

Activities & Descriptions

Spring Summer Fall 2009

Sat. Mar. 28 to Sun. Mar. 29 – Canoe/Kayak (whitewater) – Credit River Races

This is the 51st annual event. 10 km downriver race Saturday and slalom races Sunday. Wetsuit or drysuit required – the water is icy.

Wed. Apr. 1 – Wed. Wheelie – Lake Simcoe to Toronto – 150 km

First ride of the season! We'll start the morning early (4 am.) on the shore of Lake Simcoe so that we can be at The Good Bite at Yonge and Eglinton (7 a.m.) for breakfast, before starting our reverse route back to Lake Simcoe.

Wed. Apr. 1 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Sat. Apr. 4 – Day Cycle – Pickering to Stouffville Bagel Run – 50 km

The bagels and coffee are yummy. A great ride if you want to get some exercise and still leave time to do your chores at home

Sat. Apr. 4 – Float Your Fanny Down the Ganny (Whitewater Race)

A 10 km downriver race for canoes, kayaks and crazy craft on the Ganaraska River. Mostly class I whitewater, culminating in a Class III cascade down to the finish line in the town of Port Hope. Large crowds gather to cheer the conquering heroes and jeer the hapless swimmers.

Wed. Apr. 8 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Fri. Apr. 10 – Good Friday Day Hike – Albion Hills

After all the snow this winter, why not come and join us for a spring hike through the rolling countryside and woodlands of the Palgrave Forest and hills around Glen Haffy.

Sat. Apr. 11 – City Walk – Danforth Foodies

Come out for a Foodie's Tour of the Danforth on the Easter weekend.

Sat. April 11 – Great Foods of the World®

An old favourite among German ex-pats. Traditional German fare served with gusto.

Sun. Apr. 12 – Day Cycle – Grafton to Presqu'isle Provincial Park – 80 km

A bike ride at a moderate pace exploring the shoreline from Grafton to the Park where we will stop for lunch and perhaps a dip in the lake before heading back to Grafton.

Wed. Apr. 15 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Fri. Apr. 17 to Sun. Apr. 19 – Hike Weekend – Spring in Algonquin

This date was in the winter calendar as an Advance Notice but the date was incorrect. If you have already registered, you were told about the date change and be assured that you are still on the list. For everyone else, there may still be room to book. Spring is the best time to see moose families in Algonquin Park. We will hike the best Park trails, and take in Ragged and Gravel Falls (just outside the Park gates). A late snowfall is always possible but if Spring is early, we may need bug spray. We stay at the Wolf Den Hostel, a cozy lodge with great ambience. Saturday night is always a bountiful potluck supper.

Sun. Apr. 18 – Day Hike – Waterdown Spencer Creek Wilderness – 26 km

A scenic and fast-paced walk in conjunction with Bruce Trail – lots of hills and a number of beautiful waterfalls from Waterdown Spencer Creek Wilderness. Less than one hour from Toronto.

Sat. Apr. 18 to Sun. Apr. 19 – Waterfalls of Grey County/Beaver Valley

Come out and see 9 waterfalls over the weekend in Grey County. This is a joint hike with another Outdoor Club to be announced in March. These hikes highlight the many interesting waterfalls at this time of the year at spring flood levels, and hopefully no bugs. Pace is leisurely, around 8-12 km per day. Rain or shine (very bad weather, trail conditions, and time permitting). We will drive and hike in short loops to the falls. This hike is all about fun, not speed. We will meet in Owen Sound on Saturday to see Inglis, Weaver, Jones and Indian Falls

Sun. Apr. 19 – Day Cycle – Hot Apple Fritter Ride – 50 km

Leaving from Whitby, we head north to White Feather for a hot apple fritter on quiet country roads. Bring your appetite!

Sun. Apr. 19 – Day Hike – Noisy River Nature Reserve – 16 km

Join us for a hike along the first 16 km of the Blue Mountain section of the Bruce Trail, through the Noisy River Nature Reserve. Bring lunch, day packs and walking sticks.

Wed. Apr. 22 – Evening City Walk – North York

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Sat. Apr. 25 – Day Cycle – Lake Simcoe – 48, 54 or 61 km

Early season warm-up cycle from Keswick through cottage country along the shores of Lake Simcoe. The traditional route to Sibbald Point Provincial Park where we stop for our lunch is very scenic and fairly flat. Return via the same route or one of two hilly inland routes. This is a club favourite.

Sat. Apr. 25 – Day Hike – Ganaraska Wilderness

This will be a ramble over a rugged section of the Ganaraska Trail. With luck the woods and waters will be alive with new life – frogs croaking, woodpeckers pecking, beaver tails smacking.

Sun. Apr. 26 – Day Cycle – Waterfront Trail East – 50 km

Meet at the Rouge Hill GO Station (you can take the GO train with your bicycle) for an exploration of Durham Region's lakeshore.

Tues. Apr. 28 – Evening Cycle – East End

No need to reserve, just show up. Tonight a tour of Cabbagetown.

Wed. Apr. 29 – Evening City Walk – North York

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Sat. May 2 – Special Event – An Evening of Jazz

Jazz bands from the Etobicoke School of the Arts will be joined by the Jazz FM Big Band for a really great evening of jazz. All you jazz fans out there won't want to miss this one! **Please note: This event is not being held at the school so call for location.**

Sat. May 2 – Day Hike – Forks of the Credit River – 13 km

Join us for a loop hike in the Forks of the Credit River Provincial Park as we cross the Devil's Pulpit, traverse the cliff edge to the Cataract Falls and along the valley floor on the Brimstone Side Trail.

Sat. May 2 – Canoe – Nonquon River – 15 km

The Nonquon River passes through a large marsh just a short distance from Port Perry. The water will be cold but the level will be good. In the past, beaver created some liftover opportunities. Expect to see nesting Canada geese.

Sat. May 2 – Canoe – Udora-Leaskdale Lions Club Annual Canoe River Run – 12 km

Minimum pledge of \$10/paddler. Coffee and muffins at the start and a hot dog lunch at the finish point in Pefferlaw. Shuttle service provided back to cars. Please phone for directions to starting point and to confirm your attendance. Pledges are donated to charity. Last year's donations went to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital Foundation.

Sat. May 2 – Canoe – Moira River – 15 km

This is an early season paddling trip suitable for novice to intermediate whitewater paddlers and experienced lake water paddlers. The river is mostly class II with one class III drop that can be easily portaged. Because of the cold water, wet or dry suits are strongly recommended.

Sat. May 2 – Day Cycle – Scenic Toronto Neighbourhoods – 60 km

Starting from High Park we will explore scenic Toronto neighbourhoods along tree-lined streets and bike paths.

Sun May 3 – Walking Information Fair – Todmorden Mills

The City of Toronto, Parks, Forestry & Recreation, is organizing the city's first "Walking Information Fair at Todmorden Mills Heritage Centre. OCEY is invited to set up a display as are many local walking/running and hiking groups and agencies. This event coincides with the Paddle the Don event where you can walk and observe the hundreds of canoeists.

Sun. May 3 – City Walk – Art and Garden Tour of Guelph

The lilacs are in full bloom and so are many other flowers in the gardens of the University of Guelph Arboretum – they are not just about trees. Afterwards, we will cross the campus and visit the MacDonald Stewart Art Centre. This relatively small little-known gallery has an amazing collection of great Canadian works by Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven et al. Surrounding the gallery is Canada's largest Outdoor Sculpture Park.

Sun. May 3 – Day Cycle – Unionville to Vivian Road – 65 or 70 km

We head north on rolling country roads from the historic village of Unionville to Vivian Sideroad, then turn south to head back to the Village on quiet roads.

Tues. May 5 – Evening Cycle – East End

No need to reserve, just show up. Tonight a tour of Don Mills or Bridlepath area.

Wed. May 6 – Evening City Walk – North York

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Wed. May 6 – Canoe/Kayak – Rouge River Marshes

The protected marshes at the mouth of the Rouge River provide an excellent area to polish up your rusty paddling skills before venturing on more ambitious trips. If you need instruction or a boat, call a week ahead.

Fri. May 8 to Sun. May 10 – Canoe/Kayak Flatwater Weekend – Palmerfest

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New this year for those who aren't into whitewater. Clinics, seminars, workshops, product demos, camping, music, BBQ and films.

Sat. May 9 – Day Cycle – Oakville – 25, 35 or 70 km

We will ride to Oakville for lunch by residential streets. Meet us halfway, take the GO train back, or do the whole route.

Sat. May 9 – Birding – Second Marsh

Oshawa's Second Marsh is the largest remaining marsh between the Niagara Peninsula and Presqu'île Provincial Park. 305 species of birds have been recorded there – 106 of which are documented as breeding in the marsh. As well, the marsh is home to 32 mammal species, 8 reptile species, 57 fish species and 10 species of amphibians. Bring your lunch as we plan to spend several hours in this interesting habitat.

Sat. May 9 – Wildflower Walk – Crawford Lake Conservation Area

Come out and get acquainted or reacquainted with many familiar spring wildflowers at Crawford Lake Conservation Area. They are only here for a few weeks every year and this weekend is usually the best time to see a wide variety in a fairly small area. Learn identification and memory tricks and a few fun stories too! Bring your field guides if you've got 'em.

Sat. May 9 – Great Foods of the World® – Madrid

One of the finest Spanish restaurants in Toronto featuring chicken, meat and seafood dishes.

Sat. May 9 – Day Hike – Boyne River – 15 km

We will explore the Boyne River section of the Bruce Trail.

Sun. May 10 – Day Cycle – Maple to Schomberg and back – 85 km

Starting from the Town of Maple, we travel on quiet roads over hill and dale, for lunch in Schomberg before returning to Maple for gelato.

Sun. May 10 – City Walk – Highland Creek – 15 km

We'll explore the outer reaches of Scarborough. We will walk a loop from the Guildwood GO station, through the Scarborough Campus of U of T, Colonel Danforth Park and Highland Creek, then turn south along the lake to Guildwood Park where we will explore the facades of historic buildings from downtown Toronto and compete with the bridal parties for a place to sit and rest. Optional refreshment stop at the end. Bring a picnic lunch and plenty of water.

Tues. May 12 – Evening Cycle – East End

No need to reserve, just show up.

Tues. May 12 – Canoe/Kayak – Grand River – Shand Dam, Elora

This mostly flatwater run offers spectacular scenery with a few class I and II rapids. There are a couple of portages and lots of moving water.

Wed. May 13 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Fri. May 15 to Sun. May 17 – Canoe/Kayak Whitewater Weekend – Palmerfest

Ontario's largest whitewater canoe and kayak festival. Clinics, seminars, workshops, product demos, camping, music, BBQ and whitewater films. Held at Palmer Rapids, presented by Rapid Media and hosted by the Paddler Co-op.

Fri. May 15 to Mon. May 18 – Canoe Long Weekend – Parry Sound

We will travel up on Friday morning. After putting in on Rock Island Lake just north of Parry Sound, we will paddle and portage to Partridge Lake to camp. We will try to explore Trout Lake to the north, described by the Backroads Mapbook as a "magnificent sight" and Round Lake to the south. Come prepared for both cool temperatures and black flies. Nevertheless, if snow is forecast, we will cancel.

Sat. May 16 – Day Hike – Leslie Street Spit

A walk with views of downtown Toronto, many nesting birds and a lighthouse at the end of the spit!

Sat. May 16 to Mon. May 18 – Long Weekend Cycling in Mennonite Country – 75 km/day on average

Enjoy the long weekend exploring backroads in Mennonite Country – the rural area around the village of Wellesley. Stops include the Village of St. Jacob's, Stratford, and other market towns. We stay in local Bed & Breakfasts enjoying the best of Mennonite hospitality and have dinner in local restaurants specializing in Mennonite and organic cooking.

Tues. May 19 – Evening Cycle – East End

No need to reserve, just show up. Tonight the Summerhill tour.

Wed. May 20 – Evening City Walk – North York

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Sat. May 23 – Day Cycle – Scarborough – TBD

Explore Scarborough's bike paths and historic sites! Starting from Thompson Park, we head towards Lake Ontario via Morningside Park, stopping for lunch at Highland Creek beach. Our return trip may be the same or an alternate route depending on the weather. Historic sites include Scarborough Historical Museum and the Guild Inn.

Sat. May 23 – Day Hike – Long Sault Conservation Area – 12 km

This will be a lovely view of the countryside and the wildflowers will be in bloom so we will try to identify them. A 1 ½ hour drive from Toronto. Bring a lunch.

Sun. May 24 – Day Cycle – Hamilton Brantford Rail Trail – 60 km

Join us for a leisurely cycle along a car free paved path (Hamilton Brantford Rail Trail) from Hamilton to Cainsville and back.

Sun. May 24 – Day Hike – Glen Major Forest (Brock Track) – 12 km

We will be hiking the trail on the west side of Westney Road. This trail has moderate hills and traverses through beautiful forested areas.

Tues. May 26 – Evening Cycle – East End

No need to reserve, just show up. Tonight the Golden Mile tour via the hydro corridor.

Fri. May 29 to Sun. May 31 – Hike Weekend – Bruce Peninsula to Tobermory

Bruce Peninsula National Park, three hours northwest of Toronto, is a jut of land that looks like a giant upside-down foot with Georgian Bay on one side, Lake Huron on the other; the water so blue, the limestone boulders like jewels in the waters, a World Biosphere Reserve. It is part of the Niagara Escarpment. We will tent in one of the Park's sites so there will be a short backpack in. We will hike a few of the many trails but will probably do the challenging trail from Little Cove to Cyprus Lake on Saturday, weather permitting. Many plants and animals inhabit this area including the Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake (an extremely shy reptile). Sturdy, waterproof hiking boots (no low boots) are a must.

Sat. May 30 – Day Cycle – Niagara Parkway and the Welland Canal – 80 km

We will cover a fair distance on flat roads (no hills other than a gradual climb along the Welland Canal, which makes a difference for most cyclists) and will take our time (you should be able to travel at a speed of 15 km per hour). We will stop periodically to take in the views.

Sat. May 30 to Tues. June 2 – Day Hiking in the Adirondacks

With peaks rising to over 1,600 metres, the Adirondack Mountains are the tallest mountains that are within a reasonable day's drive from Toronto. The day hikes will be challenging but the rewarding spectacular panoramic views make the efforts well worthwhile. At night, we will be staying in dorm rooms with complete kitchen and shower facilities. Note: This is a non-insurable OCEY event.

Sun. May 31 – Day Cycle – Mount Albert – 65 km

A day to enjoy a few hills, some great views and the lakefront (Lake Simcoe) relaxing over lunch.

Sun. May 31 – Canoe – Introduction to Whitewater

Here's a chance for flatwater or lakewater canoeists to get a taste (maybe a mouthful) of whitewater and see if they like it before committing to a full ORCKA course. We will demonstrate the basic moves on an uncomplicated section of the Credit River. Participants provide own canoe (preferably Royalex), gear and transportation.

Tues. June 2 – Evening Cycle – East End

No need to reserve, just show up. Tonight a visit to the Leslie Street Spit.

Tues. June 2 – Canoe/Kayak – Credit River – Streetsville to Erindale Park

This class I and II stretch is an excellent introduction to moving water.

Sat. June 6 – Special Event – Annual Club Picnic

All members are invited to the annual club picnic. There will be a chance to hike or cycle before the picnic. This will be a great opportunity to meet your fellow club members. The location is Harbourfront Canoe & Kayak Centre at the southwest corner of Rees St. and Queen's Quay West, TTC accessible. A parking voucher can be obtained from the office for those who park across the street. Please note: You must register for this event in order that we may purchase the appropriate amount of food and drink.

Sat. June 6 – City Walk – Pre-Picnic Appetizer

It is a shame to go to a picnic without an appetite, so for those who are interested, we will go for a walk to see and hear the sites along the waterfront. This being the anniversary of the D-day invasion, the organizer will focus on pointing out aspects of the Toronto Waterfront that relate to military history.

Sat. June 6 – Day Cycle – Don Valley, Humber and Waterfront Trails – 40-60 km

Today is the day to explore the waterfront, ravines and bicycle paths in the City of Toronto, and end the ride with the Annual OCEY BBQ on the water at Queen's Quay.

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Sat. June 6 – Kayak – Duffin’s Creek

This creek is north of Pickering and should be just right for a leisurely paddle in your kayak. Join an experienced kayak instructor, as he leads you up and down the creek with a stop for a picnic lunch (which you will bring yourself).

Sat. June 6 – Canoe – Mad River (Minesing Wetlands)

Do you have to be mad to paddle the Mad River? Let’s find out! Come explore a far less visited part of the Minesing Wetlands on this exploratory trip. We may have to contend with liftovers and portages but it should be an adventure!

Tues. June 9 – Evening Cycle – East End

No need to reserve, just show up. Cycle to the Scarborough Bluffs.

Fri. June 12 to Sun. June 14 – Canoe/Kayak – Paddlefest Toronto

A celebration of all things “paddling”. Instructional clinics and seminars; boat and gear demos and sales; games, prizes and more! Again this year, I will be one of the instructors. Please register directly with Mountain Equipment Co-op.

Sat. June 13 – City Walk – Putting Toronto into the Picture – A Photographic Walkabout

An experienced photographer shows off some of Toronto’s best sites for taking pictures. The focus, if you will, will be on taking that special landscape, with a foray into street scenes. Bring along your favourite still camera, film or digital, point-and-shoot or single lens reflex (and any other size or format). We’ll stop off at a café later to compare notes.

Sat. June 13 – Day Cycle or Weekend Wheelie – Peterborough and the Trent Canal – 70 km

Starting out at Trent University, we cycle along the Trent River to beautiful Lakefield (mandatory ice cream stop on return), picnic lunch while enjoying the boats passing through the locks, and take a lovely route home along the Otonabee River. Come for the day ride or stay overnight at Trent University.

Sat. June 14 – Day Cycle or Weekend Wheelie – Peterborough and the Kawartha Lakes – 80 km

Leaving Trent University after a hearty breakfast, we continue to explore the rolling hills, rural countryside and Irish roots around Peterborough and Lakefield. Come for the day ride or stay overnight at Trent University.

Sun. June 14 – Day Hike – Mono Mills

This hike is popular any season of the year. The landscape is varied. Just waiting to be explored are deeply fissured vertical dolstone cliffs, two isolated rock outliers, a glacial spillway, swamps and a kettle lake.

Tues. June 16 – Evening Cycle – East End

No need to reserve, just show up.

Fri. June 19 – Historical Walk – Scarborough

Although Historic Scarborough sounds like an oxymoron, even modern suburbia can have an ancient history! On this walk, we will learn about a location of an ancient First Nation’s village, and time permitting, we will walk to the associated still extant burial mound. Along the way, we will learn about some of the first families of European descent in this neighbourhood.

Fri. June 19 to Sun. June 21 – Canoe – Novice Flatwater Paddling Instruction – Haliburton Area

Our accommodation is a cottage in the Haliburton area. Sleep indoors, all facilities, community meals. Bring your own sheets/pillowcase or sleeping bags.

Sat. June 20 – Day Cycle – Smithville and the Niagara Wine Region – 66 or 80 km

Spend a day along Twenty Mile Creek, enjoying the Niagara Escarpment and Lake views, and perhaps a stop at a few wineries.

Sat. June 20 – Live Theatre and Dinner – Port Hope

“Rock N’ Roll Drive In” at the Capitol Theatre. Summer is here and there is nothing more fun than a nostalgic look at the youthful music and old movies of the 50’s and 60’s. What, you are too young to remember a time so long past! No problem. Here is a chance to glimpse what your parents were probably really like before you were born. Before the theatre outing, we will do a walking tour of nearby Cobourg, or if the weather is sweltering hot, there is an excellent public beach. Dinner at a local restaurant afterwards.

Sat. June 20 – Great Foods of the World® – Madras

One of Toronto’s best-known Indian restaurants.

Sat. June 20 – City Walk – Don Ravine to the Brickworks – 15 km

We will walk through the ravines to the Brickworks Farmers Market where we’ll stop for lunch and shopping. From there, one can catch a shuttle bus to Broadview subway station or continue on though the ravines to Yonge and St. Clair.

Sat. June 20 – Day Hike – Humber Valley Heritage Trail – 17 km

We follow this footpath which originates in the Albion Hills and then follows the Humber River into Bolton.

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Sat. June 20 – Canoe/Kayak – Mariposa Brook

The scenic Mariposa Brook flows into the Scugog River from the west side. It is a paddle there and back without a car shuttle required. It is an easy paddle going upriver as far as possible. After returning, there is also the option of canoeing on the East Cross Creek on the opposite side of the Scugog River. Both rivers have large marshy sections.

Tues. June 23 – Evening Cycle – East End

No need to reserve, just show up. Tonight down to the lake through some interesting neighbourhoods.

Tues. June 23 – Evening Cycle – West End

No need to reserve, just show up. Tonight along the Humber River Valley and north to Weston Village.

Sat. June 27 – Day Cycle – Super Issy 75 – 75 km

Spend the day cycling the rolling hills of Halton Hills, enjoying quiet country roads, lanes shaded by leafy tree canopies, and horses playing in the fields.

Sat. June 27 – Day Hike – Scotsdale Farm – 15 km

A great June day in a hilly, rocky, variable terrain environment.

Sat. June 27 to Sun. June 28 – Canoe/Kayak – Kawartha Highlands Park

Located in the Kawartha Highlands Provincial Recreational Reserve, this scenic trip starts from the Catchacoma Lake through a wide slow creek lined with cedars and purple iris. From there, we arrive at a secluded lake with campsites on sandy beaches (if we get there early enough) otherwise we continue onto an even quieter lake.

There are two small portages (plus two to get back) and is a trip ideal for the novice canoeist.

Tues. June 30 – Evening Cycle – East End

No need to reserve, just show up. Tonight, we tour through Forest Hill.

Wed. July 1 – Canoe – Beginners Workshop

Do something different this Canada Day – become a canoeist! Convenient Toronto location. Participants provide their own canoe and transportation plus PFD and required safety gear as outlined in the front of this calendar. Please familiarize yourself with the club's canoeing safety guidelines in advance of the workshop. Bring a swimsuit, an extra set of dry clothes, water shoes and lunch.

Wed. July 1 to Sat. July 4 – Canoe – Birch Lake

Two scenic north county lakes, a winding river and one (not too long) portage takes you to the quiet waters of Birch Lake. A beautiful sandy beach for swimming awaits and the bass are almost sure to join you for supper.

Wed. July 1 to Sun. July 5 – Long Weekend Cycling in Montreal — 70-90 km

Three days of cycling in this great city including the Lac Des Montagnes route which includes Parc Oka. We also cycle to the top of Mount Royal and along the St. Lawrence River including Ile Notre Dame island. In the evenings, the jazz festival will be in full swing and the Just For Laughs Festival starts July 4th

Fri. July 3 to Fri. July 10 – Week Long Cycle – The Waterfront Trail Adventure from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Cornwall – 720 km

This is the second year for this event and is not an OCEY activity. This is hosted by the Waterfront Trail Regeneration Trust. I will facilitate OCEY member participation in this adventure which travels the whole 720 km Waterfront Trail route over eight sensational days (or join in for one or two days). Discover vibrant communities and beautiful parks along the shores of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. Experience delicious local food and entertainment; and enjoy charming shops and unique local businesses every single day of this fully supported tour. Sign up as a single, a family or a group. Learn more at www.waterfronttrail.org

Sat. July 4 – Day Cycle – Keswick to Sibbald Point Provincial Park – 40-45 km

This is a leisurely ride along Lake Simcoe with a view of the lake and the area and return via the same route. We will lunch at Sibbald Point Provincial Park.

Sun. July 5 – Day Cycle – Learn your ABCs (Alliston-Brentwood-Creemore Loop) – 90 km

Enjoy a few hills along a generally flat route, with quiet roads, lunch and perhaps a pint at the Creemore Brewery.

Sun. July 5 – City Walk – North Don River – 10 km

We will walk north from Leslie and Sheppard along the north Don River to Steeles Ave., then turn southeast to Duncan Creek Park where we can catch the Don Mills bus back to the Sheppard subway.

Tues. July 7 – Evening Cycle – No Ride

Tues. July 7 – Evening Cycle – West End

Tours along the Humber River Valley and north to Weston Village and Marie Curtis Park, then back along the Waterfront Trail to Bloor West Village.

Wed. July 8 – Evening City Walk – North York

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Sat. July 11 – Day Hike – Fergus to Elora – 10 km

A leisurely walk from Fergus to Elora, through the Elora Gorge, with a swim in the refreshing waters of the Elora Quarry in the afternoon. We will stop for ice cream in Elora. Early departure to beat the heat of the day. There will be an admission fee to the Grand River Conservation Area for the Elora Gorge and Elora Quarry. Bring a lunch, water, bathing suit and towel.

Sat. July 11 – Day Cycle – Kleinburg to Schomberg – 80 km

Starting in Kleinburg, we will ride towards Schomberg for lunch, back through King township estate home district on our way back to Kleinburg. Quiet country roads, some shaded by a tunnel of trees, are the order of the day, with gelato in Kleinburg at the end.

Sat. July 11 – Canoe – Big East River, Huntsville

This is an all day trip which will leave the start place at 9 a.m. (there is a 2.5 hour drive to Huntsville). Bring a lunch and 1 litre of water. This is a nice river for a swim so bring a swimsuit. No limit to the number of canoes but there must be an experienced person in each boat.

Sat. July 11 – Canoe – Emily Creek

Leisurely paddle through marshland and into Sturgeon Lake. If lake conditions allow, we can paddle around Sturgeon Lake. Suitable for swimming so bring your swimwear. Bring lunch.

Sun. July 12 – Day Cycle – Maple to Schomberg and back – 85 km

Starting from the town of Maple we travel on quiet roads over hill and dale, for lunch in Schomberg, before returning to Maple for gelato.

Tues. July 14 – Evening Cycle – East End

No need to reserve, just show up

Wed. July 15 – Evening City Walk – North York

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Fri. July 17 to Sun. July 19 – Canoe – Algonquin Park

We will meet early afternoon on Friday at Smoke Lake and canoe into Ragged Lake to set up camp. Then explore, swim and relax Saturday. Paddle out Sunday. Food will be independent.

Sat. July 18 – Day Cycle – Cayuga – 72 km

We will cycle from Cayuga through farmland until reaching the shores of Lake Erie. The ride along the shore features interesting summer cottages. We then turn inland again for the hilly ride along the scenic Grand River.

Sat. July 18 – Day Hike – Long Sault

This area, part of the Oak Ridges Moraine north of Bowmanville, encompasses some of the moraine's best features for walking – rolling hills, pleasant viewpoints and shady forests.

Sat. July 18 and Sun. July 19 – Special Event – Elora Music Festival

The schedule of the Elora Music festival will not be released until late April but this long-running annual event is always a treat and never a disappointment. We will be overnighing in a local B&B. While in Elora, we will have ample time to explore the famous Elora Gorge and the quaint village of Elora itself.

Sun. July 19 – Day Cycle – Peterborough to Omemee – 60 km

This is a beautiful ride through bike trails as well as a few roads at the beginning. We will go over a bridge with very picturesque views of the valley below. We will begin the ride from Rogers Cove Park, Peterborough, where we will see the panels erected by the Trans Canada Trail Foundation signifying the support given by thousands of Canadians for this magnificent national project linking the country from coast to coast.

Tues. July 21 – Evening Cycle – East End

No need to reserve, just show up. Cycle through the Annex.

Tues. July 21 – Evening Cycle – West End

Tours along the Humber River Valley and north to Weston Village.

Wed. July 22 – Evening City Walk – North York

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Wed. July 22 – Canoe – Evening Paddle in Toronto Harbour

This Midsummer Night's paddle is becoming an annual event. The weather is almost guaranteed to be perfect because a bring-your-own gourmet picnic supper is part of the evening. After "dinner", on a beach, we will paddle and gaze at the always spectacular skyline.

Wed. July 22 to Wed. July 29 – Canoe – Georgian Bay Delta

Located in the southern delta of Georgian Bay via the Key River. There are no portages. It is about a 3-4 hour paddle down the Key River, and across Georgian Bay for about 45 minutes to Dokis Island which will be our base camp. From this campsite, there will be daily excursions exploring the various inlets and islands in the area.

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Fri. July 24 – Historical Walk and Pub Crawl – Cabbagetown

After an informative walk of the recently gentrified Cabbagetown, there will be a crawl to local pub for those who are interested. After all, it's Friday night. Let's celebrate!

Sat. July 25 – Day Cycle – Mount Albert to Sibbald Point (Return) – 70 km

Leaving Mount Albert, we follow hills north to Sibbald Point for lunch, before returning to the Village for a beverage and/or ice cream.

Sat. July 25 – Canoe – Otonabee River – 22 km

This is an easy paddle, but may be more difficult if windy, along the Otonabee River in Peterborough. We will paddle down river and lunch at Squirrel Creek C.A. (washroom facilities) and return via the same route. Suitable for swimming.

Sun. July 26 – Day Cycle – Maple to Schomberg and back – 85 km

Starting from the Town of Maple, we travel on quiet roads over hill and dale, for lunch in Schomberg, before returning to Maple for gelato.

Tues. July. 28 – Evening Cycle – East End

No need to reserve, just show up. Tour of Don Mills or Bridlepath area.

Wed. July 29 – Evening City Walk – North York

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Fri. July 31 to Mon. Aug. 3 – Long Weekend Cycle – The Thousand Islands – 75 to 100 km

This year's Eastern Ontario trip takes us to Prescott, just east of Brockville in the scenic Thousand Islands. We will cycle along the St. Lawrence, through the historic Loyalist towns along the river, and explore the farming communities to the north. "Frequent villages allow opportunities for food and drink" says my map. Bring your bathing suit and water shoes to enjoy the swimming!

Fri. July 31 to Tues. Aug. 4 – Canoe – Shark Lake – Peterborough County

We explore part of the Long Lake loop in an area of Ontario filled with interesting lakes. There are always loons, herons, interesting marshes and their inhabitants. To get there, we will have to traverse three fairly short portages but the destination will be worth the work.

Tues. Aug. 4 – Evening Cycle – East End – No Ride

Wed. Aug. 5 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Fri. Aug. 7 – Distillery Walk and Pub Crawl

After an informative walk through the streets of the Corktown neighbourhood, there will be a crawl to a local pub to the appropriately named Distillery district for those who are interested. You do not want to miss celebrating another Friday!

Sat. Aug. 8 – Day Cycle – Port Hope – 75 km

Today we enjoy a ride through the rolling countryside near the historic Town of Port Hope. After a day on the road, we can slake our thirst at a local patio!

Sat. Aug. 8 – Canoe – North Muskoka River – 19 km

This trip will follow the North Muskoka River for 20 km from the village of Port Sydney to High Falls outside Bracebridge. There are 2 portages around falls and there may be some swifts. Last year there was plenty of swimming, so bring a swimsuit.

Sat. Aug. 8 to Sat. Aug. 15 – Wilderness Canoe – Northern Ontario

Another wonderful wilderness paddle and camping experience. The destination will be determined well in advance of the trip. We will guide you on an adventure that will include beautiful scenery, portages (can't have one without the other) and pleasant company.

Sun. Aug. 9 – Day Cycle – Rouge Beach Park to Whitevale – 35 km

This is a pleasant cycle through Pickering subdivisions and Durham country roads. We will lunch at Seaton Trail Park in Whitevale and return via the same route.

Mon. Aug. 10 to Sat. Aug. 15 – Canoe – Chiniguchi River

Northeast of Sudbury, this scenic area resembles Killarney with its white quartz rock and deep clear lakes. We'll put in at Matagamasi Lake and paddle up to McConnell Bay, returning by the same route. There will be a stop to see "the Elephant" and a hike to the ridge of Wolf Lake.

Tues. Aug. 11 – Evening Cycle – East End

No need to reserve, just show up.

Tues. Aug. 11 – Evening Cycle – West End

Tours along the Humber River Valley and north to Weston Village.

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Wed. Aug. 12 – Evening City Walk – Lawrence Park

A walk past the fabulous rose gardens and along an urban forested stream before returning through the streets lined by elegant homes.

Sat. Aug. 15 – Special Event – City Walk and Live Theatre Outing – Port Hope

After a walking tour of Port Hope, we will see a live theatre production of “Guys and Dolls”, a masterpiece considered by some to be the best musical comedy ever. Dinner afterwards.

Sat. Aug. 15 to Sun. Aug. 16 – Day Cycle & Weekend Wheelie – Where the heck is Quinte West? – 50-75 km

The location is the Village of Stockdale, north of Trenton, in Quinte West. Enjoy a beautiful August weekend cycling the drumlins and rolling terrain in the Quinte West region. A Saturday ride of approximately 75 km followed on Sunday by 50 km in Hasting and Northumberland counties. Mostly quiet paved roads with some hard pack suitable for roadies. Dinner out at a local restaurant Saturday. Camping in the yard of Entre Amis for those staying over, or nearby B&Bs. Come for Saturday. Come for Sunday. Or both.

Sun. Aug. 16 – Canoe – Gibson River to Severn

This trip will start on Nine Mile Lake and end on the Trent-Severn at Morrison Landing. Using part of the Gibson River, small lakes, marshes and portages, we will make our way through Muskoka from the Gibson watershed to the Severn.

Tues. Aug. 18 – Evening Cycle – East End

No need to reserve, just show up. Tour of Don Mills or Bridlepath area.

Wed. Aug. 19 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Thurs. Aug. 20 – City Walk – Toronto Islands – 10 km

We will walk from one end of the islands to the other and back again. If it's a hot day, we will stop at the beach at Wards Island for a swim. Bring your swimsuit and a picnic supper to enjoy along the way.

Thurs. Aug. 20 to Sun. Aug. 23 – Canoe – Bon Echo Provincial Park

Known for its high cliff (an easy walk to the top) overlooking beautiful Mazinaw Lake, this Park is a beauty. It is north of Hwy. #7 and east of Napanee. We will camp in the park and paddle to Joe Perry Lake, swimming at the white sand beach.

Sat. Aug. 22 to Sat. Sept. 5 – Canoe – Two Weeks in Temagami

Forget about work. Leave your worries behind and get back to nature during two weeks of canoeing in the Temagami wilderness. Expect pristine waters, gorgeous sunsets, ripe berries, wildlife encounters, old growth forests, Northern Lights, and voyageur camaraderies! Oh yeah... and no bugs! Route outline: Sydney Creek, Montreal River from Gowganda, Lady Evelyn Lake, Temagami Lake and North Arm, Matabichuan River to the Ottawa River.

Sun. Aug. 23 – Day Cycle – Vineland – 80 km

We pass grapevines loaded with fruit and apple trees in neat rows which crowd the roadway as we cycle along the top of the escarpment with splendid views of the lake below. We start in Stoney Creek and stop for lunch at Balls Falls Conservation Area.

Tues. Aug. 25 – Evening Cycle – East End

No need to reserve, just show up. Last ride of season with drinks afterwards.

Wed. Aug. 26 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Sat. Aug. 29 – Canoe – South Muskoka River – 13 km

This trip will follow the South Muskoka River for 13 km from the village of Baysville to Fraserburg. There are a number of short portages around scenic waterfalls. The water will be great for swimming, so bring a swimsuit.

Sun. Aug. 30 – Day Cycle – Tottenham – 50 or 70 km

We meet in Tottenham and then cycle north to Alliston along country roads, before heading south again through Beeton and back to Tottenham for ice cream at the Dairy Queen. A few hills for scenic views are thrown into the mix.

September (date to be determined) – Special Event – Focus on Canoeing – 40 Years of the Water

George started canoeing 45 years ago with a solo trip down the Abitibi River to James Bay. Since then he has been on numerous northern canoe trips, from the Queen Charlotte Islands in the west, to the Arctic Ocean in the north, and along the Labrador coastline in the east. He is a charter member of the Wilderness Canoe Association and for the past 22 years has been organizing the mid-winter Wilderness Canoe Symposium in Toronto. His presentation will include a bit of everything, covering the last 40+ years including family trips, arctic trips, northern Labrador, solo trips, and everything in between.

Wed. Sept. 2 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

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Thurs. Sept. 3 to Mon. Sept. 7 – Canoe – Massassauga Provincial Park

The trip will all be flatwater with a minimum of portaging so if you are a keen beginner, this may be the trip for you. Intermediate paddlers will also find this trip a treat.

Fri. Sept. 4 to Tues. Sept. 8 – Canoe – Stop Log Lake – Peterborough County

We explore another part of the Long Lake loop. There are a few portages including one long one, but as always, it is worth it. i.e. fewer people and more wildlife. Be prepared for beautiful days to paddle and explore the gorgeous sunsets back at the campsite. Of course, there will be mosquitos; they own the wilderness!

Sat. Sept. 5 to Sat. Sept. 12 – Week Long Cycle – Eastern Townships Rambler Part Six – Bromont

Enjoy an extended Labour Day long weekend in Quebec. We will have a luxury condo on the slopes of Mont Bromont as a base to spend a week enjoying cycling routes around the lakes, hills and villages in Quebec's Eastern Townships. Average daily rides will be in the range of 80 km and will commence on Sunday. There will be hills and unpaved roads, but many scenic views to make the labours worthwhile. And yes, Bromont is home to the Chocolate Museum!

Fri. Sept. 11 to Mon. Sept. 14 – Cycle Weekend – Pelee Point and area

Enjoy an extended Weekend Wheelie along the shores of Lake Erie. We will arrive on Friday and depart on Monday. In between we will enjoy cycling and visiting wineries as we cycle the "Chrysler Greenway" trail along Lake Erie shoreline or optional birding at Point Pelee National Park. Enjoy the fall colours and the fall migration. Average daily rides will be in the range of 60 km and will commence on Saturday. We will stay in a cottage with its own private beach near Colchester.

Sat. Sept. 12 – City Walk – Lakeshore I – 6 km

A hike along Toronto's Lake Ontario, from Marie Curtis Park to Humber.

Sat. Sept. 12 – Canoe – Go Home to McCrae Lake – 22 km

This trip will follow the Musquash River out of Go Home Lake into Georgian Bay and end at McCrae Lake. There are five portages enroute. The water should still be warm enough for swimming, so bring a swimsuit. If the wind is up on Georgian Bay, a different route will be taken.

Sat. Sept. 12 – Day Hike – Terra Cotta – 14 km

Up and down the badlands, the forest mature woodlands and old meadows...

Sat. Sept. 12 to Sun. Sept. 13 – Canoe – Lower Madawaska River

The bug season is over and the river should be mellow, so join me for a weekend of paddle and play on my favourite whitewater stream. Mostly class I to III whitewater. It is suitable for novice to intermediate whitewater paddlers and experienced lakewater paddlers. The few class III drops can be easily portaged.

Wed. Sept. 16 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Thurs. Sept. 17 to Mon. Sept. 21 – Hiking in the Adirondacks

Three days of challenging hikes in the Adirondack Mountains of Upper NY State. Not the Rockies but spectacular panoramic views make the efforts well worthwhile. We will be staying in the Hostel at Keene Valley.

Sat. Sept. 19 – Day Cycle – Mennonite Tour – 72 km

This route takes us to the covered bridge at West Montrose and follows the gently rolling hills along both sides of the Grand River. Possible longer tour option visits communities of Heidelberg, St. Clements and St. Jacobs.

Sat. Sept. 19 – Great Foods of the World® – Bangkok

A cozy café-like spot in the Annex.

Sat. Sept. 19 – Day Hike – Barrie (Nine Mile Portage) – 15 km

Take a journey back in time to celebrate the historic Nine Mile Portage. A guided walk of the 9 Mile Trail departs from Heritage Park in Barrie and ends at Fort Willow. At the Fort, witness life during the early 19th century with activities and demonstrations.

Sat. Sept. 19 – Canoe/Kayak & Hike – Indian River

The Indian River runs from Stoney Lake to Rice Lake. In the Warsaw Caves Conservation Area, we start from the boat launch at the quiet rock rimmed pool where the water emerges from its underground route. We then paddle downriver into the gorge with the forested banks that gradually descend past cottages to the village of Warsaw. At the public park by the river, we disembark for lunch and then return upriver to the boat launch at the Conservation Area for a swim for the hardy. Upriver, before the water disappears underground is another beach with change facilities and a sandy beach for more swimming. There is also the opportunity to hike the trails in the Conservation Area to the caves and to the kettles along the gorge. There is opportunity to rent canoes from the Conservation Authority which is located at the boat launch.

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Sun. Sept. 20 – Day Cycle – Century Ride – 100 km

Calling all Centurions – past, present and future! This is what you have been building for all season – the chance to cycle 100 km. Flat terrain through the colourful Halton Hills (yes, truly flat), enjoying the fall colours and quiet roads that pass through quaint villages such as Westover and Clyde.

Wed. Sept. 23 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Sat. Sept. 26 – City Walk – Lakeshore I – 6 km

A hike along Toronto's Lake Ontario from Humber to Yonge Street.

Sat. Sept. 26 to Sun. Sept. 27 – Hike and/or Bike Weekend – Waubauskene and Area

This is a weekend trip where you can hike or bike both days or hike one day and bike the next or vice-versa. It's up to you. We'll have someone lead a hike and cycle route both days depending on the interest. Cycle routes are on paved multi-use trails or quiet country roads (usually paved). The hiking routes will be on a Five Winds trail one day and a local area trail the next. After Saturday's adventures, we'll all share our day's experiences over a potluck dinner at our base in Waubauskene, a ½ hour drive north of Barrie on the shores of Georgian Bay. Remember to bring your swimsuits as there will likely be swimming opportunities during your hike/bike or after you get back from the day's activities.

Wed. Sept. 30 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Sat. Oct. 3 – City Walk – Rosedale: The Big Houses, the Big Beavers, and the Bricks, All-in-One Tour

This walking tour will start with the affluent neighbourhood of Rosedale and then we will descend into the Don Valley and visit the Brickyard, one of the few places in the world where fossils of 2.7 metre long, 200 kilogram giant beavers were found.

Sat. Oct. 3 – Day Cycle – Oakville – 25, 35 or 70 km

We will ride to Oakville for lunch by residential streets. Meet us halfway, take the GO train back, or do the whole route.

Sat. Oct. 3 – Day Hike – Beaver Valley – 12 km

We will travel to the newly opened Beaver Valley section of the Bruce Trail, viewing Hogg's and Eugenia Falls along the route.

Sun. Oct. 4 – Day Hike – Rattlesnake Point

This is a very scenic hike with fall colours and only 45 minutes from Toronto. Bring your lunch, water and camera.

Sun. Oct. 4 – Day Cycle – Flamborough – 75 km

Starting from the Aldershot GO station (you can take the GO train with your bicycle), we will enjoy the fall foliage in rural Hamilton-Wentworth. Be prepared for a few good hills.

Sun. Oct. 4 – Day Hike – Severn Woodlands – 13 km

Hike in Severn Township. This area is south of the Severn River near Orillia at the start of shield country. It is a land of beaver ponds, marsh and rock. So bring a lunch and be prepared for a day in the fall air.

Wed. Oct. 7 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Thurs. Oct. 8 to Sun. Oct. 11 – Hiking and/or Museum Visits – Ottawa

The fall colours of Gatineau Park, a few minutes north of Ottawa, are unmatched at this time of year, a great place to go hiking. For those who prefer indoor activities, there are enough impressive major National museums in the Ottawa area to keep you busy until you almost start to resemble a museum piece yourself. We will be staying in a former 19th century jail that has been renovated and is conveniently located in the city centre. For those who prefer more typical accommodations, there are other facilities nearby.

Sat. Oct. 10 – Day Hike – Muskoka

Enjoy an autumn day in Muskoka. Clamber over rugged Canadian Shield rock amid sparkling lakes and rivers. Perhaps we'll cross a beaver dam or two or flush a spruce grouse. Moose, deer and bear usually remain well hidden, but their tracks are there to spot.

Sat. Oct. 10 to Mon. Oct. 12 – Canoe Thanksgiving Weekend – Turtle and Woodlands Lake

Paddle the secret lakes of Muskoka. Wilderness camping, no portages, no bugs, no other humans, relaxed and friendly wildlife, beautiful sunrises and sunsets. The water may still be warm enough for a last-of-season swim.

Wed. Oct. 14 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Activities & Descriptions

Thurs. Oct. 15 – Annual General Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation Party

It is again time for the Club's executive to report to the membership, for the club to elect the executive for the coming year and to recognize our hardworking volunteers.

Following the business portion of the meeting there will be a wine & cheese party to which everyone is invited.

Fri. Oct. 16 to Sun. Oct. 18 – Hiking and Canoeing – Kimbercote Farm Weekend

A weekend of hiking on the Bruce Trail or canoeing on the Beaver River from our base at Kimbercote Farm.

With some luck, the leaves will still be on the trees and we can enjoy the last of the fall colours. Varied accommodation: some double rooms, some 4-bed rooms. We will cook our own meals with a pot luck supper on Saturday night.

Sat. Oct. 17 – Great Foods of the World® – Tehran

Come to this classic Iranian restaurant in downtown Toronto and experience traditional lamb cookery.

Sat. Oct. 17 – Day Hike – Hilton Falls Side Trail – 15.6 km

The 22.1 km loop (CW direction) can be shortened to 15.6 km by taking the 6th line dropout. Come out for a hike in the Hilton Falls Conservation Area side trail along a reservoir, waterfall, glacial potholes, beaver ponds, Sixteen Mile Creek, mature forests and the 40 m long Dufferin Quarry Bridge. There are many good lookouts along the way.

Sat. Oct. 17 – Canoe – Paddle the Nottawasaga River

We will put in at Edenvale, then paddle (and float) down to the town of Wasaga Beach. Take-out will be either on the Oxbow or further down toward the beach. There are some swifts, so the stern paddler must be experienced at handling a canoe in moving water.

Sat. Oct. 17 and Sun. Oct. 18 – Weekend Wheelie – Ride for Tarts – 75 km

We will spend two days tracking the elusive butter tart on the Butter Tart Trail in Western Ontario. Butter tarts with walnuts! Butter tart sundaes with whipped cream! Oh yes, the cycling – we will be chasing any remaining Fall foliage along quiet country roads and over rolling hills in Grey County as we search out the best in butter tarts in Ontario.

Sun. Oct. 18 – City Walk – North Humber – 10+ km

We will walk north along the Humber River as far as the group wishes to go. There will be opportunities to drop out at each major street (eg. St. Clair, Eglinton, Lawrence). Bring a picnic lunch and plenty of water.

Wed. Oct. 21 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Sat. Oct. 24 – Day Cycle – Pickering to Stouville Bagel Run – 50 km

The bagels and coffee are yummy. A great ride if you want to get some exercise and still leave time to do your chores at home.

Sat. Oct. 24 – Day Hike – Smokey Hollow – 15 km

This very scenic part of the Bruce Trail in the Burlington area features a walk along a cascading stream with spectacular waterfalls amidst a hardwood forest. There are great views of the Dundas Valley along the route.

Wed. Oct. 28 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Fri. Oct. 30 to Sun. Nov. 1 – Special Event – Weekend at Oxtongue Lake

A fun-filled weekend at the very rustic Wolf Den Bunkhouse at Oxtongue River near Algonquin Park. Hike, canoe, cycle, have a game of volleyball or play Frisbee with Miko the dog. Relax in the log sauna or socialize at the cozy fireplace. Always count on a delicious potluck dinner on Saturday night. All previous trips were booked quickly, so register early as numbers are limited.

Sat. Oct. 31 – Day Cycle – Stouffville – 60 km

An exploration of the towns and countryside lying just north of Toronto, with a stop at Mrs. Widemand's bake shop!

Wed. Nov. 4 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Sat. Nov. 7 – Day Hike – Oak Ridges Moraine – 12-15 km

The Moraine is always full of surprises, so no matter how many times you explore it, it is never the same. The weather could feel pre-winter but the hills will warm us up. Weather is never a factor, so we will go rain or shine. We will hike all day but with the shorter days, we will still be home for dinner. There may be time to stop for a hot drink after the hike.

Sun. Nov. 8 – Day Hike – Muskoka

Hike on the Five Winds Trails in southwest Muskoka. This is shield country – a rugged land of bare rock, small lakes, rivers and beaver ponds.

Activities & Descriptions

Wed. Nov. 11 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Sat. Nov. 14 – Great Foods of the World® – Mauritius

This anonymous west-side spot (blink and you'll miss it) has been serving a spice-powered cross-cultural mix of Thai, Indian, French, African and Cajun cuisines since the 80's. Figure in a soberly priced low-fat, low-carb lineup and it's easy to understand Blue Bay's long-running success.

Sat. Nov. 14 – Day Hike – Hockley Valley – 16 km

We will be hiking from Hockley Valley Road to Dunby Road and return via the Snell, Glen Cross and Tom East side trails. Varied terrain, wooded with some open spots for viewing the fall colours (Bruce Trail Guide Map 18). If there is sufficient interest, we will combine this hike with Sunday's hike to make a weekend and arrange to stay at a B&B. Those who prefer to come for one day or both are equally welcome.

Sun. Nov. 15 – Day Hike – Mono Cliffs – 15 km

We will be hiking the Boyne Valley Provincial Park, varied terrain, wooded with some open spots for viewing the fall colours (Bruce Trail Guide Map 19). If there is sufficient interest, we will combine this hike with Sunday's hike to make a weekend and arrange to stay at a B&B. Those who prefer to come for one day or both are equally welcome.

Wed. Nov. 18 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Sun. Nov. 22 – Day Hike – Crawford Lake – 13 km

We will be hiking a loop from Crawford Lake Conservation Area to Rattlesnake Point C.A. and return. At Crawford Lake, we will have time to visit the reconstructed Iroquoian village. Bring your Bruce Trail membership card for free parking.

Wed. Nov. 25 – Evening City Walk – North York

A pleasurable walk through North York parks and quiet residential areas.

Thurs, Nov. 26 – Winter Information Night

Join your fellow members and guests to learn more about the club's winter activities. There will be a presentation on the latest equipment and clothing for X-C skiing, snowshoeing and winter hiking. Feel free to invite anyone who may be interested in our club. Light refreshments will be served.

Sun. Nov. 29 – Day Hike – Yaremko Forest

A moderately paced hike over rocky Bruce Trail terrain arrives at a lookout over the Milton Outlier. Turkey vultures abound.