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March

Thurs. Mar. 21 – 2013 Spring/Summer/Fall Information Night

This event will launch our new calendar, April to November, listing the best selection of outdoor events in the city. Our hiking, cycling and paddling programs will be highlighted as well as many social outings. This is a great opportunity for members to meet up with each other and to get a head start on the upcoming activities. Bring your friends along. There is no better time to introduce them to the club and the tremendously varied program we offer. Refreshments will be provided. Door prizes.

Sat. Mar. 23 – Ski – Awenda Provincial Park

Don't put away those skis yet. The ski trails at Awenda still have some snow. The terrain is relatively flat and there are excellent views of Georgian Bay from the crest of the Nipissing Bluff. Along the shore, there may be the unusual remains of gigantic ice formations. If we must, then hike we will.

Sat. Mar. 23 – Canoe/Kayak – Credit River Down River Race (whitewater)

Get tuned up in this annual opener to the spring paddling season, the longest continuously running canoe race in North America. If the weather is really bad, you pretty much only have to show up to win! Details and registration at Whitewater Ontario. Safety precautions will be in place.

Fri. Mar. 29 – Good Friday Day Hike – Mono Cliffs – 12 km

Our trails today have us walking a glacial spillway, through hardwood forests perhaps still covered with the retreating snow. We walk along a cliff top and the perimeter of McCarston's Lake in this natural environment park. Spectacular views are guaranteed.

April

Sat. Apr. 6 – Canoe/Kayak – Float your Fanny Down the Ganny Whitewater Race – 10 km

This annual event is not OCEY sponsored, but I will facilitate our members' participation. A 10 km downriver race for canoes, kayaks, and crazy craft on the Ganaraska River. Mostly Class 1 whitewater, culminating in a Class III cascade down to the finish line in the town of Port Hope. Large crowds gather to cheer the conquering heroes and jeer the hapless swimmers. It's great fun! Optional take-out at the one portage around a dam. Wetsuit/drysuit required: the water is icy. Rescue and medical crews onsite. Car shuttle provided. For details and registration, visit www.floatyourfanny.ca. We will be entering a raft again this year, hopefully we will finish this time. Why not come out and cheer us on!

Sun. Apr. 7 – Day Cycling – North Toronto – 30, 40 or 50 km

Riding the North Toronto Bike Paths of old North York and West Scarborough

Fri. Apr. 12 to Sun. Apr. 14 – Algonquin Awakens

Come join the club in celebrating the awakening of nature. We will be staying at the rustic Wolf Den Bunkhouse for a fun-filled weekend. Relax in the log sauna or socialize at the cozy fireplace. The pot luck dinner on Saturday night is always delicious. Be prepared for lingering snow and ice on the park trails. Spots fill very fast so book early.

Sat. Apr. 13 – Day Cycling – Guild Inn – 55 km

One of a series of easy spring warm up rides to get in shape. Starting from EYCC, the route heads over quiet streets and bicycle paths to Highland Creek. Coffee stop only, no lunch break as we expect to finish by around 1 p.m.

Sat. Apr. 13 – Day Hike – Ganaraska Wilderness – 14-16 km

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

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Sun. Apr. 14 – City Hike – Culham Trail/Credit River – 12-15 km

Come hike along the scenic Credit River starting from Dundas Street and heading north on the Culham trail through various parks. This 12 km trail (24 km return) along the Credit River in Mississauga ends a bit before the 401 but we will turn back well before then according to weather and how energetic the group is.

Sun. Apr. 14 – Day Cycling – Breakfast in Mount Albert – 80 km

We ride from Unionville to Mount Albert for breakfast? Don't worry, you'll burn those calories!

Wed. Apr. 17 – Evening Hike and Pub/Restaurant Stop

Hike will be from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. from different locations – Rouge, Leslie Spit or Scarborough Beach loop. Please call for hike details.

Wed. Apr. 17 – Cheese School – How to Be a Cheese Whiz

Whether you've just begun branching out from basic Brie, or you're a seasoned cheese fan looking for new ways to serve and enjoy your favourites, you'll leave this class with enhanced cheese-smarts (and a tummy full of tasty treats).

Sat. Apr. 20 – City Walk – Rosedale, Don Valley Brick Works and Farmers' Market

At the start of the walk, we will learn about the history of some of the famous people which once lived in this neighbourhood. Next, we will descend into the valley, in time for lunch which could be bought at the farmers' market at the brick works.

Sat. Apr. 20 – Day Cycling – Grafton to Presquile – 80 km

We follow the Waterfront Trail to Presquile Provincial Park and have lunch there on one of the (probably empty) sandy beaches. There will be short sections on Highway 2 with moderate traffic. Return to Grafton is via a quiet hilly route using paved backroads between Highway 2 and the 401.

Sat. Apr. 20 – Day Cycling – Humber Valley – 55 km

Part of a series of easy spring warm up rides to get in shape. Starting from EYCC, the route heads down to the lake and up the Humber returning via the Belt Line bike path. Coffee stop only. No lunch break as we expect to finish by around 1 p.m.

Sun. Apr. 21 – Come Celebrate Earth Day in the Rouge – Hike and Pub – 20 or 10 km

We will be doing a six-hour 20 km. loop hike in the Rouge Park. There is also an option for a shorter hike. Pub stop afterwards.

Tues. Apr. 23 – Evening East End Cycle

No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m.

Thurs. Apr. 25 – Cheese School – Cheese for the Sheepish

If you're a fan of sheep milk cheeses, or curious to learn more, this class is definitely for "ewe". From fresh to bloomy to blue, we'll taste a range of styles, and learn why cheesemakers consider sheep milk the finest dairy ingredient.

Sat. Apr. 27 – Day Cycling – Lake Simcoe – 48 or 61 km

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

Sat. Apr. 27 – Day Cycling – North part of Halton – 70 or 80 km

We cycle the paved roads from Hornby to Rockwood and return. We will eat lunch in the park or restaurant in Rockwood with 35 km left in our bike trip.

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Tues. Apr. 30 – Evening East End Cycle

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May

Thurs. May 2 – Beer and Cheese School – Blondes have More Fun

Explore the refreshing glory of pairing these bright wonderful beers with a selection of cheeses.

Fri. May 3 to Sun. May 5 – Canoe and Fish – Algonquin Park

Algonquin Park is world-renowned for its trout fishing so if we don't catch anything, we better make up some convincing stories. We will set up base camp at Ralph Bice Lake, and then spend the weekend fishing the nearby lakes. Evenings will be enjoyed around the camp fire swapping tales about the one that got away. This is a back country trip. There will be some portaging and you must be comfortable paddling open water. Fishing licence required.

Sat. May 4 – Day Cycling – Leslie Street Spit & More – 50 km

Part of a series of easy spring warm up rides to get in shape. Starting from EYCC, the route heads down to the lake and circles back. Coffee stop only. No lunch break as we expect to finish by around 1 p.m.

Sat. May 4 – Canoe: Day Trip – Nonquon River – 15 km

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

Sat. May 4 – Canoe/Kayak – Udora-Leasdale Lions Club Annual Canoe River Run – 12 km

Minimum pledge of \$20/paddler. Coffee and muffins at the start and a hot dog lunch at the finish point in Pefferlaw. Shuttle service provided back to cars. Please phone for directions: XXXXX to starting point and to confirm your attendance. Pledges are donated to charity.

Sat. May 4 – 2-3 Hour Nature Walk – Rouge Valley

This will be a slow walk stopping to look at migrating birds, spring wildflowers and anything else we find interesting. Bring binoculars and field guide for birds or wildflowers if you have them.

Sun. May 5 – Canoe/Kayak – Paddle the Don

This is the 20th Anniversary of this popular event. The route starts north of Eglinton and finishes at the Gardiner Keating Channel. Shuttle available. For more information go to www.paddlethedon.ca

Sun. May 5 – Late Morning Cycle – Newmarket-Aurora area – 20 km

Easy bike ride on the Nokiidaa walking and bike trail in Newmarket and Aurora. The approximate distance is 20 km. or so. There will be an opportunity for a late lunch or snack at a Mexican Restaurant in Historic downtown Newmarket afterwards. If it is raining, we will walk the trail. Remember to bring bike helmet and water.

Tues. May 7 – Canoe/Kayak – Rouge River Marshes

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

Tues. May 7 – Evening East End Cycle

No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m.

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Thurs. May 9 – Cheese School – Spring Cheese

Goats, sheep and cows beat a path from the barn when sunshine and green grass return to the fields. Spring brings new babies, and plenty of milk for turning into cheese. Come enjoy the season's dairy best from close to home and far away.

Thurs. May 9 – Navigation Clinic – Sunnybrook Park

The session will consist of both "classroom" work to review the fundamentals of reading a map, using a compass and navigation, as well as a couple of instructor led exercises with the group. Participants should wear comfortable clothes to walk around on trails.

Thurs. May 9 – Sun. May 12 – Hike – Lions Head

In conjunction with the Wilderness Adventurers of Ontario, enjoy a weekend of hiking on the Bruce Trail as spring returns and we once again enjoy the beautiful vistas, the spring trilliums and more. Accommodation will be in a beautiful waterfront cottage near Lions Head. Intermediate to advanced hikers capable of doing a 20 km day at a moderate pace over uneven terrain. Hiking will be on Friday and Saturday. This is a 3-night weekend with a limit of 8 people.

Sat. May 11 – Day Hike – Pretty River – 14-15 km

A picture-perfect section of the Bruce Trail as Pretty River dances and sparkles down sections of the trail and spring flowers may cover the hillsides.

Sat. May 11 – Beaches Walk

Comme profit from the early spring: From Beaches Library (Queen & Lee), along Queen and up and around Glen Manor Ravine, down to the boardwalk and over to Ashbridge's Bay. Return via Kew Beach gardens...ending at a pub-resto. This could be shortened, depending upon the make-up of the group.

Sat. May 11 – 2013 Ride for the Rouge – 25 km

This fundraising ride benefits the Rouge Valley Conservation Centre, and winds its way to Lake Ontario then back to the RVCC via residential streets, parkland and less travelled roads near the Toronto Zoo. Registration fee approx. \$25 includes the bbq following the ride. Please note: Riders must provide their own transportation to the event.

Tues. May 14 – Evening East End Cycle

Ride along Golden Mile and Lord Roberts Woods. No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m.

Tues. May 14 – Canoe/Kayak – Credit River

The lower Credit River should be at a mellow level by this time, for a run down from Erindale Park to Lake Ontario. The river is mostly class I-II.

Wed. May 15th – Birding – City Toronto

Location to be determined after I have checked the birding reports for this week for the best location. Bring binoculars, bird guide, water and lunch. Boots are recommended as it could be wet and muddy.

Wed. May 15 – Orienteering – Morningside Park

The Toronto Orienteering Club invites you to orienteer in Toronto city parks. These informal, recreational events are for everyone - there will be courses for both beginners and experienced orienteers. If you've never orienteered before, someone will be on-hand to show you the basics. (Beginner Clinics are also available at some Wednesday events). Come and see how easy it is to start orienteering and enjoy the outdoors this summer. You'll discover how interesting our many beautiful city parks can be while getting some good exercise. For more information about this, the directions to the meeting spot, and other Wednesday evening events, you can visit: <http://www.torontoorienteering.com/wednesday.html>

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Sat. May 18 to Mon. May 20 – Long Week-End Cycling – Toronto to Barrie and return – 80 km per day

We will start from 400/Major Mackenzie car pool lot on Sat. May 18th and return on Mon. May 20th with a day cycling on Sunday. We will be staying at Georgian College.

Sat. May 18 to Mon. May 20 (Victoria Day Long Weekend) – Birding, Photography and More – Point Pelee National Park

Point Pelee National Park is Canada's most southerly strip of mainland, home to a Carolinian forest, a wetland, beautiful beaches – and lots of birds: an ideal site for birding, photography and sound recording. Accommodations are nearby Leamington. Car pools to be arranged.

Sat. May 18 – Canoe (whitewater) – Crowe River

Crowe River day paddle. Discover a beautiful river only 2 hours from Toronto, great scenery, swimming, and class 2-3 whitewater. Whitewater canoes/equipment and intermediate skills required.

Sat. May 18 – Day Hike – Long Sault Conservation Area

This is a beautiful area of the Oak Ridges Moraine which contains a variety of trees and plants. It may be wet this early in the season so wear appropriate footwear. There are a couple of hills but manageable, approximately a one hour drive from Scarborough. Outdoor washrooms.

Tues. May 21 – Evening East End Cycle

No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m.

Wed. May 22 – Evening Hike and Pub/Restaurant Stop

Hike will be from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. from different locations – Rouge, Leslie Spit or Scarborough Beach loop. Please call for hike details.

Sat. May 25 – Day Hike – Hockley Valley – 13 km

We will do a loop hike in the Hockley Valley Provincial Nature Reserve along the main trail and the Tom East Side Trail where we will see a dry kettle in the deep hollows and vistas from the tops of the valleys.

Sat. May 25 – Day Cycling – Doors Open

Doors Open is a Toronto event where buildings normally closed to the public are open for tours for free. We will cycle to a variety of 4 or 5 of these sites. Bring your bike lock and lunch.

Sun. May 26 – Canoe – Willow Creek (Minesing Wetlands)

Join us for a great day in this interesting paddle with lots of birds. We will put in at Willow Creek and paddle through the marsh joining the Nottawasaga River, taking out at Edenvale. About four hours.

Sun. May 26 – Day Hike – Onward up the Bruce!! Beaver Valley Lowlands and beyond – 15-20 km

Spend a spring day in the rolling woodlands of the Beaver Valley lowlands on the Bruce Trail admiring the blooming trilliums and wild onion. We are heading north out of the Beaver Valley in the direction of Owen Sound. Hike a leisurely pace for 5-6 hours. Practice your map and compass. Intro to using a GPS will also be available. Bring your guidebooks, topos, if you've got 'em!

Mon. May 27 – Bike Month – Special Event – City Ride

Free breakfast and t-shirt with the Toronto Group Commute.

Tues. May 28 – Evening East End Cycle

No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m.

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Fri. May 31 to Sat. June 1 – Algonquin Park – Clean Up and Pot Luck – Wolf Den

Join your friends at the Wolf Den for a clean up of park trails or canoe campsites in Algonquin Park. Accommodations at the Wolf Den are half price for this event. Free canoes from Algonquin Outfitters and a Park day pass on Saturday for the clean up. There will be a pot luck afterwards at the Wolf Den.

June

Sat. June 1 – Canoe/Kayak – Duffins Creek

Join XXXXX, our kayak instructor, for a paddle on Duffins Creek. We will meet at 9:30 in order to be on the water by 10 a.m. to paddle up this interesting creek. Bring your own canoe/kayak and lunch/water. We paddle up the creek, stop for lunch, and make our way back to the put-in spot. There are no pit stops on the river.

Sat. June 1 to Tues. June 4 – Day Hike – Adirondack Mountains, New York

With peaks rising to over 1600 metres, the Adirondack Mountains are the tallest mountains that are within a reasonable day's drive from Toronto. The day hikes will be challenging, but the rewarding spectacular panoramic views make the efforts well worthwhile. At night, we will be staying in dorm rooms with complete kitchen and shower facilities. This year, I am planning two hikes per day. For those who have the energy and stamina of a young mountain goat, I am planning a very challenging hike to one of the major mountain peaks. For those with a more typical physical human capacity – like myself – I am planning a more moderate hike in either a valley area or a smaller mountain peak. Note: This is a non-insurable OCEY event.

Sat. June 1 – Day Cycling – Exploring Niagara – 80 km

Join us for this scenic 80 km tourist ride of the Niagara area, along quiet bicycle paths along both the Welland Canal and the Niagara River. We will take a ride on a bike ferry, visit the falls at Niagara, see the sights along the Niagara gorge, lunch at Queenston Heights and stop for ice cream in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Please join us for dinner after the ride in St. Catharines.

Sat. June 1 – Canoe – Whitewater Training Day – Credit River

Here's your chance to try out a little whitewater before committing to a certification course. ORCKA instructor XXXXX, will teach the basic moves on an uncomplicated section of the Credit River. No fear, just fun and learning. Participants make their own arrangements for a canoe (Royalex), gear and transportation. Helmet, PFD and water shoes mandatory. Wear quick-dry clothing. Bring lunch, water, and a complete change of clothes. Please familiarize yourself with the club's canoeing safety guidelines in advance (front of calendar). Let me know if you need a partner. This is a non-certification instructional day.

Sun. June 2 – Day Cycling – Rouge River to Whitby & Back – 60 km

Join us for a leisurely scenic ride along the water's edge improving yearly with expanded paths, vistas and respites.

Sun. June 2 – Day Hike – Silver Creek – 13 km

No steep climbs but quite a bit of walking up and down hills. Nice lookouts. There are some areas of rough footing. Hiking boots are recommended.

Tues. June 4 – Evening East End Cycle

No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m. Optional stop at Whistler's after ride.

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Wed. June 5 – Evening Paddle – Cherry Beach

I will be organizing 6 evening paddles this year, the first 3 will be held at Cherry Beach. They are aimed mainly at encouraging members that are new to paddling to give them an opportunity to come out and give it a try. There will be basic paddling instruction provided by XXXXX. For all other paddlers, we will paddle the shores around Cherry Beach. The club canoes and kayak will be available for use by members. **For this to work, I need help getting the canoes/kayak to the location as the club now has 3 canoes and 1 kayak.**

Fri. June 7 to Sun. June 9 – Hike/Canoe/Bike/Yoga/Wine Appreciation Event – Kimbircote Farm

Another lovely weekend at the farmhouse in the scenic Beaver Valley. Hike the Bruce Trail, either from outside the door, or sections a short drive away. Paddle the Beaver River. Cycle on nearby country roads – suitable for hybrid or mountain bikes only. Yoga for those interested. Canoes and kayaks are available for rental from nearby outfitters if club boats are booked up. By special request, wine appreciation event Friday evening. Pot luck supper to follow on Saturday. Note: Please bring your own bedding or sleeping bag, towel and yoga mat if you have one.

Sat. June 8 – Day Cycling – The Northumberland Hills – 50-80 km

Welcome to the wonderful rolling landscape of the Northumberland Hills, north of Cobourg. Join us for a day's cycling along pretty country roads, up, over and around the moraine. North to Rice Lake, lunch in Bewdley on the lake, back down to Cobourg to a fine hot tub experience and BBQ at XXXXX's and XXXXX's. This is a great cycling area, and the routes will allow for shortening and lengthening individually.

Sat. June 8 – Walk with General Brock: Niagara-on-the-Lake - Queenston

A leisurely walk (photographers welcome) along the General Brock Trail south from NOTL, with the option of dinner afterwards. Car pools to be arranged.

Sat. June 8 and Sun. June 9 – Canoe/Kayak/Paddleboard –Paddlefest Toronto

Come over to Sunnyside Beach for a two-day festival of all things paddling. Instructional clinics (once again, I will be giving canoe instruction), new product and boat demos, help from Ontario Parks in planning your next trip, etc. For clinic details and registration, visit mec.ca community events.

Sun. June 9 – Day Cycling – Cobourg to Wicklow Beach – 45 km

This is a very nice ride but you must cycle on Hwy. 2 for approx. 3 km. The remaining is on county roads. We will follow the Waterfront Trail.

Tues. June 11 – Evening East End Cycle

No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m.

Wed. June 12 – Evening Hike and Pub/Restaurant Stop

Hike will be from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. from different locations – Rouge, Leslie Spit or Scarborough Beach loop. Please call for hike details.

Thurs. June 13 – Cheese School – La Belle Province

Quebec is where the current Canadian craft-cheese renaissance began, and that province continues to offer the greatest range and number of offerings, both classic and innovative. Join us to explore the delicious wares of our maitre-fromager neighbours.

Sat. June 15 – Day Hike – Bruce Trail Section

Bruce Trails section to be determined.

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Sat. June 15 – Canoe/Kayak – Sturgeon Lake/McLaren Creek

We paddle from the Kenrei Conservation Area into the beautiful McLaren Bay of Sturgeon Lake and up McLaren Creek as far as we can go. We may see osprey fishing. This is a good beginner's trip with all flat water and no portages, unless it is very windy.

Sat. June 15 – Canoe – Intro to Whitewater

It's National Paddling Week – let's get out there and try something different!

If you're curious about learning to paddle in whitewater but aren't yet ready to commit to a full certification course, try this for a start. ORCA instructor XXXXX and XXXXX will demonstrate the basic moves on an uncomplicated section of the Credit River. No fear, just fun and learning. Helmets and water shoes mandatory. Whitewater boat recommended (the club now has one!) Limit 10 participants, tandem or solo.

Sat. June 15 – Day Cycling – Campbellville/Eden Mills Loop – 51 km

We will cycle on country roads with beautiful scenery. Bring your lunch. This is a 51 km loop that can be shortened if the weather is not favourable.

Sun. June 16 – Day Cycling – Northumberland Hills – 53 or 86 km

Exploring rural Northumberland County, we will start at Sylvan Glen, lunch on the shores of Rice Lake, and pass through the tiny but historic hamlets of Osaca, Campbellcroft and Cold Springs.

Tues. June 18 – Evening East End Cycle

No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m.

Wed. June 19 – Orienteering – Taylor Creek Park – Dawes Rd.

The Toronto Orienteering Club invites you to orienteer in Toronto city parks. These informal, recreational events are for everyone - there will be courses for both beginners and experienced orienteers. If you've never orienteered before, someone will be on-hand to show you the basics. (Beginner Clinics are also available at some Wednesday events). Come and see how easy it is to start orienteering and enjoy the outdoors this summer. You'll discover how interesting our many beautiful city parks can be while getting some good exercise. For more information about this, the directions to the meeting spot, and other Wednesday evening events, you can visit: <http://www.torontoorienteering.com/wednesday.html>

Thurs. June 20 – Beer and Cheese School – Big Flavours BBQ Primer

This BBQ Primer includes a meal in 5 cheesy courses. Justin will be pairing big cheese flavours with some equally big beers to see how these intense flavours work together. Our delicious menu will be printed and distributed so that everyone can recreate the event for a backyard BBQ.

Sat. June 22 – Special Event – Annual Club Picnic

All members are invited to attend the Annual Club Picnic – this is a great opportunity to socialize with your fellow club members. The location is Harbourfront Canoe and Kayak Centre at the southwest corner of Rees Street and Queen's Quay West. It is TTC accessible. A parking voucher may be available for those who park across the street – please check with the organizers.

Sat. June 22 – Lakeshore Walk – OCEY Annual Picnic – 9 km

A three-hour walk through High Park and along the lakeshore to the Club's Annual BBQ at Harbourfront. If you are staying for the BBQ, you must advise Lucy or Diane; see above.

Sat. June 22 – Day Cycling and OCEY Club BBQ – Explore Waterfront Trails – 45 km

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

Sat. June 22 – Canoe/Kayak and OCEY Club BBQ – Toronto Harbour

Paddle in the harbour and land at the picnic site, then paddle back later to parking at my place.

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Sun. June 23 – Canoe– Otonabee River – 22 km

This is an easy paddle but may be more difficult if windy, along the Otonabee River in Peterborough. We will paddle down the river and have lunch at Squirrel Creek C.A. (washroom facilities), then we will continue to Campbelltown. For those interested, we will have dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Sun. June 23 – Canoe – Credit River (whitewater)

Whitewater play and paddle on an easy section of the Credit River. Preference will be given to those who participated in last weekend's instructional day.

Sun. June 23 – Cultural Event – National Aboriginal Day Festival (June 21-24) – Midland, Ontario

National Aboriginal Day is a time for all Canadians to celebrate the cultures and contributions to Canada of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples. Canada chose June 21 because of the cultural significance of the summer solstice and because many Aboriginal groups mark this day to celebrate their heritage. In recognition of National Aboriginal Day, Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons will offer First Nations singing, drumming and dancing. First Nations' displays and demonstrations include children's heritage crafts, First Nation foods, basket making demonstration and clay workshop. Restaurant Sainte-Marie will offer a special themed menu providing delicious original recipes including "Three Sisters Soup" made from corn, beans and squash.

Sun. June 23 – Day Cycling – Kilbride Roller – 75 km

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

Tues. June 25 – Evening East End Cycle

Join us for a cycle ride around East York and then pizza and refreshments at Chez XXXXX. There will be pizza for \$2 and beer or wine for \$2 each, but you are welcome to bring your own refreshments and snacks. I will try to get my local ice cream truck to come at around 9 p.m. like last year.

Wed. June 26 – Evening Paddle – Cherry Beach

This is National Canoe Day. What better way to celebrate than a paddle out of Cherry Beach. This is the second of 6 evening paddles that I will be arranging. They are aimed mainly at encouraging members that are new to paddling to give them an opportunity to come out and give it a try. There will be basic paddling instruction provided by XXXXX. For all other paddlers, we will paddle the shores around Cherry Beach. The club canoes and kayak will be available for use by members. If anyone can help get them to Cherry Beach, please let me know.

Sat. June 29 to Mon. July 1 – Long Weekend Cycling – Beaver Valley – 70 to 90 km

Three days of day rides on local roads in and around the Beaver Valley. Come and explore the scenic roads of the Beaver Valley around Lake Eugenia. Two nights of accommodations at a B&B in Kimberly and Rocklyn. Dinner at local eateries, for example, "Flying Chestnuts".

July

Mon. July 1 – Canada Day - Walk the (Board)walk: Lakeshore Trail – West Toronto

A leisurely walk along the Martin Goodman trail from Mimico to Sunnyside Beach, with a swim afterwards. Bring lunch, "swims", and a towel.

Tues. July 2 – Evening East End Cycle

No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m.

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Fri. July 5 to Sun. July 7 – Mariposa Folk Festival – Orillia

Some of us are planning to attend this Music Festival which is now in its 53rd season. There are over 100 performances on nine stages over the three-day event, as well as workshops, an artisan village, lots of good food and, of course, a pub tent. The festival is held right on the shores of Lake Couchiching, so bring your bathing suit and/or bicycle as there are plenty of trails and quiet country roads nearby to walk or bike if you want to get in a little exercise between sets. Confirmed performers include Kathleen Edwards (Friday's headliner), Arlo Guthrie (Sunday's headliner), Murray McLaughlin, Bahamas, Lennie Gallant and Sam Baker with 50+ performers taking part. For more information and up-to-date pricing, Mariposa's website is: www.mariposafolk.com

Sat. July 6 – Day Cycling – St. Catharines to Niagara Falls – 80 km

Why not leave your car at the train station or at home, and go by the Niagara Excursion Express for our ride today. Access from Oshawa to Burlington along the Lakeshore Line to St. Catharines VIA station. We will ride from St. Catharines VIA station along the paved roads to Port Dalhousie, and follow new bike lanes through St. Catharines to the Welland Canal trail. Using the bike ferry at Port Robinson to cross the canal and continue along the country roads to Niagara Falls for dinner at Michaels Inn by the falls. Departure from Niagara after dinner.

Sat. July 6 – Day Cycling – Barrie/Oro Medonte Rail Trail – 50 km

We will cycle along part of the Oro Medonte Rail Trail. There will be an opportunity to have a swim at a beach with change rooms and washrooms on site. Along the way, there are a couple of nice spots to stop for lunch beside the water. The ride can be shortened if the weather is questionable.

Sat. July 6 – Canoe/Kayak – Upper Buckhorn to Mississauga River

We will follow the river to a waterfall where we will have lunch and swim. Have fun floating down the river through the falls on a noodle or a raft (optional). Where we put in, there is a picnic spot besides the lock to have a pot luck dinner for those who are interested.

Sun. July 7 – Canoe/Kayak – Black Snake Creek to Sandy Lake

Swim/lunch at Sandy Lake Beach return. Perhaps pot luck BBQ at XXXXX's cottage after.

Sun. July 7 – Lake Ontario Shoreline and Scarborough Bluffs - Highland Creek – 8km

Meet at Guild Inn & hike shoreline East to Highland Creek, and return along the bluffs and streets.

Tues. July 9 – Evening East End Cycle – North Toronto

No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m.

Wed. July 10 – Canoe – Rescue Practice – Cherry Beach

This will be a Lakewater Rescue Practice session at Cherry Beach. Brush up or learn for the first time. Hopefully the water will be warm but if you have a wetsuit or drysuit, do bring it, if only for demonstration. Also bring ropes/painters/carabiners. We'll try various rescue methods to suit different scenarios. There will be a first aid component, but this is by no means an in-depth clinic. Club members with rescue experience are encouraged to come and help out.

Sat. July 13 – Port Hope Theatre Outing (“Kim’s Convenience”) and Dinner

This hilarious hit of the 2011 Toronto Fringe Festival is about a fractured, yet loving Korean family, who own a convenience store in Regent Park as they face their future. The play is very well-written, the comedy works very well, and the characters are touchingly portrayed. If interested, afterwards, people can opt to enjoy dinner at a local Port Hope restaurant.

Sat. July 13 – Day Cycling – Holland Marsh – 50 km

Ride along the quiet canals of the Holland Marsh and along the gentle hills that rim the farm fields and provide superb views. A good summer ride that starts just a short drive from Toronto.

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Tues. July 16 – Evening East End Cycle

No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m.

Wed. July 17 – Evening Hike and Pub/Restaurant Stop

Hike will be from 6:30 to 8:00 from different locations – Rouge, Leslie Spit or Scarborough Beach loop. Please call for hike details.

Fri. July 19 to Sun. July 21 – Voyageur Canoe Trip – Algonquin Park

Join me on this unique paddling experience. We will rent a Voyageur Canoe which holds 8 paddlers plus equipment. We will camp (Pioneer Style) for the weekend on Opeongo Lake. Depending on response, we may rent 2 canoes so the limit will be 16 paddlers. Note: This includes the Friday as Opeongo is a large lake and we would need to be at the put in by noon.

Sat. July 20 – Day Cycling – Millgrove to St. George via Rockton/Sheffield – 65 or 75 km

A quiet country ride following the country roads of Flamborough to St. George. We will eat at a restaurant in St. George.

Sun. July 21 – Day Cycling – Keswick to Sibbald Point P.P. – 45 km

This is a beautiful ride along Lake Simcoe with a view of the magnificent homes in that area. We will lunch at Sibbald Point Provincial Park.

Tues. July 23 – Evening East End Cycle

No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m.

Sat. July 27 – Canoe: Day Trip – North Muskoka River – 19 km

This trip will follow the North Muskoka River for 19 km from the village of Port Sydney to High Falls outside Bracebridge. There are two portages around falls and there may be some swifts. Last year there was plenty of swimming, so bring a swimsuit.

Sat. July 27 – City Cycle – Highland Creek and Lake Ontario – 60 km

We will cycle from the GO station through the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus, joining the lake at the creek's mouth – then east as far as we like before returning back along the lake. Leisurely pace. Bring lunch and water.

Sat. July 27 – Day Cycling – Mennonite Country – 60 or 79 km

Starting from Guelph, we ride north along scenic country roads to Fergus, Elora and continuing to the only covered bridge in Ontario at West Montrose.

Sun. July 28 – Canoe/Kayak – Trent/Severn Waterway – Lakefield

We will put in at Lakefield Beach and paddle to Young's Point Lock 27. Along the way, we will see where Prince Andrew studied at the Lakefield College and then stop at a sandy beach for swimming and lunch, and then onto Young's Point Lock 27 and visit the "Lockside Trading Company" a must for those who want to do a bit of shopping "lock" side or enjoy an ice cream at the parlour – steps away from the lock. Catch a concert on the way home (optional) in Peterborough at the outdoor Little Lake Music Fest – bring something to sit on.

Tues. July 30 – Evening East End Cycle

No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m.

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Wed. July 31 – Evening Paddle

This is the fourth of 6 evening paddles that I will be arranging. They are aimed mainly at encouraging members that are new to paddling to give them an opportunity to come out and give it a try. We will arrange to have the club canoes there for your use so this would be a great opportunity for anyone who does not have access to a canoe but would like to try a leisurely paddle. We will pair up novice paddlers with somebody with experience. Hopefully, some of you more experienced members will come along also as I will need some help with this event.

August

Fri. Aug. 2 to Tues. Aug. 6 – Canoe – Mattawa River (whitewater)

Travel a Canadian Heritage River on the Voyageur route. This will be a mixed lake and river trip. Rapids can be run or portaged. Note: Portages are not long but quite rocky and rugged.

Fri. Aug. 2 to Mon. Aug. 5 – Long Weekend Cycling – Kingston Area – 60-90 km

We will explore the Kingston area, including Wolfe Island, historic loyalist towns along the St. Lawrence River, and the farming communities to the north. Accommodation in air conditioned residences at Queens. Swimming opportunities. Some unpaved roads. Tentative plans include a dinner one evening at a nearby restaurant, and a barbecue the second night.

Tues. Aug. 6 – Evening East End Cycle

No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m. Stop for ice cream along the way.

Sat. Aug. 10 – Day Hike – St. Jacobs

Join us, on this scenic hike on easy terrain. From the picturesque village of St. Jacobs, we can follow the Constogo River upstream along the Mill Race trail, or we can follow the Constogo down stream along the Health Valley trail, or we can do both if time allows. Hungry? There will also be an opportunity to peruse the shops of St. Jacobs, where delectable goodies abound.

Sat. Aug. 10 – Canoe/Kayak Day Trip – Wolf and Crab Lake – Kawartha Highlands – 10 km

We will paddle from Wolf Lake with a few cottages and will take a short 107 metre portage to Crab Lake. This lake consists of five bays that head off in all directions (aka start lake) with rocky shores and gentle sloping rocks with lots of mixed tree cover. Suitable for swimming.

Sat. Aug. 10 to Sun. Aug. 18 – Backcountry Canoe Trip – Algonquin Park

We will explore the Algonquin interior on this trip. The plan is to enter the park through Kearney (Access Point #3) and camp on Daisy and Misty Lakes on our way to Big Trout Lake where we will set up a base camp for a few days from which we will day trip. This week long trip will involve many portages but they will be spread out over several days.

A pre-trip meeting and a deposit will be required for participation in this trip. Food prep will be on a communal basis. This will be organized at the pre-trip meeting. As per campsite limitations, this trip will be limited to 4 canoes – 8 people.

Sat. Aug. 10 – Day Cycling – Humber Rail Trail and Beyond – 50 km

We will cycle along the Humber River Trail and a few residential streets.

Mon. Aug. 12 to Tues. Aug. 13 – Canoe: 2-day trip – Gibson River to Severn

This trip will start at Nine Mile Lake and will end at Morrison Landing on the Severn.

Tues. Aug. 13 – Evening East End Cycle

No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m.

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Wed. Aug. 14 – Evening Hike and Pub/Restaurant Stop

Hike will be from 6:30-8:00 from different locations – Rouge, Leslie Spit or Scarborough Beach loop. Please call for hike details.

Sat. Aug. 17 – Canoe: Day Trip – Go Home Lake to McCrae Lake – 22 km

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

Sun. Aug. 18 – Day Hike – Highland Creek and Lake Ontario Shoreline – 17 km loop

Hike along Highland Creek and the Lake Ontario shoreline on mostly paved trails and 4 km along sandy beach with jetsam. Option for pub stop after.

Tues. Aug. 20 – Evening East End Cycle

No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m. Optional pub stop after the ride.

Wed. Aug. 21 – Evening Paddle

This is the fifth of 6 evening paddles that I will be arranging. They are aimed mainly at encouraging members that are new to paddling to give them an opportunity to come out and give it a try. We will arrange to have the club canoes there for your use so this would be a great opportunity for anyone who does not have access to a canoe but would like to try a leisurely paddle. We will pair up novice paddlers with somebody with experience. Hopefully, some of you more experienced members will come along also as I will need some help with this event.

Sat. Aug. 24 – Off the Beaten Track: Visit the Halton County Streetcar Museum

This is Canada's best centre featuring working electric railcars from the early-mid 20th century. At one time, fast-intercity streetcar lines linked the cities and towns of south-central Ontario. Come see the railcars your grandfather rode to work, play or study. Bring lunch. Car pools to be arranged.

Sat. Aug. 24 – Day Cycling – Tottenham – 50 or 70 km

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

Sun. Aug. 25 – OCEY Golf Tournament – Whispering Ridge Golf Course

This will be a mixed best ball tournament so you do not need to be an avid golfer. Should be a LOT OF FUN. Lots of prizes and will include dinner after.

Sun. Aug. 25 – Day Cycling – Taylor Creek Park to Ashbridges Bay – 45 km

This is a beautiful ride along the Don Valley bike path. We will lunch at Ashbridges Bay.

Tues. Aug. 27 – Evening East End Cycle

Our last Tuesday night ride of the season. No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m.

Thurs. Aug. 29 to Mon. Sept. 2 – Hiking in the Adirondacks

"Time to see the mountains again" – Three or more days of hiking in the Adirondacks. The Adirondacks is about an 8 hour drive from Toronto into the upper part of New York state. The trails are challenging and breathtaking, and some rise about 5000 feet. However, there are many sub five thousand gems which are worth a visit. Sleeping is in a communal dorm room in a hostel with kitchen and shower facility. Note: This is a non-insurable OCEY event.

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Sat. Aug. 31 to Sat. Sept. 7 – Week Long Cycling – Pennsylvania Dutch Country, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (USA)

Enjoy extended Labour Day week-end in Pennsylvania. It will be group accommodation as usual, and we will spend our days cycling around quiet roads, exploring villages, covered bridges, and historic sites. Average daily rides will be in the range of 75 km and will commence on Sunday. There will be hills but it should all be paved roads with scenic views to make the labours worthwhile. Note: This is a non-insurable OCEY event.

September

Wed. Sept. 4 – Evening Paddle

This is the sixth of 6 evening paddles that I will be arranging. They are aimed mainly at encouraging members that are new to paddling to give them an opportunity to come out and give it a try. We will arrange to have the club canoes there for your use so this would be a great opportunity for anyone who does not have access to a canoe but would like to try a leisurely paddle. We will pair up novice paddlers with somebody with experience. Hopefully, some of you more experienced members will come along also as I will need some help with this event.

Sat. Sept. 7 – Day Cycling – Peterborough to Omemee – 55 km

We will begin our ride from Rogers Cove in Peterborough. We will then ride along bike trails and a few roads. Along one of the trails there is a picturesque view of a valley ideal for picture taking. Lunch will be at Omemee Park.

Sat. Sept. 7 – Canoe/Kayak – Black River

Join us for a leisurely paddle along the calmer stretches of the river where birds abound in the wetlands bordering along the shore and in the exposed sand cliffs. This is a good beginner's trip with all flat water and no portages.

Sun. Sept. 8 – Late Morning Cycle – Newmarket-Aurora area – 20 km

Easy bike ride on the Nokiidaa walking and bike trail in Newmarket and Aurora. The approximate distance is 20 km. or so. There will be an opportunity for a late lunch or snack at a Mexican Restaurant in Historic downtown Newmarket afterwards. If it is raining, we will walk the trail.. Remember to bring bike helmet and water.

Fri. Sept. 13 to Mon. Sept. 16 – Extended Cycling and Wine – Pelee area weekend – 40 km

We will cycle the Chrysler Greenway trail on Saturday and stop at several wineries along the way. In the evening, we will view the sunsets over the water and view the myriad galaxies by night. On Sunday, we will visit Point Pelee and if we are lucky, we will catch a butterfly migration. Accommodation is at a beautiful private Cape Cod style cottage with its own sandy beach near Colchester. Meals will be prepared by participants. <http://www.vrbo.com/477788>

Sat. Sept. 14 – Day Cycling – Caledon Trailway – 60 km

From Terra Cotta, we will cycle leisurely along the Caledon Trailway to Tottenham and back, enjoying the views, smells and tranquility – stopping along the way for a refresher.

Sun. Sept. 15 – City Walk – Guild Inn and the Shores of Scarborough – City Art and City Scenery

Following their visions, Rosa and Spencer Clark developed Guild Inn as a depression era arts and crafts colony. Now a public park, over 70 architectural fragments grace the grounds. After visiting the Guild Inn, we will follow the lake shore along the base of the Scarborough Bluffs to the Doris McCarthy Trail.

Wed. Sept. 18 – Evening Hike and Pub/Restaurant Stop

Hike will be from 6:30 to 8:00 from different locations – Rouge, Leslie Spit or Scarborough Beach loop. Please call for hike details.

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Sat. Sept. 21 – Great Foods of the World® – Calcutta

Indian style Chinese cuisine, also called Hakka Cuisine, is the adaptation of Chinese seasoning and cooking techniques to Indian tastes.

Sat. Sept. 21 – Day Hike – Mad River/Nottawasaga Bluffs – 16-17 km

A varied hike along the Mad River, carving its way through hillsides, hopefully tinged with Fall colour, views over the Nottawasaga Bluffs and a scramble through some scenic caves.

Sat. Sept. 21 – Canoe – Nottawasaga River

We will put in at Edenvale and follow the course of the mighty Nottawasaga as it meanders to that great inland sea known as Lake Huron. We will be paddling toward such well-known landmarks as Tim Horton's and McDonalds but will take out at XXXXX and XXXXX's place well before that, but where the coffee is at least as good. There are some swifts so the stern paddler must have some moving water experience.

Sun. Sept. 22 – Day Hike – Guildwood – Doris McCarthy Trail

Meet at the Guild Inn and hike shoreline west to Doris McCarthy trail and return through Sylvan Park and streets back to the Guild Inn.

Sun. Sept. 22 – Bike and Hike – Rouge Valley Conservation Centre

Bike approx. 15 km from designated meeting point and then hike to Hawk Hill (known as Vista Lookout), approx. 7 km. Bring lunch, water and snacks.

Sun. Sept. 22 – Day Cycling – Century Ride – 100 km

Calling all Centurions – past, present and future This is what you have been building for all season – the chance to cycle 100 km. "Flat-ish" terrain through the colourful Halton Hills (OK, a few hills), enjoying the fall colours and quiet roads that pass through quaint villages such as Westover and Mountsberg.

Sun. Sept. 22 – Canoe: Day Trip – Burnt River – 20 km

The Burnt River offers everything a daytripper could ask for – great Haliburton scenery, four portages and a picturesque waterfall! We will have lunch by a set of rapids. The trip will take 5 hours to complete.

Sat. Sept. 28 – Photo Hike – There's a Snap in the Air: Fall Colours – Bruce Trail

Hike the Bruce Trail just south of Caledon and visit a patch of terrain straight that's more Drumheller, Alberta than Caledon, Ontario. This is a leisurely hike with a focus(!) on picture-taking. Bring lunch. Car pools can be arranged.

Sat. Sept. 28 – Day Hike – Silver Creek – 13 km

No steep climbs but quite a bit of walking up and down hills. Nice lookouts. There are some areas of rough footing. Hiking boots are recommended.

Sat. Sept. 28 – Day Cycling – Inglewood Trail – 50 km

This is another one of those flat trails which is very pleasant to cycle. We will cycle from Inglewood to Terra Cotta, then back to Inglewood and continue to East Caledon where we will lunch at Trailside Restaurant. There are tables outside if you wish to bring your lunch. We will then cycle back to Inglewood.

Sun. Sept. 29 – Day Hike – Humber Valley Trail – 17 km

We follow this largely undiscovered trail from near the headwaters of the Humber River in the Albion Hills to Bolton. Along the trail we pass through sugar bush, pass many small ponds, deep ravines with scenic views, hardwood forests and finally along the Humber itself. Wear hiking boots and bring water and lunch.

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Sun. Sept. 29 – Day Cycling – Port Hope – 60 or 75 km

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

October

Fri. Oct. 4 to Sun. Oct. 6 – Hiking/Canoeing/Kayaking – Killbear Provincial Park

The staff lodge at Killbear has become a favourite destination for OCEY members. The park is bounded by Georgian Bay and Parry Sound and has extensive shorelines and beaches. The accommodation is in rooms with two beds each. There is an enormous kitchen for preparing and cooking our own food and a comfortable lounge area. There are many hiking trails in the park including shoreline trails, as well as opportunities for cycling, canoeing and kayaking. Food will be independent with a potluck supper on Saturday.

Sat. Oct. 5 – Day Hike – Muskoka – 14-16 km

Enjoy the fall colours, lakes and woods of Canadian Shield country. This is a rugged hike as we scramble over rock and cross beaver dams.

Sat. Oct. 5 – Day Cycling – The Northumberland Hills – 50-70 km

This is the second excursion this year into the Northumberland Hills, north of Cobourg. Join XXXXX and XXXXX for a pleasant ride from Cobourg up into the hills of the moraine. Different roads from this past June ride. Pot luck dinner at XXXXX's and XXXXX's house. The hot tub will be available again as well.

Sun. Oct. 6 – Hike – Rouge – 12 km

A 12 km. hilly loop hike in the Rouge Park.

Thurs. Oct. 10 – Annual General Meeting

It is again time for the Club's executive to report to the membership, for the club to elect the executive for the coming year. If you have any business items you would like to be included in the agenda, please send your submissions to president@ocey.org.

Sat. Oct. 12 to Mon. Oct. 14 – Thanksgiving Weekend – Travers Lake Algonquin Park

Experience radio astronomy and nature combined at Canada's national radio observatory. Join us for a unique Thanksgiving weekend at North America's largest Radio Telescope at Travers Lake Algonquin Park. Our group will be staying at Algonquin Radio Observatory House on beautiful Travers Lake. There will be hiking, canoeing (they have their own canoes and kayaks or you can bring your own), birdwatching or just sit back and enjoy the spectacular fall colours. More info:
http://www.arocanada.com/ARO/star_gazing_parties.htm

Fri. Oct. 18 to Sun. Oct. 20 – Hike Weekend – Frontenac Provincial Park

In conjunction with Wilderness Adventurers of Ontario, enjoy the weekend of beautiful fall hiking in Eastern Ontario – there should still be lots of foliage left at this time. We will spend two days hiking in Frontenac Provincial Park which is north of Kingston. Lovely, comfortable cottages have been booked at Snug Harbour Resort for Friday and Saturday nights www.snugharbour.on.ca/accommodations.htm 10 people can be accommodated in the Harbour Resort for Friday and Saturday nights, and there is the possibility to book additional cottages if required. Since there are a number of trails, this trip will accommodate all levels of hikers. Saturday night will be a group dinner.

Sat. Oct. 19 – Great Foods of the World® – Québec

Le Papillon has won numerous awards over the years, most notably 'Best French Restaurant' in Where Magazine for five years running. The menu continues to deliver old favourites such as French onion soup and Crêpe Bretonnes. while providing a newly expanded selection of steaks, as well as duck, seafood and pasta dishes. Also not to be missed is the list of homemade classic French desserts.

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Sat. Oct. 19 – Day Hike – Smokey Hollow – 15 km

This very scenic part of the Bruce Trail in the Burlington area features a walk along a cascading stream with spectacular waterfalls amidst a hardwood forest in full autumn colours.

Sat. Oct. 19 – Hike #1 – Beaver Valley – 18-20 km

Bruce Trail North to South Series.

Wed. Oct. 23 – Evening Hike and Pub/Restaurant Stop

Hike will be from 6:30 to 8:00 from different locations – Rouge, Leslie Spit or Scarborough Beach loop. Please call for hike details.

Sat. Oct. 26 – Hike #2 – Eugenia Falls/Hogg's Falls – 18-20 km

Bruce Trail North to South Series.

Sun. Oct. 27 – Evening Spooky Cycle Ride at Halloween

We will be exploring some of the best decorated quiet streets for Halloween. Please be sure to bring your lights for the night riding. Please reserve in advance.

November

Fri. Nov. 1 to Sun. Nov. 3 – Weekend at the Wolfden – Algonquin Park

Join us for a fun-filled weekend at what has become one of the favourite destinations for our club. We will canoe, kayak, hike or just relax in the sauna or socialize around the fireplace. Always count on a delicious pot luck dinner on Saturday night. All previous trips to this location fill up fast so book early as numbers are limited.

Sat. Nov. 2 – Hike #3 – Pretty River – 18-20 km

Bruce Trail North to South Series.

Sat. Nov. 2 – Day Hike – Walker Woods – 14 km

A loop hike of undulating hills, mature forest in the Oak Ridges regional area.

Sat. Nov. 9 – Day Hike – Crawford Lake – 13 km

We will do a loop hike through the Crawford Lake/Rattlesnake Point Conversation Areas along the deep Nassagaweya Canyon, the Crawford Lake Visitors Centre and the main lookouts.

Sat. Nov. 9 – Hike #4 – Devil's Glen – 18-20 km

Bruce Trail North to South Series.

Sun. Nov. 10 – Day Hike – Muskoka – 18 km

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

Wed. Nov. 13 – Winter Information Night

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

Sat. Nov. 16 – Hike #5 – Murmur Hills – 18-20 km

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Sat. Nov. 16 – Day Hike – York Regional Forest – 10-12 km

A short drive will take us to a diverse woodland ecosystem. Terrain varies from sandy dirt paths to woody debris-covered forest floor.

Sat. Nov. 23 – Hike #6 – Hockley Valley – 18-20 km

Bruce Trail North to South Series.

Sat. Nov. 23 – Day Hike – Walker Woods – 14 km

A loop hike of undulating hills, mature forest in the Oak Ridges regional area.

Sun. Nov. 24 – Hike – Canadian Northern Rail Line in the Rouge Park – 8 km

Hike the old Canadian Northern rail line, west to the Finch Meander and return.

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Sat. Dec. 7 – Hike #7 – Glen Haffey – 18-20 km

Bruce Trail North to South Series.

Thurs. Dec. 12 (Date approx.) – Christmas Concert – Etobicoke School of the Arts

This concert by the talented students of the School of the Arts has generated rave reviews from the many club members who have attended in past years. The finale is the stirring Hallelulah from Handel's 'Messiah' performed by the school's award-winning choir. This is always a sold-out event so be sure to call ASAP.

Sat. Dec. 14 – Hike #8 – Silver Creek – 18-20 km

Bruce Trail North to South Series.

Sat. Dec. 21 – Hike #9 – Speyside

Bruce Trail North to South Series.

Sat. Dec. 28 to Wed. Jan. 1 – Come Celebrate New Years Eve with Us in Algonquin Park

A few of us did this trip last year and had so much fun skiing, snowshoeing and of course the New Years Evening celebration, that we decided to book the entire Wolf Den Lodge for this year. We plan to put together a gourmet meal for New Years Eve. Here are details about the Wolf Den Lodge (www.wolfdenbunkhouse.com).