



# Bruce Trail CONSERVANCY

BLUE MOUNTAINS CLUB

2024

1. All hikes meet fifteen minutes prior to start time behind Tim Hortons on First St., Collingwood. Hikes start at 9:00 AM unless otherwise indicated.
2. On-line registration is the preferred sign-up procedure. Hikers are welcome to show up the morning of the hike prepared to sign-in (have BTC membership #).
3. Always check the on-line **BTC calendar** for the **most up-to-date** changes for a hike, especially if you do not register on-line.
4. Be respectful of our volunteers. Cancel on-line if you have registered for a hike. Go to MY HIKES and cancel the hike. If you are canceling 24 hours or less, email the Hike Leader with this information.
5. If you choose to meet at the trailhead rather than the morning sign-in location, **ALWAYS** make contact and confirm with the leader where you are to meet to avoid any mix ups.
6. **All km markings are based on The Bruce Trail Reference Edition 31.**
7. All hikes require you to bring 2-4 litres of water depending on the length of your hike and the temperature. Bring snacks or lunch.
8. Hikers are expected to wear appropriate attire for the weather and the terrain. **You must wear appropriate hiking footwear for ALL hikes.** Hiking poles are a good idea in any season, especially if the terrain is rocky or slippery. Wearing appropriate clothing and footwear prevents injuries and shows consideration for a safe and positive group hiking experience. In summer, bring bug spray, bug net, sunscreen. No matter the season, **you will not be able to participate in the hike without proper footwear.**
9. Ensure you have read the hike description, **length and pace** of hike. Pick your hike based on your ability as a hiker.
10. Always carry I.D. and your health card.
11. Bring your own first aid kit.
12. Please leave dogs at home.

**Leave No Trace...Pack out everything you pack in,  
even biodegradable items and toilet paper.**

Follow the safe hiking guidelines as outlined by the Bruce Trail Conservancy:  
**[brucetrail.org](http://brucetrail.org)**

**PACE:**

\***Leisurely** -3 km/hr. or less

\***Medium** -3 to 4 km/hr

\***Brisk** - 4 to 5 km/hr

\***Fast** - 5+ km/hr

**TERRAIN:**

**Easy** - Mostly flat and usually good footing.

**Moderate** - Some hills and/or some poor footing.

**Strenuous** - Hilly with steep climbs and some poor footing.

*Hikes and distance are subject to change based on pre-hikes by leaders. You can contact the hike leader (email found on-line in the BMBTC Blue Print Newsletter at [bmbtc.org](http://bmbtc.org)) or email the Hike Coordinator at [hikecoordinator@bmbtc.org](mailto:hikecoordinator@bmbtc.org) with any questions. Always check the BTC Hike Calendar for most up to date info at [brucetrail.org](http://brucetrail.org)*

**Send your hiking photos to [Communications@bmbtc.org](mailto:Communications@bmbtc.org) for posting!**

**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

**Barrow Bay Staircase, Peninsula**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description: This has a short shuttle.** We will drive from Collingwood to Lions Head (2 hours) and follow Cty. Rd. 9 to km 67.9 at the junction of the Barrow Bay Side Trail which has now become the white blazed trail after printing Edition 31. We follow this NEW trail to a very steep descent down the Escarpment to the Georgian Bay shore. We then follow a moderately rugged path just inside the tree line for 2km along an unspoiled rocky shoreline. We then head back up via a steep zig zag among huge boulders until we meet a formerly impassable cliff, now conquered by a spectacular wooden staircase built in 2020 by volunteers from the Peninsula BTC. We will take a moment to appreciate the hard work and beautiful views before continuing on an easy peasy walk to our end point. The trail features cliffs, spectacular lookouts, and dense forests. A long drive home but what a spectacular new section of our fabulous footpath to have experienced. Bring snacks, lunch and water. **Available parking:** S Shore Rd.

**Map:** 37/38 Edition 31 **Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Strenuous **Distance:** 7 km

**Leader:** Dick Edwards [edwardsdick04@gmail.com](mailto:edwardsdick04@gmail.com) (705) 445-5849



**Saturday, June 8, 2024      THE BMBTC CAKE WALK**

Reconnect with Club members and join us on our Picnic Party hikes to celebrate the coming of SUMMER. Both hikes will meet for lunch and cake at km 14.5 to celebrate good times on the trail and kick off the summer/fall schedule!

**GROUP 1- The Longer hike.**

**Start time: 9:30AM**

**Description:** We will park on 6/7 Sideroad at km 10.6 and hike to the picnic table at km 16.0 and return. We follow the Transcarioca Friendship Trail for part of this hike along the Bruce Trail. We will meet up with Group #2 at km 16.0 at the picnic table to share some delicious cake. Bring lunch and water. We provide the cake!

**Map:** 22 Edition 31    **Pace:** Medium    **Terrain:** Easy

**Distance:** 11.3 km

**Leader:** Michael Treuman

**GROUP 2- The Shorter hike.**

**Start time: 9:45AM**

**Description:** We will drive to km 14.1 on 9/10 Sideroad and park the cars to begin the hike. We will hike north to km 16 and will meet up with Hike #1 group at the picnic table. After lunch we will retrace our steps back to the cars. Bring lunch and water. We provide the cake!

**Map:** 22 Edition 31    **Pace:** Leisurely    **Terrain:** Easy

**Distance:** 4 km

**Leader:** Flo Kusiak    [f.kusiak@hotmail.com](mailto:f.kusiak@hotmail.com)    (705) 443-8075

**Wednesday, June 12, 2024**

**Balsam Wetlands to Glen Huron**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** **This is a car shuttle hike.** We will drive to and leave the cars on Station Street in Glen Huron and drive to km 37.4 (BTC parking lot off Cty.Rd. 91) to begin the hike. The trail winds its way through privately owned forest and farmland eventually coming to a viewing platform south of Cty. Rd. 124. The hike continues down into the valley and at km 30.6 we meet up with the Mad River Side Trail. Following the side trail parallel to the Mad River we continue on to the cars. Bring a snack or lunch and water.  
**Map:** 22 Edition 31 **Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate- some hills **Distance:** 12 km  
**Leader:** David Little [davidgeorge52@hotmail.com](mailto:davidgeorge52@hotmail.com) (705) 606-1077

**Leisurely Option:** ***This is a car shuttle hike. A leisurely version will be offered from Franks Kiln parking*** (BTC parking lot off Cty. Rd. 91) ***to 10th line.***

**Map:** 22 Edition 31 **Pace:** Leisurely **Terrain:** Moderate- some hills **Distance:** 6.5 km  
**Leader:** Terry Kimmerly [kimmter48@gmail.com](mailto:kimmter48@gmail.com) (705) 351-2494

**Saturday, June 15, 2024**

**Beaver Valley Geology Hikes Badge Hike #1/8**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

This badge is earned by hiking each of 8 hikes outlined in Beth Gilhespy's first Bruce Trail Geology book, **Walking Through Time**, and then submitting a log which includes the required photo taken during each of the hikes. This is a great opportunity to boost your knowledge of the geology of the Niagara Escarpment. Gather some hiking buddies and become rock hounds!

**Description:** Len Gertier Memorial Loree Forest: Natural Arch at Stop 4 (page 43). Natural arches are created when water pounding against a cliff face exploits crack and crevices, gradually wearing the rock away. Natural arches can become flowerpots if erosion continues. Thousands of years ago, the level of the Great Lakes was significantly higher and lapped up against the promontory of Loree Forest.

**Map:** 24, Edition 31 **Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate – some hills **Distance:** 7.1km  
**Leader:** Annette Sandberg [annettehsandberg@gmail.com](mailto:annettehsandberg@gmail.com) and Linda Finley



**Wednesday, June 19th, 2024**

**SUMMER SOLSTICE POTLUCK**

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED! *Maximum 25 registered hikers for this event.***

**Registered hikers** will meet at 49 Silver Creek Dr., Collingwood and will bring a potluck dish to be shared. Bring your own plate, glass and cutlery, chair and

beverages. Following the hike we will return to Silver Creek Dr. to enjoy beverages and hors d'oeuvres followed by the potluck. Pre-register by signing up on-line on the BTC calendar. **Email** the hike leader **in advance, no later than Thursday, June 15, 2024** to coordinate what you will bring.

**Petun Conservation/PRV lookouts/John Haigh Side Trail Loop Start time: 3:00PM**

**Description:** We will drive to the Black Ash Creek Side Trail parking lot on the 2nd Line (Parking fee: \$10). This will be a hike to recognize and celebrate our Indigenous peoples. We will start on this new side trail and then pick up the white blazed trail in the Petun Conservation Area. We will continue along until we cross the road at the Russ McConnell Side Trail. Following the side trail we reconnect with the white blazed trail taking us around the Escarpment to take in all the views. We will continue on to the John Haigh Side Trail. There will be a little hiking on the road to get back to the cars. Bring water.

**Map:** 23 Edition 31 **Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 8km

**Leader:** Kelly-Leigh Thomas [drklthomas@rogers.com](mailto:drklthomas@rogers.com) (519) 501-8170

**Saturday, June 22, 2024 CHECK BMBTC WEBSITE FOR HIKE DETAILS**

**Hike #1/6 Stained Glass End 2 End Badge 6 Hikes**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** The E2E Stained Glass badge is awarded to **registered** participants who complete the guided multi-day hikes offered by the club.

Participants are required to register online for the series of multi-day hikes, led by a BTC hike leader, in which the entire Blue Mountains section of the trail is completed. This is a paid event requiring payment at time of registration (non-refundable). Up to one hike may be completed individually due to scheduling challenges - more than one missed hike will forfeit ability to earn badge. Ensure you are available for all hikes in the schedule prior to registering. **You cannot earn this badge by hiking on your own.**

Registration is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members which helps the Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club in its efforts to support the Bruce Trail Conservancy's Mission of *"Preserving a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever."*

**Map:** **Pace:** **Terrain:** **Distance:**

**Leader:** Hart Fisher [hfischer@gmail.com](mailto:hfischer@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, June 26, 2024**

**McCluskey's Rock**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** We will start the hike at km 35.0 on The Blue Mountains-Euphrasia townline. The hike meanders through some fields, follows Fox Ridge Rd for a short distance to 39.3. The trail then ascends & descends some lovely, scenic, very rocky sections of the escarpment. We follow the escarpment edge with great views over the Beaver Valley, ending at 43.5 on Sideroad 7B. Bring a snack or lunch and water.

**Map:** 25 Edition 31 **Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 8.5 km

**Leader:** Myra Campbell email myra\_bert@icloud.com

**Saturday, June 29, 2024 CHECK BMBTC WEBSITE FOR HIKE DETAILS**

**Hike #2/6 E2E Stained Glass Badge**



**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** The E2E Stained Glass badge is awarded to **registered** participants who complete the guided multi-day hikes offered by the club.

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**Map:** **Pace:** **Terrain:**  
**Distance:** **Leader:** Hart Fisher hfischer@gmail.com

**Wednesday, July 3, 2024**

**Monument Hill, Ganaraska**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** This is a loop trail located near Wasaga Beach. Lots of hills and options to take. This will be an exploration of some new trails to hike! Be prepared to explore the variety within this hike. Bring a snack or lunch and water.

**Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Map:** Ganaraska **Distance:** 9km

**Leader:** David Little [davidgeorge52@hotmail.com](mailto:davidgeorge52@hotmail.com) (705) 606-1077

**Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Two Hike Day**

**HIKE #1: Margaret Paull Side Trail**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** We will drive via Grey Rd.119 to the end of the 6th Line in the Beaver Valley section. We will hike along the white blazed trail to km 11.3 where it joins up with the Margaret Paull Side Trail. We will follow the side trail back to the white blazed trail, then

return to the cars. Bring water and a snack.

**Map:** 24 Edition 31 **Pace:** Leisurely **Terrain:** Easy/Moderate

**Distance:** 5km

**Leader:** Bob Moenck [rmoenck@gmail.com](mailto:rmoenck@gmail.com) (705) 441-7893



**Hike #2 RIM 2 RIM Badge Hike #1 Pretty River Rim EARLY Start time: 8:00AM**

*(First in a series of 3 for the Rim2Rim badge)*

**HIKERS MUST REGISTER ON-LINE FOR THIS HIKE, NO morning sign-ins on this series as hikers will meet at trailhead.**

**Description:** about 18.5 km with almost 810 m elevation gain. Park your car in the small Bruce Trail Parking Lot [BTPL] on the Pretty River Road [44.428118, -80.276849]. If this small BTPL is filled, use the large **Ontario Parks Lower Pretty River lot** [44.430983, -80.275474]. *Do not park along Pretty River Road as it is a strictly enforced no parking zone by the Town of Blue Mtns.* The hike starts in the small BTPL. Proceed north on the white blazed trail until you come to the blue blazed side trail - John Haigh Side Trail. Proceed west past the highest point on the Bruce Trail. Continue until you reach the intersection of the 2nd line and 6th Sideroad. Retrace your steps to the BTPL. Have a break. Proceed east along the white blazed trail until you reach the Blue Mtns Clearview Townline. Head south and continue south past Osprey-The Blue Mountains Townline. Follow the white blazed trail until you reach the blue side trail - Standing Rock & Caves Side Trail. Turn west and take the blue blazed side trail through the Singhampton Caves until it rejoins the white blazed trail again. Turn east (left) and follow the white blazed trail which turns west and then north retracing your steps back to the parking lot. Bring lots of snacks, lunch and water.

**[goto<https://www.alltrails.com/explore/map/map-march-8-2023-f875227> for a detailed map of the hike]**

**Map:** 23 Edition 31 **Pace:** Medium/Brisk **Terrain:** Moderate/Strenuous **Distance:** 18.5km  
**Leader:** Hart Fischer [hfischer@gmail.com](mailto:hfischer@gmail.com) (705) 606-0507

**Wednesday, July 10, 2024**

**Bibbulmun Friendship Trail**

**EARLY Start time: 8:30AM**

**Description:** This is one of our Friendship trails running along BTC trails and other conserved land north of Boyne Valley Provincial Park. We will park at km 29.4 on 1st Line E in the Dufferin Hi-Land section. The 7 km figure eight hike will follow the white blazed trail to km 25.4, looping back to the parking lot via the Oliver Creek Side Trail and the Moss Haven Side Trail. Bring a lunch or snack and water. *\*The Bibbulmun Track in Western Australia stretches 1,000 km from Kalamunda in the Perth Hills to the historic town of Albany on the south coast.*

**Map:** 20 Edition 31 **Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 7km  
**Leader:** Mary-Lynne Chenard [mlchenard@hotmail.com](mailto:mlchenard@hotmail.com) (905) 713-4066

**Saturday, July 13, 2024**

**FAMILY FUN HIKE**

**Nottawasaga Bluffs and Keyhole Loop**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** We will drive to the parking lot on 15/16 Sideroad in Singhampton then commence a loop hike through the Nottawasaga Bluffs. There will be great views and varied terrain. Fun scrambling over and down rocks and crawling through the Keyhole! Bring a snack and water.

**Map:** 22 Edition 31 **Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 5km  
**Leader:** Kelly-Leigh Thomas [drklthomas@rogers.com](mailto:drklthomas@rogers.com) (519) 501-8170



**Wednesday, July 17, 2024**

**Standing Rock**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** Standing Rock-Singhampton Caves

Starting at the Franks Kiln Parking Lot on Hwy 91 we have an enjoyable hike along the white blazed trail. Following the upper escarpment, descending to the Standing Rock Side Trail where the trail turns into an obstacle course of rocks that we scramble up and maneuver around. Squeezing through cracks and crevices as we continue the ascent up through the "caves" we will arrive at the white blazed trail and loop back to parking lot.

**Map:** 33 Edition 31 **Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate/Strenuous **Distance:** 10-12km

**Leader:** Allison Thomas [habfan24cups@gmail.com](mailto:habfan24cups@gmail.com) (705) 446-4616

**Saturday, July 20, 2024**

**Pine River**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** We will drive to Kilgorie in the Dufferin Hi-Land section and park the cars at km 34.9 on Centre Road. From here, we will hike a figure eight loop utilizing the white blazed trail, the new Pine River Valley Side Trail and the Kilgorie Side Trail. This hike boasts a wonderful view from the Bell Tower Side Trail, ruins of an old powerhouse, the stunning Pine River, lake views, ponds, and more! The ruins of the old powerhouse along the Pine River are almost all that remain of the Dufferin Light and Power Company. Nearby is the old flume that brought water from a dam, which was constructed in 1909 and was the largest of its kind in Ontario. The plant provided power until 1923. Bring a snack or lunch and water.

**Map:** 20 Edition 31 **Pace:** Leisurely **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 7km

**Leader:** Michael Treuman [michaeltreuman@gmail.com](mailto:michaeltreuman@gmail.com) (416) 518-0489

**Wednesday, July 24, 2024**

**Beaver Valley Geology Hike Badge #2/8**

**Margaret Paull and Indian Brook**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** Flower ports are created by water that exploits cracks and eventually removes the material between the flowerpot and the main rock face. The water smooths and round the rock of the flowerpot. The flowerpots at Indian Brook were created several thousands of years ago when lake levels were significantly higher than they are today.

**Map:** 24 Edition 31 **Pace:** Leisurely **Terrain:** Easy **Distance:** 4.3 kms

**Leader:** Annette Sandberg [annettehsandberg@gmail.com](mailto:annettehsandberg@gmail.com) and Linda Finley

**Saturday, July 27, 2024 TWO HIKE DAY**

**HIKE #1 Balsam Wetlands Nature Reserve**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** This hike is through the 284 acres of Balsam Wetlands. We will park at km 34.2 on Concession 10 South and proceed hiking across a farmer's field and continue through a pine forest. This hike has recently been realigned so that it no longer follows the Highlands Nordic cross country ski trail and now goes through woodlands and some

interesting rock formations to the Duntroon Quarry. We will then follow the white trail passing some deep crevices to the Bruce Trail parking lot off 91. Hikers will then be shuttled back to the cars. Bring a snack and water.

**Map:** 22 Edition 31 **Pace:** Leisurely **Terrain:** Easy/Moderate **Distance:** 6.5km  
**Leader:** Mary-Lynn Chenard [michenard@hotmail.com](mailto:michenard@hotmail.com)

**Hike #2 RIM 2 RIM Badge Hike #2 Mad River Rim EARLY START 8:00AM**  
(*Second in a series of 3 for the Rim2Rim badge*)

**HIKERS MUST contact the hike leader if ON-LINE REGISTRATION has closed. NO morning sign-ins on this series as hikers will meet at trailhead.**

**Description:** about 10 km with almost 400m elevation gain. Park your car in the Devil's Glen Provincial Park Parking Lot [44.36161, -80.20824] The hike starts here. Follow the white blazed trail south and down to the Devil's Glen Country Club Parking Lot. Proceed east on the blue blazed Mad River Side Trail. Continue parallel to the Mad River, through Glen Huron and south on Conc 8 S.CR #62 until you come to Sideroad 15-16 Nottawasaga. Here you will see both white and blue blazes. This is a shared Bruce Trail/ Ganaraska Trail section. Continue up the hill until you see the Ganaraska Trail End Marker - a large boulder close to the Devil's Glen Country Club Gate. Turn around and head back to the cars. For a detailed map...

**[go to <https://www.alltrails.com/explore/map/r2r-2-a666587>**

**Map:**22 Edition 31 **Pace:**Medium/Brisk **Terrain:** Moderate/Strenuous\*\* **Distance:** 10 km  
**Leader:** Hart Fischer [hfischer@gmail.com](mailto:hfischer@gmail.com) (705) 606-0507

**Wednesday, July 31, 2024**

**Creemore Nature Preserve-Mingay Loop**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** Hike this 204 acre property featuring majestic mature sugar maple trees and a meandering cold water stream. This lush Niagara Escarpment forest is home to a variety of rare and at-risk species. The sounds of hairy and pileated woodpeckers echo through the trees. We will creatively combine Mingay, Maple Leaf and Trout trails to complete a loop-de-loop. Bring a snack and water.

**Pace:** Leisurely

**Terrain:** Easy

**Distance:** 5km

**Leader:** Terry Kimmerly [kimmter48@gmail.com](mailto:kimmter48@gmail.com) (705) 351-2494

**Saturday, August 3, 2024**

**Craigleith Community Centre**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** We will follow the Georgian Trail past former Railway Station to the Nippising Ridge Trail and return. This is an easy hike with lots of opportunities to recall the history of Craigleith.

**Map:** n/a      **Pace:** easy      **Terrain:** easy      **Distance:** 5km

**Leader:** David Little [davidgeorge52@hotmail.com](mailto:davidgeorge52@hotmail.com)

**Wednesday, August 7, 2024**

**Lavender**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** We will drive to the start of the hike at the roadside parking area near the cemetery located 1 km east of Lavender on Mulmur/Nottawasaga Townline. We will hike along the road until we reach Lavender where km 0.0 is the start of the Blue Mountains section. We will continue hiking past the bridge over the Noisy River and up to County Rd. 9 then retrace our steps. This hike offers a variety of terrain as we proceed along crevices, through forest, fields, and beautiful wetlands before reaching the Noisy River. Bring lunch and water.

**Map:** 21 Edition 31      **Pace:** Medium      **Terrain:** Moderate/Difficult      **Distance:** 11.5km

**Leader:** Mary-Lynne Chenard [mlchenard@hotmail.com](mailto:mlchenard@hotmail.com) (905) 713-4066

**Saturday, August 10, 2024    TWO HIKE DAY**

**HIKE #1 Franks Lime-Kiln-Wedding Tree Picnic**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** We will take the Franks Kiln Side Trail before heading out on the white blazed trail. View a lime kiln, restored by some of BMBTC volunteers, that was originally built circa 1860. Enjoy the view once we arrive at the "Wedding Tree". We will carry on for a distance and then retrace our steps back to the "Wedding Tree" where we will stop for a picnic. Bring your own picnic lunch and water. *Many, many moons ago, a young couple were married by an old maple tree, situated on top of the Niagara Escarpment overlooking the Georgian Bay on the Bruce Trail, located in the upper field of the Franks' Highfield Farm, Duntroon. The young couple affixed to the tree a carved wooden sign citing all the details of the event (bagpiper and all)! Alas, this thoughtful record went missing in 2015! Wouldn't it be nice if it was found, as another relative would like to record their wedding on it. Thereby, formally identifying the tree as "The Wedding Tree".* Bring a snack and water.

**Map:** 22/23 Edition 31      **Pace:** Leisurely      **Terrain:** Easy/Moderate      **Distance:** 6km

**Leader:** Mary Jane McIntyre [maryj.mcintyre@gmail.com](mailto:maryj.mcintyre@gmail.com) (416) 788-4166

**Hike #2 - RIM 2 RIM Badge Hike#3 Noisy River**

**EARLY Start time: 8:00AM**

*(Third in a series of 3 for the Rim2Rim badge)*

**HIKERS MUST contact the hike leader if ON-LINE REGISTRATION has closed. NO morning sign-ins on this series as hikers will meet at trailhead.**

**Description:** about 9 km with a little over 400m elevation gain. Park your car on the side of the road near the Noisy River Provincial Park sign [44.27499, -80.20731]. Proceed south on the white blazed trail crossing the Noisy River via the new bridge, for 1.5 km until you come to a small bench overlooking a pond. Turn around and head back to the car. Repeat this twice more for a total of three 3 km trips.

**[go to <https://www.alltrails.com/explore/map/map-7ac52e3--69> for a detailed map of this hike].** This is a hilly hike, so bring lots of water and lunch.

Congratulations you've completed the NoisyTriple, a fitting end to the Rim 2 Rim Triple Run. **Don't forget to go online to order your hard earned badge (\$10).**

**Map:** 21 Edition 31 **Pace:** Medium/Brisk **Terrain:** Strenuous\*\* **Distance:** 9km

**Leader:** Hart Fischer [hfischer@gmail.com](mailto:hfischer@gmail.com) (705) 606-0507



**Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

**Beaver Valley Geology Hike Badge Hike #3/8**

**Start time: 9:00 AM**

**Description:** The Mill Creek Valley: "Castle Ramparts" at Stop 8 (Pages 63/64) The Manitoulin Dolostone layer of the Niagara Escarpment forms a steep edge along the valley of Mill Creek. Over time the thinly bedded rock breaks away from the cliff face and lies scattered along the slope. Many shell and horn coral fossils can be found in these flat, shingle-like rocks. Note that when leaves are fully out in the summer months the "castle ramparts" may be hard to see. A photograph of the talus rock below the cliff will be sufficient for this badge location.

**Map:** 25 Edition 30

**Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

**Distance:** 10.4km

**Leader:** Annette Sandberg

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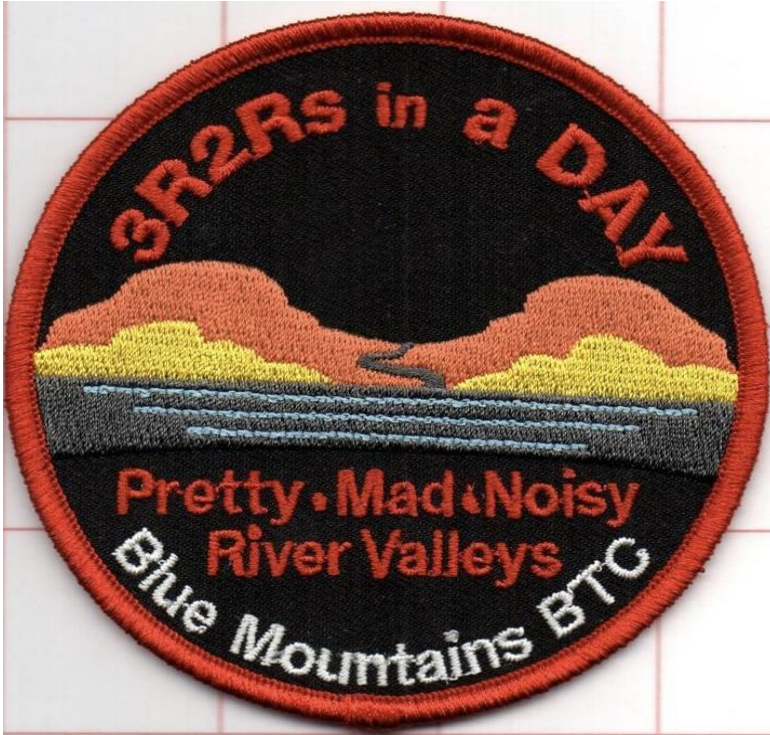
**Saturday, August 17, 2024 CHECK BMBTC WEBSITE FOR HIKE DETAILS**

**Hike #3 E2E Stained Glass Badge**

**Start Time: 9:00 am**

**Description:** The E2E Stained Glass badge is awarded to registered participants who complete the guided multi-day hikes offered by the club.





**Log your hike to qualify for the 3R2Rs in ONE Day badge!**

**Description:** Please refer to the written description of the Spring/Summer/Fall Rim2Rim Badge on the BMBTC website.

**All three RIM hikes MUST be completed on the same day.** The 3R2Rs in a DAY Challenge badge will be red, orange and yellow to reflect the level of difficulty.

**Currently, this hike badge is only available by registering on-line. The cost of the badge is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.**

**You must have a vehicle to drive yourself to each RIM.**

You are encouraged to have a partner hiker with similar pace to complete the challenge as this will not be a traditional hike led by a leader, everyone's pace differs. You **MUST have a cell phone** since there are no leaders/sweeps or drop out spots with volunteers. If you use the designated parking spots you will never be more than 6 kms away from your vehicle. You determine your rest stop frequency, and snack or meal needs as well as refreshments. You can decide what items to leave in the car (extra water and snacks) that don't need to be carried for each "leg of the challenge". You can plan to have lunch breaks at your car if desired. You must ensure you have plenty of water in your pack for each RIM.

As this hike requires a significant amount of driving from one RIM to the next, we have included an outline below of the approximate time involved. Car travel times [according to Google Maps] from Bruce Trail Parking on 33/34 Sideroad [44.428118, -80.276849] to Devil's Glen Provincial Park parking [44.36161, -80.20824] = 14 min for 14 km Car

travel times [according to Google Maps] from Devil's Glen Provincial Park parking [44.36161, -80.20824] to Noisy River Nature Preserve parking [44.27499, -80.20731] = 12 min for 15 km

You and your partner should plan to set a pace between 4-6 km/hr

- **Approximate time needed to finish about 40 km @ 6 km/hr = 6 hrs + 40 min + half an hour travel/resting/eating/drinking time = just over 7 hrs**
- **Approximate time needed to finish about 40 km @ 5 km/hr = 8 hrs + half an hour travel/resting/eating/drinking time = 8 and 1/2 hrs**
- **Approximate time needed to finish about 40 km @ 4 km/hr = 10 hrs + half an hour travel/resting/eating/drinking time = 10 and 1/2 hrs**  
(The distance as measured by GPS is actually closer to 38km)

**Map:** 22/23 Edition 31 **Pace:** Medium-Brisk **Terrain:** Strenuous **Distance:** 38km  
**Leader:** Hart Fischer [hfischer@gmail.com](mailto:hfischer@gmail.com) (705) 606-0507

### Wednesday, August 28, 2024

#### Silent Valley

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** Parking on the north end of 2nd Concession S in the Sydenham section, we will access the Silent Valley Side Trail and head towards the Wilson Homestead Side Trail. Afterwards, we will do a loop around Avalanche Pass Side Trail and investigate the Vanishing Wall Side Trail. We will visit the site of the Cessna 205 plane crash, look for the barn foundation stones, limestone kiln remains and many other treasures. You can even search for fossils! There will be some scrambling over rocks. Bring a snack or lunch and water.

**Map:** 30 Edition 31 **Pace:** Leisurely **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 6km  
**Leader:** Kelly-Leigh Thomas [drklthomas@rogers.com](mailto:drklthomas@rogers.com) (519) 501-8170

### Saturday, August 31, 2024 CHECK BMBTC WEBSITE FOR HIKE DETAILS

#### Stained Glass E2E Badge

**Start Time: 09:00 am**

Description: Hike #4/6 E2E Stained Glass Hike #4/6, The E2E Stained Glass badge is awarded to **registered** participants who complete the guided multi-day hikes offered by the club.

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**Map:** Pace: Medium  
**Leader:** Hart Fisher

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Distance:** 12.4km

**Wednesday, September 4, 2024**  
**Glen Huron-Keyhole-the Bluffs**

**Start time:09:00am**

**Description:** We will park in Glen Huron near Station St and begin hiking west on the Ganaraska Trail to meet up with the white blazed trail at km 26.0. From here we head south heading towards the Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area. After exploring the Keyhole Side Trail, we will loop around and back to the cars via the white blazed trail and the Betty Carter Side Trail. Bring a snack or lunch and water. Parking: Concession 8 South and Station St.

**Map:** 22 Edition 31 **Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 10km  
**Leader:** David Little [davidgeorge52@hotmail.com](mailto:davidgeorge52@hotmail.com) (705) 606-1077

**Saturday, September 7, 2024**  
**Geology Hike Badge Hike #4/8**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** Fox Ridge and McClusky's Rock: Badland at Stop 4 (Pages 72/73)  
Queenston Shale is the bottom-most layer of the Niagara Escarpment. Where vegetation is removed, the shale appears as a "badland". The brick-red shale has long been excavated along the Niagara Escarpment to make bricks.

**Map:** 25 Edition 30 **Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 8.5 km

**Leader:** Annette Sandberg [annettehsandberg@gmail.com](mailto:annettehsandberg@gmail.com) and Linda Finley

**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**  
**Trout Hollow Trail, Meaford,ON**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** We will drive to Beautiful Joe Park in Meaford to hike the pretty Trout Hollow Trail. It follows the east bank of the Bighead River upstream for 5 kms to a sideroad and then we return along the west bank. We will hike through woodlands, past historical sites including Trout Hollow where John Muir laid low during the U.S. Civil War, and view wildlife along the river. Bring lunch and water.

**Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 12km  
**Leader:** Dick Edwards [edwardsdick04@gmail.com](mailto:edwardsdick04@gmail.com) (705) 445-5849



**Saturday, September 14, 2024**

**Pacific Slope Friendship Trail -Top Down & Back UP EARLY Start time: 8:30AM**

**Description: Experienced hikers only! Very challenging.** We will start the Pacific Slope Trail (Sendero Pacífico) Friendship Trail at the Johnston's Sideroad parking area at km74.3. We will head south through a high meadow that has magnificent views west across the Cuckoo Valley (you might even see the Penn stocks) and the high edges of the Escarpment. Continuing to km 73.6 we will take the Stew Hilts Side Trail to see the splendiferous waterfall! Check out the exposed Queenston Shale formation, red- gray, and gray-green shales. We are never too far from the sound of falling water as we make steep descents and ascents all the way to km 68.3 (East Back Line). We will then turn around and make our way back UP to the cars! Keeping in mind, this hike is challenging and strenuous as the descents are at the beginning of the hike and the steep and continuous ascents are at the end. *\*\*The Pacific Slope Trail (Sendero Pacífico, Costa Rica) section is twinned with the Bruce Trail. It begins in San Luis in the famous Monteverde Cloud Forest conservation region, and leads into the Children's Eternal Rainforest* Bring a snack or lunch and water.

**Map:** 26 Edition 31 **Pace:** Medium/ Brisk **Terrain:** Strenuous **Distance:**14km  
**Leader:** Hart Fischer [hfischer@gmail.com](mailto:hfischer@gmail.com) (705) 606-0507

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024**

**Beaver Valley Geology Badge Hike #5/8 Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** Falling Waters: Waterfall on Stew Hilts Side Trail at Stop 3 (Page 86) At the lovely waterfall on the Stew Hilts Side Trail water trickles over the hard Manitoulin Dolostone layer and falls onto the soft Queenston Shale.

**Map:**26 Edition 30 **Pace:** Easy **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 3.2km  
**Leader:** Annette Sandberg [annettehsandberg@gmail.com](mailto:annettehsandberg@gmail.com) and Linda Finley

**Saturday, September 21, 2024 CHECK BMBTC WEBSITE FOR HIKE DETAILS**

**Hike #5 E2E Stained Glass Badge Start time: 9:00 am**

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**Map:** **Pace:** **Terrain:** **Distance:**  
**Leader:** Hart Fischer [hfischer@gmail.com](mailto:hfischer@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

**Beaver Valley Geology Badge Hike #6/8**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** Wodehouse Karst (Southern Route): Rock Outcrop in Bowles Gully at Stop 9 (Pages 98-100) At Bowles Gully two Escarpment rock layers – the Amabel Dolostone and the Manitoulin Dolostone – outcrop along the sides of the steep ski hill.

**Map:** 26 Edition 30

**Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

**Distance:** 8.8 km

**Leader:** Annette Sandberg [annettehsandberg@gmail.com](mailto:annettehsandberg@gmail.com)

**Saturday, September 28, 2024 Truth and Reconciliation Orange Shirt Day**

**Dunedin Ravine Nature Reserve**

**Start time: 9:00AM**



**Description:** We will head to the Dunedin Ravine Nature Reserve parking on 6/7 Sideroad and Concession 10. Following the white blazed trail south on Concession 10, we enter the nature preserve on the east side. This area covers mixed terrain and provides a chance to experience a variety of habitats. The trail follows along the banks of a tributary of the Noisy River. After crossing Concession 10,

we proceed through some farmers fields to a great view at the bench. We will then return following the road. Bring a snack or lunch and water.

**Map:** 21 Edition 31

**Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate

**Distance:** 6 km

**Leader:** Annette Sandberg

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**Sunday, October 6, 2023**

**Bruce Trail Day Event**



*Check out our Social Media for special events taking place on this day*

### Wednesday, October 2, 2024

#### Beaver Valley Geology Hike Badge #7/8 hikes

**Start time: 8:30AM**

Wodehouse Karst (Northern Route): Barn Foundation on Stone Foundation Side Trail at Stop 6 (Pages 95- 97) Barn Foundations are wonderful places to see many different rock types, including the Escarpment's Fossil Hill Dolostone layer, which is full of coral and other fossils.

**Map:** 26 Edition 30

**Pace:** Easy

**Terrain:** Moderate

**Distance:** 5km

**Leader:** Annette Sandberg [annettehsandberg@gmail.com](mailto:annettehsandberg@gmail.com)

### Saturday, October 5, 2024 CHECK BMBTC WEBSITE FOR HIKE DETAILS

#### Hike #6 E2E Stained Glass Badge

**Start time: 09:00 am**

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**Map:** Pace:

**Terrain:**

**Distance:**

**Leader:** Hart Fischer [hfischer@gmail.com](mailto:hfischer@gmail.com)

### Sunday, October 6th, 2024 SPECIAL EVENT \*PLEASE REFER TO BMBTC WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING DETAILS

#### BMBTC Music Hike @ Nottawasaga Bluffs

**Start time: 1:00PM**

**Description:** Set your own pace and take in all the beauty of nature combined with the music at this special event fundraiser for the Bruce Trail. Bring your donations for the Bruce Trail as well as a snack and water. Check out our socials and website for more info.

**Map:**

**Pace:** Leisurely /Self-guided

**Terrain:** Easy

**Distance:**

**Contact:** Michael Truman [michael.treuman@gmail.com](mailto:michael.treuman@gmail.com)

### Wednesday, October 09, 2024

#### John Haigh Side Trail Loop

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** We will drive to the junction of the 2nd Line and the 6th Sideroad and commence a loop hike through the upper level of the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park.

Following the John Haigh Side Trail, we will head south to join the white blazed trail, then head north to km 52.6. From here we proceed west to the cars. Bring water and a

snack.

**Map:** 23 Edition 31 **Pace:** Leisurely **Terrain:** Easy **Distance:** 6 km  
**Leader:** Flo Kusiak [f.kusiak@hotmail.com](mailto:f.kusiak@hotmail.com) (705) 443-8075

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**

**Beaver Valley Geology Hike Hike #8/8**

**Start Time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** Griersville to Webwood Falls: Erratic boulders at Stop 4 (Page 109) Glacial erratics are rocks picked up by glaciers and transported great distances to be left behind as the glacier melts. These erratic boulders are 1 billion years older than the local sedimentary bedrock, and originally came from the Canadian Shield.

**Map:** 28 Edition 30 **Pace:** Easy **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 7.5  
**Leader:** Annette Sandberg [annettehsandberg@gmail.com](mailto:annettehsandberg@gmail.com)



**Wednesday, October 16, 2024**

**Black Bank**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** This will be a shuttle hike. We will drive to and park the cars at 20 Sideroad and Prince of Wales Rd in the Dufferin Hi-Land section. We will then drive to km 49.7 on Cty. Rd. 21 where we will begin the hike. We will follow a steep descent to the Black Bank River then climb out of the valley. After we cross Prince of Wales Rd there is an ascent to the top of the escarpment providing great views over the valley. We have a long gradual descent to the cars at the end of the hike at km 41.7. Bring a snack or lunch and water.

**Map:** 21 Edition 31 **Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Moderate/Difficult **Distance:** 8km  
**Leader:** Myra Campbell [myra\\_bert@icloud.com](mailto:myra_bert@icloud.com)

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

**Duncan Crevice-Pinnacle Rock**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** We will carpool to Duncan parking lot on 9th Sideroad at km 33.3 in the Beaver Valley section. This is a loop hike and we will get fine views from Pinnacle Rock and Metcalfe Rock. We will hike first along the white blazed trail and then along the Chuck Grant Sidetrail, eventually returning to the parking lot via the white blazed trail. Bring water and lunch. **Please note:** the PACE is Brisk, ensure you are able to maintain this pace. This hike is not for Leisurely hikers.

**Map:** 25 Edition 31 **Pace:** Brisk **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 11 km  
**Leader:** Frank Huggins [huggins\\_frank@yahoo.ca](mailto:huggins_frank@yahoo.ca) (705) 888-0166

Saturday, October 26, 2024

TWO HIKE DAY

**HIKE #1 Old Baldy**

**Start time: 9:00AM**

**Description:** We will drive to and park at km 46.8 on Cty. Rd.13 in the Beaver Valley section. We begin a long climb with magnificent views of the Beaver Valley before reaching the top of the Escarpment. We will explore the MacKirk Side Trail and follow the white blazed trail back to the cars. The trail passes lookouts where you can watch for turkey vultures and buteo hawks. Bring a snack and water

**Map:** 26 Edition 31 **Pace:** Leisurely **Terrain:** Moderate **Distance:** 5km

**Leader:** Bob Moenck [rmoenck@gmail.com](mailto:rmoenck@gmail.com) (705) 441-7893.



**HIKE #2 Hart's TRIPLE INFERNO**

**EARLY Start time: 8:00AM**

**Description:** Guaranteed to be super challenging and strenuous! Come prepared for a workout. ONLY for hikers that are experienced in longer distance hikes as well as managing various terrains. This will be extremely strenuous. Bring lots of water, snacks and lunch and maybe even dinner!!



**Pace:** Brisk-Fast

**Terrain:** Strenuous

**Distance:**  
loooooong(15+km)

**Leader:** Hart Fischer



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