

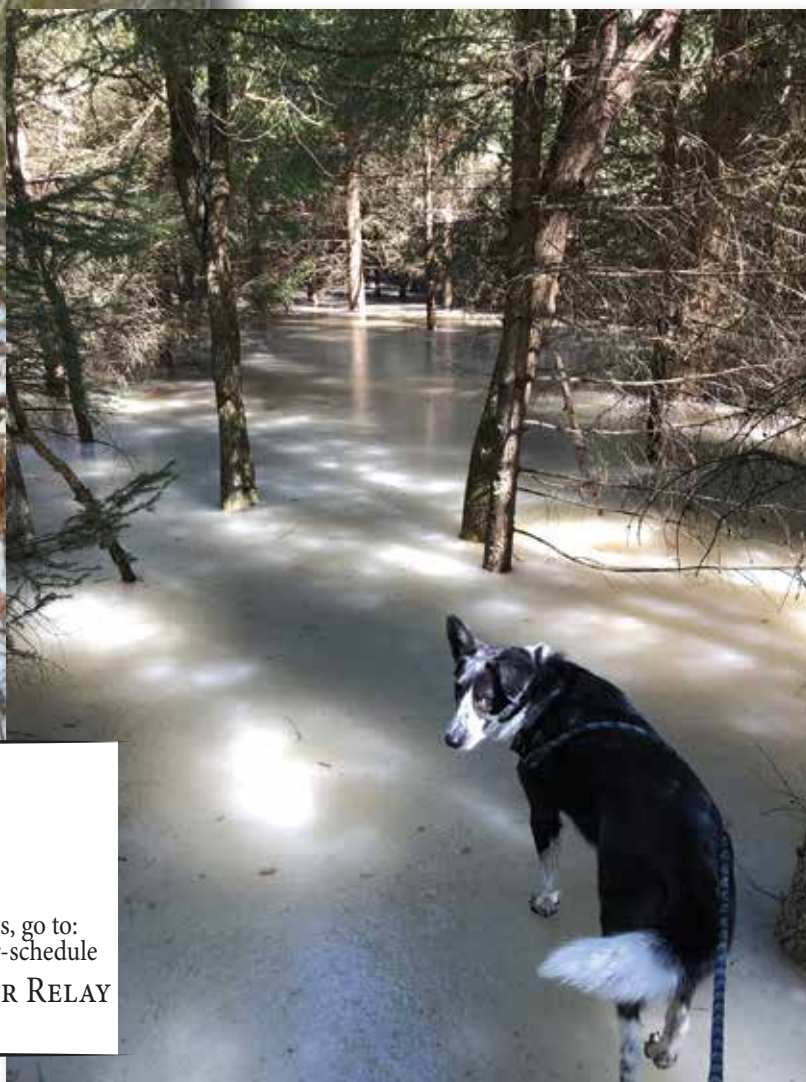
# TRAIL TALK

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Winter 2020



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- AND MUCH MUCH MORE...

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT WINTER 2020

This fall has been a busy one for ORTA. The highlight was hosting the Hike Ontario Summit in October drawing hikers from the various clubs across the province. This event was a great success. Kudos are due to board member Carol Dowell for her outstanding work in organizing the event. During the event the attendees had a chance to learn about ORTA and how we operate. They were impressed with our hike booking system and with the number of hikes we offer in each session.



I see we have a full slate of hikes for the upcoming session, many of them led by new leaders. Thank them when you join their hikes. Our hike leaders are the heart of our organization and deserve our acknowledgement and recognition.

Long time ORTA member and past president Stan Butcher has recently completed a history of ORTA. It is a fascinating read, well illustrated and meticulously presented. Look for opportunities to obtain a copy in the coming months. I know you will enjoy it as much as I did.

A project that has, despite our best intentions, consumed a huge amount of time is the revisions to our guidebook. Revision may not be the best description as the complexity of the work really became a rewrite, spanning well over a year to complete. The original maps were done in Corel Draw and all the contents had to be validated and updated when it was transferred to GIS mapping software. ORTA Vice President Garry Niece has led the work, investing countless hours. The project is in its final stages and should be ready for purchase in the early spring. Garry is to be congratulated for his tenacity in bringing this project to fruition.

Looking forward to seeing you on the trails. If you are new to the club introduce yourself to me. I look forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts on ORTA

*Kevin Lowe*

President

Oak Ridges Trail Association

### SUSQUEHANNOCK LODGE and TRAIL CENTRE Hiking in the Highlands of North Central Pennsylvania



#### NEW YEARS - Dec. 28, 29, 30, 2019, Jan 1, 2020

Snow – we will snowshoe, cross country ski.

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**For reservations call** Carol Szymanik at 1-814-435-2163



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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOVEMBER 23, 2019



Photo: WeiBo Cheng

*Front Row: Carol Dowell, Wilma Millage, Lissa Dwyer, Garry Niece*

*Back Row: Ed Millar, Bob Alexander, Kevin Lowe, Frank Alexander, Brian Millage*

*Absent: Huw Evans*



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## ON SUNDAY MORNING, ORTA HIKE LEADER DAVID FRANCIS LEAD A SMALL NUMBER OF ENTHUSIASTIC HIKERS THROUGH THE HAPPY VALLEY.

*By David Francis*

The Sunday hike around Happy Valley, just south of Pottageville, started off along the northern boundary of the 6000-acre nature reserve with rare species of plants, birds and mammals. Our hike turned south as we climbed up to the lookout with bench and information sign. Peaceful hills, babbling brooks and deciduous forest vistas enhanced our 8-km loop hike. Two hikers, Heinz and Wendy Hoernig from the Maitland trail in Goderich then joined David Francis for a brunch before heading back home.



Photo: David Francis

## HIKE ONTARIO SUMMIT REPORT

*By Carol Dowell*

Hike Ontario Summit and AGM hosted by Oak Ridges Trail Association, held October 19-21, was well attended by representatives of various hiking club members located in the east and west. Over 50 individuals attended the Saturday event. Plenary speakers David Crombie, Mike Bender and Bob Henderson delivered engaging and educational presentations. During lunch time, Mike Bender led most of the participants on an interpretive

hike through the Aurora Arboretum, one of Aurora's best kept secrets. It was such a fabulous day, everyone found it difficult to return indoors! Workshop presentations mid-day were Hiking Trail Advocacy, Hiking Gear and Apps and Risk Management for Hike Leaders. The day concluded with a dinner at a local restaurant with about 22 attending.



Photo: David Francis

# OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY APRIL 16, 2020

Location: Goodwood Community Center, 268 Highway 47, Goodwood, ON L0C 1A0 (at the junction of Goodwood Road 21 and Bloomington Road)

All members of the Oak Ridges Trail Association are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association. We look forward to seeing many supporters, hikers and friends on this occasion.

Our guest speaker will be storyteller Kevin Callan who has delighted us all in the past and promises to do so again!

Come share the tales of the trails with your fellow hikers then enjoy some light refreshments along with a beer and wine donation bar.

And why not get into the swing of things with a warm-up hike led up Brian Millage prior to the meeting?

Join us and enjoy this opportunity to get current with your Association's activities and reconnect with fellow members. Mark your calendars for what will be a humorous and informative evening.

## Schedule of Events

### 4:00pm Pre-AGM hike, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)

ORTA Map 5; 5km; Slow to moderate; 1.5 hrs. Join me on these scenic, winding forest trails for a social walk before our AGM in the Goodwood Community Centre. Check back for trail conditions. Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766.

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

**6:00pm Registration, Food & Social.** A \$5 contribution is requested, to defray costs.

**7:00pm Business part of meeting.**

**8:00pm Guest Presentation, Kevin Callan**

For any questions, please contact Carol Dowell, cell phone on event day 905-717-4091.



Photo: Margaret O'Dell

## ORTA AWARD NOMINATIONS 2019 – 2020

Presented at the AGM each year the Oak Ridges Trail Association seeks to honour and say "Thank You" to those members who have made significant contributions to our organization and the development of the ORMT. Please send your nomination along with a description for a member who should, in your opinion, receive an award. Deadline is April 1st for submissions. The award categories are:

- **Commendation Awards** a maximum of 6 are awarded each year to Members who have made specific contributions to the management and development of ORTA and its programs.
- **Trail Builder Awards** a maximum of 4 of these are awarded each year to individuals who have made significant contributions to the building and maintenance of the trail.
- **Outstanding Member or Member of the Year Award** one award each year is presented to the Member who in recent years has done the most to advance the purposes of ORTA.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award** one award each year is presented to the Member who in recent years has done the most to advance the purposes of ORTA.

Send your nominations to either:

Kevin Lowe [pres@oakridgestrail.org](mailto:pres@oakridgestrail.org)

Wilma Millage [past-pres@oakridgestrail.org](mailto:past-pres@oakridgestrail.org),

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## NEW MEMBERS

ORTA welcomed the following individual and family memberships during our last quarter, July – September 2019

Robert & Toni Beckmann  
 Ruth Cain, Spencer & Aislin Miller  
 Chun yi, Weilliao, Stella & Matthew Cao  
 Susan Jagminas & Rod Nagy  
 Lisa Jensen  
 Galina & Valeri Lisnevskaya  
 Zenfira Mamedova & Asmar Zeynalova  
 Marilyn & Douglas McLaughlin  
 Sharon Riendeau  
 Vivian Tan  
 Colleen Zouhar

## CHAMPIONS

July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019

Thank you to all donors who have made donations of \$10.00 or more

Sherri Beattie	Wilma & Brian Millage
Robert Beckmann	Dr. Mary & Bill Morrison
David Reid Brown	Chi Nguyen
Anne-Marie Burrus	Mark & Bonnie Pataran
Mack Chiu	Antoinette Pellegrino
Peter Coates	Helen & Michael J. Pruss
Stephanie Corvese	Tom Rance
Sandra Den Otter	Peter Schaefer
Robert & Linda Hansen	Tessa Shelvey
Mary Anne Silver & Rob Lawrence	Janice Wainright
Susan Liver	Joan Watson
David Love	Claus & Elke Wolfe
Ross MacPhail	Outdoor Club of East York
Mr. Clare Magee	Queen's University CTE Office
Bill McCullough	IBM Canada Ltd.
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If you would like to make a donation to ORTA, call 905-833-6600 or visit ORTA's website [www.oakridgestrail.org](http://www.oakridgestrail.org) for more information

## Comfortable Hiking Holidays (416) 445-2628

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## THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO, SPAIN

**April 26 to May 8, 2020**

The Camino de Santiago is an iconic trek covering some 800km across the north of Spain. Our journey encompasses the last 160km from O'Cebreiro to Santiago de Compostela, including many "extras" in order to make it a complete Galician experience. Thousands of pilgrims have walked before us, and it is time to add your footsteps to this famous trail.

**ONLY 2 SPOTS LEFT!**

## JAPAN - TOKYO TO KYOTO

**October 4 to 18, 2020**

Traditional customs intertwined with modern realities! Discover hiking trails from Tokyo to Kyoto, including treks in Kamikochi (Japanese Alps), on the slopes of Mt. Fuji & the Five Lakes District. Explore Matsumoto, Takayama, & Japan's first capital, Nara. Accommodations include western-style hotels & traditional Japanese ryokans.

Peak time for fall colours!

**MORE THAN HALFWAY SOLD THROUGH!**

## 2020 HIKING CALENDAR

Email us at [info@letshike.com](mailto:info@letshike.com) to receive the much-anticipated Comfortable Hiking Holidays annual Hiking Calendar, full of inspirational trips to entice you for months to come!

## LAST MINUTE?

If you prefer to wait until the last minute to plan a trip or if you're a spur of the moment kind of person, then add your name to one of our waitlists and we will contact you if/when an opening becomes available.

**Dominica \* Portugal \* Amalfi Coast (Italy) \* Ireland  
 Corfu (Greece) \* Provence & Cote d'Azur (France)  
 Slovenija \* Tour du Mont Blanc  
 Galapagos Islands**

## EARN HIKING BUDDY REWARDS

Did you know we have a referral program? Tell all your hiking friends what a great time you had on your trip with Comfortable Hiking Holidays, and if they have never travelled with us before and decide to book one of our trips, you will receive a \$100 discount on your next Comfortable Hiking Holiday. Since its launch in 2006, we have awarded almost \$40,000 in Hiking Buddy Rewards! We admit, we love it when you rave about us!

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# ORTA WINTER 2020 HIKE SCHEDULE

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

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

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

## JANUARY

### **Fri, Jan. 3, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)**

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

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

### **Sat, Jan. 4, 2020 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

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

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

### **Sun, Jan. 5, 2020 10:00 AM, Newmarket - Jokers Hill (Bathurst St)**

ORTA Map 3; 5km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Annual - Blow off the Cobwebs New Year Hike. Icers needed for this traditional loop hike around historic Jokers Hill. Some steep hills will fill the lungs with fresh morning air. Meet at road side parking on dead-end street west of Bathurst, 1.3 km north of Mulock Dr. north of town houses. GPS: 44.041408, -79.504148

**David Francis, 905-936-4446, cell phone on day of hike 416-579-5432**

### **Mon, Jan. 6, 2020 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF North Tract**

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Join us on a walk on these wide forest trails. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Meet at parking area on the west side of Hwy 48, 0.5km north of Vivian Rd or 1.3 km south of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.082138, -79.307819

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

### **Wed, Jan. 8, 2020 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)**

ORTA Map 4; 10+km; Moderate to fast; 2+hrs.; We will hike in both the Eldred King and Hollidge forest trails. The actual distance will be dependant on the weather. Come prepared for weather with icers / snowshoes. Bring a snack and a drink. Meet in parking lot west side of Hwy 48, 2.5 km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.0604749881, -79.3080759980

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

### **Fri, Jan. 10, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)**

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Fast; 2hrs.; Hilly loop hike Walker Woods east and beyond. icers or snowshoes required. Meet at parking lot on west side of Uxbridge Conc 7, 2 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.0394862, -79.0892224

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

### **Sat, Jan. 11, 2020 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

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

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

### **Sun, Jan. 12, 2020 10:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 10km; 2hrs.; you will need icers or snowshoes. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220 , -79.535400

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

**Mon, Jan. 13, 2020 9:30 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest north (Finnerty SR)**

ORTA Map 1; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Moderate hills in this beautiful forested area with ponds and meadows. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Take Hwy 50 south 0.8km from Hwy 9 and turn west onto Finnerty SR. Drive 750m. to the Palgrave Forest parking lot on the south side of the road. GPS: 43.960580, -79.863394

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

**Wed, Jan. 15, 2020 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)**

14km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; There and back very hilly hike icers or snowshoes will be required Meet in the park on the west side of West Duffins Creek, south side of Whitevale Rd in the village of Whitevale. GPS: 43.8865, -79.1628

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Fri, Jan. 17, 2020 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury - YRF Bendor & Graves (Kennedy Rd)**

10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike some hills Meet in the parking area at the dead end of Kennedy Rd, north of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.087113, -79.360133

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, Jan. 18, 2020 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Wed, Jan. 22, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)**

ORTA Map 5; 14+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; 12-16 km. depending on conditions. Loop hike through Walker Woods and Wilder. Icers or snowshoes, as required. Hilly. Meet at parking lot on the east side of Conc 6, 2 km south of Durham Rd. 21 at Allbright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

**Bob Comfort, 905-473-2669, cell phone on day of hike 905-960-0543**

**Fri, Jan. 24, 2020 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF North Tract**

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; icers or snowshoes required. Meet at parking area on the west side of Hwy 48, 0.5km north of Vivian Rd or 1.3 km south of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.082138, -79.307819

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Jan. 25, 2020 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

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

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Wed, Jan. 29, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Durham Forest (Conc. 7)**

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

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Fri, Jan. 31, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)**

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

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

## FEBRUARY

**Sat, Feb. 1, 2020 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sun, Feb. 2, 2020 10:00 AM, Caledon - Forks of the Credit**

5km; Moderate to fast; 2hrs.; Loop Hike. Bring icers. Steep hills and steps up escarpment. Follow the Credit River until it plunges over the escarpment at the old mill. Leaving sharp 10 am. Meet in the roadside parking at Trans Canada Trail entrance off McLaren Rd., 2 km south of Peel Rd. 24 (Charleston Side Rd). Do not enter Forks of the Credit parking lot (there is a large parking fee). GPS: 43.824836, -80.003989

**David Francis, 905-936-4446, cell phone on day of hike 416-579-5432**

**Mon, Feb. 3, 2020 10:00 AM, Leader's Choice Hike**

6km; Slow; 2hrs.; Nice easy loop hike incorporating the main ORTA trail and Humber Source Woods side trail. Park on the north/east corner of 16th sideroad and Weston Road Map #2. Directions: Take the 400 north until King Road. Head west on King Rd 1km until Weston Road and go north for approx. 4km to 16th sideroad. Bring water and a snack for a break on the trail. Note the 10a.m start time e-mail: tjshelvey@yahoo.com If not reflected elsewhere in this information, contact the hike leader for the meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

**Tessa Shelvey, 416-320-8555**

**Fri, Feb. 7, 2020 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)**

ORTA Map 4; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; hilly loop hike. you will need icers. Meet in parking lot west side of Hwy 48, 2.5 km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.0604749881, -79.3080759980

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

## LEGEND

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

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

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

**Select hikes most suitable for your ability:**

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



**Sat, Feb. 8, 2020 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

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

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Mon, Feb. 10, 2020 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville – YRF Hollidge Tract (Hwy 48)**

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Join us for a winter style hike in the Hollidge and Drysdale tracts of York Region Forest north of Ballantrae on the east side of hwy 48. Trails are wide and mostly level making for relatively easy walking, but with good winter boots, and icers, are necessary. We will go to a nearby restaurant for a warm lunch and social time. Well mannered dogs are welcome to bring their owners. Meet in parking lot east side of Hwy 48, 3km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.067322, -79.304117

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

**Wed, Feb. 12, 2020 9:30 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 10+km; Moderate to fast; 2+hrs.; Blue trail hike of the Gate house and Miller Side trails. The actual distance will be dependant on the weather. Come prepared for weather with icers / snowshoes. Bring a snack and a drink. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220, -79.535400

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

**Fri, Feb. 14, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)**

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

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, Feb. 15, 2020 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sun, Feb. 16, 2020 10:00 AM, Whit- Stouffville - YRF Porritt Tract - Pangman Springs (Kennedy Rd.)**

ORTA Map 4; 7km; 2hrs.; you will need icers or snowshoes. Meeting in the YRF parking lot on the west side of Kennedy Rd. 550m. north from Aurora Rd. GPS: 44.031875, -79.347087

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

**Wed, Feb. 19, 2020 9:30 AM, Lindsay - Pontypool Fleetwood Creek (Solanum Way)**

10+km; Moderate to fast; 3+hrs.; Loop hike or snowshoe. 10-12km depends on conditions. Drive north on CR32/Porter Rd. from Hwy 115 for 3 km or south on CR32/Porter Rd. from Hwy 7A for 4.3 km. Then west on Solanum Way for 1 km to roadside parking. GPS: 44.13673, -78.58596

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Fri, Feb. 21, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)**

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Hilly loop hike. You will need icers. Meet at parking lot on the east side of Conc 6, 2 km south of Durham Rd. 21 at Allbright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Feb. 22, 2020 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

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

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Mon, Feb. 24, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)**

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Join us on this scenic walk through the Durham Forest to the Skyloft Tract. Moderate hills through mature mixed forest. Dogs welcome. Join us for lunch later. Meet at parking lot on west side of Uxbridge Conc 7, 2 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.0394862, -79.0892224

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

**Wed, Feb. 26, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)**

ORTA Map 5; 13+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; 12-16 km. depending on conditions. Hike or snowshoe T&B with side trails. Hilly. Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766

**Bob Comfort, 905-473-2669, cell phone on day of hike 905-960-0543**

**Fri, Feb. 28, 2020 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley North (Conc. 7)**

ORTA Map 2; 10km; Moderate to fast; 3hrs.; Loop hike some hills lunch after hike at Pine Orchard. Icers or snowshoes may be required. Meet at the (dead end) on 7th. Conc. 2.8km south of Pottagville from the Lloydtown-Aurora Rd. NOTE, this point can only be accessed by vehicles coming south on 7th. Conc. GPS: 43.967134, -79.616811

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, Feb. 29, 2020 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

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**Sun, Mar. 1, 2020 10:00 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Meadowvale Rd.)**

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

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



**Sun, Mar. 1, 2020 10:00 AM, King - Happy Valley North (Conc. 7)**

ORTA Map 2; 5km; Moderate to fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike with steep hills, but beautiful views. Explore this 6000 acre nature reserve. Bring icers. Leaves sharp at 10 am Meet at the (dead end) on 7th. Conc. 2.8km south of Pottageville from the Lloydtown-Aurora Rd. NOTE, this point can only be accessed by vehicles coming south on 7th. Conc. GPS: 43.967134, -79.616811

**David Francis, 905-936-4446, cell phone on day of hike 416-579-5432**

**Fri, Mar. 6, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Durham Forest (Conc. 7)**

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

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Mar. 7, 2020 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

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

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Mon, Mar. 9, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Countryside Preserve (Hwy 47)**

Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; For this pre-March Break hike we encourage you to bring a friend along for a hike on these level forest and meadow trails in the town of Uxbridge. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Icers may be necessary. Meet at conservation parking lot behind the Wal Mart store at the south end of Uxbridge, off Hwy 47. GPS: 44.088752, -79.132089

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

**Wed, Mar. 11, 2020 9:30 AM, Pickering - Greenwood Conservation Area North (Conc. 5)**

Moderate to fast; 2hrs.; T&B hike: north along the Duffins Creek to the Pickering Village Museum @ Hwy #7. The trail encounters some minor hills along the way to the museum. We will return to the cars by a different winding trail route. The hike length and duration will depend on the weather. Bring a snack and a drink. Come prepared for weather with icers / snowshoes. Meet in the parking area on the north side of Pickering Conc. #5, 2.4Km east from Brock Road. GPS: 43.908763, -79.068708

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

**Fri, Mar. 13, 2020 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury - YRF Bendor & Graves (Kennedy Rd)**

10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike some hills Meet in the parking area at the dead end of Kennedy Rd, north of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.087113, -79.360133

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, Mar. 14, 2020 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sun, Mar. 15, 2020 10:00 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)**

10km; 2+hrs.; YOU WILL NEED ICERS. Meet in the park on the west side of West Duffins Creek, south side of Whitevale Rd in the village of Whitevale. GPS: 43.8865, -79.1628

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

**Mon, Mar. 16, 2020 9:30 AM, Vaughan - Woodbridge - Trails (Rutherford Rd)**

8km; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; We will walk the trails in Boyd Park. Bring snack and water. No dogs please. Cell 416-320-8555. e-mail tjshelvey@yahoo.com Meet in the Pierre Berton Library parking lot, 350 m. east from the intersection of Islington Avenue and Rutherford Road. GPS: 43.817958, -79.596205

**Tessa Shelvey, 416-320-8555**

**Wed, Mar. 18, 2020 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)**

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

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Fri, Mar. 20, 2020 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)**

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

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, Mar. 21, 2020 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Mon, Mar. 23, 2020 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury - YRF Bendor & Graves (Kennedy Rd)**

Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; We will be walking on sheltered forest trails with moderate hills. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owner. Join us for lunch after the hike. Meet in the parking area at the dead end of Kennedy Rd, north of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.087113, -79.360133

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

**Wed, Mar. 25, 2020 9:30 AM, Long Sault CA (Woodley Rd)**

ORTA Map 7; 15+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; Loop hike. Hilly. Snowshoes or icers as required. 14-17 km. depending on conditions. Meet at C.A. Parking Lot. Exit 401 at Waverly Rd. Travel North on Regional Rd. #57. Turn right at Regional Rd. #20. Turn left at Woodley Rd. Pay and Display Parking is in effect at a cost of: Max. - \$6/ vehicle/day or \$3/ hour. GPS: 44.049939, -78.741937

**Bob Comfort, 905-473-2669, cell phone on day of hike 905-960-0543**

**Fri, Mar. 27, 2020 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Hall & Eldred King (McCowan Rd)**

ORTA Map 4; 11+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; hilly loop hike. you may still need icers. Meet at parking lot 1 km north of Aurora Rd on the east side of McCowan Rd. GPS: 44.042433, -79.323129

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Mar. 28, 2020 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

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

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