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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

BY WILMA MILLAGE



We just got in from a delightful summer hike in Walker Woods with 23 other folks enjoying the day with its lush greenery and gentle breezes. We are so lucky to have these forests close to home and available for our use.

Hiking is becoming more popular and this was evidenced on the Victoria Day weekend where Stan Butcher had over 80 people on his hike in Richmond Hill because of advertising in the local media while John Fuchs and Malcolm Hann had a total of 38 more!

With increasing interest and a need for a wide variety of hikes we are going to be holding a new Hike Leader Training course this fall led by our own Kevin Lowe and Brian Millage who are now both qualified to teach the Hike Ontario Hike Leader Certification training course. We already have several ORTA folks who have expressed an interest in becoming new hike leaders and if you want to join them, please keep watch for the announcement of the date which will be coming out soon. You may even have the opportunity to meet some attendees from other hiking clubs across Ontario while there. It is always good to learn about what is happening in other associations across the province.

We had another very successful Adventure Relay and you can enjoy the pictures and article written by Brian in this issue. Next year will be our 10th anniversary year so we will be looking at planning some special activities around that milestone day so save June 11 on your calendars for the 2016 race.

The first meeting of our new Richmond Hill Chapter committee was held in June. It looks like Chapter Chairs Malcolm Hann and Vicky Chan have a great group of volunteers who will be taking care of business in that area. Frank Alexander was instrumental in getting the Chapter re-organized as part of the Central Region.

Make sure that you get out on a hike to visit our new Western end of the ORMT between Palgrave Forest and Glen Haffey C.A. This is a major improvement on our trail there as previously we had almost 10km of road to hike but now we are almost exclusively on woodland trails. Fall will be a great time to get out there and enjoy the colours.

This season is one of my favourites on the trails as the trees turn to gold and the smells of autumn fill the air when you are out on the trails. I hope you can get out to enjoy them as well. There will be lots of maintenance crews going out to get the trails ready for winter. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these sessions, let Michele in the office know and she can forward your name on to the various Trail Captains who will be arranging the outings.

I hope to see you on the trails this coming quarter and particularly on our Anniversary Hike in December. Check the hike listing for the day and Christmas Party details.

MISSION STATEMENT REVISION

At our 2015 Annual General Meeting, held this year on Thursday, April 16th and attended by more than 72 members, a motion was made to amend our Mission Statement. An engaging discourse resulted putting forth a wide range of thoughts. In the end, it was agreed that our revised Mission Statement would be the following:

- 1) "To build and maintain a public hiking trail system on the Oak Ridges Moraine, off road where possible"
- 2) "To organize and promote hiking on this trail system and encourage responsible stewardship of the Moraine's natural environment"

This has been updated on our website and in our materials. We thank everyone for their contributions to ensure that our Mission aligns with our hearts and minds.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Please note the following correction to the Executive Committee Directory published in the Summer 2015 Issue.

Guidebook: Peter Atfield
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SEEKING NEW HIKERS AT THE AURORA STREET FESTIVAL

BY LISSA DWYER



ORTA Volunteers at the Aurora Street Festival.
Photo credit: Lissa Dwyer

Summer arrives in Aurora with the annual Street Festival held on the first Sunday in June, rain or shine. The event is attended by throngs of visitors who parade along Yonge Street from Wellington to Murray Drive enjoying a variety of food and music. Vendors of all sorts are there, but many visitors come to learn about service groups and community activities.

ORTA has been present at this Festival for many years... in fact, that's how I learned about ORTA! While the displays have been updated and the faces have changed, the continuity of our presence tells everyone that ORTA is here for the long haul. This year, Aurora chapter members Jodi Raffensburger, Charlotte Owen, Deb Lennon, Liz Arnold, Gail Birkett, Irene Pollard, Theresa Meadows and I met folks who wanted to learn more about ORTA. The day flies by with a steady flow of guests to our booth.

On the same day, Richmond Hill hosts the Mill Pond Splash which included a booth run by Pauline Ong and Vicky Chan. If your community offers outreach opportunities to share the ORTA message, please contact Michele in the office or Lissa Dwyer (Volunteer @oakridgestrail.org) so that we can introduce ORTA to new hikers in your neighbourhood.

NEWS FROM THE WEST ORMT

BY BRIAN MILLAGE

The ORTA footprint on the trails of our new west end in Caledon are now firmly established. All reports from leaders and hikers alike have been very positive starting with Malcolm's End2End group, who will have finished their challenge in September, and the Monday Trekker hiking group. The combination of high lookouts, mature forests and stream crossings make this a wonderful start to the west end of our trail. This newest addition to the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail (ORMT) starts in Glen Haffy Conservation Area (where we meet the Bruce Trail), just south of Coolihans Rd., and continues east to the Palgrave Forest C.A. Organized hikes in the area usually involve a short car shuttle.

We are very fortunate to have several new trail volunteers in this section of Caledon. Bogdan and Kim Ivic and Sandy Nicholson are helping monitor and maintain the local trails where they walk regularly. We hope to recruit more Trail Captains for the Palgrave area in the near future who will monitor the trails, do some minor trimming and call in help for larger issues. "Are you interested in joining the team?" Contact- brianmillage@yahoo.ca

Watch for several hiking options on the new trails as there are several Monday and Wednesday hikes in this edition of Trail Talk, as well as a series of End2End style hikes starting on Sept. 16 and 30 from the west end. This series will continue eastwards through King in Oct/Nov. These will be Wednesday, moderate speed, 11km outings that will continue across the Moraine next year and will eventually complete the entire trail. Wilma and I hope to see many of you join us for this series to experience the variety of terrain as well as the good company on trail. Keep on Trekking,

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MORaine ADVENTURE RELAY 2015

BY BRIAN MILLAGE



This was a very special year in the history of the Relay as we were welcomed by new hosts in Gore's Landing, George and Denise Jones, as well as Mike and Sarah Herati of TNS Healthfood Stores in Cobourg and Whitby.

Initially, George had a lot of questions about ORTA as he has also been involved in similar events with motocross (his son is a champion rider). When George heard about the totally volunteer nature of our group, the 100 plus checkpoint volunteers, the hundreds of hours of trail maintenance per year and the free guided hikes, he immediately agreed to continue the legacy of the MacDonald and Herati families.

We have appreciated the opportunity to start our major annual fundraiser on this

beautiful Rice Lake shoreline property and to have had the support of such welcoming hosts. Both have also supplied safety pontoon boats for the canoe leg of the Relay ending at Bewdley.

The Relay starting conditions were excellent as canoeists participated in the Parade of Paddlers led by the traditional Scottish piper. In three heats the 31 canoeists set off and made record time led by the TRCA Racers. Only two sets of paddlers decided to test the water temperature this year with a short swim, one at the starting line and the other after the finish line. George and Mike and the safety crews didn't have to assist with any rescues.



We had 31 teams at the starting line this year- 6 elite, and 22 recreational plus the 3 returning corporate supporters, Golder Associates, Team Mercedes-Benz and Team Mazda. While TRCA Racers, Dracula's Shtafengers and Mercedes-Benz came first in their respective divisions, our thanks go to all for their continuing support towards maintenance of the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail and the ORTA hiking programme. A special reward was waiting for all members of the winning teams as Wynn Fitness donated 3-month memberships to each member. Noel and Judy Carey reported that many other bonus awards were donated by businesses across the trail and were presented to individuals either for winning stages or for special participation. The Treetop Trekking vouchers were awarded to racers

who won multiple stages of the Relay. The top fundraiser award went to Bob Comfort, ORTA Hike Leader and Captain of the Sandspillers.

Again over 100 ORTA volunteers established checkpoints and dispensed information, encouragement, water and snacks to competitors, all with a smile! You are a major reason why teams return to "Challenge the Moraine". Thank You All!

This year's Relay committee has done a great job of making this a well organized and exciting event.

We look forward to the **BIG 10th Annual Relay** on

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CATCH UP WITH OUR = END TO END HIKERS =

BY MALCOLM HANN



Did you know a group of enthusiastic hikers are trekking End to End on the main Oak Ridges Moraine Trail?

They started their trek near Mono Mills on Easter Monday and will complete the 260 km End to End hike in September when they reach Castleton.

You should read their bi-weekly vignettes of these E2E hikes. Their progress and pictures are recorded on the ORTA website: <http://www.oakridgestrail.org/hikes/hike-diary-photos/> (see 'E2E hike #__' for vignettes from each hike).

Many tales have been recorded of the trek....and they haven't finished yet.

Hikers needed to use icers on Easter Monday, and have shouldered high wet grass that was as good as hiking in the rain and crossed gumbo mud fields and submerged plank bridges. Then there are the hikers showing how nimble they are, delicately dancing over muddy pools like a ballet dancer.

One rainy day, they found a café to sit for a spell to warm and dry off slightly. In another place, they took advantage of eating lunch on a golf club patio while absorbing the view of rolling hills to a distant lake.

There have been long hot and humid days when 3 litres of water were barely enough and dusty sections of the trail where a face mask would have been handy. The hikers have seen preparations for the Pan Am games and all kinds of animals, from pet pigs to exotic peacocks.

There has been rain and but mostly the hikes have been blessed with beautiful weather.

Several hikers come from far afield; include one who travels for each hike from Ottawa. Most did not know each other when the group gathered for the first hike in the Palgrave Forest parking lot, but have since formed firm friendships.

Upon completion of this trek, the hikers will receive a letter of congratulation from ORTA, the coveted E2E badge and mention of their individual success in Trail Talk. But of course the true satisfaction comes from realizing the personal goal of hiking the whole length of the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail and that is the best reward of all.

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MORaine MEETS ESCARPMENT

BY PETER ATTFIELD



The Palgrave Millpond. Photo credit: Bill Patterson

ORTA will soon celebrate the 25th anniversary of our beginnings in 1991. The Bruce Trail is in the midst of celebrating the 50th anniversary of its 1962-67 trail building. Why is the Bruce Trail so much older than ours? Surely they had a head start - the sediments that form the Niagara Escarpment were laid down more than 400 million years ago! The Oak Ridges Moraine formed a mere ten thousand years ago.

The Niagara Escarpment actually played a key role in the location and shape of the Oak Ridges Moraine, as we'll see on two hikes in October. It acted as a dam for a deep lake of glacial meltwater trapped between it and two ice lobes. Deposits into that lake form much of the Moraine.

Our story begins during the end of the last ice age, when the southern edge of an ice sheet covering most of Canada had melted back to the Caledon area. A fissure in the ice started to develop eastward from the Escarpment, cleaving a gap between a mass of ice in Lake Ontario and the main ice sheet to the north. Meltwater flowed over the ice, beneath the ice, and through tunnels and cavities within the ice, toward that growing gap.

Sediments carried in the dirty ice were deposited along all these watercourses, and then also into a long, narrow, deep, and expanding lake. The lake was held between those ice masses and dammed at its west end by ice atop the Escarpment. All these deposits in the gap were forming the east-west ridge we call the Oak Ridges Moraine.

When the ice dam melted enough to start exposing the Escarpment in that area, lake water spilled westward across the top of the Escarpment. Some sediment features along the Moraine can now be seen to "top-out" at the levels their part of the lake existed at when it drained over a particular point on the Escarpment. For example, certain sediments in Uxbridge were deposited into the lake when its level was controlled by an outlet channel near Campbellville.

As outlets became exposed on lower heights of the Escarpment and then elsewhere, the lake dropped lower. Parts of the lake would have been under glacial ice to start, and when the lake dropped, deposits could still be added from ice above. When the overhead ice melted, the melting ice lobes on both sides added more deposits onto the sides of the young Moraine.

This is just part of the story, but shows the Moraine to be a complex ridge. All the Moraine sediments, up to 150 metres deep in some spots, are believed to have been deposited rapidly, within a few hundred years at most. Awesome!

Moraine deposits lay on top of the east slope of the Escarpment in the Towns of Caledon and Mono, but many modern maps of the Moraine don't reveal this. They show instead the area of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (2002), which extends west only to the edge of the Niagara Escarpment Plan, created earlier (1979). This necessary administrative separation obscures the large area of the Moraine which lays over the Escarpment. That overlap offers some fantastic hiking trails.

We read in the summer Trail Talk that the Bruce Trail Conservancy turned over its Palgrave Side Trail to ORTA in March, because it leads away from the Escarpment. ORTA happily accepted this as a new route for our main trail, because it follows the Moraine to the Escarpment, through forested conservation lands with very little road walking between them. ORTA hike leaders have already been showing off that 10 kilometre route between Palgrave and Glen Haffy, and you'll find more hikes there this fall.

But did you know that the Bruce Trail follows the Moraine for a further 24 beautiful kilometres to the north and west? The Moraine overlaps the Escarpment all the way to Hockley Valley Road, and that section of Bruce Trail is gorgeous and hilly, with very little road walking. Come and discover it for yourself. I'll be leading hikes on October 17 and 24 to explore all that trail from Palgrave to Hockley Valley. See our hike calendar for details.

Based on "On the origin of the Oak Ridges Moraine", P.J. Barnett, D.R. Sharpe, H.A.J. Russell, T.A. Brennand, G. Gorrell, F. Kenny, and A. Pugin, *Can. J. Earth Sci.* 35: 1152-1167 (1998)

Viewable at www.sfu.ca/geog/temp/brennand/pubs_files/Barnettetal98_ORM_CJES.pdf



NEW MEMBERS

ORTA welcomed the following new members during our last quarter.

APRIL 1 - JUNE 30, 2015

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Ashley Avolio	Sheree Miller
Barbara Browne	Carol Moscoe
Dorothy Campbell	Wilson
Don Casey	Mundanmani- Antony
Heather Clarke	Paul Nixon
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April 1 - June 30, 2015

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ORTA FALL 2015 HIKE SCHEDULE

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF HIKES LISTED ON THE ORTA WEBSITE. OCCASIONALLY THERE ARE ADDITIONAL HIKES OR CORRECTIONS ADDED AFTER PRESS TIME.

- Remember that it is your responsibility to dress appropriately! Hat, gloves, gaiters, umbrella, may be needed. Wear sturdy hiking boots appropriate to changing precipitation and temperature; no cotton socks, use a liner sock plus a hiking sock. Dress in layers as conditions can vary widely within a short time or distance. Waterproof boots, jacket and pants recommended. Hiking poles optional.
- Keep these in the car: plastic bags for muddy boots, spare footwear, spare dry/warm clothes.
- Drinks and snacks recommended for all hikes and lunch may be needed for longer ones.
- Dogs: It is the hike leader's decision whether to allow dogs on hikes. If not specified in the hike listing, call the leader beforehand. Many landowners regulate that dogs shall be on leash. ORTA hikers and leaders will adhere to this policy. In all cases, dogs are expected to be well mannered and under strict control by their owners, out of consideration and safety for fellow hikers, other trail users and the environment.
- Winter Months: Late fall, winter and early spring are characterized by variable and unpredictable weather and trail conditions, in particular ice and snow. Conditions on the trail will often vary significantly from those outside your front door. For hiker and group safety, based on trail conditions, hike leaders may require participants to use icers or snowshoes to participate in the hike. If concerned, contact hike leader beforehand.
- In case of inclement weather, call the hike leader to confirm the hike.
- Be aware that parking areas are public places; refrain from keeping ANY valuables in your car.

HIKERS SHOULD ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE ADVERTISED HIKE TIME.

CELEBRATE ONTARIO HIKE WEEK: OCTOBER 1ST TO 7TH, 2015

Fri, Oct. 2, 2015 9:30 AM, Pickering - Duffins Creek West (Conc 3)

Moderate; 2hrs.; semi loop hike, hilly, no dogs please Meet at parking lot on Conc. 3, west off Brock Rd, north of 401, south of Taunton, west of Valley Farm Rd. GPS: 43.863965 , -79.098325

Kevin Lowe, 416-655-2256

Fri, Oct. 2, 2015 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike with some hilly sections Meet in parking lot west side of Hwy 48, 2.5 km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.059809, -79.302761

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sat, Oct. 3, 2015 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Loop hike some hilly sections. No dogs please Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sat, Oct. 3, 2015 9:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)

ORTA Map 2; 9km; Slow to moderate; 3hrs.; We will hike Mary Lake and stop at Pine Farm for refreshments and fresh apples. This is a joint hike with TBTC Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220 , -79.535400

Mina Kazemnia, 905-770-9954

Sun, Oct. 4, 2015 10:00 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Meadowvale Rd.)

10km; Moderate; 2+hrs.; Challenging terrain. T&B, hilly, forested, new members welcome. Bring snacks and water. Bring proper

hike gear. Meet at Pearse House, 1749 Meadowvale Rd, east side of Meadowvale Rd at Zoo Rd-follow signs for the Rouge Valley Conservation Centre. GPS: 43.8190238, -79.1709644

Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)

Mon, Oct. 5, 2015 9:30 AM, Richmond Hill - Oak Ridges Corridor - (Old Colony Rd.)

ORTA Map 3; 10+km; Moderate; 2+hrs.; Fall colours hike. This will be a T&B hike from the meeting place to Bathurst St. Our trek will take us past Bond Lake which should provide a beautiful setting of fall colours reflecting off the waters. Bring a drink and snacks and dress appropriately for the weather. Meet in the parking area on the south side of Old Colony Rd. 550m. west from Bayview Ave. GPS: 43.938785 , -79.435619

Malcolm Hann, 905-477-7260 (before 10:00PM) cell 416-333-1440 (hike day only)

Wed, Oct. 7, 2015 9:30 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Kingston Rd)

16km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; Loops; varied, hilly terrain. Bring drinks/snacks/lunch. Meet at parking lot by Glen Rouge Campground. Entrance on north side of Kingston Rd (Hwy 2), east of Port Union Rd (Scarborough), west of Altona Rd (Pickering). GPS: 43.80489, -79.1372092

Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, cell phone (day of hike) 905-809-5138

Wed, Oct. 7, 2015 9:30 AM, King - Lloydtown (18th. SR.+10th. Conc.)

ORTA Map 1; 9km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; First King Chapter E2E. This hike will involve a short shuttle to the Caledon/King Line. We will hike through a combination of country fields, roads and forests. Meet in roadside parking on 18th. SR., 2Km west from Hwy #27 at the intersection with 10th. Conc. GPS: 43.970641 , -79.694223

Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512

OCTOBER (CON'T)

Fri, Oct. 9, 2015 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF North Tract

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Loop hike on mainly narrow footpaths, moderate hills. Please wear long pants, there will be some poison ivy. Meet at parking area on the west side of Hwy 48, 0.5km north of Vivian Rd or 1.3 km south of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.082138, -79.307819

John Fuchs, 289-500-2212 (hike day only)

Fri, Oct. 9, 2015 9:30 AM, Markham - Unionville Urban Hike (Toogood Pond)

10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike around Toogood and Walden Ponds. Meet at Toogood parking area. Take Main St Unionville north, from Carlton Rd 0.5km turn west on Toogood Pond to parking. GPS: 43.869525, -79.313331

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sat, Oct. 10, 2015 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sun, Oct. 11, 2015 10:00 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)

10km; Moderate to fast; Meet in the park on the west side of West Duffins Creek, south side of Whitevale Rd in the village of Whitevale. GPS: 43.8865, -79.1628

Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)

Sun, Oct. 11, 2015 10:00 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest (Hwy 50)

ORTA Map 1; 10km; Moderate; 3.5hrs.; End to End of new section trail. Bring lunch and water. Car shuttle. Meet at Palgrave Forest Parking Lot, W side of Hwy 50, 2.2 km S of Hwy 9 or 0.5 km N of Palgrave Village. GPS: 43.955354, -79.843260

David Francis, 905-936-4446, cell (day of hike) 416-579-5432

Mon, Oct. 12, 2015 9:30 AM, Aurora - Sheppard's Bush (Industry St.)

ORTA Map Aurora; 6km; Slow; 2hrs.; Thanksgiving Day hike suitable for families with children, including infants in large wheeled strollers. The Oak Ridges Trail and the Nokiidaa Trail run south from Sheppard's Bush to Vandorf Sideroad. We may continue south on the extension of the Nokiidaa Trail to Benville Crescent. Please bring water and snacks of your choice. Dogs welcome but must be on leash at all times. Meet at C.A. parking lot. Turn east on Mary St. off Industrial Parkway (south of Wellington St), turn south on Industry Street. GPS: 43.998100, -79.455696

Stan Butcher, 905-737-3966, cell (day of hike only) 416-434-3471

Mon, Oct. 12, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Join us for a scenic fall hike in this glorious forested area. Moderate hills and scenic lookout

points. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Meet at parking lot on east side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Town Line or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.006009, -79.101922

Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512

Wed, Oct. 14, 2015 9:30 AM, Pickering - Duffins Creek West (Conc 3)

13km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; This will be an End to End hike of the Seaton Trail. Car shuttle will be required from the meeting place to the start of the hike. This is a lovely forest trail with steep hills as we follow the river. Bring snacks/lunch and water. Meet at parking lot on Conc. 3, west off Brock Rd, north of 401, south of Taunton, west of Valley Farm Rd. GPS: 43.863965, -79.098325

Malcolm Hann, 905-477-7260 (before 10:00PM) cell 416-333-1440 (hike day only)

Wed, Oct. 14, 2015 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley North (Conc. 7)

ORTA Map 2; 11km; Moderate; 3hrs.; This is the 2nd of the King E2E series. It will involve a short shuttle. We will walk through forests and fields ending south of Pottageville with a section through the scenic Happy Valley Forest area with some road connections. Meet at the (dead end) on 7th. Conc. 2.8km south of Pottageville from the Lloydtown-Aurora Rd.

NOTE, this point can only be accessed by vehicles coming south on 7th. Conc. GPS: 43.967134, -79.616811

Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512

Thu, Oct. 15, 2015 7:00 PM, Whit-Stouffville - ORTA Event - Ballantrae Community Centre

ORTA Map 4; Discovery Night. Hiking & exploring in wild Labrador & Newfoundland. By Dianne Charlton. Meet in Community Centre, on north side of Aurora Road, 1Km east from Hwy #48. GPS: 44.040733, -79.286552

Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, cell (day of hike) 905-809-5138

Fri, Oct. 16, 2015 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley (Weston & 16th Sdrd)

ORTA Map 2; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; There and back hike Meet at roadside parking northeast corner of Weston Rd & 16th Sdrd. GPS: 43.954224, -79.586575

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sat, Oct. 17, 2015 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Loop hike some hilly sections. No dogs please Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sat, Oct. 17, 2015 9:30 AM, Bruce Trail - Hockley Heights (7th Line)

17km; Moderate; 7hrs.; #1 of 2 to explore the northwest end of the Oak Ridges Moraine. Follow the newest 10 km of OR Trail, plus Bruce Trail, through forested conservation lands. (B.Trail map #17.) Car shuttle: no dogs; try to bring car with fuel, space for passengers,

LEGEND

HIKE TERRAIN: Easy = mostly flat, good footing. Challenging = some hills and/or poor footing Strenuous = hills with steep climbs

CA = conservation area
T&B = there and back hike
YRF = York Regional Forest

TRCA = Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
BT = Bruce Trail Conservancy
PP = Provincial Park

Select hikes most suitable for your ability:

Slow	3km/h	Fast	5km/h
Moderate	4km/h	Very Fast	6km/h

plastic bags for muddy boots. Allow 7 hrs for shuttle, hiking, stops, lunch. Dropout may be possible at 11 km. Meet at the Bruce Trail parking area on the east side of Airport Rd. Take Airport Road 1.7 km north of Hwy 9, then east on 7th Line to parking area. GPS: 43.960276 , -79.979739

Peter Attfield, 905-773-3935 (before 10:00PM) cell 416-930-9761 (hike day only)

Sun, Oct. 18, 2015 10:00 AM, Uxbridge - Durham Forest & Crow's Pass CA. (Houston Rd)

ORTA Map 6; 10km; Moderate; 2+hrs.; Loop hike; some hills , beautiful wooded area; dress for the weather ; bring water and snacks. Meet at the dead end of Houston Rd., west from Lakeridge Rd. (2.4 km. north of Chalk Lake Rd.). GPS: 44.044566 , -79.067489

Grace Moores, 905-263-4340

Mon, Oct. 19, 2015 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury - North Nokiidaa Trail (Green Lane)

ORTA Map 3; 7.5km; Slow; 3hrs.; Dependent on construction work on the trail and weather conditions we may go north towards Holland Landing or south into Newmarket. Hiking boots are recommended If conditions underfoot are wet. Bring water and snacks of your choice. Dogs on leash welcome. Lunch option afterwards. Meet at Rogers Reservoir front parking lot on the north side of Green Lane, 1.7 km west of Leslie St. GPS: 44.079958, -79.452813

Stan Butcher, 905-737-3966, cell (day of hike only) 416-434-3471

Wed, Oct. 21, 2015 9:30 AM, Lindsay - Pontypool Fleetwood Creek (Wild Turkey Rd)

14+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; Three loop hikes depending on time and conditions Take highway 35 and turn east on Ballyduff Road. Meet at the parking area just south of Ballyduff Road, east of Wild Turkey Road. GPS: 44.142627 , -78.621845

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Fri, Oct. 23, 2015 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury - YRF Bendor & Graves (Kennedy Rd)

9km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; One of my favourite hiking areas. Loop hike on some little used trails with some hilly sections and one short steep hill. We'll also go through three wilderness areas with few signs of a trail. Some detours around fallen trees. Please wear long pants because there is some poison ivy. Meet in the parking area at the dead end of Kennedy Rd, north of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.087113 , -79.360133

John Fuchs, 289-500-2212 (hike day only)

Fri, Oct. 23, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Albright Rd.)

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; West and East Walker Woods loop hike, hilly. Meet at parking lot on the east side of Conc 6, 2 km south of Durham Rd. 21 at Albright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sat, Oct. 24, 2015 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161



Sat, Oct. 24, 2015 9:30 AM, Campbellcroft - Pine Ridge Hiking Club

12km; Moderate; Joint hike with the Pine Ridge Club (PRC) & ORTA. The roads and trails of North East Campbellcroft. Exact meeting location and time to be decided. Check the ORTA website for revisions to this hike before travelling to Campbellcroft. GPS: 44.064024 , -78.374847

PRC hike leader David Beevis, 905-885-7151; or ORTA contact, Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, cell 905-809-5138.

Sun, Oct. 25, 2015 10:00 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Meadowvale Rd.)

10km; Moderate; 2+hrs.; Challenging terrain. T&B, hilly, forested, new members welcome. Bring snacks and water. Bring proper hike gear. Meet at Pearse House, 1749 Meadowvale Rd, east side of Meadowvale Rd at Zoo Rd-follow signs for the Rouge Valley Conservation Centre. GPS: 43.8190238, -79.1709644

Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)

Sun, Oct. 25, 2015 2:00 PM, Aurora - Nokiidaa Trail (Industrial Parkway North)

ORTA Map Aurora; 4+km; Slow to moderate; 2+hrs.; Option to drop-out after 2 km. Nature hike through hardwood forest, cedar 'swamp' and successional field. Mostly level terrain with a couple of hills. Bring a bottle of water and a snack for on the trail. Meet at the south parking lot of the Aurora Family Leisure Centre off Industrial Parkway North GPS: 44.010594, -79.461358

Diana Piche, 647-237-4837

Mon, Oct. 26, 2015 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Dainty & Clarke Tract (McCowan Rd)

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Come walk with us on these easy, sandy trails in the forest. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch. afterwards. . Meet at Dainty Tract parking lot on west side of McCowan Rd, 0.4 km south of Aurora Rd. GPS: 44.027923 , -79.319657

Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512

Wed, Oct. 28, 2015 9:15 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest north (Finnerty SR)

ORTA Map 1; 16+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; Note start time! Hike from Palgrave CA to new terminus of Oak Ridges Trail . Experience this great addition to ORMT. Hilly with great views. Shuttle. Must pre-register via phone or e-mail: rcomfort@xplornet.com From Palgrave drive north on Hwy 50 for 3.5Km then turn west onto Finnerty SR. Drive 750m. to the Palgrave Forest parking lot on the south side of the road. GPS: 43.960580 , -79.863394

Bob Comfort, 905-473-2669, cell (day of hike) 905-960-0543

Wed, Oct. 28, 2015 9:30 AM, Vaughan - Humber Valley Heritage Trail (Huntington Road)

6+km; Moderate; 2+hrs.; Very picturesque forest, upland meadows and riverside trails with some fairly steep hilly sections. Well behaved dogs welcome. Marianne encourages a love of nature so we stop to admire the view and take photos. From Kleinburg go west on Nashville Rd. to Huntington Rd and then go north for 2.5km to the trailhead at the intersection with Kirby Rd. Roadside parking is on Huntington. GPS: 43.860372 , -79.668579

Marianne Broome. 905-939-7007 Cell (hike day only) 416-409-1980

Fri, Oct. 30, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major East (Conc. 7)

ORTA Map 5; Moderate; 2hrs.; loop hike through pretty area, some hills, lunch after, no dogs please Meet at parking lot off Uxbridge Conc 7, 6 km south of Durham Route 21 or 1 km north of Uxbridge/Pickering town line or Conc 5 Pickering on Sideline 4. GPS: 44.0060802, -79.0692565

Kevin Lowe, 416-655-2256

Fri, Oct. 30, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Brock/Glen Major/Walker Woods (Conc. 6)

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike some hills Meet at parking lot on east side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Town Line or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.006009, -79.101922

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sat, Oct. 31, 2015 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Loop hike some hilly sections. No dogs please Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sat, Oct. 31, 2015 9:30 AM, Bruce Trail - Hockley Valley (Hockley Rd)

17km; Moderate; 7+hrs.; #2 of 2 to explore the far northwest end of the Oak Ridges Moraine. Follow the Bruce Trail through beautiful hilly forested private lands. (B.Trail map #18.) Car shuttle: no dogs; try to bring car with fuel, space for passengers, plastic bags for muddy boots. Allow 7+ hrs for shuttle, hiking, stops, lunch. Dropout may be possible at 10 km. Meet at the Bruce Trail parking area on the north side of Hockley Rd. Take Airport Rd 7 km north of Hwy 9, then west 6 km on Hockley Rd to parking area. GPS: 43.972854, -80.055899

Peter Atfield, 905-773-3935 (before 10:00PM) cell 416-930-9761 (hike day only)

NOVEMBER

Sun, Nov. 1, 2015 9:30 AM, Mono Mills - Western Oak Ridges Trail Head (Coolihans SR)

ORTA Map 0; 6km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Hockley Valley loop trail with hills. Meet in road side parking on Coolihans SR 1.4Km E. from Airport Rd./RR #7 (this location is 0.1Km. W. from the intersection with Glen Haffy Rd.). The road side parking is at the entrance to the trail. GPS: 43.937762, -79.934945

David Francis, 905-936-4446, cell (day of hike) 416-579-5432

Mon, Nov. 2, 2015 9:30 AM, Richmond Hill - Oak Ridges Corridor/ Jefferson Forest (Oak Ridges Community Ctr.)

ORTA Map 3; 6.5km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; We will explore some of the trail system under development east of Bayview Avenue. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Boots recommended - there is some rough ground and steep hills. Dogs on leash welcome. As usual bring drinks and maybe a snack. Lunch option afterwards. Meet at South parking lot of Oak Ridges Community Centre, west side of Bayview Ave, 1.5 km north of Stouffville Rd. GPS: 43.947384, -79.427794

Stan Butcher, 905-737-3966, cell (day of hike only) 416-434-3471

Wed, Nov. 4, 2015 9:30 AM, Long Sault CA (Woodley Rd)

ORTA Map 7; 17km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; Joint hike with Pine Ridge Club. Loops; varied hilly terrain. Bring drink & lunch/snacks. Paid parking \$4. Meet at C.A. Parking Lot. Exit 401 at Waverly Rd. Travel North on Regional Rd. #57. Turn right at Regional Rd. #20. Turn left at Woodley Rd. Pay and Display Parking is in effect at a cost of: Max. - \$5/ vehicle/day or \$2/ hour. GPS: 44.049939, -78.741937

Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, cell (day of hike) 905-809-5138

Wed, Nov. 4, 2015 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley North (Conc. 7)

ORTA Map 2; 10.5km; Moderate; 3hrs.; Hike 3 of King Chapter E2E. This hike will pass through the Marylake property continuing west through the scenic Happy Valley Forest and ending south of Pottageville. There are several hilly sections along this route. Meet at the (dead end) on 7th. Conc. 2.8km south of Pottageville from the Lloydtown-Aurora

Rd. NOTE, this point can only be accessed by vehicles coming south on 7th. Conc. GPS: 43.967134, -79.616811

Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512

Fri, Nov. 6, 2015 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)

10km; Fast; 2hrs.; There and back some hilly sections. Meet in the park on the west side of West Duffins Creek, south side of Whitevale Rd in the village of Whitevale. GPS: 43.8865, -79.1628

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Fri, Nov. 6, 2015 9:30 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Meadowvale Rd.)

Moderate; 2.5hrs.; some steep hills, will travel to the Valley Hala mansion, no dogs please Meet at Pearse House, 1749 Meadowvale Rd, east side of Meadowvale Rd at Zoo Rd-follow signs for the Rouge Valley Conservation Centre. GPS: 43.8190238, -79.1709644

Kevin Lowe, 416-655-2256

Sat, Nov. 7, 2015 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Loop hike some hilly sections. No dogs please Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sun, Nov. 8, 2015 10:00 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)

10km; Moderate to fast; Meet in the park on the west side of West Duffins Creek, south side of Whitevale Rd in the village of Whitevale. GPS: 43.8865, -79.1628

Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)

Sun, Nov. 8, 2015 2:00 PM, Whit- Stouffville - YRF Porritt Tract - Pangman Springs (Kennedy Rd.)

ORTA Map 4; 3+km; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Nature hike through mixed forest. Bring a bottle of water and a snack for on the trail. Meeting in the YRF parking lot on the west side of Kennedy Rd. 550m. north from Aurora Rd. GPS: 44.031875, -79.347087

Diana Piche, 647-237-4837



Mon, Nov. 9, 2015 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury - YRF Bendor & Graves (Kennedy Rd)

Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Sheltered forest trails with a few moderate hills. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Meet in the parking area at the dead end of Kennedy Rd, north of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.087113 , -79.360133
Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512

Wed, Nov. 11, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Secord/Goodwood/Glasgow (Conc. 3)

ORTA Map 5; 14+km; Fast; 4+hrs.; From Secord Forest we will hike the Albright Side Trial, Norton & Clubine Tracts. This will be a figure eight hike with some road and minor hills. Bring drinks/snacks/lunch. Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766
Malcolm Hann, 905-477-7260 (before 10:00PM) cell 416-333-1440 (hike day only)

Fri, Nov. 13, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Durham Forest (Conc. 7)

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Hilly loop hike including Skyloft. Meet in the Durham Forest parking area on the east side of the 7th Conc. 1 km south of Durham Rd 21. GPS: 44.050009 , -79.093841
Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Fri, Nov. 13, 2015 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)

ORTA Map 4; 10+km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Hike on mainly footpaths in Eldred King with some hilly sections. We'll also do a loop on the Scout Tract. There may still be some poison ivy. Dress suitably for the weather. Meet in parking lot west side of Hwy 48, 2.5 km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.059809, -79.302761
John Fuchs, 289-500-2212 (hike day only)

Sat, Nov. 14, 2015 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764
Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sat, Nov. 14, 2015 10:00 AM, Vaughan - Woodbridge - Trails (Rutherford Rd)

10km; Moderate; 3hrs.; We will hike north along the Granger Greenway to Kleinburg and re-trace our steps the same way. Trail is a gravel path, mostly out in the open. Runners okay. No dogs please. e-mail inquires tjshelvey@yahoo.com. Cell on day of hike 416-320-8555. Meet in the Pierre Berton Library parking lot, 350 m. east from the intersection of Islington Avenue and Rutherford Road. GPS: 43.817958 , -79.596205
Tessa Shelvey, 905-850-1507 (before 9:00PM)

Sun, Nov. 15, 2015 10:00 AM, Port Hope - Ganaraska Forest (Pinegrove Lane)

ORTA Map 9; 8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; There and back ; dress for the weather ; bring water and snacks. Take Ganaraska Rd (#9) to Garden Hill, go north (left) on County Rd #10 to Pine Grove Ln (2-3km) go west (left) on Pinegrove Ln to meet at roadside parking. GPS: 44.075235 , -78.409269
Grace Moores, 905-263-4340

Mon, Nov. 16, 2015 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley (Weston & 16th Sdrd)

ORTA Map 2; 7km; Slow; 2.5hrs.; There are some steep hills. Hiking boots recommended; dress appropriately for the weather. Bring snacks and water. Dogs on leash welcome. Lunch option afterwards at Pine Farms. It will be time to discuss Icers/Grippers and Snowshoes for the approaching winter. Meet at roadside parking northeast corner of Weston Rd & 16th Sdrd. GPS: 43.954224, -79.586575
Stan Butcher, 905-737-3966, cell (day of hike only) 416-434-3471

Wed, Nov. 18, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Brock/Glen Major/Walker Woods (Conc. 6)

ORTA Map 5; 14km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; Loop hike very hilly Meet at parking lot on east side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Town Line or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.006009 , -79.101922
Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Thu, Nov. 19, 2015 7:00 PM, Whit-Stouffville - ORTA Event - Ballantrae Community Centre

ORTA Map 4; Discovery Night. TBA. Please check ORTA website closer to the event for details. Meet in Community Centre, on north side of Aurora Road, 1Km east from Hwy #48. GPS: 44.040733, -79.286552
Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, cell (day of hike) 905-809-5138

Fri, Nov. 20, 2015 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF North Tract

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Lots of poison ivy. Meet at parking area on the west side of Hwy 48, 0.5km north of Vivian Rd or 1.3 km south of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.082138, -79.307819
Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Fri, Nov. 20, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)

ORTA Map 5; Moderate; 2hrs.; loop hike though a pretty area, some hills, no dogs please Meet at parking lot on east side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Town Line or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.006009 , -79.101922
Kevin Lowe, 416-655-2256

Sat, Nov. 21, 2015 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764
Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sat, Nov. 21, 2015 9:00 AM, King - Happy Valley (Weston & 16th Sdrd)

ORTA Map 2; 9km; Slow to moderate; 3hrs.; Hike in pleasant forest trails in Humber Source Woods and Love Mountain. No dogs please. This is a joint hike with TBTC. Refreshment at Pine Farm after finishing the hike Meet at roadside parking northeast corner of Weston Rd & 16th Sdrd. GPS: 43.954224, -79.586575
Mina Kazemnia, 905-770-9954

Sun, Nov. 22, 2015 10:00 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Meadowvale Rd.)

10km; Moderate; 2+hrs.; Challenging terrain. T&B, hilly, forested, new members welcome. Bring snacks and water. Bring proper hike gear. Meet at Pearse House, 1749 Meadowvale Rd, east side of Meadowvale Rd at Zoo Rd-follow signs for the Rouge Valley Conservation Centre. GPS: 43.8190238, -79.1709644
Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)

**Mon, Nov. 23, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Secord/Goodwood/
Glasgow (Conc. 3)**

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Join us in one of our favourite forest areas with ponds and moderate hills. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike
416-722-6512**

Wed, Nov. 25, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Durham Forest (Conc. 7)

ORTA Map 5; 16+km; Fast; 4+hrs.; Figure of 8 hike through Durham Forest, Skyloft CA and Crowspass CA. Hilly. Meet in the Durham Forest parking area on the east side of the 7th Conc. 1 km south of Durham Rd 21. GPS: 44.050009, -79.093841

Bob Comfort, 905-473-2669, cell (day of hike) 905-960-0543

**Fri, Nov. 27, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Brock/Glen Major/Walker
Woods (Conc. 6)**

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike some hills Meet at parking lot on east side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Town Line or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.006009, -79.101922

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

**Fri, Nov. 27, 2015 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Dainty & Clarke
Tract (McCowan Rd)**

ORTA Map 4; 9km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; We'll do a loop on the Dainty Tract then do some trails on the Clarke Tract. We may try the trail to Hwy 48 on the Clarke Tract. Dress suitably for the weather with icers or snowshoes. Meet at Dainty Tract parking lot on west side of McCowan Rd, 0.4 km south of Aurora Rd. GPS: 44.027923, -79.319657

John Fuchs, 289-500-2212 (hike day only)

Sat, Nov. 28, 2015 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Loop hike some hilly sections. No dogs please Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

**Sun, Nov. 29, 2015 1:30 PM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary
Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 8+km; Moderate; 2+hrs.; We will go from Keele St. to Seneca and hike around these beautiful trails. There are some rough and hilly sections. Well behaved dogs welcome. Marianne encourages a love of nature, so bring your camera as we will stop to admire the view. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220, -79.535400

Marianne Broome. 905-939-7007 Cell (hike day only) 416-409-1980

**Mon, Nov. 30, 2015 9:30 AM, Whit - Stouffville - Whitchurch CA.
(Aurora Rd.).**

ORTA Map 4; 7+km; Slow; 3hrs.; Some areas may be muddy - hiking boots recommended and please dress appropriately for the weather. Bring drinks and a snack. Dogs on leash welcome. Lunch option afterwards at Hanson's Restaurant. Meeting in the parking lot on south side of Aurora Rd. 1.1km. west from Kennedy Rd. GPS: 44.024246, -79.358470

Stan Butcher, 905-737-3966, cell (day of hike only) 416-434-3471

DECEMBER

**Wed, Dec. 2, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Secord/Goodwood/
Glasgow (Conc. 3)**

ORTA Map 5; 16km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; T&B. Hike Secord, Goodwood & Glasgow Tracts. Bring drink & lunch/snacks. If early winter arrives, hike distance & time will depend on weather & trail conditions. If so, be prepared with icers or snowshoes, as appropriate. Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766

Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, cell (day of hike) 905-809-5138

**Fri, Dec. 4, 2015 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury - YRF Bendor &
Graves (Kennedy Rd)**

Moderate; 2hrs.; no dogs please, may need icers or snowshoes Meet in the parking area at the dead end of Kennedy Rd, north of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.087113, -79.360133

Kevin Lowe, 416-655-2256

**Fri, Dec. 4, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc.
6. / Albright Rd.)**

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; West and East Walker Woods loop hike, hilly. Meet at parking lot on the east side of Conc 6, 2 km south of Durham Rd. 21 at Albright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sat, Dec. 5, 2015 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

**Sun, Dec. 6, 2015 10:00 AM, Caledon - Forks of the Credit (Credit
Provincial Park)**

6km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Explore the hills and valley by the Credit River Meet at Forks of the Credit Provincial Park parking lot (paid parking); off McLaren Rd, 2 km south of Peel Rd 24 (Charleston Side Rd). GPS: 43.824836, -80.003989

David Francis, 905-936-4446, cell (day of hike) 416-579-5432

**Mon, Dec. 7, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West
(Conc. 6. / Albright Rd.)**

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Join us on these easy trails for our 12th annual anniversary hike and ORTA member Christmas pot-luck lunch afterwards. Let's hope for a light snow to make the day perfect. Icers needed? Meet at parking lot on the east side of Conc 6, 2 km south of Durham Rd. 21 at Albright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike
416-722-6512**

Wed, Dec. 9, 2015 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley (Weston & 16th Sdrd)

ORTA Map 2; 7+km; Moderate; 2+hrs.; Oak Ridges Trail, Love Mountain and Humber Scource Woods. Beautiful forests and meadows with some hilly sections. Well behaved dogs welcome.

Marianne encourages a love of nature so we stop to admire the view and take photos. Meet at roadside parking northeast corner of Weston Rd & 16th Sdrd. GPS: 43.954224, -79.586575

Marianne Broome. 905-939-7007 Cell (day of hike only) 416-409-1980

Wed, Dec. 9, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)

ORTA Map 5; 12+km; Moderate to fast; 3+hrs.; We will hike the Brock Tract (west side of 7th. Conc). Challenging terrain. Loop hike through pretty area. Icers may be required.

Bring water/drink and a snack. Meet at parking lot on east side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Town Line or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.006009 , -79.101922

Malcolm Hann, 905-477-7260 (before 10:00PM) cell 416-333-1440 (hike day only)

Thu, Dec. 10, 2015 10:00 AM, Vaughan - Woodbridge - Trails (Rutherford Rd)

7km; Slow; 2hrs.; Nice leisurely hike in Boyd Park. After the hike we will go to the Sunset Grille near Vaughan Mills where they serve all day breakfast. This is a joint hike with the Toronto Bruce Trail club. e-mail inquires tjshelvey@yahoo.com. Cell on day of hike 416-320-8555. Meet in the Pierre Berton Library parking lot, 350 m. east from the intersection of Islington Avenue and Rutherford Road. GPS: 43.817958 , -79.596205

Tessa Shelvey, 905-850-1507 (before 9:00PM)

**Fri, Dec. 11, 2015 9:30 AM, Newmarket - Jokers Hill (Bathurst St)**

ORTA Map 3; 9km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Loop hike on forested trails of Jokers' Hill and Thornton Bales Conservation areas. Some steeper hills (99 steps). Icers may be required! Meet at road side parking on dead-end street west of Bathurst, 1.3 km north of Mulock Dr. north of town houses. GPS: 44.041408, -79.504148

John Fuchs, 289-500-2212 (hike day only)

Fri, Dec. 11, 2015 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley North (Conc. 7)

ORTA Map 2; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Some hilly sections Meet at the (dead end) on 7th. Conc. 2.8km south of Pottageville from the Lloydtown-Aurora Rd. NOTE, this point can only be accessed by vehicles coming south on 7th. Conc. GPS: 43.967134 , -79.616811

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sat, Dec. 12, 2015 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Loop hike some hilly sections. No dogs please Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Sun, Dec. 13, 2015 10:00 AM, Clarington - Leskard (Leskard Rd.)

ORTA Map 8; 9km; Moderate; 2+hrs.; There and back hike ; some up and down terrain ; dress for the weather ; bring water and snacks ; may need icers or snowshoes. Meet at 3-way stop in the village of Leskard; from Tauton Rd east, take Leskard Rd north about 4 km to Leskard. GPS: 44.022771 , -78.650824

Grace Moores, 905-263-4340

Mon, Dec. 14, 2015 9:30 AM, Richmond Hill - Mill Pond (Mill St)

6km; 2hrs.; Not on an ORTA Map. Hike on the town trails around Mill Pond Park. Dogs on leash welcome. Join us for refreshments afterwards. Meet in parking lot beside the Mill Pond, Mill St. 0.8km east of Bathurst. GPS: 43.876041 , -79.451533

Stan Butcher, 905-737-3966, cell (day of hike only) 416-434-3471

Wed, Dec. 16, 2015 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)

14km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; There and back some hilly sections. Come prepared for icy conditions. Meet in the park on the west side of West Duffins Creek, south side of Whitevale Rd in the village of Whitevale. GPS: 43.8865, -79.1628

Russ Burton, 905-830-2862

Fri, Dec. 18, 2015 9:30 AM, Aurora - Sheppard's Bush (Industry St.)

ORTA Map Aurora; 9km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Loop hike; we'll hike south of Vandorf S.R. then go about 1 km north of Wellington St. then back to cars. Bring snacks and water. Icers may be required. Meet at C.A. parking lot. Turn east on Mary St. off Industrial Parkway (south of Wellington St) , turn south on Industry Street. GPS: 43.998100, -79.455696

John Fuchs, 289-500-2212 (hike day only)

Fri, Dec. 18, 2015 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; We will hike Eldred King, Scout and Mitchel Tracts. Meet in parking lot west side of Hwy 48, 2.5 km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.059809, -79.302761

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sat, Dec. 19, 2015 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)

ORTA Map 5; 4+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

Sun, Dec. 20, 2015 10:00 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Moderate; Meet in parking lot west side of Hwy 48, 2.5 km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.059809, -79.302761

Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)

Mon, Dec. 21, 2015 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF North Tract

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Walk with us on these easy trails among the tall pines. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Icers/snowshoes? Join us for lunch afterwards. Meet at parking area on the west side of Hwy 48, 0.5km north of Vivian Rd or 1.3 km south of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.082138, -79.307819

Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512

Wed, Dec. 23, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Albright Rd.)

ORTA Map 5; 12+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; 12-16 km. depending on conditions. Loop hike through Walker Woods and Glen Major. Icers or snowshoes, as required . Hilly. Meet at parking lot on the east side of Conc 6, 2 km south of Durham Rd. 21 at Albright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

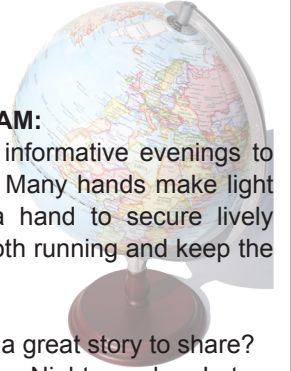
Bob Comfort, 905-473-2669, cell (day of hike) 905-960-0543

Wed, Dec. 30, 2015 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Durham Forest (Conc. 7)

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Hilly loop hike including Skyloft. Meet in the Durham Forest parking area on the east side of the 7th Conc. 1 km south of Durham Rd 21. GPS: 44.050009 , -79.093841

Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161

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When: 7-9 p.m.

Where: Ballantrae Community Centre, 5592 Aurora Road, Stouffville (just east of Hwy. 48/Markham Rd, on the north side)

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