

Events & Description

April 2011 to November 2011

April

TBD – Guided Walk – Tree Tours

Toronto Tree Tours is a program of LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the protection and improvement of the urban forest through education, training and planting initiatives. LEAF's Tree Tours are guided walks that highlight trees of interest in a neighbourhood and may also incorporate history, culture or personal stories. Tours usually start in May and end in November. Once the Tree Tours are published, we will post on the Updater.

Sat. Apr. 2 – Day Hike – Stoney Creek – 14 km

A spring hike along the edge of the Niagara Escarpment from Beamers Falls to Stoney Creek. Rugged and varied terrain might have some muddy sections. Make sure you have sturdy hiking boots, and bring lunch and water.

Sat. Apr. 2 – Day Hike – Elmira Maple Syrup Festival – Joint Bruce Trail Club Bus Hike Level II – 12 km

Come and join the fun. We wander along trails in Woolwich Township, winding through an oasis of rural tranquility, and make our way to Elmira where we savour the sweet taste of spring; explore a local sugar bush and take in all the sights and aromas at the 47th annual Elmira Maple Syrup Festival, recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest maple syrup festival.

Sat. Apr. 2 or 9 (depending on conditions) – Canoe/Kayak – Float Your Fanny Down the Ganny – Whitewater Race

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 I whitewater, culminating in a Class III cascade down to the finish line to 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

Sun. Apr. 3 – 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!

Sat. Apr. 9 – Day Cycling – Pickering to Stouffville Bagel Run – 50 km

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

Sat. Apr. 9 – Day Hike – Ganaraska Wilderness – 14 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.

Tues. Apr. 12 – MEC Bicycle Evening Seminar

This evening, I will explain the East York biking rides and introduce a MEC representative to explain and show some problems which may happen and how you can overcome them during the day cycling ride. Afterwards, you have a 10% discount (boats & bikes 5%) of items in the store.

Wed. Apr. 13 – Evening Hike and Pub 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. Apr. 16 – Day Cycling – Lake Simcoe – 48, 54 or 61 km

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

Sat. Apr. 16 – Great Foods of the World® – Mexico City

This former luncheonette hard by the TTC yards may seem to be situated in the middle of nowhere – blink and you'll miss it – but the convenient location makes the cozy cantina popular with Annex denizens and patrons of nearby Tarragon Theatre. Think intensity of flavours, not fireworks.

Sat. Apr. 16 – Day Hike on the Bruce Trail – Kolapore to Beaver Valley – 15-20 km

Spend a spring day in the rolling woodlands of the Beaver Valley admiring the blooming trilliums and wild onion. Hike at a leisurely pace for 5 or 6 hours. Practice with your map and compass. Intro to using the GPS will also be available.

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Sun. Apr. 17 – Urban Hike – Brunch and Beltline Trail

We will meet at Kramer's Bar & Grill on Yonge at Davisville at 10 a.m. for brunch (reasonable prices, brunch fare) then head out for a hike along the scenic Beltline Trail from Davisville over to Eglinton West subway station. This is an easy hike along hard packed and paved surfaces. The hike will be repeated in October starting from Eglinton West and going to Davisville and Yonge.

Sun. Apr. 17 – Swansea Stairwalk

Moderately-paced walk through parkland and up and down the stairways that separate the well-to-do neighbourhoods of Swansea, South Kingsway, Baby Point, etc. Be sure to bring water.

Tues. Apr. 19 – Evening North End Cycle – Moose Tracks

First Tuesday evening ride of the season. See how many of those famous Moose statues you can see along tonight's scenic route. No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m..

Fri. Apr. 22 – Good Friday Day Hike – Albion Hills – 12 km

Join us for a spring hike through the rolling countryside and woodlands of the Palgrave Forest and hills around Glen Haffy.

Fri. Apr. 22 – Day Cycling – Maple to Schomberg and back – 80 - 100 km

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

Fri. Apr. 22 and Sun. Apr. 24 – Day Cycling or Easter Weekend Wheelie – Prince Edward County – 45 to 70 km

Prepare for the cycling season with one or two days of easy to moderate cycling in southeast Prince Edward County. Explore roads less travelled with County residents XXXXX and XXXXX. Rides and routes will be chosen to suit the early spring conditions. One day participants welcome also.

Sat. Apr. 23 – Nature Walk in the Rouge Park – 5 km

Spring wildflowers and migrating birds. We will do a 5 km loop walk with frequent stops to look at wildflowers and birds. Bring lunch, binoculars and wildflower and bird field guides if you have them.

Sun. Apr. 24 – Hike along Highland Creek and Lake Ontario Shoreline – 17 km loop

Tues. Apr. 26 – Evening East End Cycle – Cabbagetown Patch Cycling

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

Sat. Apr. 30 – Canoe – Moira River

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

Sat. Apr. 30 – Canoe – Nonquon River – 15 km

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

Sat. Apr. 30 – Day Cycling – North Halton – 70 or 90 km

We cycle the paved roads from Hornby to Rockwood and return. We will eat lunch in the park or restaurant in Rockwood.

Sat. Apr. 30 – Day Hike and more – Kissing Bridge Trail – Elmira – 25 km

Enjoy an energetic 25 km spring hike that passes through Mennonite farmland and small rural communities. There are no dropout points. There may be stream crossings where no rail bridges remain so be prepared with waterproof hiking boots. Hiking poles also recommended. Bring lunch, adequate drinking water, rain gear, sunscreen, camera etc. If there is enough interest, I may find a local restaurant for supper before returning to Toronto.

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Sun. May 1 – Easy Day Hike – St. Jacobs

Come out with us and explore the quaint Mennonite country village of St. Jacobs. Afterwards we can walk the scenic but easy Mill Race Trail or the Health Valley Trail or we can explore both trails depending on the interests and energy level of the participants.

Tues. May 3 – Evening East End Cycle – Don Valley

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

Sat. May 7 – Wildflower Walk – Crothers' Woods

Come out and renew your acquaintance with spring wildflowers on this easy wildflower walk in the Don Valley. Crothers' Woods is a beautiful mature beech-maple-oak forest which is a remnant of the Carolinian forests that used to cover the Toronto area. Identification tips and some folklore will be provided. Bring wildflower identification guides if you have them and a camera.

Sat. May 7 – Canoe – Udora-Leaskdale 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 to starting point and to confirm your attendance. Pledges are donated to charity. Last year's donations went to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital Foundation.

Sat. May 7 – Day Cycle – Port Hope to Bond Head & return – 50 km

Cycling along Lakeside Road parallel to Lake Ontario

Sat. May 7 – 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.

Sun. May 8 – Day Hike – Hamilton – 15 km

We will hike along the slope of the Escarpment and through wooded areas in the vicinity of Hamilton. Sturdy hiking boots, lunch and water are recommended.

Sun. May 8 – Day Cycling – Exploring Scarborough – 45 km

Explore Scarborough's bike paths and historic sites! Starting from Thompson Park at 10 a.m., we head towards Lake Ontario via Morningside Park, stopping for lunch at Highland Creek beach. Our return trip may be the same or an alternate route depending on the weather. Historic sites include Scarborough Museum, Scarborough's oldest church and the Guild Inn. Arrangements can be made to transport bikers from Kennedy subway, must call in advance.

Tues. May 10 – Evening East End Cycle– Edward Gardens

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

Wed. May 11 – Evening Hike and Pub 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. May 14 – Day Hike – Petroglyphs Provincial Park – Peterborough Area

Set in dense forest, 1 1/2 hours north east of Toronto, is the largest known concentration of Aboriginal rock carvings in Canada and is almost 1000 years old. With almost 15 km of hiking trails, this will be an all-day hike with an option to do less. There will be time for all to see the carvings and tour the interpretive centre. Bring a lunch, plenty of drinking water, camera, rain gear and adequate hiking shoes. For more info about the park www.ontarioparks.com/english/petr.html

Sat. May 14 – Birding – Colonel Sam Smith Park

This park's location on the Lakeshore offers a wide variety of birds, waterfowl, migrants and many nesting species. Bring binoculars and field guide if you have one. We should be out until at least noon depending on how the birding is going. Be sure to bring water, hat & sunscreen.

Sat. May 14 – Day Cycling – St. George and the Apollo Valley – 63 km

Starting in Jerseyville, we ride down and up the dramatic Dundas Valley, then through gorgeous farming country to St. George for lunch. We return along the rolling Jerseyville Road. Optional additional 15 km after lunch for those who wish.

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Sat. May 14 to Sun. May 15 – Algonquin Park Clean Up Event

Come and join us for a fun event at the Wolf Den and at the same time help to preserve this valuable resource for our future enjoyment. We will canoe into the park and clean up the campsites ready for the season. This would be an excellent opportunity for the novice canoeist to experience canoe tripping. The Wolf Den is offering half price accommodation, free canoes and there is no day use fees for the Park. What more could you ask for!! The Wolf Den is located at Oxtongue Lake just outside the park. This is a rustic backpackers hostel. All meals are self-catered apart from Saturday evening which will be a delicious potluck.

Sun. May 15 – Day Cycling – Port Perry – 60, 80 or 100 km

We will cycle from the north end of Oshawa to Port Perry over an interesting network of quiet roads, lunching on the shores of Scugog Lake before heading back.

Sun. May 15 – Bluffs and Beach Walk – 10 km

We'll tour the sculpture garden containing remnants of historic Toronto buildings before they were demolished. Then we'll head east along the beach to take in spectacular natural 'sculptures' of sand and clay that tower up to 65 metres above us. We'll circle back along the top of the bluffs to take in the views. Bring lunch and binoculars. Many species of birds in this 'mini ecosystem'.

Sun. May 15 – Canoe – 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 want to 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.

Tues. May 17 – Evening East End Cycle – Golden Mile

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

Wed. May 18 – City Evening Walk – Hogg's Hollow

This secluded-looking upper class neighbourhood is surprisingly located just a stones-throw from busy Yonge Street. The idyllic setting was once home to several well-known Torontonians, such as, C.W. Jeffreys, Emmanuel Hahn -who designed the Caribou Quarter and the Bluenose dime, and Hahn's wife Elizabeth Wyn-Wood. Learn more on the walk.

Wed. May 18 – Canoe/Kayak Rouge River Marshes

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

Fri. May 20 to Mon. May 23 – Canoe – Algonquin

Exact route to be determined. Participants must take the Friday off.

Sat. May 21 – Day Hike – Blue Mountain

We will hike to the highest spot on the Bruce Trail. There are a lot of wild fruit trees in the area; my hope is to catch them in full bloom. There is a creek that either gurgles or crashes down a long slope; it is one source for the Pretty River.

Sat. May 21 – Great Foods of the World® – Tel Aviv

Traditional Jewish food that many call home.

Tues. May 24 – Evening East End Cycle – York Mills

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

Wed. May 25 – 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.

Sat. May 28 – Day Hike – Humber Valley Heritage Trail – 17 km

The HVHT begins at the headwaters of the Humber River near the Town of Palgrave and follows the Humber River Valley south through wonderful vistas into Bolton.

Sat. May 28th – Canoe – Willow Creek (Minesing Wetlands)

Come explore a far less visited part of the Minesing Wetlands on this exploratory trip. We may have to contend with liftovers and portages but it should be an adventure!

Sat. May 28 – Day Cycling – Kilbride Roller – 75 km

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

Sun. May 29 – Theatre Outing – Todmorden Mills

Join us for a production of Noel Coward's "Present Laughter". Afterwards, we will walk back up to Whistler's Pub (Mortimer & Danforth) for a bite to eat and some cold ones.

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Mon. May 30 – Bike Month – Special Event – City Ride

Free breakfast & T-Shirt with the Toronto Bike Month Group Commute. The starting point at Danforth Avenue and Woodbine at 7 a.m.

Tues. May 31 – Evening East End Cycle – Leslie Street Spit

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

Tues. May 31 – Evening West End Cycle – Central Etobicoke

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

June

Thurs. June 2 – City Hike – High Park Trails – 7 km

We will hike the remote rolling trails of Toronto's largest public park. Hiking boots. Pub stop.

Thurs. June 2 to Sun. June 5 – Day Hiking in the Adirondack Mountains of New York

With peaks rising to over 1,600 meters, 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.

Fri. June 3 to Sun. June 5 – FlowYoga, Wine Tasting, Hiking and More Weekend – Kimpercote Farm

Back by popular demand! Join XXXXX for 4 (free) FlowYoga classes, Joe Hilliges for a Wine-tasting, hiking on the nearby Bruce Trail, or canoeing on the Beaver River. Kimpercote Farm, in the lush Beaver Valley, south of Collingwood, is the perfect place for a meditative, and fun-filled weekend. Yoga classes are held in the century-old barn, where the sun streams in and the sounds of birds fills the air. The main farmhouse has all the amenities, making for comfortable accommodation. There will be a Vegetarian Pot-Luck dinner on Sat. night probably held outside on the lawn, weather permitting. Note: Please bring your own bedding or sleeping bag. Bring a yoga mat if you have one.

XXXXX has been teaching FlowYoga for over 15 years, and her classes are suitable for all levels, including beginners. FlowYoga strengthens the body, balances energy and calms the mind.

Sat. June 4 and/or Sun. June 5 – Day Cycling or Weekend Wheelie – Exploring Niagara – 80 km per day

We will cover a fair distance on flat roads (no hills other than a gradual climb along the Welland Canal, which makes a difference for most cyclists) and will take our time (you should be able to travel at a speed of 15 km per hour). We will stop periodically to take in the views along the Niagara Parkway, and winery routes over the course of two days. Overnight accommodation to be confirmed, but it will likely be Brock University in St. Catharines.

Sat. June 4 – Day Hike – Glen Major Forest (Brock Track) – 12 km

We will be hiking the trail on the west side of Westney Road. This trail has moderate hills and traverses through beautiful forested areas. You can download a map of the area by going to www.trca.on.ca

Sun. June 5 – Day Hike – Leslie Street Spit

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

Sun. June 5 – Canoe – Whitewater Training Day

Here's your chance to try out a little whitewater before committing to a full course. ORCKA instructor XXXXX and I will demonstrate the basic moves on an uncomplicated section of the Credit River. Participants must make their own arrangements for canoe (Royalex), gear and transportation. Helmet, PFD and water shoes mandatory. Wear quick-dry clothing or a wetsuit. Bring lunch, water, and a complete change of clothes. Please familiarize yourself with the club's canoeing safety guidelines in advance. Let me know if you need a partner. This is a non-certification instructional day.

Sun. June 5 – Day Cycling – Rouge Beach Park to Whitevale – 35 km

This is a pleasant cycle through Scarborough, Pickering and Durham County roads. We will lunch at Seaton Trail Park in Whitevale.

Tues. June 7 – Evening East End Cycle – East York Circle

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Wed. June 8 – Evening Hike and Pub 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. June 10 – Birding – Carden Alvar

This will be a joint outing with the Seniors for Nature Canoe Club. We will meet at 8:00am to car pool for the drive to Kirkfield. We'll explore some of the recommended 'hot' spots for good bird sightings. Bring a lunch, bug repellent, hat and sunscreen. Directions and more details when you call to confirm your participation. Please note that this trip will be cancelled in the event of bad weather.

Sat. June 11 – East Enders Walk-n-Talk

About a 5 km walk through the old Town of East Toronto, the Villages of Benlamond, Norway, and beyond. Along the way, we'll answer the perplexing question "Why isn't Yonge St., Main St.?" We'll do some talking and we'll do some walking.

The walking part should take about 1 1/2 - 2 hours. The talking part is up to you! We'll be on main city streets most of the time, so traffic safety is a must and we'll end somewhere on Queen East.

Sat. June 11 – Canoe – Otonabee River – 22 km

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

Sat. June 11 – City Cycle – Port Credit – 45 km

We'll keep mainly to lakeside bike paths as we cycle from Toronto to Port Credit for brunch. If spring's been mild, the scent of the wild roses will greet us as we go.

Sat. June 11 and Sun. June 12–Canoe/Kayak – Paddlefest Toronto

Don't miss this terrific – and convenient! – weekend of practically free instruction in canoeing, kayaking, camping and all things related. Again this year I will be teaching some of the canoeing clinics. Clinics are \$5 each with advance registration at Mountain Equipment Co-op. All other events are free, eg. boat and gear demos, paddling demos, water polo matches, information kiosks, etc. See MEC's website for details and schedule. Also there will be a gearswap sale on Saturday afternoon only.

Sat. June 11 and Sun. June 12 – Day Cycling or Weekend Wheelie – Rediscovering Quinte West–50 to 75 km

Come again to the Village of Stockdale in Quinte West. Enjoy a June weekend cycling around and about the drumlins and rolling terrain of Hastings & Northumberland Counties. Saturday's ride of approximately 75 km is followed on Sunday by a 50 km jaunt. Mostly all paved roads, a bit of hard pack perhaps. Come for Saturday, Sunday or both days. Camping out in the yard of Entre Amis for those staying over. Saturday dinner arrangements TBD. Campers must register by May 15th due to parking constraints. Cheers.

Sun. June 12 – Day Cycling – Don Valley Bike Trail – 45 km

This will be a nice leisurely ride down the Don Valley Bike Trail starting at Wilket Creek Park.

Tues. June 14 – Evening East End Cycle – Lytton Park

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

Wed. June 15 – Evening Paddle – Toronto

This is the first 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. June 18 – Day Hike – The Keyhole, Caves, and Graffiti of the Singhampton Area – 10 km

On our hike near the hamlet of Singhampton near Collingwood, we will visit some caves and an intriguing crevice with a small keyhole-like exit. Do not worry, the keyhole is big enough. No one will get stuck...hopefully. At a location known as Freedom Rock we will see 19th century graffiti carved into rock. The writing is obviously of 19th century origin because there is no spray painting, no swear words, and the lettering is so precise and neat, it looks as if it was typed.

Sat. June 18 – Day Hike – Niagara on the Lake Trail

We start at Niagara on the Lake and head southbound in the direction of Queenston Heights, with a more than relaxed but less than gung-ho pace. Visiting Niagara Falls and its tropical garden and indoor bird sanctuary.

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Sat. June 18 – Canoe – Credit River (Whitewater)

We will paddle an easy and scenic section of the Credit River from Terra Cotta to Norval, approx. 15 km, stopping to play in the mainly Class 1 features along the way. For those who participated in the Whitewater Training Day (June 5), this would be an opportunity to practise your new skills. Please note: kevlar boats - including club canoes - not recommended.

Sat. June 18 – Day Cycling – St. Catharines to Burlington via Ridge Road – 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 next to the town outskirts. We will ride along Ridge road back to Burlington GO, using country roads and the waterfront off road trail along scenic Hamilton and Burlington beaches. Start time from St. Catharines will be approx. 10:30 a.m., and arrival in Burlington 3:30 p.m. Bicycles carried at no additional expense. Dedicated bicycle racks in two coaches are available. Bring a lock with you for secure storage.

Tues. June 21 – Evening East End Cycle – Summer Solstice

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

Tues. June 21 – Evening West End Cycle – Summer Solstice

Cycle along Lake Ontario for the summer solstice. No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m.

Wed. June 22 – Evening City Walk – Scarborough

A pleasure walk through Scarborough Parks and area. Please call to confirm your attendance and the meeting place.

Fri. June 24-26 – Novice Flatwater Paddling Instruction – Haliburton

Cottage accommodation, all indoor facilities, community meals. Bring sheets, pillowcases or sleeping bag.

Sat. June 25 – 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 25 – 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 25 – OCEY Annual Picnic – Lakeshore Walk

We will meet near a TTC stop and head down to the water for a leisurely sight-seeing/plant ID'ing/bird watching walk along the Lakeshore to the Picnic Site.

Sun. June 26 – Day Hike – Speyside – 15 km

Join us for a loop hike along the main and side trails of Speyside as summer blooms.

Sun. June 26 – Day Cycling – Bowmanville to Port Hope – 90 km

We cycle the paved roads from Bowmanville to Port Hope and return. We will eat lunch in the park in Port Hope.

Tues. June 28 – Evening East End Cycle – Scarborough Bluffs

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

Tues. June 28 – Evening West End Cycle

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

Wed. June 29 – Evening Paddle – Toronto

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. 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.

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Fri. July 1 to Sun. July 3 – Long Weekend Cycling – Peterborough & Kawarthas – 60 to 80 km

Cycle along the quiet roads and bicycle paths of this summer resort region which borders the Trent Waterway and numerous lakes. Mid-morning ride on Friday to allow for the drive from Toronto plus rides on Saturday and Sunday from our base at picturesque Trent University (\$125/person for 2 nights including tax, hot breakfasts, parking). Dinners in Peterborough. Space is limited.

Tues. July 5 – Evening East End Cycle – Don Mills & St. Andrew

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

Wed. July 6 – Evening Hike and Pub 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.

Wed. July 6 – Evening Paddle – Toronto

This is the third 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. July 9 – Putting Toronto into the Picture: Photo Workshop – Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington

The Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington will be in full bloom, and we can take advantage of its summer flora with an experienced photographer. Bring your camera, film or digital, and lunch.

Sat. July 9 – Day Hike – Joint Bruce Trail Club Bus Hike Level II – Warsaw Caves (northeast of Peterborough) – 13 km

If you are interested in caving and have never tried it, the Warsaw Caves Conservation Area is an excellent place to start. There is a series of seven caves that were carved into the limestone bedrock 10,000 years ago, one of which has a year-round glacier in its depths. These caves are quite captivating and at a novice level while remaining physically challenging. Come and explore the underground caves, enjoy a scenic walk through a diverse forest habitat, relax on the sandy beach and take a splash in the shallow waters of the Indian River. On our way home, we will visit Peterborough Lift Lock, the highest hydraulic lock in the world and a National Historic Site of Canada. Bring a headlamp for cave exploration and \$2.50 admission fee to Conservation Area.

Sat. July 9 – Day Cycling – Keswick to Sibbald Provincial Park – 40 to 45 km

This is a leisurely ride along Lake Simcoe with a view of the lake and the magnificent homes in that area. Bring a lunch.

Sat. July 9 – Day Cycling – Oak Ridges Moraine – 80 km

A ride starting from Centro Bakery in Maple through the countryside of Vaughan, Richmond Hill, Aurora, and Markham. We will stop in King City at the century old country store for a break along the way before hitting the hills of the Oak Ridge Moraine.

Sun. July 10 – Day Cycling – North Halton-Peel – 70 or 90 km

We cycle the paved roads from Hornby to Belfountain (90 km. ride) and return. We will eat lunch in the park or restaurant in Glen Williams.

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Wed. July 13 – City Walk – Lawrence Park

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

Sat. July 16 – Canoe – Lake of Bays

This is an all day trip which leaves the start place at 10 a.m. (There is a 2.5 hr. drive from Toronto to the start point.) Bring a lunch and at least 1 litre of water. We will lunch and swim (bring a swim suit) at a waterfall. No limit on number of canoes but there must be one experienced paddler per canoe.

Sat. July 16 – Day Cycling – Cobourg to Wicklow Beach – 45 km

This is a scenic ride along cycling paths and country roads. We will lunch at Wicklow Beach beside the lake. Bring a lunch.

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Sat. July 16 – Day Cycling – Lake Simcoe – 65 km

Join us for a fun day of cycling and picnicking on the beach. We will meet in Mount Albert at 10 a.m. (location to be determined) and cycle to Zephr and on to beautiful Lake Simcoe for our lunch and rest spot. We will enjoy a well deserved ice cream treat in Mount Albert at the end of our ride.

Sat. July 16 and Sun. July 17 – Canoe – Flatwater Training Days

Suitable for complete beginners with no prior canoeing experience, and for paddlers wishing to improve their abilities and technique in wind and waves. Saturday will focus on basic strokes, Sunday expand and fine-tune. No overnight camping. This is a non-certification instructional weekend, shared with WCA members. Convenient Toronto location, TTC accessible. Participants provide canoe and transportation, plus PFD and required safety gear as outlined in the front of this calendar. Please familiarize yourself with the club's canoeing safety guidelines in advance. Wear a swimsuit or quick-dry clothing, and water shoes (not flip-flops). Plan to get wet. Bring lunch, water, and a complete change of clothes. There is an option to have rental boats brought to the site for a fee; please enquire. Come both days or just one.

Sun. July 17 – Day Cycling – Waterdown to St. George via Rocton/Sheffield – 60 or 100 km

A new country ride following the country roads of Flamborough to St. George. The route will include new paved roads that used to be gravel. On the way back we ride down Crooks Hollow road through Greensville and Bullock Corners, then along the Niagara Escarpment by Rock Chapel Falls and cross Hwy 6 using the new overpass. The last stretch of the route into Waterdown follows Snake Road very moderately. We may make this a joint ride with Halton Outdoor Club.

Tues. July 19 – Evening East End Cycle – Annex

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

Tues. July 19 – Evening West End Cycle

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

Wed. July 20 – Evening Paddle – Toronto

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.

Sat. July 23 – Putting Toronto into the Picture – Beaches Jazz Festival Streetfest

Groove to the jazz scene, enjoy the crowds, and explore street photography in the prime of summer. Bring your camera, film or digital, and lunch.

Sat. July 23–Canoe– North Muskoka River– 19 km

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

Sat. July 23 and Sun. July 24 – Day Cycling or Weekend Wheelie – Waubaushene/Georgian Bay and Severn/Oro Medonte – 60-90 km

Both rides will start at our base in Waubaushene. Depending how far you decide to cycle, Saturday's ride will encompass the Southern Georgian Bay shoreline including Midland, Penetang, Balm Beach/Tiny Beaches area and Tiny and Tay Shore rail trails (60-90 km with dropoffs); a mixture of roads (mostly paved), rail trails and forests. We'll pass by scenic sites such as the Wyemarsch, St. Marie Among the Hurons and possibly Discovery Harbour. Sunday's ride (60-80 km with dropoffs) has yet to be decided but plenty to choose from, possibly heading towards Orillia. Depending on the route we choose, the terrain could be any combination of rail trails or rolling hills and flats through quiet country roads. Make sure to bring your bathing suit as there will be swimming opportunities for both rides during the ride and/or when you get back. Two levels of cycling will be accommodated. Potluck dinner on Saturday night for those staying overnight or Saturday day riders who wish to partake in the dinner festivities as well.

Tues. July 26 – Evening East End Cycle – Upper Beaches

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

Wed. July 27 – Evening City Walk – Scarborough

A pleasure walk through Scarborough Parks and area. Please call to confirm your attendance and the meeting place.

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Fri. July 29 to Mon. Aug. 1 – Long Weekend Cycling – Port Dover

We stay at B&B's for the weekend. We will cycle east, west and north of the town. Fabulous swimming. Bring your bathing suit! Cycling days in the 65-90K range.

August

Tues. Aug. 2 – Evening East End Cycle – Cherry Beach

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

Wed. Aug. 3 – Evening Paddle – Toronto

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. 6 – Hike and Swim – Petroglyphs Provincial Park

We'll start by checking out an ancient aboriginal rock with its writing, then hike the trail and swim at a waterfall. Bring lunch.

Sat. Aug. 6 – Day Cycling – Tottenham – 50 or 70 km

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

Sat. Aug. 6 to Sat. Aug. 13 – Wilderness Canoeing – Near North

Join XXXX for a week trip in one of the best wilderness areas in Northern Ontario. I am still undecided about location.

Sun. Aug. 7 – Day Cycling – Learn Your ABCs (Alliston-Brentwood-Creemore Loop) – 90 km

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

Tues. Aug. 9 – Evening East End Cycle

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

Tues. Aug. 9 – Evening West End Cycle

Please contact organizer to confirm if you are joining us on this ride.

Wed. Aug. 10 – Evening Hike and Pub 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.

Wed. Aug. 10 – Evening Cycle – Discover Ward 37 – 20 km

This is a leisurely ride along quiet streets of Scarborough.

Sat. Aug. 13 – Live Theatre Outing: Hairspray – Port Hope

This musical play - which won 8 Tony Awards - is set in Baltimore of 1962, and deals with some of the social injustice issues of the time. As well as seeing the play, we will have time to explore the quaint town of Port Hope, and weather-permitting, there is also an opportunity to visit a nearby sandy beach. Before going home, one can opt for a meal at one of the local restaurants.

Sat. Aug. 13 to Sun. Aug. 14 – Weekend Wheelie – Fenelon Falls – 75 km

Enjoy two days of riding in the westerly section of the Kawartha Lakes district, with Fenelon Falls serving as our base to explore Bobcageon, Sturgeon Lake and Lindsay one day, and then the shorelines of Balsam, Cameron and other local lakes the next day. Relax and stay overnight at Chateau Crawford on Cameron Lake, kicking back and enjoy a swim, BBQ and good company.

Mon. Aug. 15 to Tues. Aug. 16 – 2-Day Canoe Trip – Gibson River to Severn

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

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Mon. Aug. 15 to Sat. Aug. 20—Women's Wilderness Canoe – Killarney Park

This park is superb canoeing country set in a landscape so beautiful that paintings of it (Group of Seven) are known world-wide. A land of crystal-clear lakes and forests topped by quartzite mountains. On the first day we paddle to our campsite to set up base camp. From there each day will be a new adventure, based on the skill and interests of the participants, exploring as many nooks and crannies as possible. There may be a short portage or two but everyone will help each other over the portages. Hopefully we'll find one day to climb Silver Peaks, the highest point in the park. The pace of the trip will be leisurely allowing plenty of time for meal preparation, long sunsets, evening campfires and loon lullabies. This trip is not only for experienced women trippers but also for women who want to improve their skills at paddling and wilderness tripping. An environmentally aware trip, be prepared to 'pack it in, pack it out'.

Tues. Aug. 16 – Evening East End Cycle – Lawrence Park

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

Wed. Aug. 17 – Evening Paddle – Toronto

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. Aug. 20 – Day Cycling – Peterborough to Omemee – 50 to 60 km

We will begin our ride from Rogers Cove in Peterborough, where the TC Trail Foundation panels are erected signifying the support given by Canadians for the national project linking the country from coast to coast. We will then ride through bike trails and a few roads. We will go over a bridge with a beautiful view of a valley below. We will lunch at a park in Omemee.

Sat. Aug. 20 – Day Cycling – Vineland – 82 km

We pass grapevines loaded with fruit and apple trees in neat rows which crowd the roadway as we cycle along the top of the escarpment with splendid views of the lake below. Lunch at Balls Falls Conservation Area with its pioneer village and waterfalls. We may stop at two wineries during the ride.

Sun. Aug. 21 – City Cycle – Highland Creek and Lake Ontario – 60 km

We'll 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.

Tues. Aug. 23 – Evening East End Cycle – Beaver Tales

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

Wed. Aug. 24 – Evening City Walk – Scarborough

A pleasure walk through Scarborough Parks and area. Please call to confirm your attendance and the meeting place.

Wed. Aug. 24 to Wed. Aug. 31 – 8 Day Canoe Trip – Temagami

We are going to do a little exploring on Lake Temagami; some of the old growth forest, climb to a high spot, canoe a quiet bay, maybe do a little fishing, swim, look at the stars. Must be a wilderness camper (critter proof the camp site, no cans or bottles, have a barrel or rope to hang food) and have the ability to paddle on big lakes (wind and big waves). We will stay at each campsite for 2 days. Paddle 15 to 20 km. per day in all conditions (wind, rain, snow, hurricane, just kidding) every second day. There will be a planning meeting in July.

Sat. Aug. 27 – Day Hike – Crawford Lake – 13 km

Within an hour's drive of Toronto, Crawford Lake Conservation Area shares track with the Bruce Trail and features unique geological outcrops, a rare meromictic lake and a 15th century reconstructed Iroquoian village. A good hike for a summer day, it is mostly flat and offers comfort amenities.

Sat. Aug. 27 – Canoe – Big East Lake

Big East Lake is mentioned in Kevin Callan's book "Gone Canoeing". It is south of the Poker Lake loop and accessible from Highway 118 in the Haliburton Area. There is a 200m portage from the parking lot to the lake. It is on Crown Land and there is no cottage development. We will explore the bays and the remnants of an old logging dam at the south end of the lake. There are great swimming places, as well as scenic places to sketch.

Sun. Aug. 28 – Canoe – Go Home to McCrae Lake – 22 km

This trip will follow the Musquash River out to 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.

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Sun. Aug. 28 – 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!

Tues. Aug. 30 – Evening East End Cycle – Glen Major

Our last Tuesday night ride of the season so optional stop at outdoor patio after ride for drinks. No need to reserve, just show up. Ride will be cancelled if raining at 5 p.m.

September

Sat. Sept. 3 to Sat. Sept. 10 – Week Long Cycling Wheelie – Vermont Rambler 1 –Bridport on the Lake

Enjoy an extended Labour Day week in Vermont. We will stay on the shore of Lake Champlain, near Bridport, south of Burlington. Accommodations will be in a spacious house for 10, which will be the base for a week of cycling and relaxing along the lake and inland. Daily rides of 80 km or so commencing Sunday. There will be water, hills, scenic backdrop, interesting villages to explore, good friends and food. Note: This is a non-insurable OCEY event.

Fri. Sept. 9 to Mon. Sept. 12 – Cycling/Hiking/Wine Tasting/Birding Weekend – Pelee area

Enjoy an extended Weekend Wheelie along the Chrysler Greenway Trail. We will stop at several local wineries en route. On the Sunday we will cycle or if enough people are interested hike along Point Pelee. We could also enjoy an organized nature outing to view the birds and or butterflies. We will stay in a cottage with its own private beach near Colchester. Please see attached link at <http://www.vrbo.com/47788>

Sat. Sept. 10 – Day Hike – Joint Bruce Trail Club Bus Hike Level II – Backus Heritage Conservation Area (Port Rowan) – 14 km

Come and explore Backus Woods, renowned as Canada's largest remaining example of Carolinian forest featuring many uncommon southern hardwoods. See the tall Tulip Trees, Flowering Dogwood, Sassafras and the 187 ft tall Cottonwood tree. Experience a heritage village that emulates Southern Ontario life in the late 1800s and enjoy the War of 1812 re-enactment. Take the time to stroll along the picturesque harbour of Port Dover for refreshment afterwards. Bring additional \$3 admission fee to Conservation Area.

Sat. Sept. 10 – 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 Hortons and McDonalds but will take out at Harold and Wendy's place well before that, where the coffee is at least as good. There are some swifts so the stern paddler must have some moving water experience.

Sat. Sept. 10 to Sun. Sept. 11 – Canoe/Kayak – Lower Madawaska River

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

Sun. Sept. 11 – Historical Urban Walk – Niagara on the Lake

Being Upper Canada's first Capital, there is no shortage of historic locations in this well maintained and preserved village; enough, in fact, to keep you busy for a couple of days. Unfortunately we have only a day so we will pick and choose the more interesting sights.

Sun. Sept. 11 – Day Cycling – Waterfront Trail: Cherry Beach to Port Credit – 30 or 60 km

Enjoy the Waterfront Trail and waterside neighbourhoods on this tour from Cherry Beach to Port Credit. Do the roundtrip, or return to Union Station from Port Credit by GO train.

Wed. Sept. 14 – Evening Hike and Pub 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. 17 – Great Foods of the World® – Shreveport, Louisiana

Except in the dreaded dead of winter, diners can eat outdoors on a covered, heated patio at this New Orleans-style eatery in Mirvish Village.

Sat. Sept. 17 – Day Hike – Forks of the Credit – 13 km

See the start of autumn as the leaves begin to change their colours as we do a loop hike through the park.

Sun. Sept. 18 – Day Cycling – Cycling North of Maple 80 – 100 km

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

Sat. Sept. 24 – Day Cycling – St. Catharines to Niagara Falls – 60 km

Why not leave your car at the train station or at home, and go by the GO 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 bikelanes thru St. Catharines to the Welland Canal trail. Using the bike ferry at Port Robinson to cross the canal and continue along country roads to Niagara Falls for dinner at Michaels Inn by the falls. Departure from Niagara Falls after dinner. Bicycles carried at no additional expense, in dedicated bike rack cars.

Sat. Sept. 24 – Day Hike – Scotsdale Farm – 13 km

A really great section of the Bruce Trail, the Scotsdale Farm hike starts and ends amid a gathering of old farm buildings, fences, fields, bridges and streams. It offers a variety of trails, and every trip presents something new.

Sat. Sept. 24 – Canoe/Kayak – Wolf Lake & Crab Lake

Wolf Lake offers meandering bays and small islands bordered by few cottages and Crown land. There is one small portage to Crab Lake, a water body with many bays, with exposed chunks of granite, canopies of pines, maples and birch. There is good swimming, as well as great scenery to sketch.

Sat. Sept. 24 – Canoe – 20 Mile Creek & Jordan Harbour

Summer lingers longer in the Niagara wine region. After paddling down the creek behind the renowned Inn on the Twenty, we'll enter the harbour area with beautiful flowers and birds raising families right alongside the QEW. We'll explore a fascinating shipwreck, then paddle out onto Lake Ontario and admire the views of the surrounding region. This is a fairly short paddle (approx. 9 km), but afterwards we can walk around Jordan and if there is interest, stay for dinner and a glass of wine.

Sun. Sept. 25 – Canoe – Burnt River – 20 km

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

Sun. Sept. 25 – 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.

Fri. Sept. 30 to Sun. Oct. 2 – Canoe – Fall Colours – Wilderness Area

The route for this trip is yet to be determined but it will take advantage of beautiful fall foliage, bug-free camping and quiet rivers and lakes (except for the sounds of nature). Often the water is still warm enough for swimming. There is an option of making this a 4-day weekend, depending on interest. Plans are for a potluck pre-Thanksgiving turkey dinner on Sat. night. The usual rules of wilderness camping apply i.e. pack it in, pack it out/leave no footprint.

October

Sat. Oct. 1 – Day Cycling – Chippewa Trail – 60 km

From Hamilton, we will cycle the Chippewa Trail to Caledonia and back for refreshments.

Sun. Oct. 2 – Day Hike – Severn Woodlands - 13 km

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

Sun. Oct. 2 – Day Cycling – Waterfront Trail East – 60 km

We will cycle from Guildwood to the Lynde Marsh in Whitby and return. This is varied terrain mostly on dedicated cycle or mixed-use paths. It follows a very scenic route along the top of the Scarborough Bluffs and the Lake Ontario shoreline with just a few road detours around Frenchman's Bay and the Pickering Nuclear plant. Bring a lunch. Call or email for meeting place and time.

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Fri. Oct. 7 to Mon. Oct. 10 – Long Weekend Cycling – Madawaska Valley – 35-100 km

This cycling event is in tandem with Toronto Bicycling Network (TBN) and Ottawa Cycling Club. Explore the ruggedly scenic Madawaska Highlands and Valley in the Barry's Bay area. We will arrive on Friday night, and have cycle rides of lengths from 35 to 100 km on each of the three days that we are in the Valley. Accommodation is at the Kanu Centre with all meals provided including a huge Thanksgiving dinner. Camping is also available.

Fri. Oct. 7 to Mon. Oct. 10 – Thanksgiving Weekend – Algonquin Park

Back by popular demand. 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 opportunity to tour this historic facility and a star gaze party will be provided. There will be hiking, canoeing, (they have their own canoes and kayaks or you can bring your own), bird watching or just sit back and enjoy the spectacular fall colours. More info http://www.arocanada.com/ARO/moon_gazing_parties.htm

Sat. Oct. 8 – Day Hike – Muskoka – 14/16 km

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

Wed. Oct. 12 – Evening Hike and Pub 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

Thurs. Oct. 13 – 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.

Fri. Oct. 14 to Sun. Oct. 16 – Hiking/Canoeing/Kayaking – Killbear Provincial Park

The staff lodge at Killbear is fast becoming 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.

Sun. Oct. 16 to Tues. Oct. 18 – Canoeing/Kayaking – Franklin Island

For those who can stay on after the Killbear weekend, or wish to come up after the weekend, a group will paddle to Franklin Island and set up camp for two nights – or longer. Food will be independent. This is a wilderness setting with no facilities.

Sat. Oct. 15 – Great Foods of the World® – Dar-es-Salaam

Toronto's only Tanzanian restaurant might not be much to look at, but this East African eatery offers an adventurous hybrid of African and South Asian cuisine. and Tyrone Mills. Be prepared for some good hills. **Sat.**

Oct. 15 – Day Cycling – Rolling Hills of Durham – 75 km

Sun. Oct. 16 – Day Hike – Rattlesnake Point

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

Sun. Oct 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.

Sat. Oct. 22 – 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. 22 – City Hike – Fall Colours

Enjoy a hike along the Humber River to enjoy the Fall colours. Bring your camera – film or digital, and lunch.

Sat. Oct. 22 – Day Cycling – Holland Marsh to Schomberg – 50 km

We start out along the quiet canals of the Holland Marsh, then climb the gentle hills towards Beeton with lovely views coming down to Schomberg where we have lunch outside or at a cafe according to the temperature.

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Sun. Oct. 23 – Day Cycling – Exploring Scarborough – 45 km

Explore Scarborough's bike paths and historic sites! Starting from Thompson Park at 10 a.m., we head towards Lake Ontario via Morningside Park, stopping for lunch at Highland Creek beach. Our return trip may be the same or an alternate route depending on the weather. Historic sites include Scarborough Museum, Scarborough oldest church and the Guild Inn. Arrangement can be made to transport bikers from Kennedy subway, must call in advance.

Sun. Oct. 23 – City Walk – Don Valley

Chester Springs and Dead Toad, an Ecological and Historic Tour of the Don Valley. Early in the walk, we will check out the Chester Springs rehabilitation area, and see if the beaver lodge is still there. After migrating northward along the Don we will arrive at Todmorden Mills – Todmorden literally means Dead Toad – where we will learn about some of the early history of the Toronto area. A visit to an art gallery will then add a little touch of culture to our tour.

Fri. Oct. 28th to Sun. Oct. 30 – Weekend at the Wolf Den – Algonquin

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 potluck dinner on Saturday night. All previous trips to this location fill up fast so book early as numbers are limited.

Sat. Oct. 29 – Day Hike – Rattlesnake Point and Kelso – 15.3 km

We will hike from Rattlesnake Point, heading north to Kelso and back while doing various side trails along the way. There will be lots of good lookouts along the escarpment. We have the option of extending the hike by doing Leech-Porter side trail (17.3 km) and Crawford Lake side trail with views of Nassagaweya Canyon (21.3 km).

Sun. Oct. 30 – Urban Hike and Pub Stop – Beltline Trail

We will begin our hike along the Beltline trail over to Davisville and Yonge. If people are interested and time permits, we can continue the hike into the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. This is an easy hike along hard packed and paved surfaces and grass in the cemetery. Pub stop on either Mt. Pleasant Avenue or Yonge St. afterwards.

Sun. Oct. 30 – Evening East End Spooky Cycle

We will be exploring quiet streets decorated for Halloween including one described as the best in Toronto as the entire street is all done up. Please be sure to bring your lights for night cycling.

November

Sat. Nov. 5 – Day Hike – Blue Mountain

We will hike in the area in which there is a view, hoping to catch the last of the fall colours. At this time of year most of the leaves are down enabling a person to see into the bush for wildlife. The fall colours will be there; they might be on the ground.

Sun. Nov. 6 – Day Hike – Hockley Valley – 16 km

We will be hiking from Hockley Valley Road to Dunby Road and return via the Snell, Glen Cross and Tom East side trails. Varied terrain, wooded with some open spots for viewing, perhaps, the last of the fall colours (Bruce Trail Guide Map 18).

Wed. Nov. 9 – Evening Hike and Pub 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. Nov. 12 – Great Foods of the World® – Katmandu

Showing influences from neighbouring India and Tibet, Toronto's only Nepalese restaurant offers a short card of subtly spiced stir-fries and starters that combine the best of both cuisines. The remainder of the extensive menu features familiar northern Indian fare executed with equal skill.

Sun. Nov. 13 – Day Hike – Muskoka – 15 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.

Thurs. Nov. 17 – 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.

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Sun. Nov. 20 – Day Hike – Mono Cliffs–15 km

We will be hiking the Boyne Valley Provincial Park, varied terrain, wooded with some open spots (Bruce Trail Guide Map 19).

Sun. Nov. 27 – Day Hike – Hilton Falls

This is a great hike along the Niagara Escarpment with lots of unusual natural features such as the glacial potholes and the beaver ponds. An early “industrial site”, the ruins of Hilton’s lumber mill link to Toronto’s 1837 political uprising. Bring birdseed, the cocky chickadees at the fire pit (lunch stop) eat out of your hand.

Fri. Dec. 9 (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.