ◀



Laura Secord (30km) June 13

- Enjoy a part of our Canadian heritage by hiking along the Bruce Trail from Laura Secord's Homestead in Queenston to DeCew House in Thorold.
- We are sure this 32km hike was a challenge for Laura in a long dress and no Nikes but we never heard any complaints.
- Follow her lead and rise to the challenge.

Registration is \$60 for members, \$70 for non-members.

Fee includes bus, checkpoints, light lunch and badge.



Merrithon (45km) November 7

- William Hamilton Merritt was the creator of the Welland Canal and the Merrithon is a trek of approximately 45 km along the first historical canal route.
- The hike begins in Port Colborne, follows the Welland Canal and moves onto the Merritt Trail in St. Catharines to finish in Port Dalhousie.
- You can expect to keep pace with giant laker ships, see industrial remnants, murals and enjoy woods and streets along the way.

Registration is \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members.

Fee includes bus, snacks, water checkpoints and badge.



NBTC Biodiversity Committee & Progress Peel

Submitted by Mary-lyn Hopper

The NBTC Biodiversity Committee was pleased to host a highly motivated group of young people from Peel Region for a tree planting at St. Paul Reserve (on St. Paul, north of Mountain Rd.) in Niagara Falls. The Bruce Trail Conservancy received funding to plant native trees, with the goal of attracting the Cerulean Warbler to the area.

Progress Peel provides a leadership program for high school students which focuses on hands-on learning and community engagement and service. As well as hiking the Niagara section, the group was keen to learn about the ecological restoration of this area and about the goal of the seed orchard to provide local native seed as invasive plant material is removed. For more information on Progress Peel, check <https://www.progresspeel.com/>

Biodiversity Badge

The Biodiversity Committee offers a badge. The volunteer must participate in four NBTC Biodiversity activities, logging at least eight hours of service. Activities include pull parties, seed orchard care, bluebird box maintenance and any other biodiversity activity posted to the NBTC Hike Schedule. To learn more about the NBTC Biodiversity Committee, see <https://niagara.brucetrail.org/biodiversity-committee/> ◀



This page and Page 19, photos for Progress Peel: Martin Singh.



BRUCE TRAIL CONSERVANCY AND NINE BRUCE TRAIL CLUBS BECOME RAINBOW REGISTERED

APRIL 10, 2026 – DUNDAS, ONTARIO

<https://brucetrail.org/pressroom/>

The Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) and its nine Bruce Trail Clubs have received a Rainbow Registered designation.

Rainbow Registered is a nationally recognized accreditation program developed by Canada's Queer Chamber of Commerce (CQCC) and Tourism HR Canada with the aid of the federal government. The program recognizes 2SLGBTQIA+ friendly organizations of all sizes and across all industries.

For the BTC, this accreditation demonstrates that the organization and its Clubs are committed and consistent in their efforts to provide a welcoming and inclusive 2SLGBTQIA+ experience through progressive policies and practices. Over the last several years, the BTC has made dedicated efforts to promote inclusivity and belonging at all levels of the organization, including trans inclusion training for staff and hike leaders.

“Over the last 60 years, the Bruce Trail Conservancy has built an incredible community of kindness around exploring and protecting nature,” said Michael McDonald, Chief Executive Officer of the BTC. “We want everyone to feel like they are part of that community and the legacy of conservation we are creating together. We are proud to be Rainbow Registered and hope that with this designation people can be confident that the Bruce Trail is a place where we all belong.”

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Bruce Trail Conservancy and nine Bruce Trail Clubs become Rainbow Registered

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In addition to outreach at Pride Toronto, Hamilton Pride and similar events in communities across the Niagara Escarpment, many Bruce Trail Clubs offer 2SLGBTQIA+ hikes and programs throughout the year led by members of the community.

“People in 2SLGBTQIA+ communities deserve to feel safe, comfortable, and welcome to explore the Bruce Trail and be part of its future, whether that be through self-guided adventures, joining guided hikes, or taking part in volunteer activities,” said Laura Tuohy, Manager of Community Engagement at the BTC. “Together with each of the Bruce Trail Clubs, we will continue to connect with local 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, develop special programming, and learn new ways we can act on our commitment to inclusion.”

To learn more about the BTC’s 2SLGBTQIA+ programming and guided hikes, please visit brucetrail.org/pride-2026/ ◀



Garlic Mustard No Match for This Team

Submitted by Mary-lyn Hopper

A team of ten, including students from Niagara College, battled the garlic mustard at St. Paul Reserve.

The robust garlicky flavor of garlic mustard led to it being brought to North America. (Every part of the garlic mustard is edible.)

Unfortunately, it spreads easily by seed and the plant introduces substances to the soil which inhibit the growth of native plants. The pulls, done at this time of year, prevent the seed heads from forming and thus help to eliminate a new crop.

It is so rewarding to see masses of the plant eliminated within a few hours! Since the plants do not re-root like many of the other invasives, like English Ivy and periwinkle, they can be thrown into piles as they are uprooted.

Two of our crew members were able to do maintenance to the beautiful entrance gate to the Seed Orchard.

One of the pleasures of doing the pulls at St. Paul Reserve is seeing the native plants which are thriving, including Trillium, Jack in the Pulpit and Mayapple.

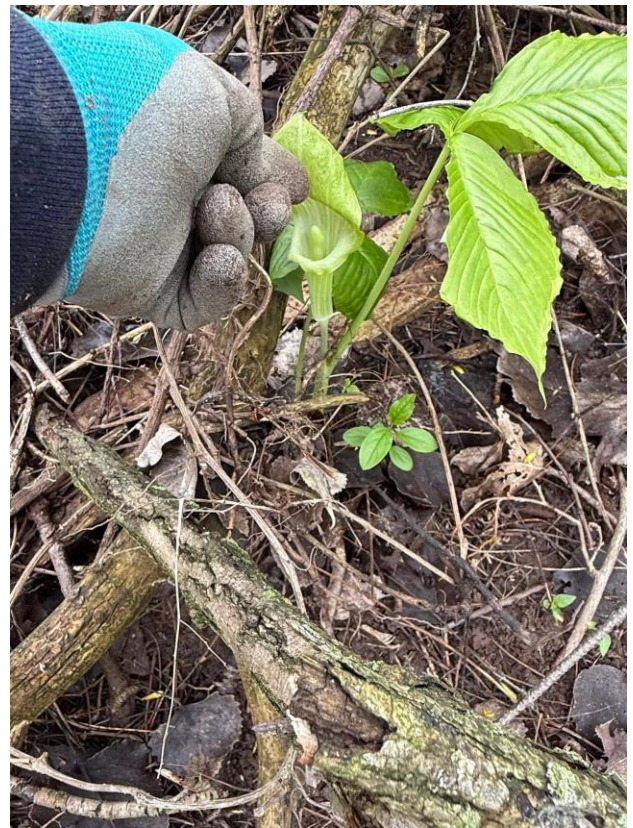
To learn more about the NBTC Biodiversity Committee, or sign up for a pull party, see <https://niagara.brucetrail.org/biodiversity-committee/>

Thanks to Deb Foster for her photos of the event. ◀

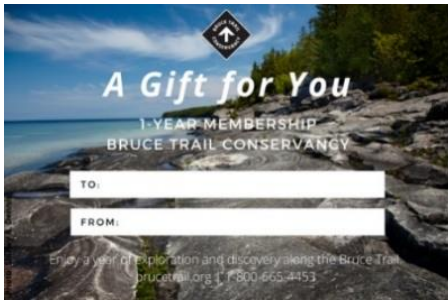


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A GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

A Gift Membership is a great way to introduce a friend or family member to the Bruce Trail and the wonders of the Niagara Escarpment. **Your gift recipient will receive:**

- a welcome package
- a personalized card letting them know of your gift
- all the benefits of BTC membership.
- any products you purchase in the same order as part of the gift membership

You will receive a charitable donation tax receipt for the full amount of the gift membership. To order a gift membership, see <https://brucetrail.org/memberships/gift> ◀



Use code **NIAGARABT** and for each tour booked by your club for 2025, we will donate \$25 to the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

Take the path less travelled.

Crosslands National Park, Saskatchewan
Courtesy: Benjamin Hutton Photography

Gaspé Hiking	<u>DOUBLE</u>	<u>SINGLE</u>
8 Days: June 8, 2025	\$4,995	\$5,895
NEW: Hike Saskatchewan	<u>DOUBLE</u>	<u>SINGLE</u>
10 Days: June 20, 2025	\$5,295	\$6,395
P.E.I. Hiking	<u>DOUBLE</u>	<u>SINGLE</u>
8 Days: July 15, 2025	\$4,795	\$5,695
Newfoundland Coast-to-Coast	<u>DOUBLE</u>	<u>SINGLE</u>
10 Days: July 25, 2025	\$7,595	\$8,595
Banff Hiking	<u>DOUBLE</u>	<u>SINGLE</u>
8 Days: August 8, 2025	\$6,895	\$7,495

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