

March 2022 - walk schedule

<p>Friday March 4 10:10 am</p>	<p>Centennial Park Greenhouse - nature walk Leader: Martin Chen Location: 151 Elmcrest Rd. Etobicoke (Centennial Park in northwest Toronto) Meeting spot: TTC bus stop at Elmcrest and Rathburn - 151 Elmcrest Rd. Etobicoke (northwest Toronto).</p> <p>This is a 75 minute circular walk over mostly paved and fairly flat surfaces.</p> <p>From the meeting spot, it's an EASY 300m walk to the large, warm greenhouse. This event will preview the smells, sights and sounds of spring and summer 2022. This free botanical wonderland has an Ontario spring flowers room, a permanent rainforest atrium and a dry, desert floral room. The local outdoor trails are available to explore on a brief walkabout if there is no rain/snow/ice</p> <p>What to bring: Masks, good walking shoes, water and snacks if you wish. Dress in layers for the warmer indoor temperatures inside the greenhouse as well as the colder temperatures outside.</p> <p>Washrooms: Washrooms are available at the end.</p> <p>TTC info: From the Royal York subway station on line 2, take the #48 bus @ 9:44a.m. westbound to the Elmcrest bus stop.</p> <p>Parking: Free parking is available just outside the greenhouse and at other parking lots within the park. Just walk back to the meeting spot at Elmhurst and Rathburn.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416.854.4157 NOTE: LIMIT THE NUMBER OF WALKERS TO 12, INCLUDING THE WALK LEADER.</p>
<p>Saturday March 5 10:00 am</p>	<p>Todmorden Wildflower Preserve - nature walk Leader: Vivienne Denton Location: Todmorden Wildflower Preserve Meeting spot: Broadview TTC station – meet at the Tim Hortons at the corner of Broadview and Danforth.</p> <p>This is a 2 hour circular walk over mostly unpaved, even surfaces with gentle slopes as well as some steep slopes.</p> <p>We will walk to Todmorden from the Broadview subway station, stopping at the Chester Hill Road lookout, and then follow the trails around the preserve. We will walk back to Broadview station or participants can take the bus from the top of Pottery Road. We will look for early signs of spring in the preserve.</p> <p>What to bring: Masks, binoculars, water, snacks. Dress appropriately for winter weather, including winter footwear.</p> <p>Washrooms: Washrooms are available at the beginning.</p> <p>Stairs: There are stairs</p> <p>TTC info: Take Line 2 subway to Broadview station.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416.605.7210</p>

<p>Thursday March 17 10:00 am</p>	<p>St Patrick's Day: St Michael's Cemetery, St Clair W., Nordheimer Ravine, Casa Loma, Spadina - heritage walk Leader: Richard Longley Location: St Michael's Cemetery, St Clair W., Avenue Rd, Poplar Plains, Nordheimer Ravine, Casa Loma, Spadina/Bloor Meeting spot: Entrance to St Clair subway station on line 1 (south side of St Clair, east of Yonge)</p> <p>This is a 3 hour linear walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes.</p> <p>St Michael's Cemetery (Yonge W side, S of St Clair) is open only a few days per year, including St. Patrick's Day. The route includes a diversity of built heritage with stories attached. Observe nature in Nordheimer Ravine. The walk is long but walking the entire length is recommended – it is interesting. If you find the walk is too long, there are breakouts to the TTC along the way.</p> <p>What to bring: Masks, binoculars, camera, water, snacks. Dress appropriately for the weather, including footwear. Nordheimer Ravine may be muddy. Washrooms: Washrooms are not available. Stairs: There are stairs, but they are not excessive. TTC info: Take Line 1 subway to St. Clair station. Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647.354.5353</p>
<p>Friday March 18 9:30 am</p>	<p>Betty Sutherland Trail - nature walk Leader: Zunaid Khan Location: North York Meeting spot: Leslie TTC subway entrance on line 4 at Leslie Street and Sheppard Ave. East</p> <p>This is a 2-3 hour circular walk covering 5-8km over mostly paved, flat surfaces with some steep slopes.</p> <p>We will walk along the Betty Sutherland trail from Leslie St and Sheppard Ave. East to Duncan Mills Rd. The trail follows the Don River, we will explore all that nature has to offer including some of the year-round birds that can be found in this area such as Northern Cardinals, Black-capped Chickadees, Robins and Goldfinches.</p> <p>What to bring: Mask, binoculars, snack and water. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring crampons or grippers in case there is still ice on the trails. Washrooms: Washrooms are not available. Stairs: There are stairs. TTC info: Subway to Leslie St stop on Line 4, exit by the Leslie St and Sheppard exit. Parking: The closest available parking would be at the Canadian Tire located at 1019 Sheppard Ave East, west of Leslie St. Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416.716.6464</p>

<p>Wednesday March 23 9:30 am</p>	<p>Centennial Park Spring Awakening - nature walk Leader: Lillian Natalizio Location: Centennial Park Meeting spot: Parking Lot for Picnic Area 1 (132 Elmcrest Rd). 2 minute walk from TTC stop (Bus 48 Rathburn at Elmcrest Rd).</p> <p>This is a 2.5 hour circular walk covering 5.5km over mostly unpaved, uneven surfaces with gentle slopes and some steep slopes.</p> <p>We will circle through the park, visiting some nature hot spots along the way, including hickory-oak woods, maple-beech woods, and various wetlands, looking to spot plant awakening and bird species returning. We will also climb to the top of the largely re-vegetated ski hill for a panoramic view of Toronto and Mississauga.</p> <p>Note that there are some low lying areas. If March weather continues with the winter cold, there may be ice; if not, plan for mud.</p> <p>What to bring: Mask, binoculars, snacks and water. Dress appropriately for the weather and sturdy shoes or boots for icy conditions if needed. Washrooms: Washrooms are available at the end. TTC info: Take the #48 Rathburn bus from Royal York subway station on line 2 to the Elmcrest Rd. bus stop. Parking: There is a parking lot at picnic area #1 at Centennial Park. Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416.577.7618</p>
<p>Saturday March 26 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Mount Pleasant Cemetery - Spring ramble Leader: Ellen Schwartzel Location: Mount Pleasant Cemetery Meeting spot: At the Yonge Street entrance to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, about 4 blocks north of the St. Clair subway station on Line 1.</p> <p>This is a 2 hour circular walk covering 4km over mostly paved, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes.</p> <p>We will look for budding trees and early birds. Mount Pleasant Cemetery is listed among the top birding locations in Toronto, with a possibility of migrating warblers and other spring songbirds. One e-birder recorded 30 species at Mount Pleasant on March 31st, 2020. No promises, though. Some of the finest heritage trees of Toronto can be found at Mount Pleasant, with many conveniently labeled.</p> <p>What to bring: Mask, binoculars, tea, snacks and water. Wear layers for wind and sturdy shoes or boots for icy conditions if needed. Washrooms: Washrooms are not available. TTC info: St. Clair subway station on line 1. Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647.463.5562</p>
<p>Thursday March 31 1:00 pm</p>	<p>A history of Toronto's railways - heritage walk Leader: Paul Overy Location: From Corktown Common to Queen's Quay Terminal Meeting spot: At the corner of Front St. and Bayview Ave., at Corktown Common sign.</p>

This is a 2.5 hour linear walk covering 3.5km over mostly paved, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes.

The fuller title of this walk is "From Pig Poop to Harbourfront: A History of Railways in Toronto". We will be touching on a few aspects of how and why the railways developed as they did...and the outcomes for the city's relationship to Lake Ontario. We will walk along what was once a heavily industrial area westward to the CN Tower, then southward through Harbourfront down to Queen's Quay Terminal...all spaces created for the railways.

What to bring: Masks, water and a snack along with your curiosity.

Washrooms: Washrooms are available along the way.

TTC info: There are many options to travel to the start point by TTC. The simplest is likely to take the Queen or King streetcar to River Street, then walk south toward Bayview Avenue, which you follow south to Front St.; about a 6-minute walk.

Parking: There is substantial parking around the nearby Distillery District site, as well as street parking closer to the start point.

Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647.229.1191

NOTE: LIMIT THE NUMBER OF WALKERS TO 8, PLUS THE WALK LEADER.