



Media Advisory – For Immediate Release

Oak Ridges Trail 3.5km re-route another step towards continuous green link across the entire Oak Ridges Moraine

3.5km re-route brings trail off-road, through Crow's Pass Conservation Area; new greenspace for hikers and walkers to enjoy

King City - The Oak Ridges Trail Association (ORTA) celebrates a new 3.5km re-route of the Oak Ridges Trail in its Scugog section on Friday, October 17, at 1:30pm, with a guided walk following.

The Oak Ridges Trail extends for a continuous 250 km across the Oak Ridges Moraine. This 3.5 km re-routing moves the trail into mostly forested surroundings, including a portion of the Crow's Pass Conservation Area. It completes another step in building this hiking trail across the entire Moraine from west to east.

Work on this re-route began back in 2004, when an unopened road allowance between Ashburn Road and Lake Ridge Road along the north border of Crow's Pass Conservation Area was identified by ORTA as a potential trail route. The Township of Scugog was approached and granted its approval to use the road allowance.

ORTA worked with Township of Scugog staff to undertake a public meeting, consultations with adjacent landowners, agreement on trail placement, and finally erecting fencing and gates to protect private property and limit access to non-motorized uses.

The final steps were completed this summer and now a 3.5 km section of mostly forested trail replaces 3.5 km of on-road route to the north.

The October 17th event will also feature a choice of guided walks, led by ORTA Executive Director Harold Sellers and ORTA Past-President, Stan Butcher. Hiking boots and dressing for the weather and the trail are advised.

- WHAT:** Oak Ridges Trail 3.5km re-route opening
- WHEN:** Friday, October 17, 1:30pm
- WHERE:** Meet at [12020 Ashburn Road](#) (click for map). Look for the signs for parking.
- WHO:** Oak Ridges Trail Association

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ABOUT THE OAK RIDGES TRAIL ASSOCIATION

The Oak Ridges Trail Association (ORTA) is a volunteer, community-based organization that builds, maintains and leads a year-round guided hiking program on the Oak Ridges Trail, a 250 km public hiking route across the Oak Ridges Moraine from Palgrave in the west to Rice Lake in the east.

10 chapters and over 700 members representing communities across the Moraine actively keep the trail and the hiking program up to date and encourage the public to experience all the Oak Ridges Trail and the Oak Ridges Moraine have to offer. www.oakridgestrail.org

ABOUT THE OAK RIDGES MORaine

The Oak Ridges Moraine is a ridge of land that runs parallel to and about 60 km north of Lake Ontario. It extends about 160 km from the Niagara Escarpment in the west to the Trent River in the east.

One of the most significant features of the Moraine is the ground water, which results from rainwater percolation into the generally porous soils of the Moraine. The Moraine forms the watershed divide between Lake Ontario and Lake Simcoe and is the headwaters to more than 30 rivers. www.moraineforlife.org