

ORTA Hike Leader Training Statement

- ORTA encourages members to become hike leaders in order to have a good selection of different hikes and involvement in our organization. In order to lead hikes, all hike leaders must take the hike leader training authorized by Hike Ontario or other accredited Canadian organization, e.g., Bruce Trail Conservancy, Outdoor Council of Canada. If they are not a qualified medical professional, e.g., MD, RN, ORTA requires that they complete a recognized first aid and CPR training course before they begin to lead hikes, unless they already have a current valid certificate. ORTA will reimburse new leaders for both courses after they have led six hikes within the 12-month period after completing their leader training.
- Additionally, ORTA encourages leaders to keep their skills up to date. To support this objective, ORTA will reimburse leaders 100% of recertification first aid courses after they have led eight hikes or more in each of the previous three years. For active leaders, ORTA will also cover any cost for Hike Ontario leader certificate renewal.
- ORTA hike leaders must carry a communication device capable of summoning emergency assistance (e.g. phone or satellite communicator) while leading hikes and must carry a first aid kit.
- Please contact our Hike Coordinator for additional information at hikes@oakridgestrail.org

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