

## December 2021 - Walk Schedule

<p>Saturday December 4th 10:00 am</p>	<p><b>Name of walk:</b> Davisville to Evergreen Brickworks - Nature and heritage  <b>Leader:</b> Ed Freeman  <b>Meeting spot:</b> Davisville subway entrance, SW corner of Yonge/Davisville  <b>Location:</b> Yellow Creek, Mud Creek, and Don watersheds.  This is a 1.5 hour linear walk covering about 4 km over mostly unpaved but even surfaces which are mostly flat with some gentle slopes.  <b>Details:</b> From Davisville Subway Station, walk through Mt. Pleasant Cemetery and along Mud Creek to the Evergreen Brickworks. There is an opportunity for hot drinks and food at the end of the walk.  <b>What to bring:</b> Masks, your curiosity, binoculars if you're looking for birds, water, camera and snacks if you wish. Dress appropriately for cooler weather.  <b>Washrooms:</b> Available at the end.  <b>TTC:</b> Davisville subway station on Line 1.  <b>Walk Leader Cell Number:</b> Not provided.</p>
<p>Tuesday December 7 11:00 am</p>	<p><b>Name of walk:</b> The Casa Loma Area - nature and heritage  <b>Leader:</b> Paul Overy  <b>Meeting spot:</b> SW corner of Spadina Rd. and Davenport Rd., at the large stone circle just below Casa Loma. This intersection is 2 blocks north of the Dupont subway station.  <b>Location:</b> From Spadina and Davenport to St. Clair West subway station  This is a 2 hour linear walk covering about 2 km over mostly paved surfaces with gentle slopes as well as some steep slopes.  <b>Details:</b> This walk will include some of the "big picture" context for Toronto's history...geological, Indigenous, social, political and technological. We'll speak about the roles, lives and legacies of some influential early Torontonians who lived near or in Casa Loma. The walk will take us up the Walmer Road hill to the west of Casa Loma, rather than climbing the rather substantial Baldwin Steps staircase, so this walk is accessible to people using mobility devices. The latter part of the walk will take us down a steep hill to a gravel and soil path in the Nordheimer Ravine. The walk will end near the St. Clair West subway station.  <b>What to bring:</b> Masks, binoculars, water and snacks if you wish. Dress appropriately for the weather, which may be wintery. If the Nordheimer Ravine path is icy, we'll change the route to remain on sidewalks for the full length of the walk. Boots with good treads would be helpful for the latter portion of the walk.  <b>Washrooms:</b> No washrooms are available.  <b>TTC:</b> Dupont subway station on Line 1. Walk two blocks north to the meeting spot.  <b>Parking:</b> Parking is available at a lot on Bridgman Ave., east of Bathurst.  <b>Walk Leader Cell Number:</b> 647.229.1191  <b>NOTE: PLEASE LIMIT THE WALK TO 8 PARTICIPANTS PLUS THE WALK LEADER.</b></p>

<p>Thursday December 9th 10:30 am</p>	<p><b>Name of walk:</b> Humber Bay Park East and West - birds and wild urban plants - nature walk  <b>Leader:</b> Kayoko Smith and David Creelman  <b>Meeting spot:</b> Southwest corner of Lake Shore Blvd West and Park Lawn Rd  <b>Location:</b> Humber Bay Park East and West  This is a 3 to 3.5 hour circular walk covering 5-6 km over mostly unpaved but even surfaces which are mostly flat with some gentle slopes as well as some steep slopes.  <b>Details:</b> Explore Humber Bay Park East to look for wintering waterfowl and some land bird species. Learn about the Humber Bay Park East shoreline revitalization project. Anticipating limited access. Explore the less known Humber Bay Park West shoreline for waterfowl, trees and wild urban plants. Magnificent views of Toronto from the west side shore line will be a treat. Be prepared for winter conditions so some areas may be muddy and icy.  <b>What to bring:</b> Masks, water, binoculars or camera and snacks if you wish. Dress appropriately for winter weather as it will be colder along the lakefront. Wear winter boots in case of icy and muddy conditions.  <b>Washrooms:</b> Available at the beginning.  <b>TTC:</b> The #501 streetcar (Long Branch route) stops at Lake Shore and Park Lawn. Or from The Old Mill subway station on line 2, take the #66B bus to Lake Shore and Park Lawn.  <b>Parking:</b> There are public parking lots at Humber Bay.  <b>Walk Leader Cell Number:</b> 647.633.3687  <b>NOTE: PLEASE LIMIT THE WALK TO 12 PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING THE TWO WALK LEADERS.</b></p>
<p>Tuesday December 14 10:00 am</p>	<p><b>Name of walk:</b> Colonel Sam Smith Park - nature walk  <b>Leader:</b> Stephen Kamnitzer  <b>Meeting spot:</b> Entrance to the park at the end of Lakeshore Drive, just west of 13th Street.  <b>Location:</b> Colonel Sam Smith Park in Etobicoke  This is a 3-4 hour circular walk covering 8 km over mostly unpaved but fairly flat, even surfaces.  <b>Details:</b> We will explore the park while trying to identify mostly waterfowl and trees.  <b>What to bring:</b> Masks, water, binoculars and lunch. Dress appropriately for colder weather as it will be colder along the lakefront.  <b>Washrooms:</b> No washrooms are available.  <b>TTC:</b> The #501 streetcar (Long Branch route) stops at Lake Shore and Kipling. Or from the Kipling subway station on line 2, take the #44 bus south to Lakeshore and Kipling.  <b>Parking:</b> There are parking lots located around the Humber College campus.  <b>Walk Leader Cell Number:</b> 647.924.0840</p>

<p>Tuesday December 21 9:00 am</p>	<p><b>Name of walk:</b> Cherry Beach and Villiers Island - nature and heritage  <b>Leader:</b> Charles Bruce-Thompson  <b>Meeting spot:</b> The new shelter/kiosk/washroom at the entrance to Leslie Street Spit, 1 Leslie Street.  <b>Location:</b> Toronto Portlands  This is a 2 hour circular walk covering 7 km over mostly paved and fairly flat surfaces.  <b>Details:</b> We'll walk west along Cherry Beach, with views of the lake and probably some ducks. Then we'll head north up Cherry Street to see what progress has been made at the massive construction site that will eventually be Villiers Island and the re-routed Don River. We'll return briskly via Villiers St and Commissioners St  <b>What to bring:</b> Masks, water, binoculars and lunch. Dress appropriately for colder weather as it will be colder along the lakefront.  <b>Washrooms:</b> Washrooms are available at the beginning.  <b>TTC:</b> Take the #81 Jones bus from Donlands subway station on line 2 to Leslie and Commissioners, then a five minute walk south to the meeting spot.  <b>Walk Leader Cell Number:</b> 416.778.5340</p>
<p>Tuesday December 28 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>Name of walk:</b> Necropolis and Riverdale Farm - heritage  <b>Leader:</b> Ellen Schwartzel  <b>Meeting spot:</b> Castle Frank Subway station at street level. We will walk to Parliament St.; then south to Winchester St.; then east to the Necropolis  <b>Location:</b> Necropolis and Riverdale Farm  This is a 3 hour circular walk covering 5 km over mostly paved, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes.  <b>Details:</b> Let's stretch our legs and imaginations with this late December walk through historic Cabbagetown, destination the Necropolis and Riverdale Farm. We'll reflect on the many remarkable people buried at the Necropolis, including the leaders of the 1837 Upper Canada Rebellion, trail blazers such as the first Canadian-born black surgeon and reformers such as George Brown. Fine gothic architecture and nature's architecture of trees will also make this outing worth bundling up for. Our round trip will start and end at Castle Frank subway station.  <b>What to bring:</b> Masks, water and a snack. Dress appropriately for cold weather. Boots in case of icy conditions and layers are recommended.  <b>Washrooms:</b> Washrooms are available along the way. The washroom should be open at the Riverdale Farm Simpson House.  <b>TTC:</b> Castle Frank subway station on line 2.  <b>Walk Leader Cell Number:</b> 647.463.5562</p>