

August 2021 - Walk Schedule

<p>Tuesday August 3 10:00 am</p>	<p>East Don Middle - nature walk Leader - Charles Chaffey Meeting spot: Southeast corner of Victoria Park Avenue and Eglinton Square/O'Connor Drive. Location: East Don southwards from Bermondsey access. This is a 2 1/2 hour circular walk covering 4 km over mostly flat, unpaved and uneven surfaces with some steep slopes. We will walk west through the Meadoway, south of Eglinton Avenue to Bermondsey Road, then southwest along the incomplete East Don trail to the southernmost bridge. Return using some informal paths, with the option to use the main trail for easier walking. Looking for summer blooming plants and fruits of earlier bloomers and for waterfowl and birds of wet places. What to bring: Masks, binoculars, water, sunhat, sunscreen, insect repellent, snacks. Washrooms: Available at the beginning. TTC info: Take the Victoria Park bus #24A or #24B northbound from the Victoria Park station on line 2 Bloor-Danforth to Eglinton Square.</p>
<p>Tuesday August 10 8:00 am</p>	<p>Charles Sauriol Conservation Area - nature walk Leader: Zunaid Khan Meeting spot: Trailhead next to the parking lot off Lawrence Ave East Location: Charles Sauriol Conservation Area This is a 2-3 hour circular walk covering 3-5 km over mostly paved surfaces with gentle slopes and some steep slopes. We will walk from the trailhead near Lawrence Ave East along the Don River to Sloane Ave and back while enjoying a nice walk in nature through forested areas and wetlands. This trail includes the phase 3 extension of the East Don trail. There are a wide variety of birds in this area including Red-winged blackbirds, American Goldfinch, Vireos, Mallards, Gray Catbirds, Spotted Sandpipers and Killdeer, amongst others. What to bring: Masks, binoculars, water, sunhat, sunscreen, insect repellent, snacks, good walking shoes. Washrooms: No washrooms are available TTC info: Take the Lawrence East 54B bus to Railside Road then walk back west approximately 500m to the entrance to Charles Sauriol Conservation Area at 1191 Lawrence Avenue East. Walk down to the parking lot where you will find the trailhead. Parking: The parking lot is off the entrance to the conservation area off Lawrence Avenue East.</p>
<p>Saturday August 14 8:00 am</p>	<p>Small's Creek early morning - nature and heritage Leader: Ellen Schwartzel Meeting spot: Southwest corner of East Lynn Ave. and Danforth Ave. – just inside East Lynn Park – one block west of the Woodbine Subway station. Location: Small's Creek and nearby parks. This is a 2 hour linear walk covering 2.4 km over mostly paved, flat surfaces with gentle slopes. An east-end early morning walk to explore Small's Creek and neighbouring East Lynn and Monarch Parks which are linked by quiet residential streets. Small's Creek is where Metrolinx currently proposes to remove hundreds of mature ravine trees to add a fourth rail line. A very active local community has hired a lawyer to try</p>

	<p>to change the narrative. This is a repeat of a July walk – sadly, it might be our last chance to experience Small's Creek. Jewelweed, Chokecherry, Witch hazel and American Basswood are among the native plants we will encounter. We will end up at Greenwood Subway station.</p> <p>What to bring: Masks, binoculars, water, sunhat, sunscreen, insect repellent. Snacks if you'd like to sit and rest in shady Monarch Park before returning to the subway.</p> <p>Washrooms: No washrooms are available</p> <p>Stairs: There are stairs.</p> <p>TTC: Line 2 subway to the Woodbine Station.</p> <p>Parking: Those driving might want to park anywhere between Woodbine and Greenwood Subway stations.</p>
<p>Saturday August 21 9:30 am</p>	<p>Butterflies and Plants of The Meadoway - birds, insects and plants</p> <p>Leader: Sarah Kotsopoulos</p> <p>Meeting spot: 61 Benshire Drive, Scarborough</p> <p>Location: The Meadoway, Gatineau Hydro Corridor, Scarborough</p> <p>This is a 2 hour circular walk covering 2-4 km over mostly paved, flat surfaces with gentle slopes.</p> <p>This tour of the most established section of The Meadoway will allow participants to appreciate the midsummer blooms of a variety of wildflowers and learn a wide range of information on the life history of butterflies. The walk explores a restored meadow habitat within an urban setting and will have a focus on the species of butterflies that utilize it. Notable highlights include many butterfly species including Monarchs, a wide variety of native wildflowers and birds. The walk will start at 61 Benshire Drive (Benshire Junior Public School), and will continue through the Gatineau Hydro Corridor eastward. The walk will follow a circular route, with the same start and end point.</p> <p>What to bring: Masks, binoculars, water, sunhat, sunscreen, insect repellent. Long pants and closed toe, sturdy shoes are recommended.</p> <p>Washrooms: No washrooms are available.</p> <p>TTC: The closest bus stop to the starting point is at St Andrews Rd and McCowan Rd.</p>
<p>Thursday August 26 10:00 am</p>	<p>Bumblebees at Jonesville Allotments and Meadoway - birds, insects and plants</p> <p>Leader: Beth Binnington</p> <p>Meeting spot: the parking lot at the allotments on Jonesville Ave., East of Victoria Park</p> <p>Location: Jonesville Allotment Gardens (Eglinton Ave. and Victoria Park Ave.)</p> <p>This is a 2 hour circular walk covering 1 - 1.5 km over mostly unpaved, even, flat surfaces with gentle slopes. We'll search for bees on the flowers in the allotments and then on the adjacent Gatineau Trail/Meadoway.</p> <p>Stairs: There are no stairs.</p> <p>What to bring: Masks, binoculars, water, sunhat, sunscreen, insect repellent. Lunch if you wish. The walk ends at noon but some people may want to explore the Meadoway further.</p> <p>Washrooms: Available at the beginning.</p> <p>TTC info: Bus #24 Victoria Park, northbound from the Victoria Park subway station on line 2 to the Craigton Dr. bus stop.</p> <p>Parking: There is ample parking available in the Allotment parking lot off Jonesville Ave., east of Victoria Park Ave.</p>

<p>Saturday August 28 10:00 am</p>	<p>Golf courses to parks: Glen Stewart — the park, the golf course and the house - Nature and Heritage Walk Leader: Joanne Doucette Meeting spot: The parkette just south of Kingston Road on the west side of Beech Avenue Location: Glen Stewart Ravine to Lee Avenue and north to Kingston Road This is a 3 hour linear walk covering 8km over mostly unpaved, even surfaces with gentle slopes as well as some steep slopes. We will explore Glen Stewart Ravine and then the old golf course to the west of it which unfortunately did not become a park. Along the way we will look at trees, flowers, birds, and whatever else catches our eyes and ears. Stairs: There are stairs. Most, but not all, have railings. What to bring: Masks, binoculars, water, sunhat, sunscreen, insect repellent, snacks if you wish. Washrooms: No washrooms are available. TTC info: NOTE: <i>The walk will begin and end near Kingston Road.</i></p>
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