



**Summer Calendar 2018**  
**April through September**

## Guests are Welcome!

**If you are not yet a member but would like to participate in a few outings before deciding if the club is for you, we encourage you to come along as a guest. We do not publish the contact information for our event organizers, but if you send us an email indicating which events you're interested in, we will provide you with the organizer's information.**

**Note:** This calendar covers six months; unexpected events, or weather conditions can necessitate changes to the program. There may also be additions which were not planned at the time of printing.

Check the website often for the most up-to-date version of this calendar.

Program changes will be notified to members by e-blasts.

## Event Listings - Multi-Day Trips

Summary of Events – see 'Event Descriptions' below for full description

Tues – Fri	April 17-20	Canoe & Hike	Wolf Den Hostel, Algonquin
Wed – Fri	May 9-11	Cycle	Niagara & Fort Erie
Tues - Fri	May 22-25	Canoe	Saugeen River
Tues – Wed	June 12 – 13	Cycle & Theatre	Gananoque
Tues – Fri	July 3-6	Canoe & Hike	Rain Lake, Algonquin
Mon - Tues	July 16-17	Cycle	Mennonite Country
Tues - Thurs	August 21-23	Canoe	Rideau Waterway
Mon – Fri	September 3-7	Canoe	Depot Lakes
Sun - Fri	September 9-14	Cycle	Le P'tit Train du Nord, Quebec
Mon -Fri	September 17-21	Canoe	Trent-Severn Waterway, Orillia to Port Severn

Sun - Fri	Sept 30 – Oct 5	Canoe & Hike	Killarney Park, George Lake campground
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## **Event Listings – Single & Multi-Day Trips**

Tuesday	April 3	Hike	Rouge North Trail
Thursday	April 5	Open House	Edithvale
Tuesday	April 10	Hike	Eldred King Woodlands
Thursday	April 12	Hike	Betty Sutherland Trail
Tuesday	April 17	Hike	Glen Major/Walker Woods
<b><i>Tues-Fri</i></b>	<b><i>April 17-20</i></b>	<b><i>Canoe &amp; Hike</i></b>	<b><i>Algonquin – Wolf Den Hostel</i></b>
Thursday	April 19	Hike	Lower Don River & Waterfront
Tuesday	April 24	Hike	Greenwood C.A.
Thursday	April 26	Urban Walk	Public Art in Toronto
Thursday	April 26	Cycle	Don Valley Trail North
Tuesday	May 1	Canoe	Matchedash Bay
Wednesday	May 2	Cycle	High Park to Mimico
Thursday	May 3	General Mtg & Potluck	Edithvale
Tuesday	May 8	New Members Day	Humber Marshes Park
<b><i>Wed – Fri</i></b>	<b><i>May 9-11</i></b>	<b><i>Cycle</i></b>	<b><i>Niagara &amp; Fort Erie</i></b>
Thursday	May 10	Canoe	Willow Creek/Minesing Swamp
Tuesday	May 15	Cycle	Toronto Island

Thursday	May 17	Hike	Rouge Valley Wilderness Section
Tuesday	May 22	Gallery tour	Market & Arcturus Galleries
<b>Tues - Fri</b>	<b>May 22-25</b>	<b>Canoe</b>	<b>Saugeen River</b>
Thurs	May 24	Cycle	Shelter Valley at Grafton
Tuesday	May 29	Canoe	Beaver River
Thursday	May 31	Hike	Darlington
Tuesday	June 5	Cycle	Circumnavigation of Toronto Hop-on, Hop-off
Thursday	June 7	Cycle	Nokidaa Trail
Tuesday	June 12	Canoe	Nottawasaga River
<b>Tues – Thurs</b>	<b>June 12 – 13</b>	<b>Cycle &amp; Theatre</b>	<b>Gananoque</b>
Thursday	June 14	Cycle	Bond Lake/Wilcox Lake
Friday	June 15	Hike	Eaton Hall Lake
Tuesday	June 19	Canoe	Grand River – Glen Morris to Paris
Thursday	June 21	Cycle	Burlington to Hamilton Beach
Tuesday	June 26	Canoe	Guelph Lake
Thursday	June 28	Cycle	Scugog Country Cruise
Tuesday	July 3	Cycle	Taylor Creek/Don Valley
Thursday	July 5	Canoe	Lower Scugog River
Tues – Fri	July 3-6	Canoe & Hike	Rain Lake, Algonquin
Tuesday	July 10	Canoe	Cinder Lake

Thursday	July 12	Cycle	Island Lake & Orangeville
<b>Mon - Tues</b>	<b>July 16-17</b>	<b>Cycle</b>	<b>Mennonite Country</b>
Tuesday	July 17	<b>OPEN</b>	
Thursday	July 19	Cycle	Nokidaa Trail, Newmarket
Tuesday	July 24	Canoe	Welland River, Wellandport to Chippawa Creek C.A.
Thursday	July 26	Hike	Rouge Valley – High Trail to Glen Rouge
Tuesday	July 31	Canoe	Jordan Harbour
Thursday	August 2	Canoe	Emily Creek
Tuesday	August 7	Cycle	Keswick to Sibbald Point
Thursday	August 9	Cycle	Edwards Gardens & Beyond
Tuesday	August 14	Canoe	Toronto Islands
Thursday	August 16	Cycle	Rouge Hill to Whitby & Return
<b>Tues - Thurs</b>	<b>August 21-23</b>	<b>Canoe</b>	<b>Rideau Waterway</b>
Tuesday	August 21	<b>OPEN</b>	
Thursday	August 23	Hike	Seaton Trail
Tuesday	August 28	<b>Hike</b>	Belfountain
Thursday	August 30	<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>Mon – Fri</b>	<b>September 3-7</b>	<b>Canoe</b>	<b>Depot Lakes</b>
Tuesday	September 4	Hike	Bruce Trail, Silver Creek
Thursday	September 6	Hike	Bruce Trail, Waterdown

<b><i>Sun - Fri</i></b>	<b><i>September 9-14</i></b>	<b><i>Cycle</i></b>	<b><i>Le P'tit Train du Nord, Quebec</i></b>
Tuesday	September 11	Canoe	Credit River
Thursday	September 13	Cycle	Humber & West Humber Trail
Tuesday	September 18	BBQ	E.T. Seaton Park
Thursday	September 20	Cycle	Morningside to Ajax
<b><i>Mon -Fri</i></b>	<b><i>September 17-21</i></b>	<b><i>Canoe</i></b>	<b><i>Trent-Severn Waterway, Orillia to Port Severn</i></b>
Tuesday	September 25	Canoe	Bronte – 12 Mile Creek
Thursday	September 27	Hike	Marie Lake
Tuesday	October 2	<b><i>OPEN</i></b>	
Thursday	October 4	General Meeting	Earl Bales Community Centre
<b><i>Sun - Fri</i></b>	<b><i>Sept 30 – Oct 5</i></b>	<b><i>Canoe &amp; Hike</i></b>	<b><i>Killarney Park, George Lake campground</i></b>
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## Event Descriptions - Multi-Day Events

### Tuesday April 17- 20

### Canoe & Hike Algonquin Provincial Pk

**Rating:** easy to intermediate

**Description::** Experience Spring in Algonquin before the bugs come out! We will stay for three nights at The Wolf Den Hostel outside the West Gate of Algonquin Park. Depending on weather and ice conditions, we will paddle some lakes along the Highway 60 corridor, and/or hike the trails, experience the returning birds, discover other flora and fauna emerging from hibernation, and listen to the spring peepers. Maybe we can even ski?

Accommodation approx. \$50 per person per night.

**Directions:** Highway 400 and 11 north to Huntsville. Turn east at Highway 60, towards Algonquin Park. 4568 Highway 60, Oxtongue Lake, just 9.5 km outside the West Gate of Algonquin Park.

Approx. 250 km/2.5+ hours from Hwy. 401 and 400 in Toronto

### Wed to Friday May 9 to 11

### Cycling Trip

### Niagara & Fort Erie

**Rating:** easy

**Description::** Cycle the Niagara Falls area in spring when the cherry blossoms and lilacs are in bloom! View one of the world's seven natural wonders, explore the gorge, visit historic sites, enjoy a coffee or ice cream in the quaint towns of Niagara-on-the-Lake and Crystal Beach. Some flat cycling, some hills. We will try to accommodate everyone's ability. But much of the ride is flat and scenic.

Wednesday we will meet in the back parking lot of the hotel at noon, drive to Dufferin Park near the Falls for a picnic lunch and cycle the trail towards Fort Erie. Cycle as far as you wish and return. On Thursday we will cycle to Niagara-on-the-Lake. Friday morning we could cycle from Fort Erie to Port Colborne or we could bike part of the Welland Canal Trail. Hiking is also possible in the gorge park in Niagara Falls. Bring your lunch each day. Bring a snack and drink for happy hour, if you want. We plan to dine out Wednesday and Thursday evenings as a group with each member paying for their own dinner.

**Hotel:** River Rapids Inn, 4029 River Road, Niagara Falls, ON. ([riverrapidsinn.com](http://riverrapidsinn.com)) ((905) 371-2201. We will book a block of rooms. You pay by credit card on arrival. The cost is \$151.30 for two people in one room for two days. If we have less than 10 rooms the cost will be \$201.00. Breakfast is included. Cancellations are possible with 24 hours notice.

Word is the pool at the hotel will be open this year. Bring your bathing suit!

**Directions:** Drive to Niagara Falls. When you get to the river turn left, follow the river downstream (north) on River Road to the hotel.

## Multi-Day Events

### **Tuesday to Friday, May 22–25 Canoe Saugeen River (Walkerton to Southampton)**

**Rating:** This is a moving water trip and will require the requisite skills. Depending upon the water levels, the rapids should present little difficulty except in early spring when water is high and fast flowing.

**Description::** This trip is a traverse of 80 kms requiring car shuttling. Tuesday will be a warm-up day to practice moving water skills. We will paddle about 6 km and camp in the flood plain, as we did last year. On Wednesday we shall depart from km 6 beyond Walkerton and camp along the river at conservation areas. We will stop for a pub lunch in a Paisley restaurant on Thursday. The take out is at Denny's Dam in Southampton. The weather will probably be mixed so remember to bring warm clothing.

**Directions:** We shall meet in Walkerton at Tim Horton's (adjacent to the Saugeen River) at 12 noon SHARP. Walkerton is about a three hour drive from Toronto. Take Hwy 401 west to Hwy 6 (Guelph) and proceed north to Durham and then west on Hwy 4 to Walkerton.

### **Tues - Wed June 12-13 Cycle & Theatre Gananoque**

**Description::** See "4 Hands 2 Pianos" at the Thousand Islands Playhouse at 8 p.m. on Tuesday. On Wednesday, we will cycle the bike path and then return home to Toronto in the afternoon.

Accommodations: Motel in Gananoque ( TBA)

**Deadline for booking is June 1. Please let me know if you are interested in this event. Payment must be made at the time of booking. No Refunds.**

### **Tues - Fri July 3-6 Canoe & Hike Rain Lake, Algonquin**

**Rating:** easy to intermediate

**Description::** From the access point we will paddle into Rain Lake and set up camp for three nights. We will explore the area by canoe and on foot. There are a number of options for paddling into other lakes, which include portages. One day we can also hike along a trail that connects to the Western Uplands Backpacking Trail. Limit eight paddlers.

**Directions:** Highway 400 and 11 north past Huntsville. At Emsdale on Highway 11, turn east and follow Highway 518 for 8 kilometres to the village of Kearney. Meet at the Park Office in the Kearney Community Centre located at the main intersection in the village, to obtain and pay for our permits. We then continue together 24 km to Rain Lake access point, which is marked. Approx. 290 km/3+ hours from Hwy. 401 and 400 in Toronto.



## Multi-Day Events

### **Mon - Tues July 16-17                      Cycle                      Mennonite Country**

**Description::** We will meet at our motel in Elmira at 11am and cycle through Mennonite Country to West Montrose and loop back (43km). Next day we ride to the Farmers Market in Kitchener, St Jacobs and loop back to our cars in Elmira (45km). Details will be sent to participants.

### **Tues - Thur August 21-23                      Canoe                      Rideau Waterway**

**Description::** As we had so much fun doing the last leg of this waterway last year, I have been asked to repeat the last two days again this year. Flat water paddling.

August 21 Meet at Black Rapids Lock

August 22 Canoe Black Rapids lock to Hartwell's Lock

August 23 Hartwell's Lock to Ottawa Rowing Club on the Ottawa River

**Directions:** If enough interest is shown I will provide meeting details to those persons.

### **Mon - Fri September 3-7                      Canoe                      Depot Lakes**

**Description::** Come for a week of paddling and also some hiking in the lovely Depot Lakes area.

**Directions:** Take Hwy 401 to Hwy 38 and travel north to Verona. Turn left just north of the golf course on Snider Rd, Follow the signs to 2nd Depot lake Conservation Area. Meet after 1 pm.

### **Sun - Fri September 9-14                      Cycle                      Quebec - Petit Train du Nord Bike Trail**

**Description:** We will meet at our Auberge in Mont Tremblant on Sunday night Sept.9. Next day we will shuttle to Mont Laurier and ride leisurely for 40-50 km per day for 3 days (Sept. 10,11,12). We will spend another night in Mont Tremblant on Sept. 12. On Sept 13 we will explore the Tremblant Resort Village and ride back to Mount Tremblant for our final night. On Sept.14, we return home. Details will be sent to participants. (12 maximum). \$100 deposit is required by July 1 or earlier. This will pay for 2 nights accommodation. (double occupancy). All other costs will be your responsibility as they occur. Total cost will be about \$400 with meals.

**Note:** There will be no baggage support. You will have to carry your own necessities for the nights of Sept. 10 and 11 on your bike. Baggage can be left in our Auberge in Mont Tremblant for all other nights.

## Multi-Day Events

### **Mon - Fri September 17-21      Canoe      Trent-Severn Waterway Orillia to Port Severn**

**Description::** This is a moving water trip and will require the requisite skills.

Day 1. Tudhope Park across Lake Couchiching to Lock 42 near Washago..

Day 2. Washago Loop, Lock 42 around the loop back to Lock 42. Car shuttle to end

Day 3. Lock 42 across Sparrow Lake to Lock 43 at Severn Falls

Day 4. Lock 43 to Marine Railway at Big Chute

Day 5. Big Chute to Lock 45 at Port Severn

**Directions:** From Toronto, Highway 400 north to Barrie, Highway 11 north Barrie to Highway 12 in Orillia, east on Highway 12 to Atherley Rd. Go through the stoplights at Atherley Rd. to Tudhope Park.

### **Sun - Fri Sept 30 - Oct 5      Canoe & Hike      Killarney Provincial Park**

George Lake Campground, Killarney Provincial Park

**Description::** This is the fourth annual multi-day camping in Killarney. Last year was a great success with paddling in Georgian Bay, Bell Lake & George Lake and a good hike through Cranberry Bog. We had social gatherings each night with campfires. Campsites will be pre-booked. However, those who are bringing camper trailers or vans will need to book separately.

Costs are relatively modest - no more than \$10.00 a head. Cars require separate permits at around \$11.50 (senior rates) per day.

Strongly recommend car-pooling.

For more detailed information please send me an email.

## Single Day Events

**Tuesday April 3      Hike      Rouge River north trail      10:30 a.m.**

**Rating:** moderate, distance dependant on weather

**Description::** Mixture of woodlands, and open areas. Bring a lunch.

**Directions:** Meet at Pearse House, Rouge River Conservation Centre located off Meadowvale Rd., opposite the Toronto Zoo . **Directions :** East on 401 to Meadowvale north. About 1km. north of Sheppard, exit off Meadowvale on the right and continue right to the Conservation Centre parking lot.

**Thursday April 5      General Meeting & Open House      12:30 p.m.**  
**Edithvale Community Centre**

This meeting will be an Open House to introduce our club to the community. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

Our speaker will be Dr .Martyn Obbard, Emeritus Research Scientist, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and Adjunct Professor at Trent University, who will give us some insights into "Understanding Black Bear Behaviour".

Edithvale Community Centre is at 131 Finch Ave West, (corner of Edithvale & Finch, south side of Finch, 3 blocks west of Yonge) .Edithvale Location Map

**Tuesday April 10      Hike      Eldred King Woodlands      10:00 a.m.**

**Rating:** moderate approx. 10k.

**Description:** The hike is in Eldred King Woodlands, a diverse woodland ecosystem and varied terrain from sandy paths to woody-debris covered floor. Bring a lunch.

**Directions:** East to Hwy. 48 and north of Hwy 7. Continue on Hwy. 48 north of Aurora Rd. to the Eldred King entrance on west side (left). A sign there leads to the parking lot where we will meet.

**Thursday April 12                      Hike & Lunch                      10:30 a.m.**  
**Betty Sutherland Trail**

**Rating:** Moderate

**Description::** We will walk north to Sheppard, meet subway people if needed, and continue up the trail to Cumer Ave. Then we will walk east to the Pickle Barrel on Leslie for lunch. Afterwards we will pick up the trail at York Mills or return via the Green Belt.suburban route to our cars.

**Directions:** Sheppard Ave east of Leslie; south on Shaughnessy Blvd to 4-way stop; turn right on George Henry Blvd [west] to Manor Park Court.  
Park by the parkette on the road..

**Tuesday April 17                      Hike                      Glen Major                      10:00 a.m.**

**Rating:** moderate 10 – 12 k.

**Description:** Mixed woodlands . Small inclines.. Bring a lunch.

**Directions :**Take 401 east to Brock Rd. north. Continue north to Durham Region Rd. 5 / Concession 9 at lights. Turn east (right) and follow all the way to Balsam. Take Sideline # 4 north at Balsam – gravel road – and follow to parking lot on west (left ) side. Sign reads ‘Glen Major Forest Trailhead ‘.

**Thursday April 19                      Hike                      Lower Don                      10:00 a.m.**

**Rating:** Moderate

**Description::** From the Broadview Subway Station, we will do an 11km urban hike along the Lower Don Trail and the Waterfront Trail to the beaches. We can stop at a Beaches eatery for lunch. Bring water and a light snack.

**Directions:** Meet at the Broadview Subway Station

**Tuesday April 24                      Hike                      Greenwood C.A.                      10:30 a.m.**

**Description::** Greenwood Conservation Area – North Tract. Woodland and open areas. Mixed terrain partly along a salmon stocked river; pretty hike. Will stop at Pickering Village Museum and visit if open. Bring a lunch.

**Rating** moderate, 8-10km

**Directions:** East on 401 to Brock Rd. N. Continue north of Taunton Rd. to the 5th concession. Turn right ( east ) on the 5th Concession and continue to parking lot on the left. Bring a lunch.

**Thursday April 26                      Walk            Public Art in the City            10:00 a.m.**

**Description:** West from Union Station. Public Art in Toronto

We shall go west from Union Station and up Spadina looking at various works of art.

Bring or buy your lunch.

**Directions:** Meet west of the clock in the Great Hall of Union Station

**Thursday April 26                      Cycle            Don Valley North            10:30 a.m.**

**Rating:** Moderate

**Description:** We will ride 40 km through the Don valley with a few street cross-overs.

We will start the ride from the parking lot at Dawes Road and cycle via Taylor Creek and Don Valley Trail North to Steeles and Leslie and return via the same way.

**Directions:** Meet at the Dawes Road entrance to Taylor Creek Park which is about a few minutes by car, north of Danforth, at the bottom of the hill on the left side of the road.

**Tuesday May 1                              Canoe            Matchedash Bay            10:30 a.m.**

**Description:** Starting from the Swift Canoe store just off highway 400, south of Port Severn, we will explore Matchedash Bay, the Coldwater River upstream as far as Coldwater and/or the North River.

The final route will be decided shortly.

Notes:

1) Kayaks are ok as there no portages in this route

2) Contact the organizer to confirm attendance or if you need a canoe partner.

**Directions:** Meet at 10:30 a.m. am at the Swift Canoe store. From Toronto take 400 north to exit 149 (Quarry rd) just north of Waubaushene. From the exit cross Quarry Rd and take Mayhew Rd south for about 1 km to the Swift Canoe store. NOTE: There is a gas station and restaurant at the Waubaushene exit.

**Wednesday May 2    Cycle            High Park to Mimico            10:30 a.m.**

**Rating:** Easy & Leisurely

**Description:** About 35 km on bicycle paths and a marked bicycle lane on Royal York Road. Bring a lunch and few dollars for a coffee break.

**Directions:** Meet in the parking lot at the Grenadier Restaurant in High Park.

**Thursday May 3      General Mtg & Pot Luck Lunch      12:30 p.m.**

Join us for our regular monthly meeting at Edithvale Community Centre, followed by a potluck lunch. Please bring your own plate, cup and cutlery. We will also be accepting donations to the food bank. Copy the link below for a list of suggested items or click the link on the website event listing.

<https://northyorkharvest.com/get-involved/events/fooddrivekit/suggested-food-donations/>

**Call or e-mail Susan Thexton ((905) ) 882-6155) to confirm your attendance and to indicate what you are bringing to contribute to the potluck lunch.**

Edithvale Community Centre is at 131 Finch Ave West, (corner of Edithvale & Finch, south side of Finch, 3 blocks west of Yonge).

**Tuesday May 8      Norm Erickson's New Members Day,      10:00 a.m.**  
**Humber Marshes Park**

**Rating:** Easy paddling. Typical of our Tuesday outings, about 5 hours, including lunch.

**Description:** An opportunity for all members to get out and stretch their paddling muscles on the lower Humber River. Following a short paddle to Lake Ontario and back, we will have a picnic lunch to celebrate and welcome 'new members'.

To our new members, we welcome you and look forward to a long and happy association. With safety first in mind, don't forget your life jacket, whistle, bailer, and throw bag, each of which is mandatory. Bring chairs and eating utensils.

Washroom facilities are not available at the picnic site, but there is a service station on the Queensway.

**Directions:** from Toronto Central and East: West on the Gardiner Expressway past Jameson Avenue exit right onto the South Kingsway. Watch the signage and go only 300 metres exiting right onto the tight circular ramp which merges into the Queensway West. Follow this for 1 km, exiting right at the traffic light which is Stephen Drive. Follow this for 1.2 km. and exit left on to Riverwood Parkway. Go only 200 metres, bearing right onto Humber Valley Road, which leads directly to parking and our put-in. from Mississauga or Etobicoke, find your way onto The Queensway, and follow same easterly, past Parklawn Road, exiting left at the traffic light onto Stephen Drive, then follow directions above. Humber Marshes Park

**Organizer:** Eileen Rea      (416) 438-6267      eileen.rea@rogers.com

Please register on or before Monday, April 23

**Thursday May 10    Canoe    Minesing Swamp                    10:00 a.m.**

**Rating:** 4 ~ 5 hour paddle along the meandering Willow Creek. Beavers may have made some short canoe dragging necessary.

**Description:** Willow Creek and the Nottawasaga River offer wonderful opportunities for short visits or longer trips, and a chance to spot some of the many waterfowl species that call this area home. We'll follow Willow Creek to the Nottawasaga and out take-out is at Highway 26 at Edenvale Conservation Area. Will require a 30 minute car shuttle. \$2 per person entry fee.

**Directions:** Go west from Barrie on Hwy. 90 (Dunlop St. W) to George Johnston Rd [County Road 28]. Travel 8 km north on George Johnston to the parking lot and Willow Creek canoe access on your left. This is also about 5 km south on County Road 28 from the village of Minesing on highway 26.

**Tuesday May 15        Cycle        Toronto Island                    10:30 a.m.**

Beaches to Toronto Islands

**Description:** We will cycle at Toronto Island starting from the Beaches area and then cycle around the Island, stop for lunch (bring your own) and back. Approximately 25 km.

**Directions:** Meet in the public parking lot at the foot of Beech Avenue (at the Balmy Beach Canoe Club).

**Thursday May 17    Hike        Rouge Valley                    10:30 a.m.**

**Description:** A two hours hike through the Wilderness Section in Rouge Valley from Steeles/Ressor to Meadowvale Rd. Rouge Valley Conservation Centre. Optional Tim Hortons coffee social after hike.

Wear long hiking pants, gaiters for muddy trail and bring shoes to change after hike.

**Directions:** 401 Exit 389 to Meadowvale Rd. north, pass Sheppard Ave, stay on rightmost lane, up a ramp and turn right to the parking lot next to Centre. After gathering, we will car shuffle to Steeles/Ressor parking lot and hike back.

Please call or e-mail **Organizer** by Tuesday May 15 to confirm your participation.

**Tuesday May 22        Gallery Tour                    10:30 a.m.**

**Market & Arcturus galleries**

**Description:** Meet at the entrance to the Market Gallery at 95 Front St. East, south side. When we've finished looking around there, we'll get a bite to eat at the Market and then head north to Gerrard St. where we'll visit the Arcturus Gallery.

Registration: please contact organizer by Sunday, May 20

**Thursday, May 24 Shelter Valley at Grafton 10:00 a.m.**

**Rating:** Moderate; hilly, with up to 4% slope ~ approx. 50 km loop

**Description:** A loop on quiet, paved roads in Northumberland County. Starting at Grafton, we will explore the Shelter Valley, with a stop at the old church in Vernonville, and great country views along the Pipeline Road. Gentle slopes, some rolling hills, and lovely areas, partly through apple orchard country. Bring your lunch.

**Directions:** Meet at the Grafton Memorial Arena and Park on the N side of Highway 2 in Grafton. Highway 401 East to Grafton (Exit 487, also known as County Road 23 or Lyle Street). Drive South from the exit, to Highway 2. Turn right (West) at Hwy. 2 and park at the Memorial Arena (N side on Hwy. 2). Approximately 120 km from Hwy. 401 and 400

**Tuesday May 29 Canoe Day Trip, Beaver River 10:30 a.m.**

**Description:** This an easy paddle downstream from Kimberly To Slabtown about 4 hr. which requires a car shuttle. Lunch will be at either Access point 2 Epping or Access point 3 Heathcote depending on river conditions. Heathcote has a lovely bakery. We shall go out for dinner at day's end.

Bring lunch, sun screen, water, bug spray and all the required safety and water gear.

**Directions:** We shall start at access point 1. Go slightly north of Kimberly on Grey Rd 7 to Rd 13, turn right and continue a short distance to the access point 1 on the left. Watch carefully.

**Thursday May 31 Hike Darlington Prov. Park 10:00 a.m.**

**Directions** to be given later on the Updater

**Tuesday June 5 Cycle Toronto Circumnavigation**

Hop-on, hop-off the subway, or bus, around the city 80 km loop, 90 % off road, 8 hrs, 10 km per hour average speed.

We will link the bike trails in the Don Valley, the Lakeshore trail, the Humber Valley and the Finch hydro corridor to circumnavigate the city.

Do all or part of the ride, We will pass the Sheppard/Leslie, Union, Old Mill, Finch/Keele and Finch/Yonge stations where you will be able to join or leave the ride by subway, time of day permitting, (get on subway before 6:30 am, 10 am to 3:30 pm or after 7 pm) . At anytime you will be able to put your bike on the bicycle racks which are on every TTC bus.



Rough schedule:

- 1) Leslie/Sheppard station at 8 am (you can get on the subway anywhere before 6:30 am to get here in time)
- 2) Union station at 10 am
- 3) Old Mill noon
- 4) Finch West at 2:30 pm
- 5) Finch at 3:15 pm

Schedule may be adjusted for convenience as per who is on the ride.

**Thursday June 7      Cycle      Nokiidaa Trail      10:00 a.m.**

**Rating:** Easy to moderate: 30 km

**Description:** The Nokiidaa Trail links 3 communities, Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury. As it follows the East Holland River, it passes through urban parks and green spaces, wetlands and historic cultural sites. The Newmarket portion of the trail is paved.

The Aurora portion has a hard packed granular surface. Bring a lunch to eat along the Trail

**Directions:** Take Hwy 404 to Davis Drive West. Follow Davis Drive West to Bayview Parkway just before downtown Newmarket. Despite its impressive name Bayview Parkway is a small street on the right after the major intersection of Davis Drive, Prospect St. and Lundy's Lane. Turn right (north) on Bayview Parkway. Follow Bayview Parkway approximately 1.5 km to George Richardson Park. Meet at the George Richardson Park – 3rd parking lot on the right across from the dog park and gateway to the Tom Taylor Trail – corner of Bayview Parkway and Elgin St.

**Tuesday June 12      Canoe      Nottawasaga River      10:00 a.m.**

**Rating:** Easy, flat water paddling

**Directions:** From Toronto, Highway 400 North to Highway 26. Highway 26 west to Edenvale Conservation Area.

**Description:** Edenvale Conservation Area to Wasaga Sports Park. Bring a lunch.

**Thursday June 14    Cycle    Bond, Wilcox Lakes    10:00 a.m.**

**Rating:** Easy

**Description:** Bond Lake, Wilcox Lake and points west. We will use a trail heading West to Yonge St. and beyond to Bathurst St. area. Hope to check out Philips Lake which is very small, then eventually circle back for lunch at the newly finished area of interest on the East shore of Wilcox Lake.

**Directions:** Go West on Stouffville Rd. to Bayview Ave. or East from Yonge St. Go North on Bayview Ave. to Bethesda Sideroad. Turn Left into Wilcox Lake parking lot, which is on your right. Bring lunch or can buy hotdogs, ice cream or drinks.

**Friday June 15    Hike    Oak Ridges Trail    10:30 a.m.**

**Description:** An 8 km loop hike on Oak Ridges Trail around Eaton Hall Lake followed by option coffee social at Pine Farm.

**Directions:** 404 Exit 41 to Bloomington Rd., go west which will become 15th Sideroad, turn right (north) on Keele Street and for about 0.5 km, park on road shoulder on the right. Please call or e-mail by Wednesday June 13 to confirm your participation.

**Tuesday June 19    Canoe    Grand River    11:00 a.m.**

**Rating:** easy, a 10 km paddle

**Description:** A leisurely paddle down the grand river from Glen Morris to Paris. After doing a car shuttle we will have lunch and then paddle to Paris, Penman's Dam. We will walk into Paris, check out the local shops and, if interested, have an early evening meal at a local restaurant.

**Directions:** Hwy 401 to exit 282 and at the stop lights turn left onto Hespeler Road (County Rd 24) which becomes the Brantford Hwy and then keeping to the right becomes East River Road. We will meet at Glen Morris.

**Thursday June 21    Cycle    Burlington to Hamilton    10:00 a.m.**

**Rating:** Easy: 32 km

**Description:** This is an off-road flat, paved cycling path with some sections on the sidewalk next to Lakeshore Road. Admire the mansions along Lakeshore Road and then enjoy the views as the path widens at Burlington Harbor and opens onto Lake Ontario. Cross the drawbridge to Hamilton Bay and ride along Hamilton Beach. Lunch at Hutch's a classic restaurant built in 1946 with diner-style booths and 1950's music on the jukebox. See: <http://www.hutchs.ca/>

**Directions:** Meet at the Paletta Mansion and Lakefront Park, 4250 Lakeshore Road, Burlington. Take the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) to Appleby Line. Exit Appleby Line South. Continue on Appleby Line to Lakeshore Road. Turn right onto Lakeshore Road. Paletta Mansion is on the left.

**Tuesday June 26    Canoe    Guelph Lake    10:00 a.m.**

**Description:** Guelph Lake Conservation Area at 7743 Conservation Rd., Guelph 519 824 5061. Besides paddling, there is an opportunity to swim and walk. An admission fee of \$5.50 (Senior). Bring lunch, water and other necessary gear.

**Directions:** From Hwy 401, exit on Guelph Line north which will become Wellington Rd 44, turn left on Hwy 7, then right on CR 29. Turn left on CR 124, right on Jones Baseline and left on Conservation to the gatehouse. From there straight ahead to Hall Rd, turn right and keeping slightly left proceed parking spot by lake.

**Thursday June 28    Cycle    Scugog Country Cruise    10:00 a.m.**

**Rating:** Moderate, ride on paved roads ~ approx. 30+ km loop

**Description:** We will travel to Port Perry and pedal out on the Durham Loop into rural farmlands to enjoy sweeping views off the Oak Ridges Moraine towards Lake Ontario. Bring your lunch. If time and mood allows, we can have a swim at the beach in Lake Scugog on our return, and have an after-ride meal along the waterfront.

**Directions:** Hwy. 401 East to Exit 410 (Whitby). Then take Hwy 12 North to Manchester, Hwy. 7a into Port Perry. Details on meeting place and parking to follow closer to the date. Approx. 80 km from Hwy. 401 and 400.

**Tuesday July 3    Cycle    Taylor Creek/Don Valley    10:30 a.m.**

**Rating:** moderate: 35-40 km

**Description:** Cycle along the Taylor Creek Trail to the lake where we will have lunch. This ride is on paved pathways.

**Directions:** Meet at Taylor Creek Park on Dawes Rd. Take Victoria Park Ave. south of St. Clair Ave. Keep to the right and turn onto Dawes Rd. Watch for the Taylor Creek Park entrance near the bottom of the hill on the west side.

**Thursday July 5      Canoe      Lower Scugog River      10:30 a.m.**

**Rating:** Moving water; moderate pace.

**Description:** We will paddle north to Nayoro Park in Lindsay, where we will have lunch. Then paddle back to our put-in place.

**Directions:** Take Hwy 401 east to Hwy 35/115 turn-off east of Oshawa. Follow Hwy 35 towards Lindsay [about 46]. Turn left on River Road and follow signs to Cross Creek Marina & Resort. River Rd. turns south at O'Donnell Landing, then turns back west towards the river. We'll meet at the parking area just north of the bridge. If you cross the bridge you've gone too far.

**Tuesday July 10      Canoe      Cinder Lake      11:00 a.m.**

**Rating:** moderate, one or two short portages

**Description:** A leisurely paddle around Cinder Lake with options to take one or two 50-75 metre portages into two nearby lakes. No car shuttle. We will have our lunch at a site on the lake and dinner at a restaurant in Bracebridge on the way home.

**Directions:** Hwy 400 to Hwy 11. Hwy 11 north towards Bracebridge. Take exit 182 to the stop sign and turn right on Hwy 118 east. Continue for about 25km to the sign for black River Road on the left. We will meet there.

**Thursday July 12      Cycle      Island Lake      10:30 a.m.**

**Rating:** Easy – 12 km.

**Description:** We will circumnavigate scenic Island Lake and have a leisurely lunch at the interesting Barley Vine Train Co. in Orangeville. Surfaces are good limestone screening and boardwalks.

**Directions:** Hwy 410 and 10 north through Orangeville. Turn right (East) on Hockley Rd. After 500m turn right into the Trailhead Lane across from a school.

**Thursday July 19      Cycle      Nokidaa Trail      10:30 a.m.**

**Description:** We will ride the Nokiidaa (Tom Taylor) Trail from Aurora to north of Newmarket and return. Bring water and lunch.

**Directions:** Meet in Aurora at Sheppard's Bush. Heading north on Hwy 404 take exit 45 and turn west on R.R. 15/Aurora Side Road, which becomes Wellington Street East. Drive 4.5 km and turn left on to Industrial Parkway heading. Go 650m south to Sheppard's Bush. <http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca/trails/view/nokiidaa-trail-association>

**Tuesday July 24      Canoe      Welland River      10:00 a.m.**

**Description:** A quiet paddle from Wellandport up to beyond Chippawa Creek Conservation and back there for lunch, a walk and maybe swimming before returning to the put in.

Bring lunch, water and other needed gear.

**Directions:** From the QEW take exit 57 Victoria Ave (RR 24) follow south to a right turn on Hwy 20, then a left on Wellandport Rd (RR 27) to Canborough Rd (RR 63) Turn left through Wellandport to the library/community centre on your left and proceed to the river.

**Thursday July 26      Hike      Rouge Valley      10:30 a.m.**

**Description:** High Trail to Glen Rouge. A 7 km loop hike in Rouge River Valley, followed by optional coffee/snack at nearby Tim Hortons.

**Directions:** 401 Exit 389 to Meadowvale Rd. north, turn right on Sheppard Ave, pass a church, turn left on Twyn River Rd., go over a steel bridge and a concrete bridge, stay on and turn right to the parking lot.

**Tuesday July 31      Canoe      Jordan Harbour      10:00 a.m.**

**Description:** Jordan Harbour Conservation Area. A paddle in the harbour and depending on lake conditions maybe there too.

Bring lunch, water and all the other necessary gear

**Directions:** From QEW take exit 57 Victoria Ave (RR 24) Turn left on the South Service Rd and continue until the road makes a sharp turn to the right at 21 St. The entrance to the Conservation Area is directly ahead on your left (the sign is small).

**Thursday August 2 Canoe Emily Creek 10:30 a.m.**

**Rating:** Leisurely paddle; easy.

**Description:** Through marshland and into Sturgeon Lake. If the conditions allow, we can paddle around Sturgeon Lake and have lunch on the beach.

**Directions:** Take 401 east to Hwy 35/115 north. Follow Hwy 35 to Hwy 7 (south end of Lindsay). Turn right (east) on Hwy 7, then turn left almost immediately onto Hwy 36 north towards Dunsford. Continue on C.R.36 and cross over bridge. The put-in place is on the right (south) side of the highway, 23 km from Hwy 7.

**Tuesday August 7 Cycle Keswick to Sibbald Pt 10:30 a.m.**

**Rating:** Easy - 45 km.

**Description:** This is a beautiful ride along the Lake Scugog shoreline with a view of the magnificent homes in that area. We will lunch at Sibbald Point Provincial Park.. You may also enjoy a swim.

**Directions:** Take 404 to Davis Drive; turn west (left) on Davis Drive; then turn north (right) on Leslie Street. In Keswick, Leslie Street changes to The Queensway at Glenwoods Mall. There is a Tim Horton's in Glenwoods Mall. Turn west (left) on Metro (fork in the road). Turn north (right) on Simcoe Avenue and another right into the Food Basic parking lot where we will meet. .

**Thursday August 9 Cycle Edwards Gdns & Beyond 10:00 a.m.**

**Rating:** Easy

**Description:** This is a beautiful ride south of Edwards Gardens behind the Science Centre, Charles Sauriol Parkway, joining the Don Valley Bike Trail. We will continue to Cherry Beach for lunch or go to Tim Hortons at Lakeshore Blvd. We will return via the same route.

**Tuesday August 14 Canoe Toronto Islands 10:00 a.m.**

**Description:** Other than crossing the Eastern Gap, an easy paddle around the Toronto Islands with good Toronto Skyline Views. Bring suitable walking shoes for a walk in case the eastern Gap is very rough. Bring lunch, water and all the required water gear.

**Directions:** Meet at Clark Beach on the left at the foot of Cherry Street

**Thurs August 16      Cycle      Waterfront Trail East      10:30 a.m.**

**Description:** We will ride the Waterfront trail from Rouge Hill GO Station to Whitby. Bring water and lunch.

**Directions:** Take 401 East to Port Union Road south to Lawrence Ave. turn left, address is: 6251 Lawrence Avenue East for GPS.

**Thursday August 23      Hike      Seaton Trail      10:30 a.m.**

**Description:** A short hike for about 7 km from Hwy 7 Green River to Whitevale and return.

**Directions:** Hwy 7 east, pass Markham Rd. and Pickering and Markham Town Line. Stay on for about ½ km and turn right to Seaton Trail parking lot.

**Tuesday August 28      Hike      West Credit River      10:30 a.m.**

**Description:** Belfountain and Willoughby Property. This is a short but hilly Bruce Trail hike of 8 km.. We will follow the West Credit River as it Plunges down to the Forks Of The Credit. Coffee in Belfountain after. On the way home you can visit the Cheltenham Badlands.

**Directions:** 410 north then 10 north for 5 km. Turn left at King St. and travel 6 km to Mississauga Rd.. Turn right and travel north for 12 km to Belfountain. Turn right on Forks of the Credit Rd.. After 200m turn right into Belfountain Conservation Area. Pay for parking.

**Tuesday Sept 4      Hike      Bruce Trail, Silver Creek      11:00 a.m.**

Bruce Trail - Scotsdale Farm

**Rating:**12.6 km, hilly

**Description:** Bruce trail map 13 (27th edition). We will start at Scotsdale Farm and hike on the Bennet side trail clockwise to the main trail and then take the Great Esker side trail and return to the start point. Bring a lunch.

**Directions:** Take Hwy 401 west to Trafalgar Road. Go north on Trafalgar Rd/Hwy 7. Hwy 7 & Trafalgar separate after 16 km. Take the right lane exit to stay on Trafalgar Road and Scotsdale Farm is on the right about 1.5 km further north.

**Thursday Sept 6      Hike      Bruce Trail, Waterdown      11:00 a.m.**

Cityview Park to Smokey Hollow and return

**Rating:** moderate pace, few hills, about 3 hours.

**Description:** about 10 km return from Cityview Park to Smokey Hollow via the Friendship Trail, and back. Bring a lunch. Meet at 11:00 a.m.

**Directions:** Park in the Cityview park parking lot. QEW to Brant St, North 3.5 km to Dundas St, (Hwy 5). Turn left on Dundas St, 1.6km west to Kerns Rd. South on Kerns Rd to Cityview Park parking lot.

**Tues September 11      Canoe      Credit River      10:00 a.m.**

**Description:** We shall paddle up the Credit River as far as possible and then dependent on condition maybe on the lake.

We shall go to the nearby Family Restaurant for a late lunch.

Bring water and other necessary gear.

**Directions:** Meet at the boat launch on Front St. Just off Lakeshore Rd. E which is east of Hurontario St in Port Credit.

**Thurs Sept. 13      Cycle      West Humber Trail      10:30 a.m.**

**Rating:** Moderate

**Description:** We will do an approximately 40km there and back urban cycle along the Humber and the West Humber Trail in a paved woodland setting. Bring a lunch, water and snacks.

**Directions:** Meet at the Old Mill Subway Station at 10:am



## ***Annual BBQ***

**Tuesday, September 18**

**E.T. Seton Park**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Directions to Park:**

From the DVP

take the Don Mill Rd North exit, to Overlea Blvd. Turn left and go west to the second lights and turn left on Thorncliffe Park Drive. Turn left into second driveway after the lighted crosswalk. There is a park sign. The entrance is between two apartment buildings 75 and 73. Follow the road and go down the hill. Bear left at the bottom and park at the second parking at the end of the road. The site is up the path just under and past the Overlea Bridge.

From the north

go south on Don Mills Road past Eglinton to Overlea Blvd. where you will turn right. go west to the second lights and turn left on Thorncliffe Park Drive. Turn left into second driveway after the lighted crosswalk. There is a park sign. The entrance is between two apartment buildings 75 and 73. Follow the road and go down the hill. Bear left at the bottom and park at the second parking at the end of the road. The site is up the path just under and past the Overlea Bridge.

***Please let Susan know early if you intend to attend the BBQ***

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**Thurs September 20**

**Cycle**

**Morningside-Ajax**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Rating:** Moderate: 45 km

**Description:** Cycle along the Highland Creek Trail to the Lake, on the Waterfront Trail, then into Ajax. Most of the ride is on paved pathways. We will have lunch at the Ajax Community Centre.

**Directions:** 401 East to Morningside Ave. Go south on Morningside Ave. past Ellesmere Ave., then turn right (West) into the entrance to the park. Meet at the first parking lot.

**Tues September 25**

**Canoe**

**Twelve Mile Creek**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Description:** Meet at Bronte Beach Park on the left off W. Rive St. An easy paddle up the creek and then on the lake if calm conditions prevail. Bring water, a snack, walking shoes and all the required water gear. Also bring shoes suitable for a hike. We can go out for a late lunch.

**Directions:** From the QEW or 401, turn south on Bronte Rd and proceed to Lakeshore Rd. Turn right and go over the Lakeshore Rd. bridge. The first left is W River St.

**Thurs September 27      Hike      Marie Lake      10:30 a.m.**

**Description:** A short 6 km hike on Oak Ridges Trail along Marie Lake to Pine Farm for refreshments and return.

**Directions:** 404 Exit 41 to Bloomington Rd., go west which will become 15th Sideroad, turn right (north) on Keeles street and for about 0.5 km, park on road shoulder on the right.

**October General Meeting**

We may be returning to Earl Bales Community Centre for our first meeting of the fall. However, we cannot confirm this at the time of printing. The location and date/time will be advised by e-blast once we have that information. Those without email will be phoned.