

January 2022 - walk schedule

<p>Saturday January 1 9:00 am</p>	<p>Leslie Street Spit - nature walk Leader - Charles Bruce-Thompson Location: Tommy Thompson Park Meeting spot: Meet at the entrance to Tommy Thompson Park at 1 Leslie Street. This is a 3 hour circular walk covering 7 km over mostly paved and fairly flat surfaces. We should be able to see a lot of ducks and a few terrestrial birds. How far we go down the Spit will depend on the weather and the leader's stamina – we shall probably get as far as the pedestrian bridge at least. You can turn back at any stage. What to bring: Masks, binoculars. Grippers strongly recommended and perhaps something to snack on along the way. It can get very windy on the Spit, and it's New Year's Day...so bundle up! Washrooms: Washrooms are available along the way. TTC info: From the Donlands station on line 2, take the #83 Jones bus southbound to Commissioners Street. From there it's a 7-minute walk to the end of Leslie St. Parking: The parking lot is now open and it's free. Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416.778.5340</p>
<p>Wednesday January 5 10:00 am</p>	<p>Waterfowl on the Leslie St Spit - nature walk Leader - Stephen Kamnitzer Location: Tommy Thompson Park Meeting spot: Intersection of Leslie St. and Unwin Ave, entrance to the Spit. This is a 3+ hour circular walk covering 8 km over mostly unpaved, even and fairly flat surfaces. We will follow mostly small paths down to the metal bridge to observe hopefully lots of waterfowl in Embayment C, D and Cells 1,2 and 3. What to bring: Masks, binoculars, water and lunch. Dress appropriately for cold weather. Washrooms: Washrooms are available at the beginning. TTC info: Tommy Thompson Park is a 5 minute walk from the Commissioner's Street bus stop at Commissioner's and Leslie. Take the #83 Jones Southbound bus from Donlands Station on Line 2. There are connections with streetcar routes 501, 502, 503 and 506, and bus routes 56 and 31B along the scheduled route. Parking: There is a free parking lot at the Tommy Thompson Park entrance. Street parking is also available on Leslie Street and Unwin Avenue. Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647.924.0840</p>
<p>Friday January 7 11:00 am</p>	<p>The Annex - heritage walk Leader - Paul Overy Location: The southern portion of the Annex neighbourhood. Meeting spot: Meet near the large "wire pitcher" sculpture in Taddle Creek Park, at Bedford and Lowther, two blocks north of the Bedford St. exit from the St. George subway station. This is a 2 hour linear walk covering 2 km over mostly paved and fairly flat surfaces. This walk will explore the landscape of the Annex area before the European settlers came, the origin, development and key dynamics of the Annex neighbourhood, and some key aspects of how it has developed...and how it didn't. The walk will end near Bloor and Bathurst St.</p>

	<p>What to bring: Masks, water, snack...and your curiosity. This walk will be mostly on sidewalks, so please wear footwear suitable for the snow/ice conditions and clothing for the weather.</p> <p>Washrooms: Washrooms are available along the way.</p> <p>TTC info: Take the subway to St. George station - exit via the Bedford Street station.</p> <p>Parking: Parking is available across from the Bedford St. exit from the St. George subway station.</p> <p>NOTE: Maximum number of 6 walkers.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647.229.1191</p>
<p>Saturday January 8 10:00 am</p>	<p>Milne Hollow and East Don, restoration work in the city - nature walk Leader - Stephen Smith Location: East Don Valley – Milne Hollow Park and Moccasin Trail Park Meeting spot: Entrance to Charles Sauriol Conservation Area, 1 Old Lawrence Avenue</p> <p>This is a 3 hour linear walk covering 2 km over mostly unpaved, even, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes.</p> <p>We'll tour Milne Hollow Park and walk south through the Rainbow Tunnel into Moccasin Trail Park to discuss what's been done by the stewardship teams over the past 25 years and the history of the area. We'll watch for winter wildlife and learn to identify some plants in winter conditions. The walk will end at the gate at the park gate at the end of Moccasin Trail, and we'll walk back to the beginning.</p> <p>What to bring: Masks, warm clothing, hot drinks, binoculars, a walking stick, plant identification guides. Most walking will be on fairly level trails but expect packed snow and ice on the trails.</p> <p>Washrooms: No washrooms are available.</p> <p>TTC info: From the Eglinton Station on line 1, take the #54 Lawrence East bus to Rainside/Underhill. From there, walk 400m west along the south side of Lawrence to the park entrance. NOTE: Rainside is a loop with both ends meeting at Lawrence. Make sure you get off the bus at the west end of the loop and walk west along Lawrence from there.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416.707.2164</p>
<p>Sunday January 9 10:00 am</p>	<p>Union Station – Toronto's First Post Office - heritage walk Leader - Richard Longley Location: Business district Meeting spot: Union Station booking hall (bench north of the enquiries kiosk)</p> <p>This is a 3 hour linear walk covering 5 km over mostly paved and fairly flat surfaces. Discover the architecture and history of the business district.</p> <p>What to bring: Masks, proof of vaccination, camera, water, snack. Dress appropriately for the weather.</p> <p>Washrooms: Washrooms are available at the beginning.</p> <p>TTC info: Take line 1 subway to Union Station.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647.354.5353</p>
<p>Friday January 14 8:30 am</p>	<p>Toronto Islands - nature walk Leader - Zunaid Khan Location: Toronto Islands Meeting spot: By the washrooms inside the ferry terminal. We will be taking the 8:30 am ferry so please arrive 10-15 minutes beforehand and please buy your ferry tickets in advance online, here is the link: https://secure.toronto.ca/FerryTicketOnline/tickets2/index.jsp</p>

	<p>This is a 2-3 hour circular walk covering 5-8 km over mostly paved, flat surfaces. We will take a circular route from the Ward's Island ferry dock towards the Eastern Channel to the outer shore of the island by Ward's Island beach. Then west along the boardwalk before heading back towards the interior of the islands to explore Snake Island and the inner channels. We will mostly look for winter ducks and other birds as we enjoy all that nature has to offer and the beautiful views to be seen from the islands.</p> <p>What to bring: Masks, binoculars, water, snacks, and microspikes or crampons if you have them. Dress warmly for winter weather conditions.</p> <p>Washrooms: Washrooms are available at the beginning, along the way and at the end.</p> <p>TTC: Take line 1 subway to Union Station, then take the #510 streetcar one stop to the ferry terminal. Alternatively, it's a 10 minute walk south on Bay Street to the ferry terminal from Union Station.</p> <p>Parking: Paid public parking lots are available in the area.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416.716.6464</p>
<p>Sunday January 23 10:00 am</p>	<p>Cabbagetown, Corktown, Distillery District - heritage walk Leader: Richard Longley Location: Cabbagetown, Corktown and the Distillery District Meeting spot: Sherbourne TTC subway station (main entrance) on Line 2. This is a 3 hour linear walk covering 8 km over mostly paved, fairly flat surfaces. Discover the heritage and new architecture in Cabbagetown and the old city of Toronto</p> <p>What to bring: Masks, proof of vaccination, camera, water, snack. Dress appropriately for the weather.</p> <p>Washrooms: Washrooms are available along the way.</p> <p>TTC info: Take line 2 subway to Sherbourne Station.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647.354.5353</p>
<p>Sunday January 23 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Mimico Creek through Etobicoke Centre - nature and heritage walk Leader - Lillian Natalizio Location: Mimico Creek Meeting spot: West Deane Park (412 Martingrove Road) This is a 2 hour circular walk over mostly unpaved, uneven surfaces which are flat surfaces with some gentle slopes. Note that the trails are mostly snow covered. We will visit West Deane, Ravenscrest, and Hampshire Heights Parks.</p> <p>What to bring: Masks, binoculars, snacks and water. Dress appropriately for cold weather.</p> <p>Washrooms: No washrooms are available.</p> <p>TTC info: #46 Martin Grove bus from Kipling station on line 2 to Martin Grove and Princess Margaret Blvd. It is a short walk to the meeting spot at 412 Martin Grove.</p> <p>Parking: Limited street parking is available on the northbound and southbound sides of Martin Grove.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416.577.7618</p>