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Chief Executive Officer's Message



We are in the *forever* business. Preserving a ribbon of wilderness is, at its core, a plan for a better future - for people and for nature.

The work we do now to care for the land and connect people to the natural world will help us meet that forever goal. The decisions we make today affect our environment and our communities well into the future.

The Bruce Trail Conservancy is mindful of this commitment and the need to cultivate the next generation of stewards to continue this work. Such cultivation needs dedicated resources, thoughtful planning, and an openness to new ideas and different perspectives. In this issue of *Bruce Trail Conservancy Magazine*, you'll see some of the work we are doing in these areas. It's an exciting time for our organization.

Fiscally, we are preparing for future needs and an urgent mission. To support this, in February 2022, our membership dues will be increasing for the first time since 2004 (see page 9). This change, as voted on and supported by members at our Annual Meeting in October, will enable our organization to fulfill our mission, and provide safe public access to the Niagara Escarpment while protecting critical habitats for the many species of risk that live within our conservation corridor.

The Bruce Trail Conservancy works hard to keep the organization efficient, and we are proud to have been rated as a top charity by Charity Intelligence Canada for 2021, recognized for responsible spending. We are committed to continued transparency and to honouring the trust our members and donors have placed in the BTC.

We are also preparing for the future by thoughtfully looking at how we can build a more inclusive outdoors and foster a larger community of conservationists. We recognize that systemic barriers prevent many people from hiking, exploring nature, and engaging with conservation

organizations, and many identities have been marginalized, threatened and under-represented in these spaces.

This summer we partnered with the *All Out Canada* campaign to support our work in this area. On pages 16-19 you'll hear from the co-founders of that campaign and read about some of the barriers faced by racialized communities in particular, and what can be done to address those barriers.

In October we also launched our first ever BTC Youth Council (see page 13) to further engage the next generation of committed conservationists. These young volunteers are providing their voices, their creativity, their passion, and their leadership to help advance our mission. I look forward to seeing what's next for this group.

You, our dedicated members, donors and volunteers, are partners in this forever work. We all come to the Bruce Trail from our different backgrounds and experiences. Together we will take the BTC into the future.

As the new year approaches, I'll be thinking not only of 2022, but also of all the years to come and the excitement of working together towards a preserved conservation corridor and protected Bruce Trail. •

Michael McDonald,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



View from the Bruce Trail at Duncan Crevice Caves Provincial Nature Reserve

Photo: Lilla Fedor

WINTER HIKING SAFETY

Hiking the Bruce Trail in the winter can be a beautiful way to explore the Niagara Escarpment, stay active, and find solace in the colder months.

Winter hiking involves a bit of extra planning, but is well worth it. Here are a few important ways you can stay safe on the trails this winter.

Plan for Earlier, Shorter Days & Changeable Weather

- Check weather conditions before heading out and be prepared for them to change.
- Choose a route that is familiar to you. When trails are covered in snow, it can be harder to find your way. Be extra attentive in looking for trail blazes.
- Choose a shorter distance than you would normally cover in summer conditions. Snow, ice and mud will slow your hiking speed.
- Nightfall arrives earlier in winter months. Start early in the day and plan to be off the trail before dark.

Check for Trail Closures or Changes

- Check for Trail closures or restrictions at brucetrail.org/trail-changes and the websites of parks and other public landowners.

Dress and Pack for the Winter

- Wear layers and pack extra layers. Staying dry is key to staying warm in the winter and layers will help you do both.
- Avoid wearing cotton since it holds moisture. Opt for synthetics or wool. This goes for socks too.
- Keep your footing with sturdy waterproof boots, icers (removable traction devices for footwear) & poles.
- Pack a flashlight or headlamp, with fresh batteries.
- Fuel your body and stay hydrated. You'll need more food and water in the winter than you think.



Park Safely and Legally

- Roadside parking can be constrained by snowbanks. If you can't park safely, move to another recommended parking location. Do not block driveways or farm gates.

Expect No Facilities

- Do not expect public washrooms or indoor spaces to be open.

Leave No Trace

- Pack out everything you bring on your hike - including disposable face masks, food waste, and dog droppings.

Remember: the Bruce Trail is not maintained in the winter

- Trail conditions vary according to season and the weather. The Bruce Trail is not maintained during the winter months. Hazards exist along the Bruce Trail. You are responsible for your own safety.

Organized Group Hikes with our Bruce Trail Clubs

Bruce Trail Club organized hikes are a great way to safely explore the Trail, especially if you are new to winter hiking. Registration is required for all hikes and COVID-19 measures are in place. Face masks should be worn anytime hikers cannot keep 2m apart (on the hike and in a car/bus). Vaccination is not a pre-condition of participating in the hiking program. The Bruce Trail Conservancy strongly encourages all hikers to get vaccinated.

See the Hike Schedule and Group Hike Guidelines at hikes.brucetrail.org

Please Note: These guidelines are in place at time of printing (December 2021) and may change in response to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic and guidance provided by Canada's and Ontario's public health officers. Visit brucetrail.org for updates.

Seeking Art for 2023 BTC Calendar

Since 1969 the Bruce Trail Conservancy has been producing a unique wall calendar showcasing the natural beauty of the Bruce Trail and the Niagara Escarpment. Each year thousands of BTC calendars hang in homes and offices across Ontario, with some even making their way to Europe and the United States.

You can be part of this iconic calendar and help to raise money to support our mission by submitting your artwork for consideration.

We're seeking original art featuring nature, landscapes, heritage and/or people along the Bruce Trail. A panel of judges will choose 13 pieces for inclusion in the 2023 calendar. All artwork remains the property of the artist and will be returned as soon as possible. Each

artist who enters will receive a complimentary copy of the 2023 calendar.

All profits from calendar sales go toward the mission of the Bruce Trail Conservancy: Preserving a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever.

Subject matter: must be along the Bruce Trail or related to the Niagara Escarpment – scenery, flora, fauna, historic sites, etc.

Size: HORIZONTAL FORMAT no smaller than 7 ½" x 10 ½" (the finished size of the calendar). Originals can be larger but must be in a horizontal format.

Medium: original paintings, drawings or textiles; no prints, photographs, or photocopies. Please consider reproduction quality when selecting the medium. High-resolution digital submissions are acceptable if the original is too large to ship or deliver in person.



Information required to be printed or attached clearly on the back:

- your name, address & phone number
 - medium used
 - title of the piece of work
 - location along the Bruce Trail
- If dating work on the front, please omit the month.

Deadline Friday, March 18, 2022

All artwork is to be received at the Bruce Trail Conservancy office by 4:30 pm to be considered.

Physical/courier address: 55 Head St, Suite 101, Dundas, ON L9H 3H8
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For more information, contact Brooke Henry at bhenry@brucetrail.org or 1-800-665-4453 ext. 244



For Our Members

Winter Webinar Series

While the temperature dips outside, we invite Bruce Trail Conservancy members to pull up a virtual chair and join us for our winter webinar series.



Bruce Trail App 101 – January 13, 2022

Join us as we take a virtual tour of the new and improved Bruce Trail App. On this tour we will look at the functions and features of the app (like creating a route, exploring BTC protected lands, and tracking a hike) and give tips and tricks to help you use the app to its full potential.



Photo: Tom Thayer

Your will, your way – February 10, 2022

Your will is a powerful expression of your legacy, and yet the majority of Canadians don't have one in place. The new year may be the perfect time to review existing estate plans, or begin a new one. Join us for this final presentation of our three-part planned giving series on creating your will.



Photo: Patrick Hodge

Invasive Species – March 10, 2022

Have you ever wondered what makes a species 'invasive'? Curious about how the Bruce Trail Conservancy tackles this threat to Niagara Escarpment biodiversity? Join our resident ecologists to discuss the impact of invasive species on our local ecosystems, learn which species are considered the main offenders, and what strategies are being used to manage their spread.



Photo: Claire Estey

Mushroom Identification and Photography – April 14, 2022

Explore the amazing world of woodland fungi and the important role they play in Escarpment ecosystems. Learn about what to look for in the wonderful diversity of mushrooms you may encounter on your next Bruce Trail hike.

Register online and watch past webinars at: brucetrail.org/pages/news-events/webinars

ROM Discount for BTC Members

The Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto is extending a special offer to Bruce Trail Conservancy Members: 15% off admission until April 24, 2022, for the run of the amazing Wildlife Photographer of the Year feature exhibition.

To save 15% off ROM admission, buy your tickets at rom.on.ca and enter the promo code: **WILDLIFEBTC21**.

The Royal Ontario Museum also invites all BTC supporters to participate in the ROM Wildlife Photographer of the Year Contest (Nov. 20, 2021 – Mar. 13, 2022). There are great prizes to be won in both youth and adult categories. Share your captivating images of the natural world from your unlocked Twitter or Instagram account and include @ROMtoronto & #ROMwpyON (or #ROMwpyJR for ages 13-17). Find out more at www.rom.on.ca/contest



Photo: Sergio Merlujan / o ROM

Bruce Trail Conservancy Membership Dues to Increase

Memberships with the Bruce Trail Conservancy will be increasing in price in February 2022 for the first time since 2004.



This increase was voted on and supported by our members at the Bruce Trail Conservancy Annual Meeting (October 16, 2021). The change to membership dues will take effect on all membership purchases starting February 1, 2022, including both new and renewing memberships. Any member whose membership expires between February 1 and June 30, 2022 can renew their membership early (before February 1) at the current, lower rate. In these cases, the membership renewal will begin from the current expiry date so no time is 'lost'.

Since our last membership dues increase in 2004, delivering on our mission has grown increasing complex and urgent.

Revenue from memberships helps the Bruce Trail Conservancy fulfill our mission, and provide safe, environmentally responsible, public access to the Niagara Escarpment for today, and generations to come. Not only do membership dues contribute directly to funding operations and

support the important work of the Bruce Trail Clubs, but as the BTC achieves success in our mission, the revenue helps cover the costs of our important conservation work.

The Bruce Trail Conservancy works hard to keep the organization efficient, and we are proud to have been rated as a top charity by Charity Intelligence Canada for 2021, recognized for responsible spending.

We also believe that Bruce Trail Conservancy membership provides value for our members. Being a member provides a charitable tax receipt for the full value of the membership, access to an extensive program of organized hikes, invitations to special events, the Bruce Trail Conservancy Magazine, news from local Club(s), discounts on BTC products and some retail partners, and a unique

membership badge and card. And as a member of the Bruce Trail Conservancy you can feel pride in being part of a community of supporters who are ensuring the future of the Bruce Trail.

If you've experienced the Bruce Trail, you know what a treasure it is. This treasure is made possible thanks to the ongoing support of our members.

Thank you for continuing to support the Bruce Trail Conservancy through your membership.

Membership Type	Current Membership Dues	Dues as of February 1, 2022
One-Year Membership + Additional Clubs	\$50 \$14	\$75 \$15
Three-Year Membership + Additional Clubs	\$140 \$42	\$210 \$45
Lifetime Membership + Additional Clubs	\$1,000 \$280	\$1,500 \$300
Community Membership	\$125	\$200



Photo: Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club

Volunteer Awards 2021

PRESENTED AT THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

Each year at our Annual Meeting, we recognize a selection of volunteers for their outstanding contributions to the mission of the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC). This year, while we could not gather for an awards ceremony, we visited volunteers up and down the trail to present their awards and created a video to share their accomplishments.

Watch the video and meet our volunteer and trail award winners at bruce-trail.org/pages/volunteer-awards

Thank you to all our volunteers for giving your time and talents in support of our mission to preserve a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever.

Volunteer Years of Service Awards

In recognition of years of volunteer service in Bruce Trail Conservancy roles including head office support, events, committees and the BTC Board.



Marlis Butcher (10 years)



Darci Lombard (10 years)



Paul Toffoletti (10 years)

Honorary Membership: David Tyson

Awarded to a member who has made a lasting, significant volunteer contribution to the organization at both the Bruce Trail Club and Bruce Trail Conservancy levels, demonstrating leadership, innovation, and commitment.

David Tyson has been a member and volunteer of the Bruce Trail Conservancy since 1974. He has been actively involved in the Toronto Bruce Trail Club as a Hike Leader, Trail Captain and Director and



David Tyson

served as Club President from 2003 to 2008. Since then, he has continued as a Director, Chair of the Land Management Committee and Club representative to the BTC Land Acquisition Committee.

David is a consummate champion of the volunteer contributions to the Bruce Trail throughout its history. With a desire to share the story of the Trail's remarkable beginnings with a broader audience, David took on a major project diving into our organization's history. This culminated in his writing of "Trail to the Bruce: The Story of the Building of the Bruce Trail". This comprehensive book was a labour of love which will continue to inform and inspire future generations of Bruce Trail supporters with the story of our origins.

Ross McLean Volunteer of the Year Award: Marg Glendon

For extraordinary contributions to the Bruce Trail Conservancy within a single year. This annual award was renamed in 2020 to honour the passing of its first recipient and remarkable volunteer, Ross McLean.



Marg Glendon

Marg Glendon's volunteer contributions in 2021 highlight her dedication, her initiative, and her leadership as an ambassador for the BTC. As the Outreach Coordinator for the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club, Marg is always finding new and creative ways to connect people to our mission. She thoughtfully seeks opportunities to engage new supporters and to work with like-minded organizations and groups in collaborative ventures. Marg regularly launches and leads new initiatives and as Peninsula Bruce Trail Club President Tamara Wilson shares, "Marg, at any one time, has at least 8 other projects in the wings".

Marg's contributions over the past year have included orchestrating themed hikes, taking the lead on grant applications, and spearheading creative fundraisers. Marg also led a major litter control project, working with community organizations, training summer staff and volunteers, and coordinating public displays and events. Wilson continues, "Marg's efforts have not only impacted the health of the Trail and the hiker experience, but also our Club's membership [which grew] over 28% in the last year... Marg's significant efforts manifest good things for the Peninsula Club and our connections with the community".

**Susan Oleskevich Award:
Carl Alexander**

For outstanding long-term commitment to the construction and maintenance of the Bruce Trail.

Carl Alexander has volunteered his skills and time to trail work in the Dufferin Hi-Land Club for 18 years. He has overseen the building of all of the bridge and boardwalk structures in the section for the past 11 years, winning an award in 2010 for a cascading boardwalk in Mono. He has designed and built five trail benches in the section, and is instrumental in ensuring all existing structures remain in good shape. Carl is a talented sawyer and helps in all elements of trail building and maintenance from mowing to the construction of new trail. Carl has done all this while also serving the Dufferin Hi-Land Club in multiple leadership roles including President (2014-17), Landowner Relations Director (2004-present) and Land Securement Director (2012-present).



Carl Alexander (left) with Trail Development and Maintenance Committee Chair, Dave Moule.

**Calypso Orchid Environmental
Award: David Knox**

For significant contribution to the restoration and preservation of the Bruce Trail and/or the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere, or for significantly enhancing the education of users or potential users of the Trail.

David Knox was the Land Stewardship Director for the Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club for over 20 years.

In that time, his expertise in geology and the natural environment was invaluable to the volunteer teams working to steward BTC properties and care for the Bruce Trail. David's enthusiasm and long term commitment to the BTC's mission was felt by all who worked with him, including the many volunteers he recruited and trained. David's passion for the environment was a lifelong pursuit. During his years as a Geography Head at Collingwood Collegiate Institute, David imparted his enthusiasm and knowledge and introduced many students to the wonders of the Escarpment. His positive impact on the Niagara Escarpment, the Bruce Trail, and on hikers, students and volunteers will be felt for years to come.

When David passed away in June 2021, the Bruce Trail Conservancy lost a great friend and supporter.



David's daughter Amanda (left) and wife Cathy (centre), with Mary Jane McIntyre (Blue Mountains Club Secretary)

This award is given posthumously and was presented to David's wife Cathy and daughter Amanda in a small ceremony on the Trail in October. •



David Knox

Trail Development & Maintenance Awards 2021

PRESENTED AT THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

Tom East Award: Beaver Valley Club

For the year's most significant trail project which places the Bruce Trail on the Optimum Route, or adds a worthwhile new side trail.

The Beaver Valley Club receives this year's Tom East Award for a major reroute at the BTC's East Mountain property, south of Kimberley. This project took 1.7 km off two roadways and opened 2 km of new trail to hikers. Trail work was led by Beaver Valley Club volunteer Zone Leader, John Burton, and involved 22 'Flying Squad' volunteers who contributed over 220 hours in 19 separate work parties.

Through its volunteer Landowner Ambassadors the Beaver Valley Club also coordinated extensive consultations with neighbouring landowners and members of the broader community to ensure that the Trail route selected both respected and reflected the history and terrain of the East Mountain property and its environs.



The result is a thoughtfully-routed, well-constructed trail section weaving through 79 acres of Bruce Trail Conservancy protected land and connecting people to a variety of Escarpment features and ecosystems. •

The Philip & Jean Gosling Award was not awarded this year as no trail projects were submitted for consideration.



Beaver Valley Club team accepts Tom East Award 2021.
From left: Bob Hann, Lilla Fodor, Blain Horsley and Jill Smith-Brodie.



Introducing the BTC YOUTH COUNCIL

By Jeffrey Smith and Luvlyn Kotian,
BTC Youth Council Co-Chairs

The first-ever Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) Youth Council launched this October. As the council's co-chairs, we are thrilled to be building this initiative from the ground up, and we would love to see more people get involved.

Why a BTC Youth Council?

The Youth Council was created to broaden the reach of the BTC to younger generations and engage young leaders in advancing the BTC's mission. We are a growing group of volunteers, ages 18-25, composed of a small executive committee and a larger group of general council members. As a self-led group with support from BTC staff, the Youth Council is developing goals and activities that directly involve youth in the important work of the BTC.

Youth Council Mandate

After lots of great group discussion, online and in person, the Youth Council has built its first mandate together. We aim to:

- Build and engage with a network of youth from communities along the Bruce Trail who have interest in environmental issues.
- Develop opportunities for youth to engage with a non-profit environmental organization for learning, volunteering, and professional development.
- Identify youth perspectives and opinions on current environmental and cultural issues as they relate to the Bruce Trail and the Niagara Escarpment, and provide a voice for youth within the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

Key Action Areas

To help meet these goals, the Youth Council plans to take action in four key areas:

1. Conservation Education: Learning about current issues and initiatives from BTC experts, and presenting findings to the council and the public.
2. Community Building: Creating bonds between council members through online avenues and in-person events (COVID permitting).

3. Volunteering: Organizing volunteer events for youth such as trash clean-ups, tree planting and invasive species removal in support of the Bruce Trail Conservancy's mission.
4. Social Media: Engaging youth in the BTC's work, sharing stories from the Trail, and promoting Youth Council activities and initiatives.

Join Us!

We would love to grow our Youth Council with 18-25 year-olds passionate about making a difference for conservation and trails in their community. Please share this opportunity with anyone you think would be interested.

Commitment Level: Commitment can be as much or as little as you would like. You can attend our monthly meetings, participate in our Discord server, attend

events, or volunteer on projects. Co-chair and executive positions will re-open in Fall 2022. In the meantime, general council positions are open and available.

How to join: Connect with BTC Volunteer Coordinator Meghan Croll at mcroll@brucetrail.org for more information or visit brucetrail.org/pages/get-involved/volunteering/btc-youth-council for details. •

About the authors:

Luvlyn: I joined the Youth Council because not only did I want to meet more people to hike with but, as a person pursuing sustainable chemistry, conservation efforts are significant to me. It is important that we preserve nature as much as possible. I love that the Bruce Trail spans such a long area, and most recently I went to Felker's Falls; it was beautiful!

Jeff: Volunteering for the BTC over the last few years has been extremely rewarding due to its inspiring mission and dedicated staff and volunteers. I joined the Youth Council to further contribute to the organization's future, while engaging with motivated young environmentalists. My favourite spot on the trail is Smokey Hollow; if you haven't been, check it out!



Youth Council executive members with BTC's Lyndsey Wilkerson (front left) planting and team-building at Fisher's Pond Nature Reserve.

Wetlands and Woods NEED YOU!



You can help create two new nature reserves and protect vital wetlands and essential forests.

Our Niagara Escarpment wetlands and forests give us so much. They enrich our Bruce Trail experience, sustain unique flora and fauna, and provide valuable ecological services for us all.

Yet, these habitats are disappearing across Ontario - along with their valuable gifts.

Today we have the opportunity to protect these two vitally important habitats along the Bruce Trail with the creation of **Balsam Wetlands Nature Reserve** and **Eugenia Woods Nature Reserve**. But we need your help.



YOUR ACTION NOW CAN PRESERVE:

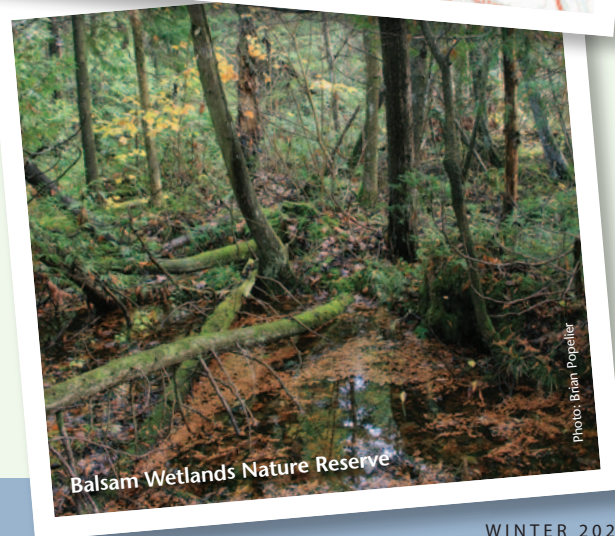
Balsam Wetlands Nature Reserve

Blue Mountains section (Duntroon)

290 acres, 3.8 km of Bruce Trail Optimum Route

- Expansive coniferous swamp of mature Balsam Fir and White Cedar, 17 km south of Collingwood
- Home to rare species including Black Ash and Hart's-tongue Fern.
- The Bruce Trail will be carefully routed on the property to provide safe, year-round access to this unique landscape.

Wetlands, like those at Balsam Wetlands Nature Reserve, are disappearing. Despite their undisputed value in filtering water, controlling flooding, and sheltering sensitive species, wetlands are being lost across Ontario. **With your support, we can protect vulnerable wetlands.**



Balsam Wetlands Nature Reserve

Photo: Brian Poppele

Eugenia Woods Nature Reserve

Beaver Valley section (Eugenia)

20 acres, 595 m of Bruce Trail Optimum Route

- Forested slope of towering Sugar Maples, north of Eugenia Falls.
- Creation of this nature reserve will safeguard an 18 km corridor of natural landscape stretching along the slopes of the Beaver Valley.

Forests, like those at Eugenia Woods, purify the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, prevent erosion, cool our waterways, and reduce the effects of extreme weather. **You can help protect these woods and all the benefits they provide.**

Join us in this exciting opportunity. Your generous donation will preserve 310 acres of Niagara Escarpment, secure 4.5 km of Bruce Trail, and protect irreplaceable wetland and forest habitats.

The total cost to preserve these two new nature reserves and protect their precious habitats is \$3,668,000. But thanks to contributions from several lead donors, we're well on our way!

Your thoughtful donation can help us raise the remaining \$1.9 million needed to ensure these wetlands and woods – and gifts they give us – are preserved and cared for forever.



Donate today at brucetrail.org

Or by phone at 1-800-665-4453 or by mailing the form below to Bruce Trail Conservancy, PO Box 857, Hamilton, ON L8N 3N9

Yes, I want to preserve Balsam Wetlands & Eugenia Woods Nature Reserves.

Enclosed is my: Monthly Gift: \$ _____ / month

Single Gift: \$250 \$100 \$50 \$ _____ other

Payment by: Cheque (payable to The Bruce Trail Conservancy or marked "Void" if setting up a monthly donation) Mastercard Visa

Card #: _____ Expiry Date: _____ Signature: _____

Name: _____ Member# _____ Email: _____

Your email is confidential and will not be shared with 3rd parties.

I am interested in learning more about making a gift to Bruce Trail Conservancy in my will.

I have included the Bruce Trail Conservancy in my will.

If donations to the profiled properties exceed the required funds, or the BTC is not able to secure the profiled properties, your donation will be used to secure and steward other lands within the Bruce Trail's conservation corridor.

Going ALL OUT on the Bruce Trail



Photo: Lionel Holder @torpics

By Kofi Hope and Zahra Ebrahim, Co-Founders of Monumental and the All Out Campaign

The All Out Campaign was launched in 2021 to support racialized millennials in the GTA to have more opportunities for adventure and exploration in the Canadian wilderness. The campaign involved videos, infographics, profiles, and “how tos”, but at its essence, it was about stories: changing narratives and building new ones.

As co-founders of the campaign, All Out was the culmination of decades of stories, great memories, relationships we had built up over the years, and insights that come from time in nature. One such story happened last summer, when Kofi spent an afternoon exploring a local conservation area with a good friend.

Part of the joy in developing this campaign was that it gave us an excuse to get out and enjoy the outdoors, as we created content and guides from doing

day-trips. One Wednesday afternoon in July, Kofi and his friend Horace spent a day wandering around a conservation area an hour’s drive from Toronto, two grown men embracing the sheer joy and fun of the wilderness: casting a line, poking into caves, and hiking up to viewpoints. At one point, they stumbled on a less used area of the park where they were able to take off their shoes and socks and sit on the rocks at the mouth of a flowing creek. Horace

mentioned the heavy nostalgia the moment in the sun brought on, reminding him of a childhood in Jamaica scrambling over rocks and catching fish by the river. On the way out, the two ran into some locals from the area, who alongside the banks of the brownish river were setting up food and folding chairs. New to the park, both Kofi and Horace had wondered if the river was swimmable and where. The locals were friendly, engaged them in conversation and showed them that actually this part of the bank was a well frequented spot for people in the area to come and safely dive into the river. This tempted Kofi, who subsequently took a dive into the water. After they were drying off one of the men came over and asked,

“So... glad you got to enjoy it. But listen, I need you to promise not to tell anybody about this place. Where are you guys from?”

“Toronto.”

“Toronto. That’s what I thought. So definitely don’t tell anyone from Toronto about this spot.”

There it was, in one moment welcoming and invitational, followed soon later by a stern reminder that ultimately “these outdoor spaces are our spaces, it’s ok if a few people like you come out here, but we want them to remain exclusive spaces for our community.”

Stories like these kept surfacing through the last few years, as people everywhere flocked to the outdoors to seek respite from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. For both of us, the outdoors has always been central to our experiences and wellbeing. We both find that a day trip outside of Toronto – usually to somewhere on the Bruce Trail – is a way to ground ourselves, connect with family and friends, and find a different rhythm from the one that moves our lives in the city.

This summer, amongst the calls for more inclusive and accessible outdoor spaces, we also heard about the barriers racialized communities face when they want to access outdoor recreation. A real issue was where to start. So many people we spoke to had questions around where to go, what to wear, what to pack, how to navigate trails, how/why to make parking reservations, and general protocols for these outdoor places. These

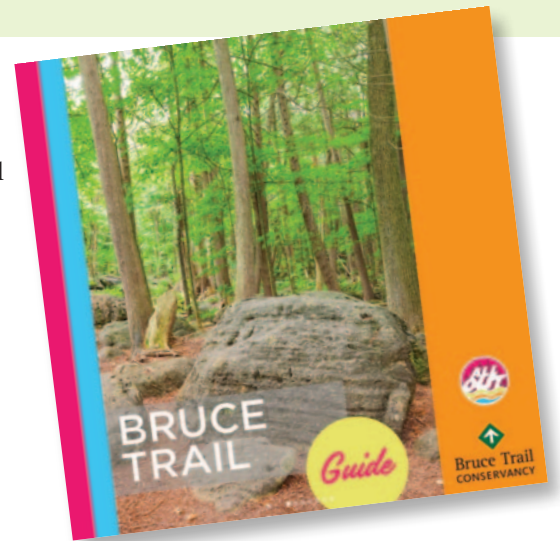
questions were combined with a general unease about how welcome they would feel once they arrived. It's one thing to not know where to go and how to use these spaces safely and comfortably, but it's another to trust that these spaces won't be extensions of experiences of exclusion that communities of colour have had in public spaces.

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Together with a group of dear friends and colleagues – Shereen Ashman, Dwayne Holness, and Melanie Reixach-Wong – we launched a social media based campaign, All Out, aiming to expand the movement of racialized folks

engaging in wilderness recreation. Our focus was primarily on the Black and South Asian communities, and our goal was to produce a creative, informative online space where we could provide a beginner's guide to getting outdoors, from the perspectives and voices of those in the BIPOC community. The campaign included information about where to go, tips and "how-to" videos for how to make it a safe and comfortable experience, and stories of other racialized people getting outside and sharing the stories of how the outdoors has impacted them personally. Core to our ethos was also to amplify the voices of existing individuals and organizations who had been working in the space for years before us to increase access for racialized folks getting into the outdoors.

The Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) was amongst the inspired group of partners that supported us to bring this campaign to life. Over the course of the summer, we worked with the team at BTC to raise awareness about the Bruce Trail and amazing locations it offers. We posted trail guides, shared a photography series shot by racialized photographers and co-produced an episode of our web series that took first-



time hikers from Toronto to Rockway Conservation Area, for an Amazing Race-style adventure on the trail. Over four months, the campaign was able to reach more than 26,000 people, with thousands of interactions with our content. As a volunteer-run campaign, we were thrilled with the engagement and success. We were heartened by how many existing organizations like BTC and outdoor brands embraced our work, but also had a clear look at the depth of barriers that still exist for getting more of our community to experience the healing and grounding that comes from wilderness areas. Like any process of social change, there are tensions, there



are bumps and there are difficult conversations to be had.

The reality is, as timeless as our natural spaces appear, they do change. The majestically carved rock formations of the Niagara Escarpment are examples of this slow sculpting that happens over millenia. Humans of course move on a different scale, and today we are seeing rapid shifts taking place. Canada is changing, so by definition, outdoor recreation must change. An increasingly urban and multicultural population is engaging, and will continue to engage

with natural spaces in new ways. This is something to be celebrated and encouraged. It helps build connection and identity in this land we share and develops the next generation of conservationists. But as the GTA swells into a global center, this will put pressure on treasured wilderness areas that are an easy day-trip from the city. The question is, how do we respond to this reality? We believe just like in nature itself, adaptation is key.

In order to create a wilderness in Canada that can be truly enjoyed by all, we need campaigns like All Out working within communities but we also need this same push coming from those who manage wilderness areas.

As we ran All Out it was clear how few people in the communities we were working with had even heard about the Bruce Trail. A core principle for the outdoors in Ontario moving forward has to be that insider knowledge is not

required to have an amazing experience and that it should always be possible to spontaneously and smoothly find your way to outside recreation with minimal pre-planning. There are software solutions for this; there are marketing solutions to encourage folks to not just frequent the most well-known locations; there are solutions around transportation for those who don't have access to vehicles. At the end of the day here is the truth: the population in Ontario is going through major demographic shifts. One day in our lifetimes Southern Ontario may be similar to Toronto today, a majority visible majority community. If we don't succeed now in building a love and connection to natural spaces within racialized populations, who will be the next generation of conservationists? Those things that create barriers today may actually affect the success of conservation in the long term.



Photo: Nicki Rocamidis



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As we built the campaign, we consistently heard that we needed to be careful of how we framed the narrative around racialized communities having limited experiences with the outdoors. The reality is that wherever you’re from in the world – whether it be Mandeville, Jamaica or Kerala, India – you likely have a deep connection with natural spaces. They may not be experiences of quiet, reflective hikes through forests of birch trees, but instead joyful family cookouts on beaches, or wanders to gorgeous lookouts at the edge of an ocean. Folks across cultures use the outdoors for all sorts of recreational activities, but when they come to Canada, there seems to be a singular way of using the outdoors that creates real and perceived barriers to using our spectacular natural spaces.

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Along with increasing access, equity in the outdoors means a dialogue about how we use the outdoors and an openness to listen to other ways of experiencing these spaces. For readers of this magazine that’s our call to action, to think about how we can focus on increasing access to the Bruce Trail for those who weren’t raised in a culture of hiking, to be open to the fact the way people use the trail may change and evolve in the years to come and understand conservation is as much about increasing connection and passion for the land with new generations as it is about ensuring people stay on the trails.

Together we believe we can forge a more inclusive path for all of us to enjoy the beauty of the Escarpment and so many other natural wonders that Ontario is blessed with.

More about All Out Canada

All Out Canada is a social media campaign launched by the founders of Monumental to make the outdoors more accessible to racialized communities while increasing the visibility of racialized people enjoying nature. The campaign is aimed primarily at millennials in the Greater Toronto Area. The Bruce Trail Conservancy was one of several partners that collaborated with All Out Canada during the summer of 2021.

Visit All Out Canada on Instagram and TikTok @alloutca

Visit Monumental at monumentalprojects.ca

More about Zahra and Kofi

ZAHRA EBRAHIM

Zahra Ebrahim is the Co-Founder of Monumental. She is a public interest designer and strategist, and her work has focused on community-led approaches to policy, infrastructure, and service design. She is an established bridge builder across grassroots and institutional spaces, and is a leading practitioner in surfacing key stories and narratives that build trust and connect communities. Prior to this role, she built and led Doblin Canada, focusing on engaging diverse sets of stakeholders to use design-led approaches to address complex organizational and industry challenges. In her early career, Zahra led one of Canada’s first social design studios, working with communities to co-design towards better social outcomes, leading some of Canada’s most ambitious participatory infrastructure and policy programs. Zahra has taught at OCADU, MoMA, and is currently an Adjunct Professor at the University of Toronto. She is the Vice-Chair of the Canadian Urban Institute, and the Board Chair for Park People. She was recently named Next City’s Vanguard “40 under 40 Civic Leader”, Ascend Canada’s Mentor of the Year, one of “Tomorrow’s Titans” in Toronto Life, and one of WXN’s Top 100

Women in Canadian Business.

Zahra’s favourite Canadian outdoor experience: A close tie between a 7-day trip in Quetico Provincial Park and her annual trip to Lake Superior Provincial Park.

KOFI HOPE

Kofi Hope is the Co-Founder of Monumental. He is a Rhodes Scholar and has a Doctorate in Politics from Oxford University. A social entrepreneur, Kofi has a long history of empowering racialized communities, including being a founder and former Executive Director of the CEE Centre for Young Black Professionals. As part of this work he co-developed a curriculum for Black youth 18-30 with major components focused on personal growth through outdoor recreation. Kofi currently writes a monthly column for the Toronto Star, is a weekly commenter on Newstalk 1010, and has been featured widely across the Canadian media. He also serves as a Senior Fellow for health equity focused think-tank the Wellesley Institute. In 2017 he was winner of the Jane Jacobs Prize and in 2018 named a Rising Star in Toronto Life’s Power List. In 2005 he established the Black Youth Coalition Against Violence, which became a leading voice for advocating for real solutions to gun violence in Toronto and led to him being named one of the Top 10 People to Watch in Toronto in 2006 by the Toronto Star.

Kofi’s favourite Canadian outdoor experience: spending two weeks in 2018, hiking and exploring the Rocky Mountains (Jasper, Banff and Kananaskis parks) with his family. •

Conservation in Action: New Protected Areas

Two new protected natural areas in the Dufferin Hi-Land section are now part of the Bruce Trail Conservancy's growing conservation corridor. The properties, both generously donated by landowners, create an extension to the BTC's recently-acquired Honeywood Ridge property.

Honeywood Ridge (extension)

Honeywood, Map 21

4.6 acres

616 m of Bruce Trail Optimum Route

This summer, the BTC's Honeywood Ridge property grew by 4.6 acres thanks to donations of land from two generous landowners.

The Sales family donated 1.3 acres of beautiful maple-beech forest. For years, the Sales graciously allowed the Bruce Trail to cross their land through a handshake agreement with the Bruce Trail Conservancy. We are grateful for these years of support and for their kind decision to gift their land to future generations.

A neighbouring landowner, who wishes to remain anonymous, donated a wooded corridor of 3.3 acres, connecting the Sales' property with Honeywood Ridge. This generosity gives a permanent home to 515 m of Bruce Trail

Optimum Route, and plays an important role in connecting natural spaces in this area.

Together these two gifts of land keep the Bruce Trail off the busy Prince of Wales Road and will allow hikers to connect with protected Escarpment ecosystems for years to come. •

Options for Landowners

As one of Ontario's largest land trusts, the Bruce Trail Conservancy's skilled team of staff and volunteers work as conservation partners with landowners. Together, we can help you conserve your Niagara Escarpment property and carry out your wishes. Whether your interest is in conservation, estate planning, or financial and tax benefits, there are a number of options available that can provide benefits for families, for the Bruce Trail Conservancy, and for the future of the Niagara Escarpment.

For more information contact Antoin Diamond, Vice President of Land Acquisition and Management, 1-800-665-4453 ext. 235, adiamond@brucetrail.org

Watch our recent Gifts of Land webinar for more on the impact of land donations: brucetrail.org/pages/news-events/recent-events#nov10

Honeywood Ridge (extension) – Dufferin Hi-Land section



Isn't this beautiful?

By Kim Corbet

This picture was taken on a chilly early December afternoon at my three-year-old son's favourite side trail – the boardwalk at Crawford Lake. We made our way around the icy and snow-covered boardwalk gripping the railings (we both did not have icers on...oops!)

He stopped on a dry part of the boardwalk and said, and I quote, "Isn't this beautiful, Mommy?"

How I caught this moment when it happened is beyond me, but I did and I'll cherish it forever!

Submit your Bruce Trail Story

Our Bruce Trail community abounds with stories.

We want to hear yours. Submit your story to us at any time online or by email and you may see it featured in an upcoming issue of Bruce Trail Magazine. Essay, poem, lyrics, journal, blog - your story can take any of these forms.

Details at brucetrail.org/pages/your-bruce-trail-story or contact communications@brucetrail.org



Kids Corner

Be a winter nature detective

Winter is a great time to get out and look for signs of wildlife on the Bruce Trail or in your backyard.

The snow makes it easy to see where animals have been and what they've been up to, even if we don't see the animals themselves! On warmer days, even the mud can be a great place to look for animal tracks. You don't need to be an expert to identify animal tracks and patterns but it does take a little practice. The more time you take searching for clues and making careful observations, the more you will learn about the animals who are active in winter.

Tracking Tips

- Track early in the morning or late in the day when shadows make prints easier to see.
- Examine the track carefully:
 - Count the number of toes you can see, and look for any claw marks.
 - Can you tell which direction the animal was travelling?
 - Measure the length and width of a few prints. Measure the stride (length between prints) and the straddle (width between prints); this can give you an idea of how quickly the animal was moving.
- Look for a pattern in the footsteps:
 - Check out the Track Pattern chart on this page for clues.
 - Can you tell how the animal was moving? Can you mimic their movements?
- Take pictures so you can take another look at what you found back at home. Put your foot or hand in the photo next to the track so you'll have a size reference.
- Follow the tracks for a bit and try to figure out what the animal was doing.
- Count how many different animal tracks you find on your hike.
- Practise all your winter hiking safety (see page 6).

Your Tracker Guide

Way of Moving	Track Pattern	Who leaves these patterns?
Walkers usually have long legs. Their back print lands on or next to the front print.		Coyotes, Deer, Foxes, Birds
Bounders leap and land on their front paws, then bring their back paws to nearly the same place.		Weasels, Otters, Running cats and dogs
Gallopers have bigger back legs than front legs. Front feet land first, then back feet land in front!		Squirrels, Hares, Mice
Waddlers are usually slow. They move both their left feet then both their right.		Bears, Raccoons, Porcupines

Try out your skills on the next page and see if you can match the animals to their tracks!

KIDS' CORNER SUBMISSIONS

Kids, do you have a drawing, poem, story, photo, hike review, or other creation inspired by the Bruce Trail? We'd love to share it in an upcoming Kids' Corner. Send your creations to communications@bruce-trail.org. Don't forget to include your name, age, description of your entry, and permission from your guardian.

Animal Tracks on the Bruce Trail

Can you guess which animal left which track?
Draw a line from each animal to its track.



AMERICAN CROW



COYOTE



PORCUPINE



RACCOON



RED FOX



SQUIRREL



SNOWSHOE HARE



WHITE-TAILED DEER



MOUSE



2



1



4



3



6



5



8



7



9

Answers: 1. White-tailed Deer 2. Snowshoe Hare 3. Squirrel 4. Raccoon 5. Red Fox 6. American Crow 7. Porcupine 8. Mouse 9. Coyote

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Trail Changes & Notices

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Trail Changes & Notices Online

Did you know? Our Trail changes online are up-to-date and searchable. You can search by Map Number, Club Section, Edition of Guide Affected, and even by text in the description. Visit brucetrail.org/trail_changes

Bruce Trail App Has All Latest Trail Changes

Our new Bruce Trail App for iOS and Android devices lets you have the most up-to-date trail data on your phone. Trail reroutes, temporary closures, parking details, and BTC protected areas are updated regularly and are ready when you open your app. Visit brucetrail.org/pages/bruce-trail-app for details.

Reservations Required

Be prepared to make parking reservations at some parks and conservation areas along the Bruce Trail. Parking reservations are currently required for:

- Conservation Halton (conservationhalton.ca; parksvisit.ca): Mount Nemo, Rattlesnake Point, Crawford Lake, Hilton Falls CAs

- Ontario Parks (reservations.ontarioparks.com): Forks of the Credit, Mono Cliffs

Reservations are not required in the winter but will resume in spring 2022 for:

- Hamilton Conservation Authority (conservationhamilton.ca): Spencer Gorge CA (Webster Falls, Tew Falls, Dundas Peak)
- Credit Valley Conservation (cvc.ca): Cheltenham Badlands CA
- Bruce Peninsula National Park (pc.gc.ca/bruce): Halfway Dump and at the Grotto / Cyprus Lake
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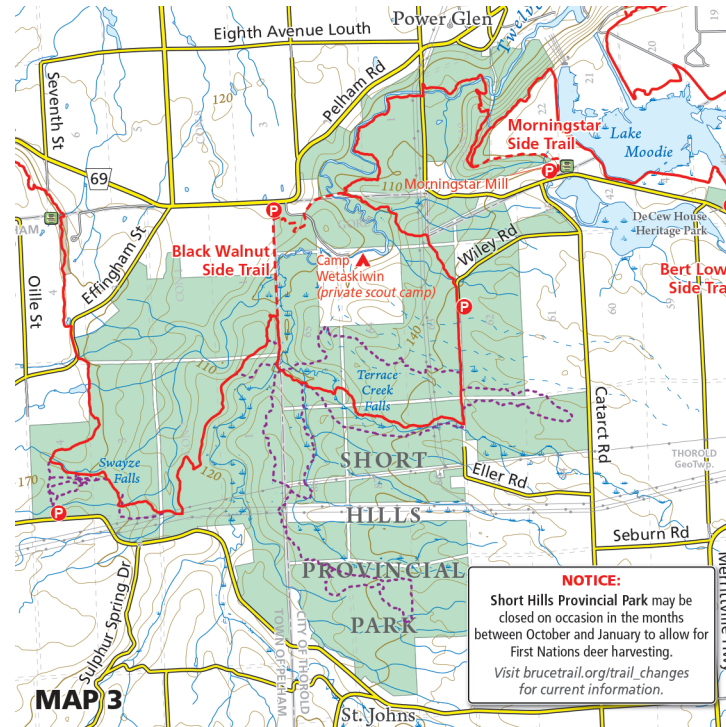
Map 2 – Jordan Hollow Side Trail

A new side trail has been established leaving the main trail at Ball's Falls Conservation Area heading north to a parking area on King Street. Jordan Hollow Side Trail = 520 metres

Map 3 – Short Hills Provincial Park, Annual Closure

Short Hills Provincial Park will be closed on the following dates to honour treaty rights with a First Nation deer harvest:

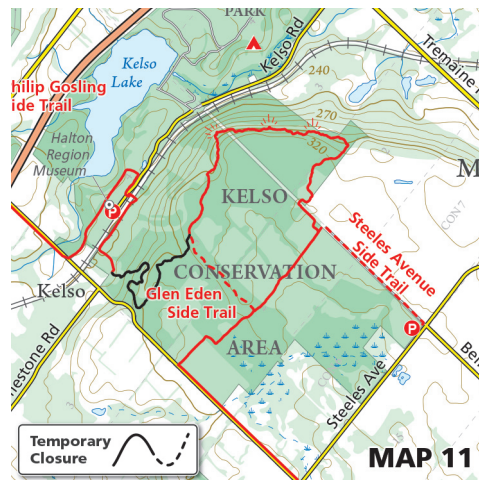
October 13-14, October 27-28, November 9-10, November 20-21, December 1-2, December 11-12. Each harvest day will begin one half-hour before sunrise and end one half-hour after sunset. The park will be closed the morning after each harvest for maintenance until noon. For more details visit www.ontarioparks.com/park/shorthills/alerts



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Map 11 – Kelso & Rattlesnake Point, Temporary Closures

Conservation Halton is removing Ash trees affected by the Emerald Ash Borer



MAP 11



at Kelso, Rattlesnake Point and Hilton Falls Conservation Areas. Removal is occurring Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm beginning Nov. 15 until Dec. 18, 2021(estimated). Sections of the Bruce Trail will be closed in these areas while tree removal is being carried out. For more information visit: conservationhalton.ca/service-disruption



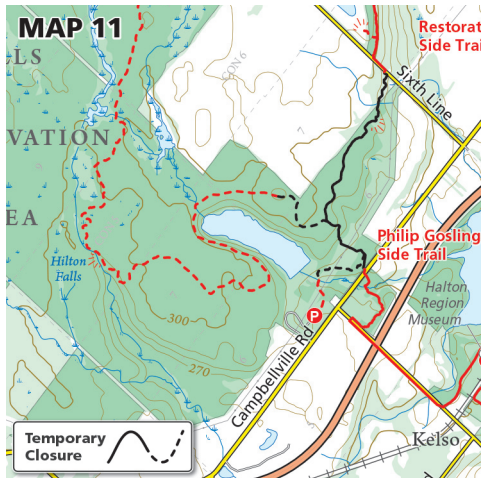
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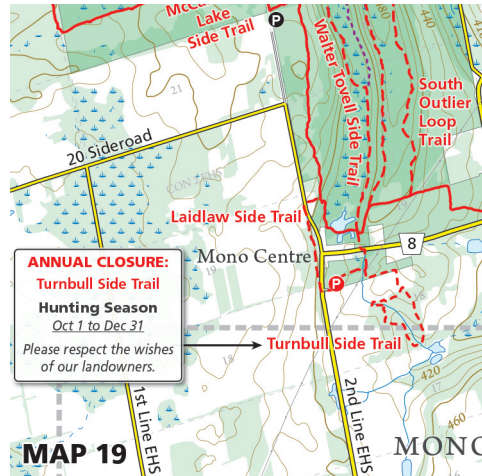


Map 11 – Hilton Falls Side Trail, Temporary Closure lifted
The section of the Hilton Falls Side Trail which was closed due to construction by Conservation Halton (shown in the fall

2021 issue of Bruce Trail Conservancy Magazine) has been reopened, Oct. 18.

CALEDON HILLS

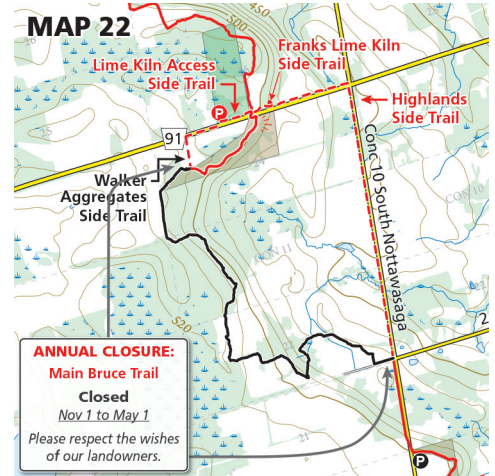
Map 19 – Turnbull Side Trail, Annual Closure
The landowner has requested an annual closure of the Turnbull Side Trail (Oct. 1 – Dec. 31) to accommodate hunting season on their land. Please obey the landowner's wishes.



BLUE MOUNTAINS

Map 22 – Duntroon, Annual Closure

By request of the landowner, the main Bruce Trail illustrated on the map is closed Nov. 1 - May 1. Hikers are asked to use the Highlands Side Trail as the seasonal thoroughfare.



BTC's Pinnacle Rock Nature Reserve



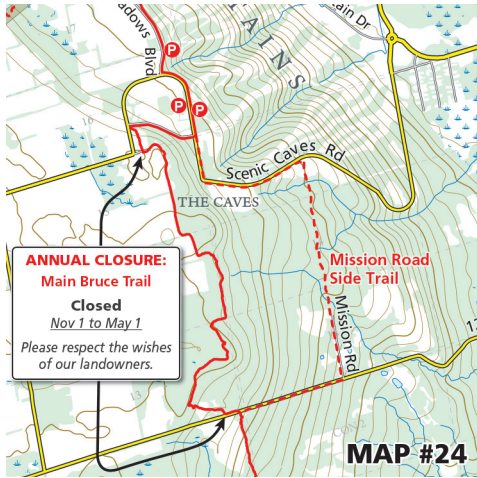
BTC's Red Oak property - Iroquoia section

Photo: Brooke Henry

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Map 24 – Scenic Caves area, Annual Closure

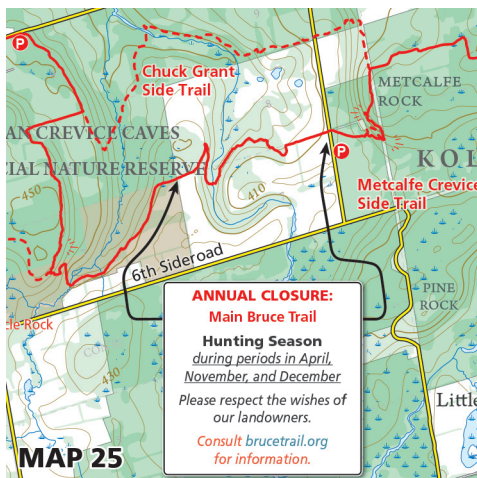
By request of the landowner, the main Bruce Trail from 12th Sideroad north to County Road 119 is closed Nov. 1 - May 1. The Mission Road Side Trail serves as the temporary thoroughfare.



BEAVER VALLEY

Map 25 – Kolapore area, Annual Closure

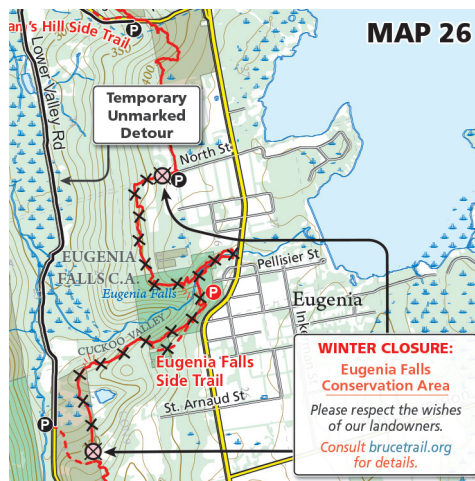
By request of the landowner, the area denoted on the map is closed annually to accommodate hunting season. During this time, the Chuck Grant Side Trail can be used as a thoroughfare for through hiking. Closure dates: Nov. 1-6, 2021, Nov. 29 – Dec. 4, 2021, and Apr. 25-30, 2022. Trail closure notices will be posted at trail access points.



Map 26 – Eugenia Falls, Winter Closure

Eugenia Falls Conservation Area including the Bruce Trail found within the property will be closed for the winter. The map here illustrates the extents of the closure along with the temporary unmarked detour. For more information, visit Grey Sauble Conservation Authority at www.greysauble.on.ca/eugenia-falls-conservation-area

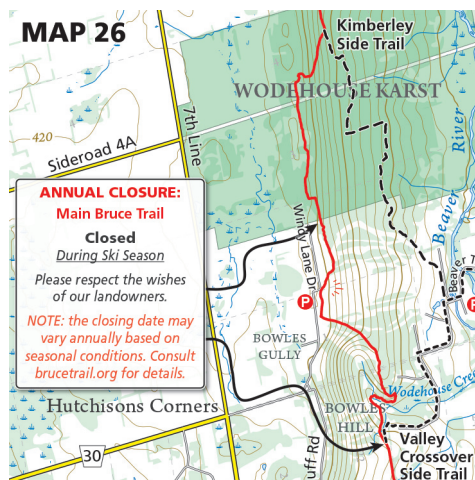
Temporary unmarked detour = 3.8 km



Map 26 – Beaver Valley Ski Club, Annual Closure

The Bruce Trail is closed annually on the Beaver Valley Ski Club property during ski season beginning on November 15. The Valley Crossover Side Trail and the Kimberley Side Trail serve as the seasonal thoroughfare. The reopening date will depend on seasonal conditions.

Valley Crossover Side Trail (southern portion) = 1.5 km
Kimberly Side Trail = 2.5 km



PENINSULA

Map 39 – Cape Chin Side Trail, Reroute & new parking

The Cape Chin Meadows Side Trail has been rerouted off the road and through a scenic stretch of the BTC's MapleCross Nature Reserve at Cape Chin. Also, additional roadside parking for 4 cars is now available on the east side of Cape Chin Road North where it meets the side trail.

Cape Chin Meadows Side Trail = 7.4 km



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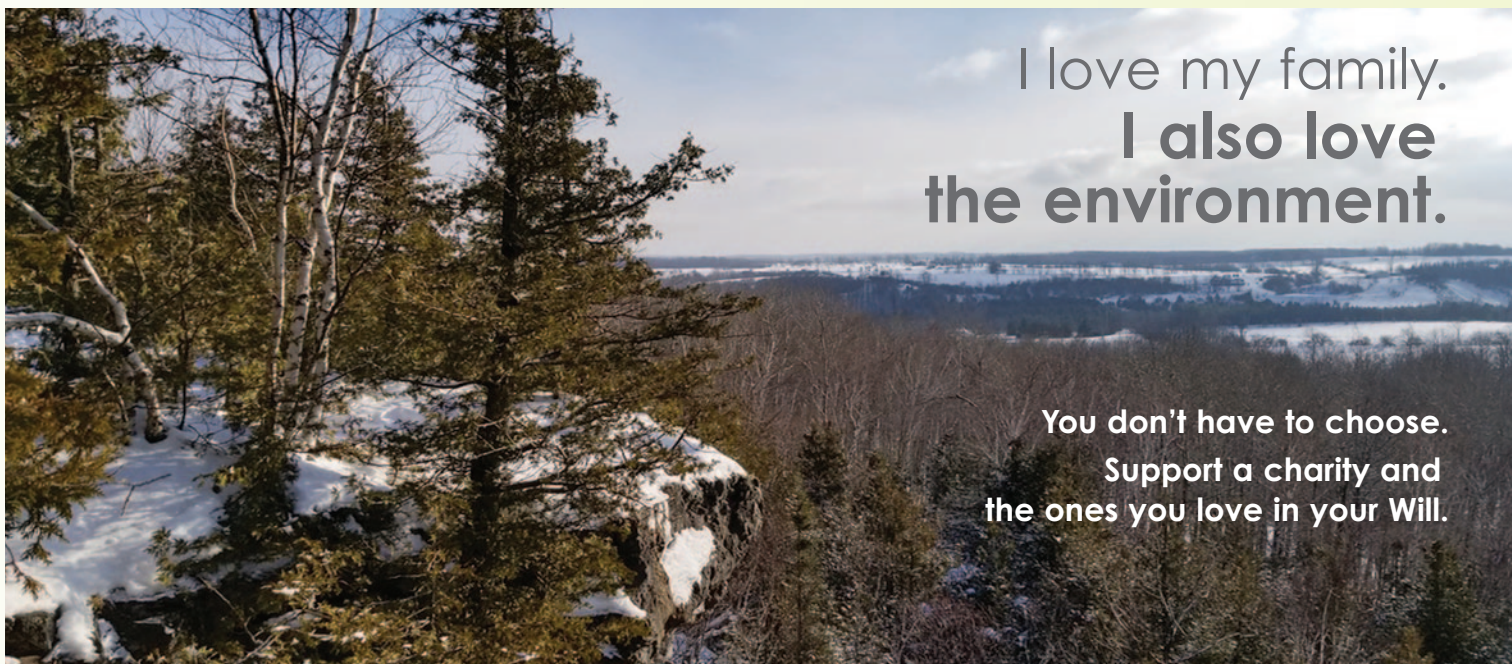
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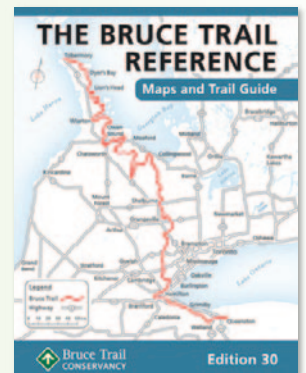
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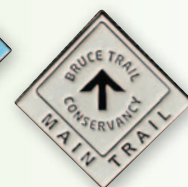
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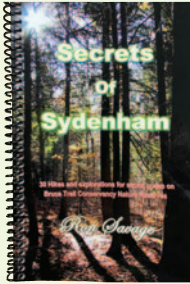
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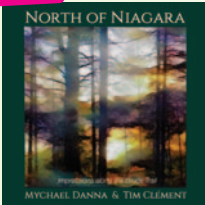
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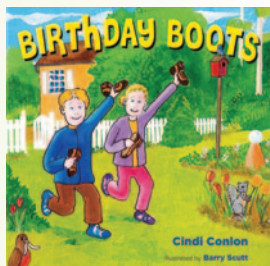
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