



**Bruce Trail
CONSERVANCY**

**NIAGARA CLUB
Winter 2016 Hike Schedule**



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Tuesdays Short Hills Provincial Park: **9am** Meet at Pelham Rd. (Brisk-Strenuous) Hike Leaders: Vince Zvonar 905-563-1109 vmzvonar@bell.net Ruth Moffatt 905-928-7056 ruthdmoffatt@gmail.com **OR** **10am** Meet at Wiley Rd entrance, near Cataract and DeCew Rds (Map 3) (Medium-Strenuous) Leader: Rowan Shirkie 905-687-9805 trampsnark@gmail.com

Thursdays: 10am meet in parking lot across from Boo's (formerly Butterball's Restaurant) (2980 King St, Jordan Hollow) Leader: Vince Zvonar 905-563-1109vmzvonar@bell.net 1.5 hrs (medium-moderate)

DECEMBER

Saturday December 3

7:45am Grand Valley Trail – Paris to Brantford 17 km 3+ hrs

Meet at Commuter Parking Lot, Victoria Ave in Vineland. Follow the high river through woodland, over flood plains; old hardwood and pine reforestation. Followed by short walk into Paris for coffee or pub. (Medium-Moderate) Hike Leader: Kathy Rose 905 932-1550, krose@sympatico.ca Contact: Margaret Northfield 905 324-2707, margaret.northfield@gmail.com

9:00am Franck's Last Seven 14km 3-4 hrs

On June 26, 2016, Franck Healey and a few others set off to hike the entire length of the Niagara section. Franck hung up his poles and took off his boots at 73km. Let's help him get the last seven done...twice. Meet at the cairn in Queenston and hike to Firemen's Park and return. Badge celebration to follow. (Brisk – Moderate) (Map 1, km 0) Leader: Ruth Moffatt 905-928-7056 ruthdmoffatt@gmail.com

10am Historical Grimsby Beach Hike 3 hrs

Meet at Grimsby Beach Hall, 10 Grand Avenue. Grimsby Park, the "Chautauqua of Canada," became the site of a summer-long Methodist revival event in 1859 and, over time, evolved into a colourful cottage resort and amusement park. Many of the distinctive Victorian cottages have been retained. (Leisurely-Easy). Leader: Bruce Manion 289-235-9192 bamontrails@gmail.com

10am Feed the Animals 2 hrs

Meet at Roland Rd entrance to Short Hills Prov. Park (Map 3) (Leisurely-Easy) Bring bird seed, peanuts, suet, apples, popcorn etc. Leaders: Trudy Senesi 905-935-9777 trudykp@becon.org Vicki Eaton 905-682-8889 vickjohn@vaxxine.com

Sunday December 4

2pm Port Weller East 1.5 hrs

Hike along the spit trail. Meet at the end of Broadway Avenue, St Catharines. (Medium-Easy) **Leaders:** Gary & Donna Sands (905) 682-3433 gsands1941@gmail.com

Wednesday December 7

8:30am Winter in Iroquoia 1 of 3, 20.2 km 4-5 hrs

Meet at Look Out Point roadside parking at approximately 252 Sydenham Road, Dundas. Carpool to Springer Crescent in Burlington. (Brisk – Moderate) **Please register** with leader: Ruth Moffatt 905-928-7056 ruthdmoffatt@gmail.com

10am Fireman's Park Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet at upper parking lot, corner of Dorchester and Mountain Rds, Niagara Falls (Map 2, 7.0)(Medium-Moderate) Leader: Keith Rae 905-892-6633 krae@pppoe.ca

Saturday December 10

9am Greater Niagara Circle Route #1 of 8, 12 km

Meet at Old Fort Erie, 350 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Erie. Carpool to Ridgeway. (Med-Easy) Leader: Rowan Shirkie 905-687-9805 trampsnark@gmail.com

10am Niagara Glen 2.5 hrs

Meet at the Niagara Glen parking lot (across from the Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens), Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls.(Med-Str) Leader: Dan Wilson 289-931-3063 dkw1@sympatico.ca

Sunday December 11

9am Glenridge Quarry 2 hrs

Meet at Glenridge Quarry parking lot, St David's Rd, St Catharines (Map 3) (Medium-Moderate) Leader: Vince Zvonar 905-563-1109vmzvonar@bell.net

12pm Shorthills Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet at Wiley Rd parking lot off Cataract Rd., St. Catharines (Map 3) (Med-Mod) Leader: Margaret Kalogeropoulos 905-934-8560 panosmarg@gmail.com

Wednesday December 14

8:30am Winter in Iroquoia 2 of 3, 23.7 km Approx. 5hrs

Meet at Springer Crescent in Burlington. Carpool to Calcium Pits 7435 Twiss Rd, Milton. (Brisk – Moderate) **Please register** with leader: Ruth Moffatt 905-928-7056 ruthdmoffatt@gmail.com

10am Welland Tour 1.5 hrs

Meet at the Food Basics parking lot, 325 Thorold Rd, Welland (Medium-Moderate) Leader: Fred Azzopardi 905-735-2345

Saturday December 17

9am Greater Niagara Circle Route # 2 of 8, 16 km

Meet in Ridgeway, (Ridge Rd & Friendship Trail, south of Dominion Rd) carpool to Lock 8, Port Colborne.(Med-Easy) Leader: Margaret Northfield 905-324-2707 margaret.northfield@gmail.com

10am Queenston Loop 2 hrs

Meet in Queenston Heights Park lot, near the cairn, Niagara Parkway, Queenston (Map 1, 0)(Medium-Moderate) Leader: Bernice Thiessen 905-684-0085 bthiessen@becon.org

Sunday December 18

2pm DeCew Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet at DeCew House, DeCew Rd, Thorold (Map 3, 29.8)(Medium-Moderate) Leader: Sylvia Wheeler (905) 735-2069 girlupontrek@gmail.com

Wednesday December 21 Winter Begins, Earn a Winter Badge

(see newsletter for Winter Badge details)

8:30am Winter in Iroquoia 3 of 3, 19.2 km 4-5 hours

Meet at Calcium Pits 7435 Twiss Rd, Milton. Carpool to 8539 Appleby Rd. Kelso Conservation. Enter thru gate to right of Bruce Trail path. If gate is closed enter via Kelso Rd off Tremaine Rd.

Please register with leader: Ruth Moffatt 905-928-7056

ruthdmoffatt@gmail.com

10am Welland Tour 1.5 hrs

Meet at the Food Basics parking lot, 325 Thorold Rd, Welland (Medium-Moderate) Leader: Fred Azzopardi 905-735-2345

Saturday December 24

9am Merritt-Twelve Mile Creek Loop 16.5 km 4hrs

Meet at Centennial Gardens Parking Lot, 321 Oakdale Ave, St Catharines (Medium-Moderate) Leader: Rowan Shirkie 905-687-9805 trampsnark@gmail.com

10am Cave Springs Loop 2hrs

Meet at parking lot on Quarry Rd (Map 4, 65km) between Fly Rd & King St, Beamsville (Medium-Moderate) Leader: Bill Russell 905-563-4700 bill.russell003@sympatico.ca

Sunday December 25

12pm Christmas Day Hike 1.5 hrs

Meet in Dufferin Islands, at the bottom of Burning Springs Hill, Niagara Falls.(Medium-Moderate) Leader: Margaret Northfield 905-324-2707 margaret.northfield@gmail.com

Wednesday December 28

10am Woodend Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet in Woodend Conservation Area at the entrance near Taylor Rd, Niagara-on-the-Lake. (Map 2, km 15.2) (Medium-Moderate) Leader: Margaret Kalogeropoulos 905-934-8560

panosmarg@gmail.com

Saturday December 31

9am Rotary Park, 3+ hrs

Meet in parking lot of Rotary Park, Pelham Rd, St Catharines.(Med-Mod) Leader: Vince Zvonar 905-563-1109vmzvonar@bell.net

10am One Hour in/One Hour Out 2 hrs

Meet at Kinsmen Park, end of Frost Rd (just off Mountain Rd), Beamsville. (Map 4 km 66.9)(Medium-Moderate) Leader: Robert McKeown 289-273-3059 r_mckeown7@hotmail.com

JANUARY

Sunday January 1

11 am President's Hike 1.5 hrs

Meet at Rockway Community Centre 2021 Pelham Rd, Lincoln (Map 3, km 45) Lunch to follow. Bring a cold dish to share – appetizers, sandwiches, desserts etc. *See newsletter for more details.* (Medium-Moderate) Leader: Corrie Kellestine 289-213-5014 corriekellestine@gmail.com

Wednesday January 4

10am Lock #1 1.5 hrs

Meet in parking lot of Lock 1, Welland Canal Pkwy, St Catharines(Medium-Easy) Leader: Mary Leighton 905-934-7733 leightonbarry@yahoo.ca

Saturday January 7

9am Greater Niagara Circle Route #3 of 8, 17.5km

Meet in Port Colborne, Lock 8 (Welland Canal & Hwy 3) carpool to Port Robinson Rd, (Med-Easy) Leader: Margaret Northfield 905-324-2707 margaret.northfield@gmail.com

10am – Woodend Loop 2 hrs

Meet in Niagara College, 135 Taylor Rd, NOTL. Park near the greenhouses. (Medium-Moderate) Leader: Dan Wilson 289-931-3063 dkw1@sympatico.ca

Sunday January 8

9am Glenridge Quarry, 2 hrs

Meet at Glenridge Quarry parking lot, St David's Rd, St Catharines (Map 3) (Medium-Moderate) Leader: Vince Zvonar 905-563-1109 vmzvonar@bell.net

2pm Merritt Island 2hrs

Meet in the parking lot of Merritt Island, at the west end of Cross St., Welland (Medium-Moderate) Leader: Sylvia Wheeler 905-735-2069 girlupontrek@gmail.com

Wednesday January 11

10am Wellness Centre Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet at the Wellness Centre (Rose City Senior Activity Centre), 145 Lincoln St., Welland (Medium-Moderate) Leader: Fred Azzopardi 905-735-2345

Saturday January 14

9am Greater Niagara Circle Route #4 of 8, 20 km

Meet at Port Robinson Rd (Bridge St. W & Welland Canal), Pelham carpool to Lock 1, St Catharines. (Med-Easy) Leader: Susan Meinzinger 905-945-7065 suszinger@hotmail.com

10 am Short Hills Loop 2hrs

Meet in Short Hills Prov. Park, Pelham Rd, St Catharines (Map 3 near Black Walnut Sidetrail). (Medium-strenuous) Leader: Karen Green 905-964-0020 kgreen28@cogeco.ca

Sunday January 15

2pm Port Weller East 1.5 hrs

Hike along the spit trail. Meet at the end of Broadway Avenue, St Catharines. (Medium-Easy) **Leader:** Barbara Waller 905-468-8484, notlbarbarawaller@gmail.com

Wednesday January 18

10am Allanburg Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet at the Allanburg bridge, Hwy 20 parking lot on the west side of the bridge, Allanburg (Map 3) (Medium-Moderate) **Leader:** Keith Rae 905-892-6633 krae@pppoe.ca

Saturday January 21

9am Greater Niagara Circle Route #5 of 8, 15 km

Meet at Lock 1, St Catharines carpool to Fort George, NOTL.(Med-Easy) **Leader:** John Lucente 905-685-5442 jslucente@cogeco.ca

10am Queenston Loop

Meet in Queenston Heights Park lot, near the cairn, Niagara Parkway, Queenston (Med-Mod) (Map 1, 0) **Leader:** Karen Green 905-964-0020 kgreen28@cogeco.ca

Sunday January 22

2pm Jordan Valley Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet at the parking lot near the Bailey Bridge (just west of 21 St), Jordan (Map 4) (Med-Mod) **Leader:** Bill Russell: 905-563-4700 bill.russell003@sympatico.ca

Wednesday January 25

10am Merritt Island 1.5 hrs

Meet in the parking lot of Merritt Island, at the west end of Cross St., Welland (Med-Mod) **Leader:** Fred Azzopardi 905-735-2345

Saturday January 28

9am Short Hills Loop 3 hrs

Meet at Wiley Rd entrance to Short Hills. Near Cataract Rd & DeCew Rds. Thorold (Brisk-strenuous) **Leader:** Vince Zvonar 905-563-1109vmzvonar@bell.net

10am Queenston Loop

Meet in Queenston Heights Park lot, near the cairn, Niagara Parkway, Queenston (Map 1, 0)(Med-Mod) **Leader:** John Lucente 905-685-5442 jslucente@cogeco.ca

Sunday January 29

9am Glenridge Quarry 2 hrs

Meet at Glenridge Quarry parking lot, St David's Rd, St Catharines (Map 3) (Medium-Moderate) **Leader:** Vince Zvonar 905-563-1109 vmzvonar@bell.net

2pm Quarry Road Loop 2hrs

Meet at the parking lot on Quarry Rd., Beamsville (Map 4, km 65.0) **Leader:** Bill Russell: 905-563-4700 bill.russell003@sympatico.ca

FEBRUARY

Wednesday February 1

8:30AM Caledon Hills End-to-End 1 of 4, 18.3 km

Meet at off-road parking on Creditview Road between Boston Mills Rd & Olde Baseline Rd. Carpool to Willoughby Rd meets Escarpment Sideroad. (Brisk-Moderate) **Please register** with hike leader: Ruth Moffatt 905-928-7056 ruthdmoffatt@gmail.com

10am Happy Rolf's 1.5 hrs

Meet in Happy Rolf's parking lot, 650 Read Rd, (corner of Read & Northrup Cres), St Catharines (Med-Easy) **Leader:** Mary Leighton 905-934-7733 leightonbarry@yahoo.ca

Saturday February 4

9am Greater Niagara Circle Route #6 of 8, 19 km

Meet at Fort George, NOTL carpool to Whirlpool Aero Car, Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls (Med-Easy) **Leader:** Lauren Doig 905-309-1398 ldoig_4@bell.net

10am – In Search of the Cave Spring's Witch 2 hrs

Meet at parking lot on Quarry Rd., Beamsville (Map 4, km 65) (Medium-Moderate) **Leader:** Bill Russell 905-563-4700 bill.russell003@sympatico.ca

Sunday February 5

2pm St. John's Outdoor Center 1.5 hrs

Meet at the St. John's Outdoor Education Centre, 2984 Holland Rd., Pelham (Map 3)(Medium-Moderate) **Leader:** Sylvia Wheeler 905-735-2069, girlupontrek@gmail.com

Wednesday February 8

8:30am Caledon Hills End-to-End 2 of 4, 18.3 km

Meet at Willoughby Rd meets Escarpment Sideroad. Carpool to Innis Lake Road and Finnerty Sideroad. (Brisk-Moderate) **Please register** with hike leader **Leader:** Ruth Moffatt 905-928-7056 ruthdmoffatt@gmail.com

10 am Pelham Arena Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet at the Pelham Arena, 1120 Haist St, Pelham (Medium-Moderate) **Leader:** Fred Azzopardi 905-735-2345

Saturday February 11

9am Greater Niagara Circle Route #7 of 8, 17.5km

Meet at Whirlpool Aero Car, Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls carpool to Boyer's Creek, Niagara Pkwy.(north of Netherby Rd)(Med-Easy)**Leader:** Ruth Moffatt 905-928-7056 ruthdmoffatt@gmail.com

10am - Port Dalhousie loop 2h hrs

Meet at Lakeside Park parking lot, near the carousel in Port Dalhousie (Med-Mod) **Leaders:** Gary & Donna Sands (905) 682-3433 gsands1941@gmail.com

Sunday February 12

2pm Niagara-on-the-Lake Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet in the parking lot at King St & Veteran's Lane, Niagara-on-the-Lake (Med-Mod) Leader: Barbara Waller (905) 468-8484 notlbarbarawaller@gmail.com

Wednesday February 15

8:30am Caledon Hills End-to-End 3 of 4, 19.1 km

Meet at off-road parking at Innis Lake Road & Finnerty Sideroad. Carpool to corner of Hockley Rd (#7) & 5th Line EHS. (Brisk-Strenuous) **Please register** with hike leader: Ruth Moffatt 905-928-7056 ruthdmoffatt@gmail.com

10am Port Dalhousie Carousel 1.5 hrs

Meet at Lakeside Park parking lot, near the carousel in Port Dalhousie (Med-Mod) Leaders: Gary & Donna Sands (905) 682-3433 gsands1941@gmail.com

Saturday February 18

9am Greater Niagara Circle Route #8 of 8, 19 km

Meet at Boyer's Creek, Niagara Pkwy (north of Netherby Rd) carpool to Old Fort Erie. (Med-Easy) **Bring \$5 for badge.** Leader: Margaret Northfield 905-324-2707 margaret.northfield@gmail.com

10am Fonthill Loop 2hrs

Meet in the parking lot of the Pelham Municipal Building, 20 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill Leader: Robert McKeown 289-273-3059 r_mckeown7@hotmail.com

Sunday February 19

2pm Wellness Centre Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet at the Wellness Centre (Rose City Senior Activity Centre), 145 Lincoln St., Welland (Medium-Moderate) Leader: Diana Knight 905-892-3573 rknight8@cogeco.ca

Wednesday February 22

8:30am Caledon Hills End-to-End 4 of 4, 19.4 km

Meet at corner of Hockley Rd (#7) & 5th Line EHS. Carpool to Mono Centre Rd & 3rd Line EHS. (Brisk-Strenuous) **Please register** with hike leader: Ruth Moffatt 905-928-7056 ruthdmoffatt@gmail.com

10am DeCew Loop 1.5 hrs

Meet at DeCew House, DeCew Rd, Thorold (Map 3 km 29.8), (Medium-Moderate)) Leader: Fred Azzopardi 905-735-2345

Saturday February 25

9am Short Hills Loop 3.5 hrs

Meeting at Wiley Road parking in Short Hills Prov. Park, near Cataract & DeCew Rds, Thorold.(Map 3) (Med-Mod) Leader: Dan Wilson 289-931-3063 dkw1@sympatico.ca

10am Woodend Loop 2 hrs

Meet at the parking lot near the entrance to Woodend Conservation Area, Taylor Rd., Niagara-on-the-Lake (Map 2, km 12.5)(Medium-Moderate) Leader: Robert McKeown 289-273-3059 r_mckeown7@hotmail.com

Sunday February 26

2pm Merritt Island 1.5 hrs

Meet in the parking lot of Merritt Island, at the west end of Cross St., Welland (Medium-Easy) Leader: Diana Knight 905-892-3573 rknight8@cogeco.ca

Hiking Pace: Leisurely < 3km/hr, Medium 3-4km/hr, Brisk 4-5 km/hr, Fast 5+ km/hr

Terrain: Easy - mostly flat with good footing; Moderate - some hills &/ some poor footing;

Strenuous - hilly with steep climbs and some poor footing

Hiking tips

- ▶ Hike at your own risk
 - ▶ Make sure you have adequate clothing & footwear, dress in layers
 - ▶ Carry essential articles in a day pack - **WATER & SNACK**, identification
 - ▶ When not using hiking poles, carry them horizontally with the points facing forward
 - ▶ Map references are from the 28th edition of the **BRUCE TRAIL REFERENCE GUIDE**
- While there are a few portions of the Bruce Trail within Conservation Areas that are wheelchair accessible, *use of the majority of the Trail is suitable for foot traffic ONLY.*

To participate in an organized hike, you need to be able to complete the specified length of the hike on your own or with your own support person within the time allowed. Please refer to the hiking schedule for hike details.

We invite you to submit your ideas for different hikes to:

Wed & Sun hikes: Lynda Bonnar, (905)227-8220

Sat hikes: Margaret Northfield (905)324-2707, margaret.northfield@gmail.com

Hike Co-ordinator: Margaret Northfield, **Schedule Design:** Karen Green

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