

## February 2022 - walk schedule

<p>Tuesday February 8 9:00 am</p>	<p><b>Downsview Park - nature walk</b>  <b>Leader</b> - Charles Bruce-Thompson  <b>Location:</b> Downsview Park, Downsview Dells Park  <b>Meeting spot:</b> The entrance to Downsview Dells Park, 1645 Sheppard Ave W. South side of Sheppard, about 100m west of Seeley Drive.  This is a 2.5 hour circular walk covering 7 km over mostly paved, flat surfaces with some steep slopes.  We'll walk through a part of the little-explored Downsview Dells Park to Downsview Park itself, which is growing in nicely after the extensive restoration a decade ago. Interesting birds often visit the park – but no promises.  <b>What to bring:</b> Masks, binoculars, snacks and water. Dress appropriately for winter weather and icers/grippers are recommended.  <b>Washrooms:</b> Washrooms are available along the way.  <b>TTC info:</b> Take the 108B Driftwood bus towards Pioneer Village from Sheppard West Subway Station.  <b>Parking:</b> Drive into the park; free parking is on your immediate right.  <b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416.778.5340</p>
<p>Thursday February 10 10:00 am</p>	<p><b>Winter in the Don Valley - nature walk</b>  <b>Leader</b> - Vivienne Denton  <b>Location:</b> Don Valley between Riverdale Park and Pottery Road  <b>Meeting spot:</b> St Matthews Clubhouse, Broadview Avenue at Langley Ave TTC stop  This is a 2 hour circular walk covering approximately 3 km over flat and mostly paved surfaces with some gentle slopes.  Meeting at the St Matthews Clubhouse, we will walk up the Don River Valley from the Riverdale Park footbridge to Pottery Road, past the planned Metrolinx GO train lay-by in the valley, and from there walk down Broadview Avenue to end at the Broadview subway station. We will look for signs of nature in winter.  <b>What to bring:</b> Masks, binoculars. Dress appropriately for winter weather and bring icers. Though paved, the trail can be quite treacherous in icy conditions.  <b>Washrooms:</b> Washrooms are available at the beginning.  <b>Stairs:</b> There are stairs  <b>TTC info:</b> Take Line 2 subway to Broadview station. Follow directions for the 504 King replacement bus and take to Broadview and Langley.  <b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416.605.7210</p>
<p>Saturday February 12 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>Necropolis and Cabbagetown - nature and heritage walk</b>  <b>Leader</b> - Ellen Schwartzel  <b>Location:</b> Necropolis and Cabbagetown  <b>Meeting spot:</b> Meeting spot: at Castle Frank Subway station at street level; We will walk to Parliament St.; then south to Winchester St.; then east to the Necropolis.  This is a 2.5 hour circular walk covering approximately 5 kms over mostly unpaved, even and flat surfaces with some gentle slopes.  This is a repeat offering of a 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</p>

	<p>make this outing worth bundling up for. Our round trip will start and end at Castle Frank subway station.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Masks, binoculars, and snacks. Dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Sidewalks and paths can be very icy, so bring icers or walking sticks if you have them.</p> <p><b>Washrooms:</b> Washrooms are available along the way (the washroom should be open at the Riverdale Farm Simpson House).</p> <p><b>TTC info:</b> Take the subway to Castle Frank station on line 2.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 647.463.5562</p>
<p>Friday February 18 8:30 am</p>	<p><b>Waterfront Trail – Ferry Terminal to Ontario Place - nature walk</b></p> <p><b>Leader -</b> Zunaid Khan</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Waterfront trail</p> <p><b>Meeting spot:</b> Benches on the boardwalk just west of Jack Layton Ferry Terminal. This is a 3-4 hour circular walk covering approximately 5-8 kms over flat and mostly paved surfaces with some gentle slopes.</p> <p>We will walk along the waterfront trail from the ferry terminal to Ontario Place and back. Enjoying views of the lake and looking mostly for winter ducks.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Masks, binoculars, camera, microspikes or grippers and snacks. Dress appropriately for the weather conditions.</p> <p><b>Washrooms:</b> Washrooms are available along the way.</p> <p><b>TTC info:</b> Take the subway to Union Station, then take the streetcar to the Ferry Island stop and walk south towards the lake. Meet at the benches at the beginning of the boardwalk just west of the Jack Layton ferry terminal.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416.716.6464</p>
<p>Thursday February 24 10:00 am</p>	<p><b>North Toronto historical houses and nature, Gibson house, York cemetery - nature and heritage walk</b></p> <p><b>Leader -</b> Kayoko Smith</p> <p><b>Location:</b> North York</p> <p><b>Meeting spot:</b> At the southwest corner of Yonge and Park Home Ave. Take subway line 1 to the North York Centre subway station and go to street level, or take the Yonge bus.</p> <p>This is a 2.5 hour circular walk covering 3 kms over mostly paved, flat surfaces with some steep slopes.</p> <p>Historical houses in North Toronto and trees. Yes there are still some historical houses left and visit the York cemetery, it was the farmland owned by Mr Shepard. We will enjoy the contour of the bottom of the ravine leading to Bernet Avenue Park to Earl Bales Park. NOTE: we will not visit Earl Bales Park.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Mask, water, crampon, walking stick and a snack and warm drinks if you like. Dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Although fairly flat sidewalks in general, snow packed sidewalks are icy. The snow is not plowed from the side streets leaving uneven surfaces. Some areas are narrow due to the snowbanks.</p> <p><b>Washrooms:</b> Washrooms are available at the beginning.</p> <p><b>Stairs:</b> There are stairs.</p> <p><b>TTC info:</b> Take subway line 1 to the North York Centre station and go to street level or take the Yonge bus to Yonge and Park Home Ave.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 647.633.3687</p> <p><i>NOTE: LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS TO 9.</i></p>
<p>Monday February 28</p>	<p><b>The Ward - heritage walk</b></p> <p><b>Leader -</b> Paul Overy</p>

11:00 am	<p><b>Location:</b> Areas from Bay and Queen to Bay and College St.</p> <p><b>Meeting spot:</b> In front of the big TORONTO sign in the middle of Nathan Phillips Square, in front of New City Hall at Bay and Queen.</p> <p>This is a 2 hour linear walk covering 2 kms over fairly flat and mostly paved surfaces.</p> <p>This walk will be an exploration of the social history of The Ward, a neighbourhood which was both one of Toronto's worst places to live for over a century and yet key to many immigrants' ability to survive and integrate into broader Toronto society. There are remarkable links between life in the Ward over a century ago and the events and dynamics of today. Some are sobering, some are inspiring, and I think it's important to know them.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Mask, water, curiosity and a snack if you like. Dress appropriately for the weather conditions. This is an urban walk along city sidewalks. Depending on snow/ice conditions, icers may be a good idea. We can step into the Eaton Centre to warm up and/or use the washrooms along the way, if needed.</p> <p><b>Washrooms:</b> Washrooms are available along the way.</p> <p><b>TTC info:</b> Take line 1 subway to Queen Street Station and walk west to Nathan Phillips square or line 2 subway to Osgoode Station and walk east to Nathan Phillips Square. The 501 Queen streetcar stops in front of the square.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 647.229.1191</p> <p><i>NOTE: LIMIT THE NUMBER OF WALKERS TO 6 PLUS THE WALK LEADER.</i></p>
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