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A photograph of a person wearing a bright yellow winter jacket and a grey beanie, standing in a forest. The ground is covered with a layer of snow and fallen brown leaves. A puddle in the foreground reflects the person and the surrounding trees. The trees are mostly bare, with some evergreens visible. The overall scene is a winter landscape with a mix of snow and autumnal colors.

Moments  
of Wonder

## Our Mission

Preserving a ribbon  
of wilderness, for  
everyone, forever.



Bruce Trail  
CONSERVANCY



Photo: Peninsula Bruce Trail Club

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# Chief Executive Officer's Message



Many people are understandably in awe of the unique geology of the Niagara Escarpment, but our amazing volunteers are the true bedrock of the Bruce Trail.

Over 60 years ago, volunteers created and built our remarkable 900 km footpath, and to this day it is entirely maintained by volunteer effort. These are talented and dedicated individuals from communities spanning Queenston to Tobermory who care for the precious habitats in our conservation corridor. Communities all along the Niagara Escarpment are benefiting from their conservation and restoration efforts, which are ultimately preserving our ribbon of wilderness for generations to come.

In addition to those who take on the complexities of maintaining 1,400 km of trail, in this issue you will find inspiration in the many other ways people share their time, passion and expertise through volunteerism. From developing communications for our Clubs to leading educational events and providing important administrative support, these volunteers not only help us keep our forward momentum, they are bringing Ontarians into closer connection with nature.

Collectively, this volunteerism translates into better physical and mental health outcomes for those who enjoy free public access to the Bruce Trail. This work is also helping us build healthier communities thanks to the power of carbon sequestration and the purification of air and water provided by the nature we are working hard to protect.

One of our feature articles this season shares some of the many exceptional

contributions to our Moments of Wonder photography contest, which received over 400 submissions. It is wonderful to see the many vistas, geological features, flora and fauna that people find fascinating along our footpath, and we are grateful that so many in our community are willing to share these special moments with us (and you!) In many ways, volunteers are present in these photos, too: each image captures the conservation and trail improvement projects made possible by their tremendous efforts.

On behalf of myself, our members, and the hundreds of thousands of people that benefit from your collective work – *Thank you, volunteers!* The impact of your gift of volunteerism is unmeasurable and unlimited. •

Michael McDonald,  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Club Presidents and other volunteer leaders with Michael (far right) at Riverside Woods

Photo: Jackie Randle

# BLAZES

## News and Events from the Bruce Trail Clubs

### DUFFERIN HI-LAND [dufferinbrucetrailclub.org](http://dufferinbrucetrailclub.org)

#### Winter Series – January 13 & 27, February 3 & 24, 2024

Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club will again be offering the four winter hikes required to earn our Winter Series badge. Hikes include both leisurely and moderate pace options in some of Dufferin's most beautiful areas. Our popular moonlight hikes will be held on January 27 and February 24, 2024. Daytime hikes are scheduled for January 13 and February 3. Snowshoes or icers are strongly recommended for all hikes. Full details are posted at [hikes.brucetrail.org](http://hikes.brucetrail.org), where you can also register for each hike.



**Content deadline for Blazes for the spring 2024 issue is February 1, 2024.**

Send content to: Laura Tuohy, BTC Manager of Community Engagement, at [ltuohy@brucetrail.org](mailto:ltuohy@brucetrail.org)

#### Beaver Valley Annual Falling Water Event – June 1, 2024

Come and test your mettle! This is an approximately 30 km hike that traverses the beautiful, rugged upper Beaver Valley. It's a challenging hike during which you'll experience all that spring has to offer, including cascading creeks and waterfalls. Registrants should have experience with hiking long distances over strenuous terrain. The \$40 registration fee covers the cost of the online registration, refreshments and the badge, and is non-refundable.

**Registration opens March 1, 2024, 8:30 a.m.** at [hikes.brucetrail.org](http://hikes.brucetrail.org), so mark your calendar to secure your spot. Details of the event will be emailed to participants once registration is received. For more information contact [beavervalleytrailactivities@gmail.com](mailto:beavervalleytrailactivities@gmail.com)



#### BLUE MOUNTAINS [bmbtc.org](http://bmbtc.org)

#### Blue Mountains End-to-End – May 25-27, 2024

Join us this spring for the Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club 2-Day or 3-Day End-to-End hike event. The 2-Day hike is for those looking for a big challenge and the 3-Day hike is for those who want to spread the challenge across three days. Both hikes will wind their way through the beautiful and varied terrain of the Blue Mountains Club trails. Enjoy the early signs of nature awakening, the beautiful vistas and the rugged escarpment.

Whether you choose the 2-Day or 3-Day option, both hikes will cover the 69 km distance of our section which runs from Lavender to Swiss Meadows. Checkpoint stations will be offered approximately every 10 km offering snacks, water refill and assistance along the way. The 2-Day hike fee for members is \$70 and \$80 for non-members and includes bus transportation to the start point each day, refreshments, a Saturday end of hike BBQ, on-line registration fees and the E2E badge. The price for the 3-Day hike is \$80 for members and \$90 for non-members, and includes all of the same benefits of the 2-Day, and the added cost of busing the extra day.

**Registration opens on March 1, 2024.** Details will be emailed to participants once registration is received. Note, these are longer distances and generally not suitable for beginning hikers. For more information, please contact [btclubevents@gmail.com](mailto:btclubevents@gmail.com). •



Visit Club websites for more news, events and hikes.

### BEAVER VALLEY [beavervalleybrucetrail.org](http://beavervalleybrucetrail.org)

#### Beaver Valley Snowshoe Adventure – February 10 & 24, 2024

We invite you to join us this winter in our beautiful valley for the Snowshoe Adventure Badge excursions. Enjoy a sparkling winter afternoon in the snow and, if you haven't experienced the trail on a moonlit evening, now's your chance! We will be leading a daytime snowshoe hike on February 10 and a moonlight snowshoe hike on February 24. Participants completing both hikes will receive the Beaver Valley Snowshoe Adventure Badge - affectionately known as the "berserk beaver". Please bring \$10 (members) \$12 (non members) for the badge to the second outing. **Registration opens January 3, 2024, 8:30 a.m.** at [hikes.brucetrail.org](http://hikes.brucetrail.org)



#### Beaver Valley Annual End-to-End Event – August 23, 24, 30, 31 & Sept. 1, 2024

Hike the 117.3 km Beaver Valley section over five challenging days and experience the beauty the valley has to offer. Registrants should have experience with hiking long distances over strenuous terrain. The \$120 registration fee includes the online registration, bus shuttle transportation, refreshments and the End-to-End badge, and is non-refundable. **Registration opens March 1, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.** at [hikes.brucetrail.org](http://hikes.brucetrail.org), so mark your calendar to secure your spot. Registration is limited to 50 hikers. When registration is full, there will be an option offered to be added to a wait list. Details of the event will be emailed to participants once registration is received. For more information contact [beavervalleytrailactivities@gmail.com](mailto:beavervalleytrailactivities@gmail.com)



**These hikes are challenging and not recommended for new hikers. Instead, check out the wide range of regular group hikes offered by Bruce Trail Clubs throughout the year at [hikes.brucetrail.org](http://hikes.brucetrail.org).**

# For Our Members

## Winter Webinar Series

Make the most of your membership this winter and learn something new in our free webinars offered by Bruce Trail Conservancy staff, volunteers and partners.



**Land, Language & Legacy** with Alyssa General  
January 11, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how Indigenous languages inform our relationship to the land, and the legacy it continues to carry through art, history, storytelling and botanical nomenclature. This webinar will be lead by artist, educator, and language revivalist Alyssa M. General, Mohawk Nation Turtle Clan from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory.



**BTC Seed Orchards** with Lyndsey Wilkerson  
February 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Native seed orchards are one of the Bruce Trail Conservancy's newest conservation initiatives. Join BTC Restoration Project Specialist Lyndsey Wilkerson to learn more about them and their importance for habitat restoration along the Bruce Trail. Discussion will center around what a seed orchard is, considerations for creating a seed orchard, and the BTC's plans for future locations.



**Apps on the Trail** with Brooke Henry  
March 14, 2024, 12:00 p.m.

Whether you want to identify local flora and fauna, hike with added safety, or simply make the most of your trail adventure, mobile apps can enhance your Bruce Trail hiking experience. In this session, BTC Communications Coordinator Brooke Henry will highlight apps such as iNaturalist, Seek, Merlin, what3words, and share the latest features of the Bruce Trail App.

Register online and watch past webinars at: [brucetrail.org/events/#webinars](https://brucetrail.org/events/#webinars)



# CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: 2025 Bruce Trail Conservancy Calendar

**We're seeking original artworks for the 2025 Bruce Trail Conservancy Calendar that feature nature, animals, landscapes, heritage and people along the Bruce Trail.**

We invite you to join the hundreds of artists who have depicted stunning scenes from the Trail in our calendars since 1969. We want to see the beauty of the Bruce Trail through your artistic eye: show us winter wonderlands, spring thaws, verdant summer vistas, and the warm colours of autumn.

A panel of judges will choose 13 pieces for inclusion in the 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 2025 calendar. Selected artists will receive five complimentary copies of the 2025 calendar and a free one-year BTC membership for themselves or to give as a gift.

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 depict or be related to the Bruce Trail or Niagara Escarpment –

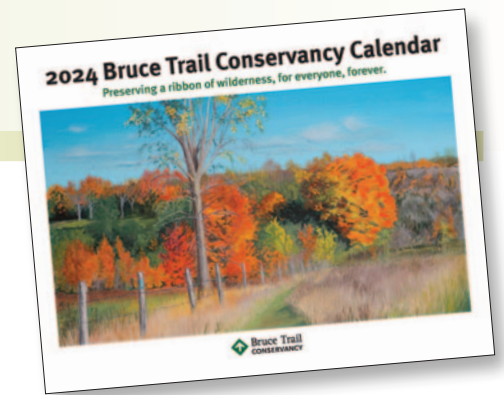
scenery, flora, fauna, historic sites, etc. Artwork is chosen for each month to reflect the appropriate season.

**Formatting:** LANDSCAPE ORIENTATION, no smaller than 7½" x 10½" (the finished size of the calendar).

**Medium:** Original paintings, drawings, textiles or other 2D media excluding photographs (for consistency and style, photographs are not included in the calendar).

**Submitting your artwork:** Mail or deliver your artwork to the Bruce Trail Conservancy office, or email a high-resolution, high-quality photo of your piece (addresses below). If a digital copy is sent and your piece is chosen, arrangements will be made to ensure quality reproduction.

You may submit as many pieces as you like, but only one piece per artist will be chosen. We may receive more submissions for some seasons than others, making them more competitive. If you choose to send in multiple pieces, we suggest including those that showcase different seasons for a greater chance of being selected.



**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 22, 2024**

All artwork must 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

*Canada Post address:* PO Box 857, Hamilton, ON L8N 3N9

**For more information or to submit digitally,** contact Bryan Kellam at [bkellam@brucetrail.org](mailto:bkellam@brucetrail.org) or 1-800-665-4453 ext. 242





# Bruce Trail Day 2023

#BruceTrailforAll

Volunteers pulled out all the stops to welcome everyone to our biggest outreach event of the year, Bruce Trail Day, on October 1.

In communities and at trailheads along the Bruce Trail, Bruce Trail Clubs hosted 12 unique events to introduce people to the Bruce Trail and the work of the Bruce Trail Conservancy.



This year's theme of "Bruce Trail for All" centered on our commitment to welcoming diversity and fostering a sense of belonging among all who explore our trail system and care for nature in southern Ontario. Thanks to efforts from each Bruce Trail Club to reach new audiences, try new locations, and offer a variety of experiences – and aided by particularly beautiful fall weather – hundreds of people participated in this year's Bruce Trail Day.

Participants enjoyed introductory guided hikes, family activities, and a chance to get to know some of the places and people that make the Bruce Trail such a treasure. Activities for kids and families were particularly popular, including painting blazes, trying a scavenger hunt, learning to use iNaturalist, and even making bannock. Each Bruce Trail Club offered something special to highlight its section, showcase the beauty and diversity of the Trail, and encourage people to get involved.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to our amazing volunteers who made this trail-wide event possible. Looking forward to celebrating with you again next year!

## SAVE THE DATE:

Next year's Bruce Trail Day will be on October 6, 2024.



Photo: Brooke Henry



Photo: Brooke Henry



Photo: Sydenham Bruce Trail Club

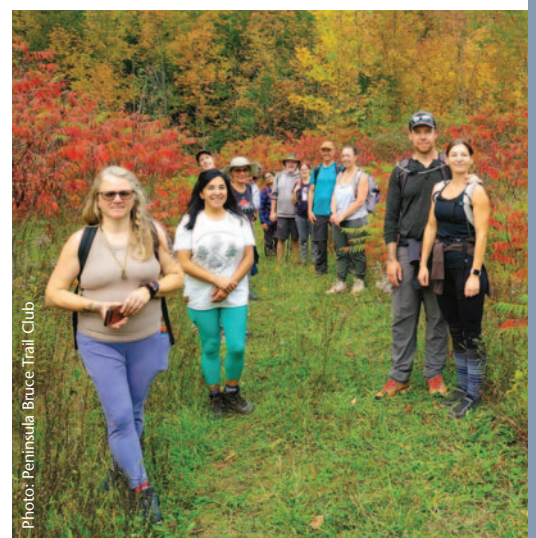


Photo: Peninsula Bruce Trail Club

**"I particularly liked seeing the great spirit of volunteerism [in all the] activities of the day. The fun everyone was having was contagious." – Bruce Trail Day 2023 participant**

# Membership Survey 2023

*Bruce Trail Conservancy members have spoken with a record high survey response rate.*



Photo: Caley Doran

Thank you to all members who participated in the 2023 Membership Survey (June 1-July 15, 2023). Your input will guide the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) and its Clubs as we work towards achieving the goals in our *2030 Strategy*. Results will help the BTC to improve our membership program and grow our base of support.

In total 3,381 members responded to the survey - roughly 30% of the active membership - with a good representation across all nine Clubs. This is a record high response rate for a BTC membership survey and is truly appreciated.

*Here are some of the highlights:*

## MEMBERSHIP MOTIVATORS

### Top 3 reasons for joining the BTC as a member:

1. Support of the maintenance of the Bruce Trail (72%)
2. Connect with nature / the outdoors (64%)
3. Support the BTC's conservation work (63%)

### Top 3 reasons for renewing membership:

1. Support the mission of the BTC (77%)
2. Support the maintenance of the Bruce Trail (74%)
3. Maintain a healthy lifestyle (26%)

## MEMBER SATISFACTION

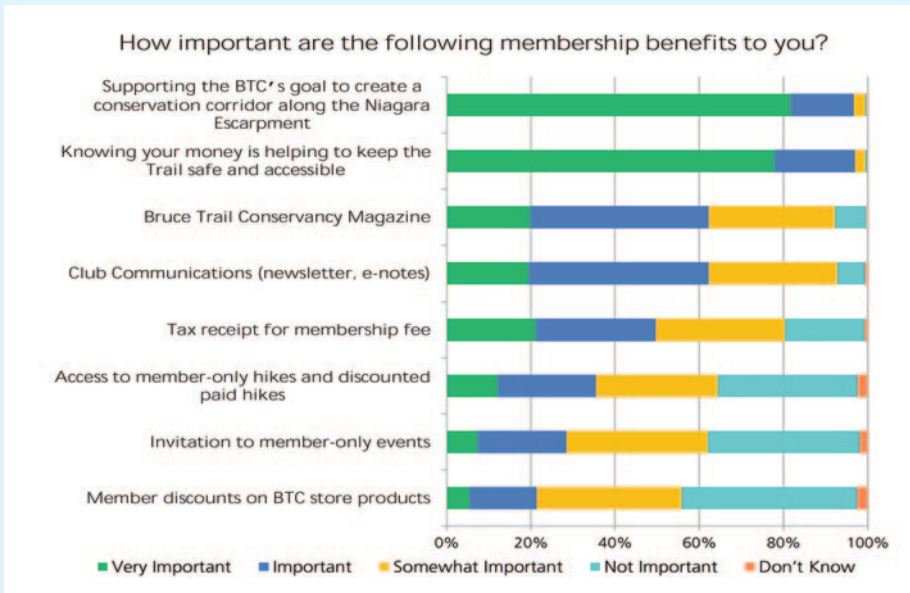
92%  
Satisfied or very satisfied

93%  
Plan to renew their membership

63%  
Feel they are "part of a Bruce Trail community"

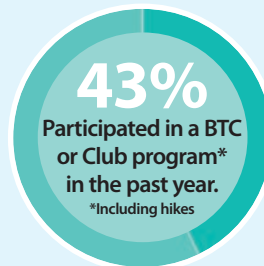
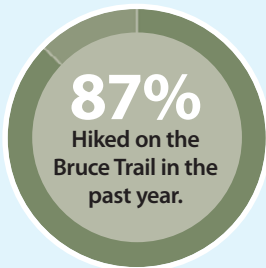


## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



**Note:** 26% of respondents suggested additional benefits for members. The most frequent included member discounts on the Bruce Trail App (27%), parking (15%), participating retailers (7%), and the BTC Store (3%).

## HIKING & PROGRAM PARTICIPATION



### Most common reasons for not participating:

- Not interested in group activity
- Days or times are not convenient
- Lack of time to participate
- Health constraints
- Distance or transportation constraints

### Communication & Publications

- Respondents generally found the Bruce Trail Conservancy's communication products (magazine, reference guide, website, app) to be of high quality and importance to them. Respondents provided feedback on areas of the website and app that they would like to see improved.
- Most respondents (61%) do not follow the Bruce Trail Conservancy or Bruce Trail Club on social media. Most (87%) have visited the Bruce Trail Conservancy website in the past year, but most (51%) no more than 5 times.

- The top 5 topics that respondents would like to see featured in BTC communications are: Places to visit on the Trail (79%); Flora and fauna of the Niagara Escarpment (68%); Conservation issues (66%); History of the Niagara Escarpment and the Trail (64%); and Geology of the Niagara Escarpment (63%).

### Respondent Profile

- Most respondents have been a member for 5 years or more (60%), are over 50 years old (90%), identify as female (60%), identify as White (89%), do not identify as being a person with a disability (90%), have a college diploma or Bachelor's degree (51%), live in Ontario where the postal code begins with L (50%), and have been Canadian residents for more than 3 years (98%).

### Suggestions from Members

- 23% of respondents let us know what the BTC could do to better serve its members. The most common recommendation involved a wider range of hikes and activities (varying more by time, season, and type) (19%), followed by better access to parking, transportation and accommodation (12%).
- 12% of respondents had suggestions for the BTC in general. The most common suggestions involved the hiking program (10%), trail and hiking infrastructure (8%) and outreach (7%).

### Your feedback helps us better direct the efforts of the BTC's membership program.

For more information or to share ideas, contact [membership@brucetrail.org](mailto:membership@brucetrail.org)

## We're listening.

Based on your feedback, we have introduced initiatives and improvements, including:

- New BTC parking lots to improve access to the Trail.
- Webinars for members on Trail-related topics.
- Improvements and new features in the Bruce Trail App.

We'll be working collaboratively with Clubs to look into:

- Ways to expand hiking and activity offerings.
- Programming that allows members to engage despite distance, transportation or health concerns.
- Continued improvements to the website and Bruce Trail App.
- Targeted outreach to new and diverse audiences.
- And more.

And as always, we'll continue to invest your membership support in furthering the Bruce Trail Conservancy mission.



# Corporate Volunteers: Many Hands Making a Difference

Photo: Ryan Mickeloff

**Teams of volunteers from community-minded businesses and organizations rolled up their sleeves this spring and fall to give nature a hand on Bruce Trail Conservancy nature reserves.**

Ten corporate volunteer groups assisted with large scale conservation projects while enjoying a day of team-building and learning on the Trail. Led by Bruce Trail Conservancy staff, each group had a short interpretive hike before getting to work at a project needing many hands - usually removal of invasive species, planting or other group activity. These projects supported the Bruce Trail Conservancy's ongoing stewardship initiatives on our nature reserves and enabled significant progress to be made.

At Fisher's Pond Nature Reserve (Iroquoia section), four separate groups of corporate volunteers helped to remove invasive buckthorn throughout spring and early fall, substantially reducing well-established patches. Later groups planted 120 native trees to replace the removed buckthorn and planted 120 native wildflowers and tall grasses to boost the ongoing tallgrass prairie restoration project on the property.

Corporate volunteers also removed invasive buckthorn at the BTC Brights property (Niagara section), Speyside Sanctuary (Toronto section), and Quarryside Nature Reserve (Caledon Hills section).

At McNally Nature Reserve (Iroquoia section) 120 American Chestnut trees were planted with the help of both corporate and Club volunteers. As the fall season wrapped up, one final group of volunteers helped to prepare the seed orchard for winter by weeding and mulching the flowerbeds.

The Bruce Trail Conservancy was pleased to introduce new people to the Bruce Trail through these events and is

grateful to all the participants for their interest, positivity and hard work.

Thank you to all the 2023 corporate volunteer event participants from:

- BNP Paribas
- Connor, Clark & Lunn Infrastructure
- District 7080 Rotary
- FCBSIX
- Goldman Sachs
- KEEN Canada
- KPMG
- ION Trading
- Matrix Logistics Services
- Takeda Canada



Photo: Brooke Henry



Photo: Ryan Mickeloff

## Interested in having a corporate volunteer day for your organization?

Volunteer events are part of a new Corporate Membership program for the Bruce Trail Conservancy. Contact Membership Engagement Coordinator, Ryan Mickeloff at [rmickeloff@brucetrail.org](mailto:rmickeloff@brucetrail.org) to learn more. •

# EMBRACING WINTER HIKING

For many, winter is a time of hibernation. However, winter can be one of the best times to savour the great outdoors.

We've gathered some tips and tricks to help you make the most of the season and explore the winter wonderland along the Niagara Escarpment.

## Why hike in the winter

### 1. Fewer crowds.

Winter's chill keeps many indoors, resulting in fewer hikers on the Trail.

### 2. Beautiful scenery.

With the trees stripped of their leaves, the views from the Niagara Escarpment in the wintertime can be truly spectacular. Plus, it's easier to spot elusive wildlife like deer and coyotes.

### 3. Great way to exercise in the colder months.

With many of our warm-weather hobbies on hold due to the weather, hiking can be a great way to stay active, in addition to being beneficial for our mental health.



### 4. No need to refrigerate snacks.

Cheese, yogurt, and veggies make great hiking snacks but often we have to worry about keeping them cool on longer hikes. In the winter, nature's refrigerator keeps our food fresh.



## Tips for hiking in the winter

### 1. Layer up.

Layers are the key to a successful winter hike. Equip yourself with a sweat-wicking layer, a layer for warmth, and a waterproof outer layer. And don't forget to bring extra socks and gloves in your pack in case they get wet.

### 2. Choose good footwear.

Waterproof boots are essential to keep your feet warm and dry. Be sure to pack icers or crampons for added traction on slippery terrain.

### 3. Use hiking poles.

Consider using poles for added balance in icy spots and areas with deep snow.

### 4. Insulate your drink.

Staying hydrated is crucial, even in the cold. Using an insulated bottle or Thermos will prevent your liquids from freezing. You can even put tea or broth in your thermos to stay hydrated with extra flavour.

### 5. Bring tissues.

Cold weather can cause runny noses. Do your gloves and shirt sleeves a favour by putting tissues in your pocket before heading out.

## Winter hiking cautions

### 1. Parking may be limited.

Not all parking areas are maintained during the winter months. The Bruce Trail App and the Bruce Trail Reference Guide are useful tools to understand which parking areas are seasonal and find alternate options.

### 2. It gets dark early.

Be sure to check the sunset time before heading out and carry a headlamp in your pack just in case.

### 3. Be mindful of hidden hazards.

It's important to keep in mind that hazards such as crevices and roots may be covered by snow when hiking. Always stay on the Trail and hike with caution.

### 4. Mind your hips.

Areas with deeper snow can be tough on the hips. Consider wearing snowshoes when snow is particularly deep.

While you may need to prepare more for hiking in the winter, once you're amongst the quiet trees with the frozen landscape around you, the reward is often worth the effort. •



Grand Prize Winner: Andrea Chan  
There is nothing more than pure joy in a leaf pile!  
*Mono Mills, Caledon Hills section*



## Moments of Wonder

### Photo Contest 2023

The results are in, and the submissions to our Moments of Wonder photography contest have been nothing short of extraordinary.

With over 400 entries, this year's pictures have truly captured the beauty of the Niagara Escarpment and the impact it has on those who seek adventure, respite and wonder along our 900 km footpath.

Through keen eyes, photographers from across the province have shown us many of the natural treasures found along the Bruce Trail. From sweeping vistas overlooking Georgian Bay to tender moments of families exploring the Trail, these images are a testament to the meaningful connections Ontario

communities are making with our conservation corridor. While we enjoyed reviewing every Moment of Wonder shared with us, we had the very difficult task of narrowing these submissions down to just ten images.

So, prepare to embark on this visual journey through breathtaking landscapes, the joy of discovery, and the life that is found within our ribbon of wilderness. These photos are not just snapshots; they are windows into the soul of our iconic Bruce Trail.



**First Runner Up: James Osborne**  
A frozen paradise on the northern peninsula.  
*Indian Head Cove, Peninsula section*



**Second Runner Up: Kristina Mikloska**  
Yellow-spotted Salamander  
*Toronto section*

Finalist: Mike Worden  
Snapping Turtle  
Owen Sound, Sydenham section



Finalist: Graham Hill  
Enjoying the view with grandpa  
Skinners Bluff, Sydenham section



Finalist: Sam Low-Chappell  
A beautiful (buggy) evening stroll  
Noisy River Provincial Park,  
Blue Mountains section



Finalist: Nicole Rulff  
A glowing fern reaches up from the bottom of a  
crevice, its walls covered in soft green moss.  
Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area,  
Blue Mountains section







**Finalist: Elisha Rubacha**  
Stormhaven Sunrise  
*Bruce Peninsula National Park, Peninsula section*



**Finalist: Peter Clarke**  
Après la pluie, le beau temps.  
*Hope Bay, Peninsula section*



**Finalist: Suzanne Gourluck**  
Seeing us off  
*4th Concession South, Sydenham section*

# Conservation in Action: New Protected Areas

Momentum is growing and three new protected areas have been added to the Bruce Trail conservation corridor in recent months. Together they preserve 28 acres of Niagara Escarpment habitats and secure 1.3 km of Bruce Trail on permanently protected natural land.

## **Twin Waters Nature Reserve – Caledon Hills section**

*Hockley Valley, Map 18\**

*15 acres, 650 m of Bruce Trail*

Two tributaries of the upper Humber River flow through open forests at Twin Waters Nature Reserve. The Bruce Trail passes over both watercourses on its now permanently secured route through the property. In Mono Township on 7th Line, Twin Waters Nature Reserve is just south of two existing Bruce Trail Conservancy protected natural areas: Dr. Phillip Gosling Nature Reserve (secured in 2003) and Mathilda's Way (secured in 2014) creating a nearly continuous 1.5 km of secured Trail south of 5 Sideroad. This nature reserve alone secures 650 m of Bruce Trail and keeps it off of busy roads. The property purchase includes a house which the Bruce Trail Conservancy will sever and sell along with a small surrounding lot, while retaining 15 acres of natural land for conservation.

## **Blantyre Springs Nature Reserve (expansion) – Beaver Valley section**

*Blantyre, Map 28*

*12.6 acres, 635 m of Bruce Trail*

Blantyre Springs Nature Reserve (secured in 2021) has now been expanded by 12.6 acres and connects with the Bruce Trail Conservancy's Clarke property to the east (secured in 1991), and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority's Rocklyn Creek Management Area to the south. The Bruce Trail has crossed the south-east corner of this property for many years thanks to a handshake agreement with the previous owner.

This new addition to Blantyre Springs is a lovely forested corridor of Sugar Maple with pockets of White Cedar and Hemlock, and occasional meadow marsh habitats. Three delightful watercourses run through the property, providing vital habitat along their lengths and in their seepage areas.



Twin Waters Nature Reserve – Caledon Hills section

Photo: Royal LePage RCR Realty



Blantyre Springs Nature Reserve (expansion) – Beaver Valley section

Photo: Brian Popeliger

### **Osler Bluff Ski Club Easement – Blue Mountains section**

*Pretty River, Map 23*

*0.2 acres, 33 m of Bruce Trail*

The Osler Bluff Ski Club has donated an easement to the Bruce Trail Conservancy enabling a crucial link to be made between the Bruce Trail Conservancy's Fern Crevice Nature Reserve (secured in 2022) and the Petun Conservation Area. With this easement in place, the Bruce Trail's Optimum Route is permanently protected from Pretty River Valley

Provincial Park to Petun Conservation Area. This small but critical easement also helps to avoid any conflicts between the Trail and the Ski Club's facilities, and will allow everyone to safely enjoy the area. The easement agreement is the result of a growing relationship between Osler Bluff Ski Club and the Bruce Trail Conservancy, nurtured by landowner relations volunteers of the Blue Mountains Club. •

*\* All map numbers and kilometre references from The Bruce Trail Reference, Maps and Trail Guide, Edition 31.*

# What nature needs now is you.

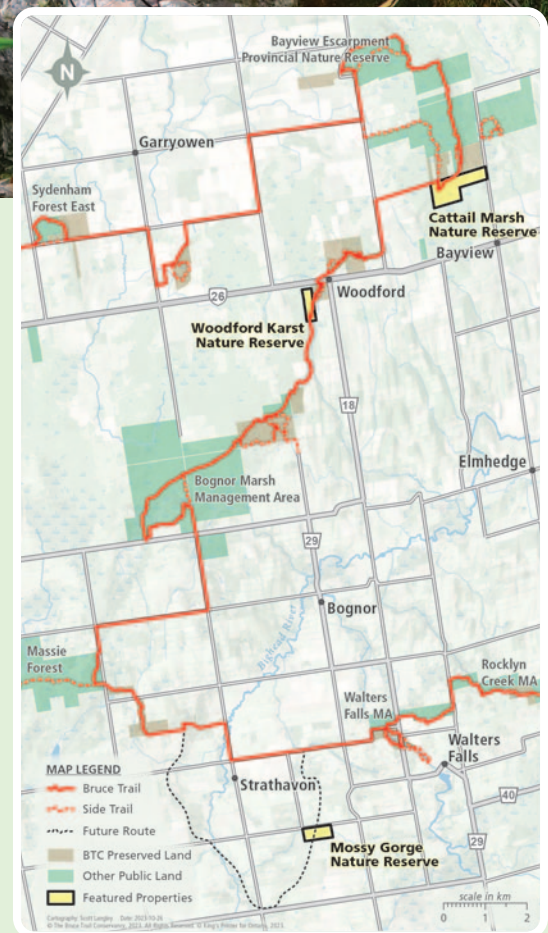
Your gift can forever protect three new nature reserves.



**We've made incredible strides in protecting vulnerable Niagara Escarpment land and securing a permanent home for the Bruce Trail. But there is still work to do.**

Today, we have the opportunity to create three new nature reserves and expand our conservation corridor in the longest section of the Bruce Trail: the Sydenham section.

Your donation will preserve 243 acres of valuable and vulnerable land, protect six rare and at-risk species, and secure almost 2 kilometres of Bruce Trail in this stunning area.



# TOGETHER WE CAN PRESERVE:

## Mossy Gorge Nature Reserve

50 acres | 408 m of Bruce Trail

- Serene forest habitat for woodland birds including species at risk such as Woodthrush and Eastern Wood-Pewee
- Large ravine with exposed escarpment rock covered in moss
- Renaturalizing mature pine plantation



MOSSY GORGE NATURE RESERVE

## Cattail Marsh Nature Reserve

153 acres | 820 m of Bruce Trail

- Large cattail marsh and deciduous swamp provide important ecological functions such as water filtration and flood protection
- Sugar Maple and cedar forests support an abundance of American Hart's-tongue Fern, a species at risk
- Regenerating cultural meadows present future ecological restoration opportunities



WOODFORD KARST NATURE RESERVE

## Woodford Karst Nature Reserve

40 acres | 696 m of Bruce Trail

- A mix of vital and valuable ecosystems including interior forest, Hemlock and Black Ash wetlands, White Cedar swamp, and meadow marsh
- An impressive amount of exposed karst perfect for species that grow in cool, damp, and rocky conditions like Alleghany Thamnobryum Moss
- Iconic talus and cliffs provide key habitats for many species including bats and snakes



CATTAIL MARSH NATURE RESERVE

Adding these properties to our conservation corridor will create healthier ecosystems, enhance biodiversity, build resilience to climate change, and ensure the survival of wildlife.

## Your gift can make all the difference.

The combined cost to secure and steward these three properties is \$2.1 million. Thanks to several generous donors, we're well on our way.

## Your kind donation can help us raise the remaining \$1.4 million needed to ensure these precious areas are permanently protected.

Act now to add these important havens for nature to our ribbon of wilderness.

## Donate today at [brucetrail.org](http://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 help preserve three new nature reserves!

Enclosed is my:  Monthly Gift:  \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / month  
 One-time 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 third parties.*

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

**JOIN US ON A GUIDED HIKE FOR DONORS:**  Yes, I am interested in a guided hike of Cattail Marsh Nature Reserve in May. Please send me details by email.

If donations to the profiled properties exceed the required funds, your donation will be used to secure and steward other lands within the Bruce Trail's conservation corridor.



# The Many Hats of Bruce Trail Volunteers

*By Brooke Henry*

**The contributions of Bruce Trail volunteers extend far beyond the Trail itself, encompassing a diverse range of roles essential to our mission of *preserving a ribbon or wilderness, for everyone, forever.***

From public outreach to leading efforts to make our hiking community more welcoming and inclusive, these positions provide a different way for volunteers to connect with the Trail and play a pivotal role in supporting the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) and the Clubs. We'd like you to meet four of these amazing volunteers from across the Trail.



Photo: Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club

### Jane Mei

*Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club*

*Director of Communications and Publicity*

When Jane Mei and her family moved to the Beaver Valley area, they started using the Bruce Trail regularly and were inspired to contribute to the care and stewardship of our conservation corridor. Initially, her aim was to volunteer for opportunities that would allow her to



Jane Mei

spend time outside. So, six years ago, Jane started her volunteer journey with the Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club (BVBTC) by removing garlic mustard from the Trail.

As time went by, she discovered other “indoor” volunteer opportunities that are essential for the success of the BTC and Clubs and decided to contribute in any way she could. In 2021, she took on the role of Land Steward, monitoring and caring for a BTC property. Soon after, she joined the BVBTC Board.

As the newly appointed Director of Communications and Publicity, Jane assists in connecting the BVBTC with its members and the public. Working with a team of experienced volunteers, she helps organize outreach events, coordinate the Club’s monthly newsletter, maintain the Club’s website, and promote the Club and Trail on social media. If the Club has a significant event, like the recent Grand

Opening of the new trail system at Hoggs’ Falls, she collaborates with partner organizations to craft press releases or manage logistics.

When asked about her favourite aspect of volunteering with the BVBTC, Jane emphasized the sense of unity and camaraderie.

*“Volunteering for organizations that align with my beliefs is one way that I hope I can influence my family, friends, and people around me to work together to better the world we live in.”*

Jane Mei

## Saabir Sohrab

*Peninsula Bruce Trail Club*

*Social Media Coordinator and Hike Director*

Saabir Sohrab's journey into volunteerism began over 20 years ago when he started volunteering with community organizations and schools. In the summer of 2020, as early pandemic restrictions eased, he became a member of the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club (PBTC) to join a guided hike led by one of their dedicated volunteers. Inspired by hiking in this picturesque section of Trail, both Saabir and his wife indicated that they were interested in volunteering. Based on Saabir's skills and work experience, he was appointed as the PBTC's Social Media Coordinator. In this role, he manages their online presence, promoting hikes and other Club events and activities through various platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and the Club's website.

As his involvement with the Club deepened, Saabir took on additional roles

including that of Hike Director, responsible for developing the Club's hike program and supporting hike leaders as they plan and coordinate group hikes. Saabir also leads hikes himself and takes great joy in connecting with both experienced and beginner hikers on the Bruce Trail.

When asked what his favourite part of volunteering for the PBTC is, Saabir noted that what he enjoys most is helping people explore and appreciate nature.

*"Connecting with nature helps people understand the importance of protecting and preserving our environment for the future."*

Saabir Sohrab

## Peter Morin

*Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club*

*Head Office Volunteer and Trail Captain*

After retiring in 2015, Peter Morin sought ways to stay active and engage with his community. A frequent visitor to the Bruce Trail in the Hamilton area, Peter decided to visit the BTC head office to inquire about membership.

Although he had thought about volunteering, he wasn't quite sure what it entailed. At the office, he connected with BTC staff member Laura Tuohy, who spoke to him about all things Bruce Trail and volunteering. By the time he left, he was signed up to join the Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club Trail Maintenance team. Peter joins the work parties most Tuesdays and has also taken on the role of Trail Captain for a section of Trail in Stoney Creek.

In December 2020, looking for a way to stay busy during the winter, Peter began volunteering at the BTC head office where he assists with administrative duties including mailing







Peter Morin

BTC Store orders, memberships, and other materials.

Peter values the many connections he has formed with fellow volunteers over the years. They have truly enriched his retirement and have become a part of his circle of friends. He also appreciates the dedication of the BTC to the mission of preserving a ribbon of wilderness.

*"I encourage anyone thinking about volunteering to give it a try. It will be a rewarding experience."*

Peter Morin

### Angela Lytle

*Niagara Bruce Trail Club Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Member and Hike Leader*

When Angela Lytle relocated to the Niagara Region in 2020, she became acquainted with the Bruce Trail through guided hikes led by the Niagara Bruce Trail Club (NBTC). Angela found these experiences welcoming and enriching, allowing her to develop an intimacy with the Niagara section of the Trail. Having never hiked in the winter before, joining the organized hikes through the cold months improved her relationship with the season. Inspired by her experiences on the Trail and the dedication of NBTC members, Angela decided to become a Hike Leader in January 2023.

In March 2023, when the opportunity to join the Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee arose, Angela volunteered

to be the NBTC representative. Her background in human rights education and DEI training development made her a natural fit. As part of the DEI Committee, Angela participates in meetings where committee members from BTC Clubs explore ways to make the Bruce Trail more inclusive. DEI Committee members take ideas and conversations back to their individual clubs and learn from each other's challenges and successes.

One such DEI initiative was the "Welcome Hike" hosted by the NBTC at this year's Bruce Trail Day, which aimed to encourage new Canadians, residents and hikers to join in and earn a "My First Bruce Trail Hike" badge.

Angela's favourite part of volunteering with the Niagara Bruce Trail Club is the opportunity to connect people to nature

through the Bruce Trail and foster a greater sense of community, which she believes can lead to a better appreciation of the environment and inspire individuals to address larger issues like climate change. Angela is excited for the opportunity to make a meaningful impact through her volunteer work. •

*"The more people that know, connect to, hike on and love the land, the better."*

Angela Lytle



Angela Lytle

# Annual & Special Meeting 2023



Photo: Kaitlyn Quigley @backyardbackpacker

**On Saturday, October 14, 2023, ninety-one members attended the BTC Annual and Special Meeting held virtually over Zoom. Three members were represented by proxy.**

Leah Myers, Board Chair, opened the meeting with a land acknowledgement and a special message from Honorary President Dr. Philip Gosling, the last living founder of the Bruce Trail. Leah reviewed the governance of the BTC and shared highlights from each of the four standing Board committees. Outgoing Board members Cynthia Archer, John Dickason, and Corrie Kellestine were thanked for their many contributions to our mission.

Michael McDonald, Chief Executive Officer, provided an overview of the many conservation and community successes of the past year, as well as insight into the financial health of the organization. He expressed gratitude toward some of the many groups who make our work possible: the hundreds of dedicated BTC volunteers, our Board of Directors and BTC staff. He also shared deep appreciation for our nine Club presidents, each of whom presented highlights from their sections and described the tireless efforts of their volunteers. Michael was also pleased to announce that the BTC has been named one of Canada's Top 100 Charities for 2023 by the non-profit reporting organization Charity Intelligence.

Marsha Russell, Vice President of Fund Development, shared the fundraising success made possible with the excep-

tional support of our donors. She highlighted the prestigious five-year, \$5 million matching grant awarded to the BTC by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) as part of the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund, to which our donors responded with overwhelming support.

The business of the annual meeting included routine items such as approval of the appointment of the BTC's auditors and their remuneration and the election of directors. Three new Board members were elected at the Meeting:

- Bill Duron, nominated by the Dufferin Hi-Land Club
- Jesse Elders, as a Director at Large
- Doug Stansbury, nominated by the Iroquoia Club

Current Board members Heidi Bischof, Michael Edney, Linda Kerec, Lori Shalhoub and Michael Treuman were all re-elected for another three-year term.

The special part of the meeting involved the approval of new By-laws and articles of amendment, which had been revised to, among other things, ensure the BTC is compliant with the new Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. The new By-laws will take effect once the articles of amendment are issued by the Province and will be available on the BTC's website at that time.

The meeting was capped off with a

celebration of the outstanding efforts of our volunteers. Clubs were recognized for their hard work and determination, which yielded spectacular trail improvements. Learn more about the volunteers and Clubs recognized this year on pages 27-29.

Special thanks to Linda Godel, the BTC's legal counsel on governance matters; Jackie Randle, Vice President of Operations; Ryan Mickeloff, Member Engagement Coordinator; and Ali Schofield, Manager of Communications, who all provided support to the meeting.

A full-length recording of the meeting is available online at [brucetrail.org/annual-meeting-2023](https://brucetrail.org/annual-meeting-2023) •

*"60 years ago I wrote that the Bruce Trail changed my life. Today the amazing achievements of the Conservancy have changed Ontario forever. We can all be so proud of what we have done."*

**Dr. Philip Gosling, in his special message to the BTC 2023 Annual and Special Meeting**

# Volunteer Awards 2023

PRESENTED AT THE 2023 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).

Before the meeting this year, 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 [brucetrail.org/annual-meeting-2023](https://brucetrail.org/annual-meeting-2023)

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.



Anne Armstrong (10 years)



Cathie Green (10 years)



Bruce Manion (10 years)



Doug O'Neill (10 years)



Emma Rosal (10 years)



Jill Smith-Brodie (10 years)

These dedicated members have also contributed many years of volunteering to their Bruce Trail Clubs.

## Ross McLean Volunteer of the Year Award: Ken Lawday

For extraordinary contributions to the Bruce Trail Conservancy within a single year.



Ken Lawday

Ken Lawday has been a member of the Bruce Trail Conservancy for over 35 years and has supported the organization in many capacities. He served for five years as Trail Director for the Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club and has overseen numerous challenging projects, coordinated new and veteran volunteers, and painted countless blazes. Though he has moved on from formal leadership positions, Ken continues to lead by example and share his skills and knowledge with others in support of the BTC mission.

This past year in particular, Ken led the design and construction of 'boot brush stations' - structures that, when placed at trail entrances, will help to prevent the spread of invasive plants by encouraging hikers to brush seed-carrying mud from their boots. Beyond simply building the stations, Ken taught others how to. At a partnership event with boot company Baffin, for example, Ken's careful and helpful instruction guided Baffin staff - many of whom had little to no construction experience - in building 20 of these important structures. He then coordinated the building of dozens of pre-built components of the stations which would later be delivered and assembled on the Trail in various Club sections. This project exemplifies the generosity of spirit and knowledge that Ken demonstrates in all his volunteer efforts for the Bruce Trail.

# Volunteer Awards 2023

## Honorary Lifetime Membership: Linda Finley

In the nearly two decades that Linda Finley has been volunteering for the Bruce Trail Conservancy, she has made extraordinary contributions to trail development and maintenance, land securement, and landowner relations, consistently advancing the BTC mission through her hard work, dedication and leadership.

Linda began volunteering as a Trail Captain with the Blue Mountains Bruce Trail Club and has served as the Club's Trail Director since 2008. She has a deep knowledge of the Bruce Trail and uses her skills with tools and with people to lead trail projects large and small, and attend to trail issues promptly, safely and with care. She recruits, trains and supports volunteers in a team of 45 Trail Captains who together care for 110 km of main and side trail in the section. Linda truly cares about creating a positive Trail experience, whether it's through leading hikes, training new volunteers, or routing new trail.

Linda has fostered positive relationships with landowners in the

Blue Mountains section ensuring they feel engaged supportive of the Bruce Trail. She also devotes an exceptional amount of time and effort to land securement activities and serves as the alternate member for the Blue Mountains Club on the BTC's Land Securement Committee (LSC). Linda always makes herself available for site visits with landowners and is a key participant in working through the many aspects of a potential acquisition. Once a property has been secured by the BTC in the Blue Mountains section, Linda leads the Trail development and/or Trail rerouting work on the property. Since joining the LSC just over three years ago, Linda has been involved with four land acquisitions in the Blue Mountains section alone.

The Bruce Trail Conservancy is grateful for Linda's continued leadership and commitment.

## Susan Oleskevich Award: David Moule

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

Dave Moule's contributions to the Bruce Trail Conservancy are extensive – some may even say legendary – covering nearly all facets of the organization and methods of support. In his role as BTC Trail Director, Dave is often on the presenting side of the Susan Oleskevich Award, but this year the Bruce Trail Conservancy wished to turn the spotlight around and honour Dave for his extraordinary leadership and contributions specifically to trail development and maintenance.

Dave sets a high standard for trail work across all nine sections – ensuring that blazing, signage, structures, and procedures for trail routing, building and maintenance are top notch. Ever since he created a series of instructional videos for trail workers in the 80s, Dave has been instrumental in training hundreds of volunteers and maintaining the standards that keep the Bruce Trail safely navigable, enjoyable, and laying lightly on the land.

Dave has been heavily involved in trail work ever since the mid-80s when



Dave Moule

he became a Trail Captain with the Peninsula Club. Back then he scouted, documented and built the rugged and beautiful trail at McKay's Harbour near Lion's Head. More recently, David spear-headed the building of trails on two new BTC nature reserves in the Caledon Hills section. In between, Dave has built, routed, blazed, brushed, and maintained countless kilometres of Trail.

Not one to slow down in the winter, Dave creates a unique network of cross-country ski trails on and around the Bruce Trail in the Hockley Valley when the snow flies using a custom built track-setter. He maintains a blog so that skiers and hikers can keep track of conditions and understand how to share the trails.

From providing leadership across all nine Clubs to painting blazes, Dave is a remarkably hard worker who demonstrates a commitment to the BTC mission in all he does.



Linda Finley

## Trail Development & Maintenance Awards 2023

### Tom East Award: Caledon Hills 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 Caledon Hills Club receives this award for two projects which removed a total of 2 km of trail from roads, and created over 5 km of new main and side trails. The first project removed 570 m of the Main Trail from the north shoulder of Highway 9 near Mono Mills (Map 17), and rerouted it on the adjacent Humber River valley, in a mixed forest of cedars and hardwoods. Because the slopes were quite steep, trail construction was difficult and labour-intensive. Yet the quality of the trail is very good and this relatively short reroute is a huge improvement over the old route.

The second project was a major Main Trail reroute and two new side trails at the BTC's Whitetail Refuge Nature Reserve (secured in 2022; Map 19). This project removed 1.5 km of the Main Trail from the road and placed it on the Optimum Route. Much of the new route is along the top edge of the Escarpment through mature hardwood forest, and then descends through cedars to an area with a stream crossing and views of two spring-fed ponds. One of the side trails,



BTC Trail Director Dave Moule presents the Philip and Jean Gosling Award 2023 to Beaver Valley Club Trail Director Bob Hann and other volunteers of the Club.

the Springwater Side Trail, passes a delightful spring where water emerges from the side of the Escarpment. The other, the Whitetail Refuge Side Trail, passes through hardwood bush and provides a loop opportunity into the south end of Mono Cliffs Provincial Park. The new trails were carefully and skillfully constructed to enable hikers to experience unique Escarpment features and a variety of landscapes.

This project thoughtfully considered the best ways to conserve and enhance the natural environment while improving the hiking experience of resident Trail users and first time visitors alike. The results are truly a testament to the power of collaboration between community members at every level.



### Philip and Jean Gosling Award: Beaver Valley Club

*For the year's most significant trail project which improves or protects the environment.*

The Beaver Valley Club receives this award for completion of a major multi-year, multi-partner Hogg's Falls Trail Improvement Project. To address environmental degradation and visitor safety in a very popular area, the Club led a collaborative project involving community, regional and government partners. After five years of planning and hard work, and over 2,800 hours of volunteer labour, the project resulted in three new wood and metal bridges over the Boyne River, 700 m of boardwalk, educational signage, and the development of well-signed, convenient trail loops.



New bridge over Boyne River

Read more about this remarkable project in the Bruce Trail Conservancy Annual Impact Report 2022-23 (visit [brucetrail.org](http://brucetrail.org) > About Us > Annual Impact Report). •

# Trail Changes & Notices

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2023, POST EDITION 31

FOR THE LATEST TRAIL CHANGE AND NOTICES, VISIT [BRUCETRAIL.ORG/TRAIL\\_CHANGES](http://BRUCETRAIL.ORG/TRAIL_CHANGES)

## Trail Changes & Notices are online and in the Bruce Trail App

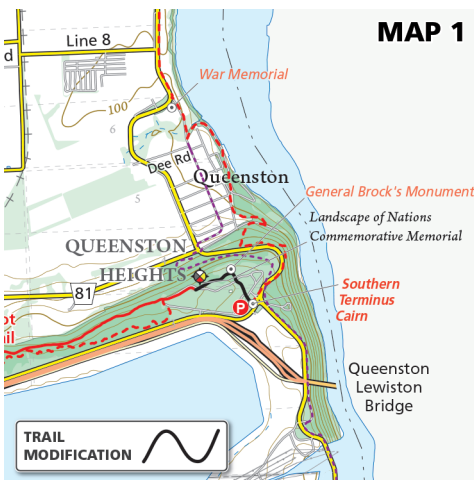
Visit [brucetrail.org/trail\\_changes](http://brucetrail.org/trail_changes) for the latest changes, searchable by Map Number, Club Section, and even by text in the description.

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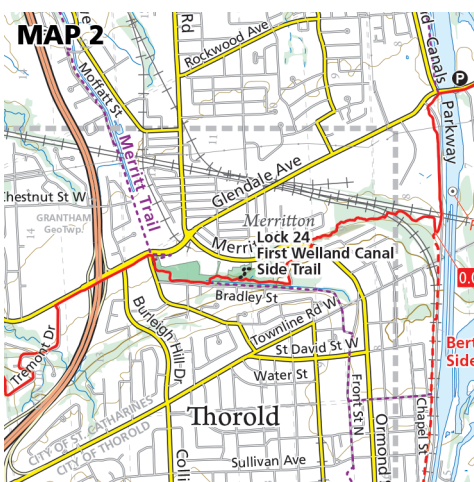
### Map 1 – Queenston Heights, Reroute

The main Bruce Trail at Queenston Heights Park has been rerouted to pass the Landscape of Nations Memorial. This new route also offers a better view of Brock's Monument.



### Map 2 – Lock 24 First Welland Canal Side Trail

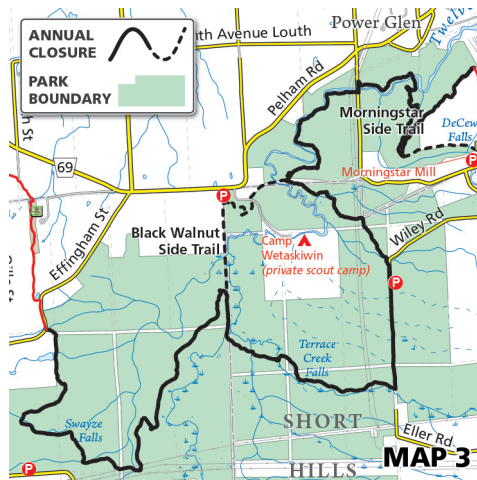
This new 140 m side trail leads past a historic marker to the remains of Lock 24.



### Map 3 – Short Hills Provincial Park, Temporary closures

Short Hills Provincial Park will be closed on the following dates to honour treaty rights with a First Nation deer harvest: October 21 and 28, November 14 and 28, December 12 and 19. The park will

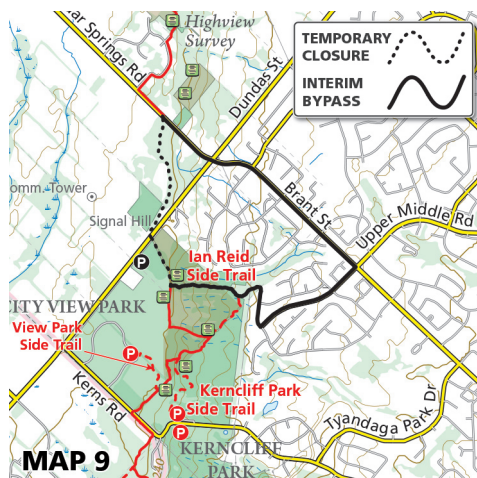
re-open at 8 a.m. the following morning of each of these dates. For more details visit [www.ontarioparks.com/park/shorthills/alerts](http://www.ontarioparks.com/park/shorthills/alerts)



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### Map 9 – Dundas Street, Burlington, Extended Temporary Closure

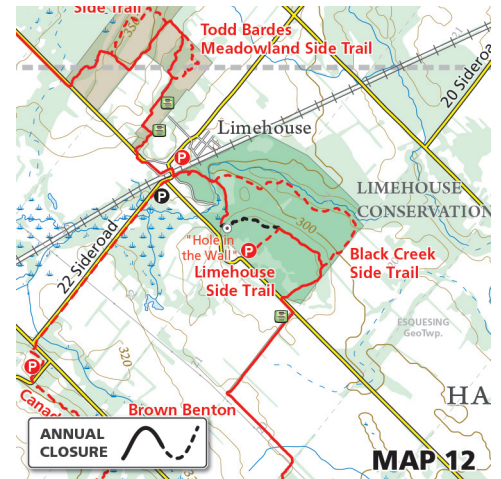
For pedestrian safety, the Bruce Trail has been temporarily rerouted for the duration of the Dundas Street road widening and improvements project being undertaken by Halton Region. This closure is anticipated to last until sometime in 2027 (when the project's Phase 3 is expected to be complete). The temporary reroute illustrated on the map is 3.4 km in length.



## TORONTO

### Map 12 – Limehouse Conservation Area, Winter Closure

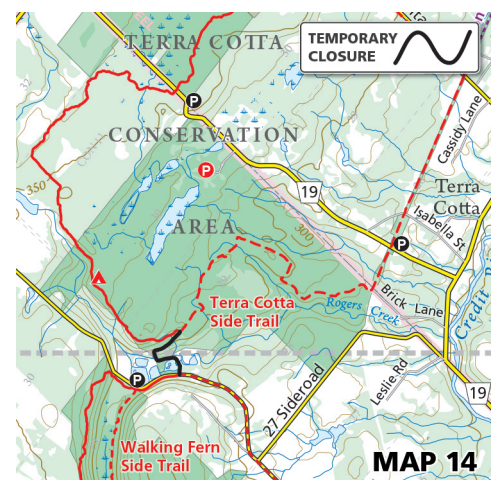
A portion of the main Bruce Trail within Limehouse Conservation Areas is closed by Credit Valley Conservation throughout the winter months due to potential icy conditions.



## CALEDON HILLS

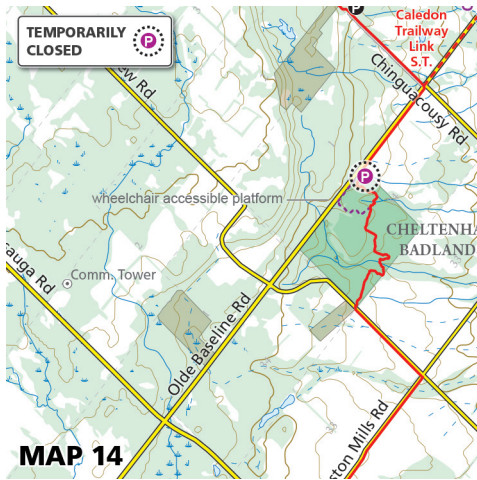
### Map 14 – Terra Cotta, Temporary Closure

The Bruce Trail will be temporarily closed for the Rogers Creek bridge construction initiative being undertaken by Credit Valley Conservation, from January 2, 2024 through to sometime in March 2024.



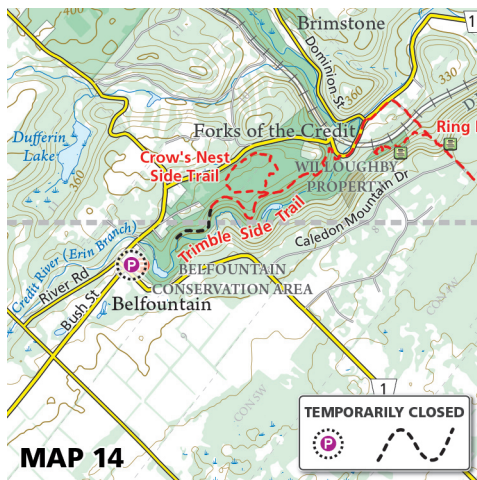
**Map 14 – Cheltenham Badlands, Winter Closure of Parking**

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority parking lot at Cheltenham Badlands is closed for the winter. The Bruce Trail on the Badlands property remains open for hiking.



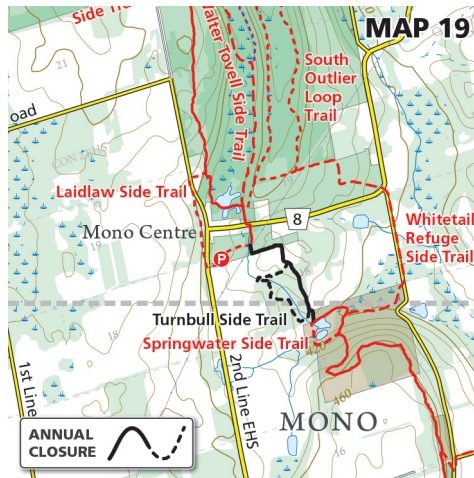
**Map 14 – Belfountain Conservation Area, Winter Closure**

The Belfountain Conservation Area, including the parking lot and a short portion of the Trimble Side Trail on the property, is closed for the winter.



**Map 19 – Turnbull Side Trail, Annual Closure**

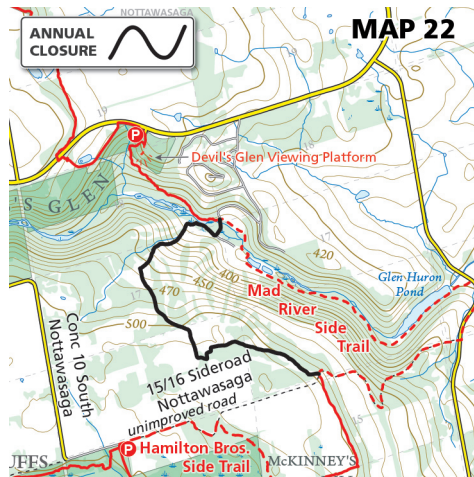
A landowner has requested temporary closure of the Turnbull Side Trail, and a portion of the main Bruce Trail, to accommodate hunting season on their property (Oct. 1 - Dec. 31). Please respect the landowner's wishes. The Whitetail Refuge Side Trail (1.9 km) can be used as an alternative thoroughfare while the closure is in place.



**BLUE MOUNTAINS**

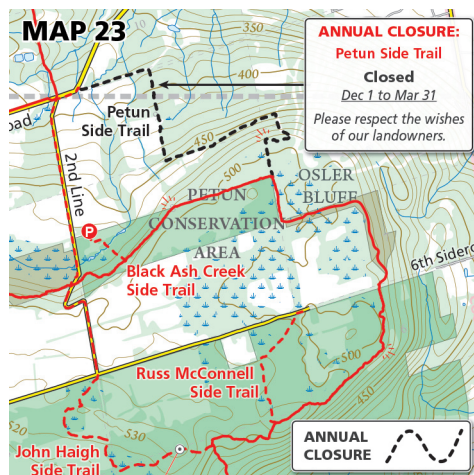
**Map 22 – Devil's Glen, Annual Closure**

At the request of the landowner, a portion of the main Bruce Trail will be closed annually from November 30 to May 1. The alternative thoroughfare for thru-hiking during these months is the Mad River Side Trail.



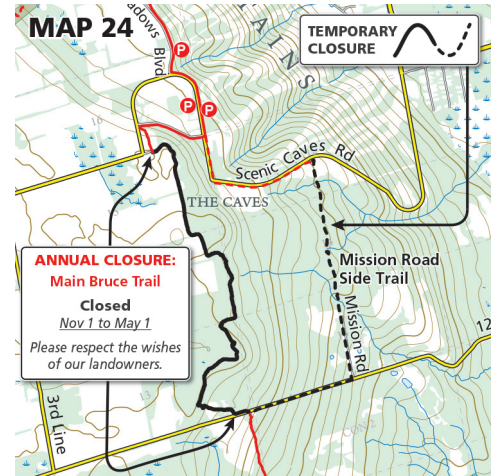
**Map 23 – Petun Side Trail, Annual Closure**

Part of the Petun Side Trail, between Petun Conservation Area and County Road 19, is closed annually from December 1 to March 31 at the request of the landowners.



**Map 24 – Scenic Caves area, Annual Closure**

The main Bruce Trail between 12th Sideroad and 15th Sideroad, is closed annually November 1- May 1, at the request of the landowners. The detour around this closure is via 12th Sideroad, Third Line and 15th Sideroad. This alternate route is not blazed and is approximately 4.2 km.

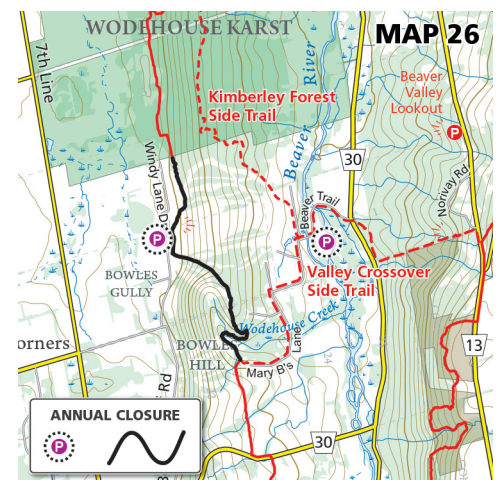


**BEAVER VALLEY**

**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 in November and ending in April (depending on conditions). The Valley Crossover Side Trail and Kimberley Forest Side Trail serve as the seasonal thoroughfare for hikers. During this ski season closure, the Beaver Valley Ski Club parking areas as denoted on the map are off limits to hikers.

Valley Crossover Side Trail (southern) = 1.5 km  
Kimberley Forest Side Trail = 2.5 km



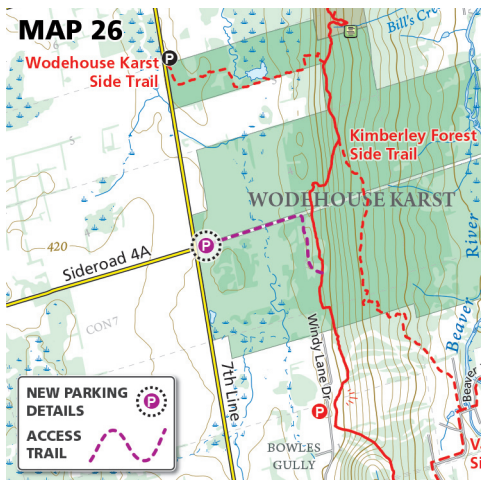


Don Richards Side Trail, Sydenham Section



**Map 26 – Kimberley Forest, New parking area**

A new parking area with a capacity of 20 cars can be found on the east side of 7th Line at Sideroad 4A (Civic #155175). This lot has been established in partnership with the Friends of Kimberley Forest and the Beaver Valley Nordic Ski Club. A 1.1 km multi-use trail maintained by the Kimberley Forest leads eastbound to reach the Bruce Trail. This lot will be plowed in winter, thanks to the Beaver Valley Nordic Ski Club. Parking Area Coordinates: N 44.367407, W 80.566699  
 Winter users: Nordic skiing is the primary winter use of the upper Kimberley Forest trails (above the Bruce Trail). Please do not walk or snowshoe on any track-set ski trails; rather, keep to the side and follow all signage.



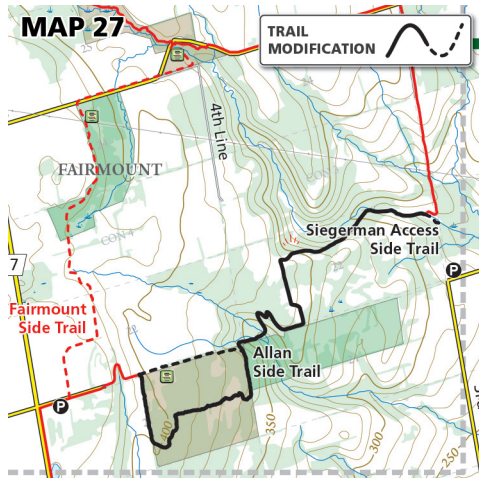
**Map 26 – Eugenia Falls Parking, Winter Closure**

The parking lot at Eugenia Falls Conservation Area is closed for the winter (November 11 - April 30), but the area remains open for hiking.



**Map 27 – Fairmount area, Reroute**

The Main Trail has been rerouted onto the former Siegeman Side Trail and removed from the nearby road allowances in the Fairmount area. It has also been slightly reconfigured between the Allen Side Trail and the former Siegeman Side Trail as shown on the map. A new Siegeman Access Side Trail provides connection to the road allowance and the parking at Sideroad 22C and 3rd Line C.



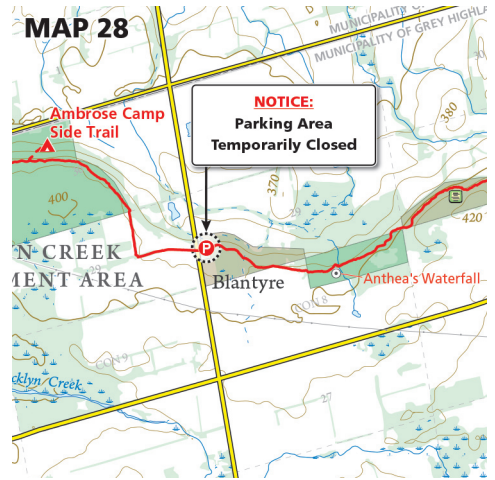
**Map 28 – Grey Road 40, New parking area**

A new BTC parking area with a capacity of 20 cars has been established on the south side of Grey Road 40, 650 metres east of Grey Road 7. Parking Area Coordinates: N 44.508360, W 80.557128



**Map 28 – Blantyre, Temporary Parking Closure**

The parking area at Blantyre Springs Nature Reserve is temporarily closed until appropriate permits, necessary for future improvements, are obtained. Please do not park in or block the entrance to the lot.



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**Map 31 – KOA Side Trail and Campground, Annual Closure**

The Owen Sound KOA Campground, the KOA Side Trail, and a portion of the Bruce Trail through the property is annually closed from October 1 to May 9 at the request of the landowner. Please respect the landowner's wishes.

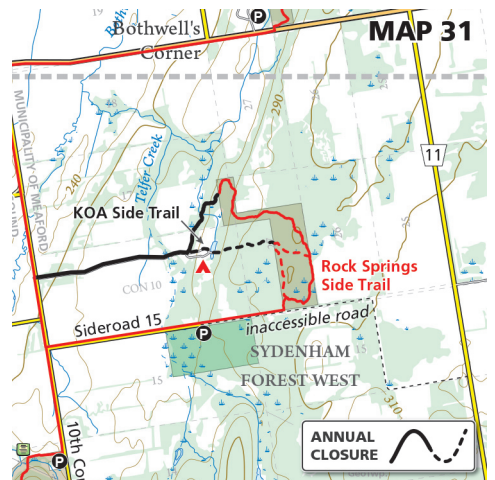


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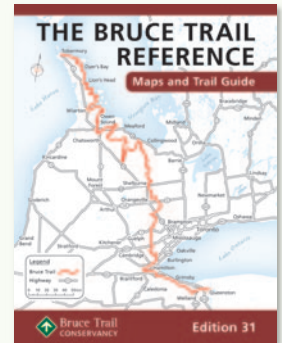


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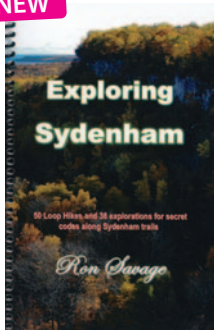
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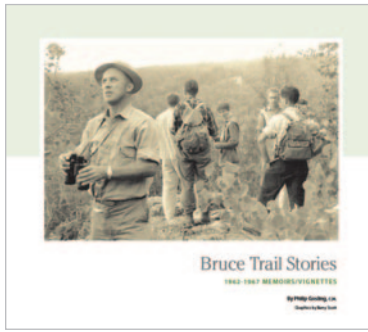
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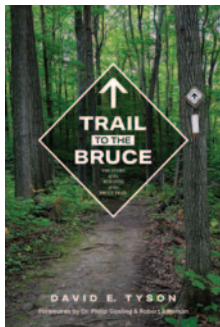
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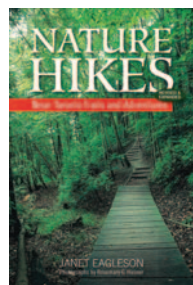
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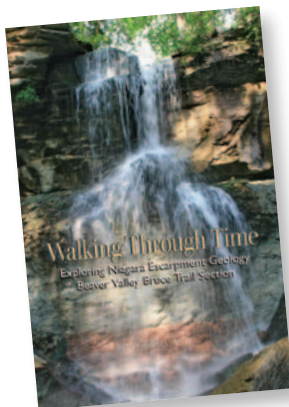
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Your continued support with a special donation this winter will create three new nature reserves and secure more of the Bruce Trail on protected natural land.

*See page 20 for details on this urgent conservation need.*



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