

July 2022 - walk schedule

<p>Tuesday July 5 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Evening ramble along the Western Harbourfront - nature and heritage Walk leader: Paul Overy Location: Harbourfront, from Spadina Quay to Coronation Park Meeting spot: The foot of Spadina Ave., at the entrance to the Spadina Quay wetland (SW corner of Spadina and Queen's Quay W.)</p> <p>This is a 2 hour linear walk covering 2kms over mostly paved and fairly flat surfaces.</p> <p>This will be a leisurely stroll along the waterfront, to explore how green spaces have been introduced to what had been desolate industrial space for decades. We will meet at the Spadina Quay wetland and make our way westward to Coronation Park, with opportunities to explore inspiring and significant natural, artistic and historical spaces.</p> <p>Stairs: No stairs Washrooms: Washrooms are available along the way What to bring: Your curiosity, water, a mask (for crowded situations, if any) and a snack if you like. TTC info: From the Spadina subway station on line 2, or from Union subway station on line 1, take the #510 streetcar to the meeting spot. Parking: There is a lot on the NE corner of Bathurst and Queen's Quay Walk Leader Cell Number: 647.229.1191</p>
<p>Thursday July 7 9:00 am</p>	<p>Woodbine and Ashbridges' Bay Parks - nature and heritage Walk leader: Bob Kortright Location: Woodbine and Ashbridges' Bay Parks Meeting spot: Park edge at the southeast corner of Coxwell and Eastern Avenues.</p> <p>This is a 2.5 hour circular walk covering 3kms over mostly paved and fairly flat surfaces.</p> <p>We will outline the history of Ashbridge's Bay, Woodbine and Ashbridge's Bay Parks, including the replacement of the western 40% of the Woodbine/Greenwood racetrack with Woodbine Park, the construction of Coatsworth cut, the sedimentation remediation, new wastewater treatment outfall, shoreline protection and the naturalization of the parks. Expect trees, flowers & butterflies.</p> <p>Stairs: There are no stairs. Washrooms: Washrooms are available along the way What to bring: Binoculars, water, snacks, sunscreen, hat. TTC: The 22A Coxwell bus from the Coxwell subway station on line 2 and Queen streetcar stops are close to the starting point. Parking: Parking is available in Ashbridge's Bay Park and off Eastern Avenue east of Coxwell. Walk Leader Cell Number: 416.699.8842</p>

<p>Saturday July 9 10:00 am</p>	<p>Walking the Coast of the Old City of Toronto - nature and heritage Walk Leader: Joanne Doucette Location: The Beach from R.C. Harris Water Treatment Plant westward along the lakefront Meeting Spot: Southeast corner of Queen Street East at the entrance to the RC Harris Water Treatment Plant (the meeting spot is near the Neville streetcar loop)</p> <p>This is a 2 hour linear walk covering 6-10kms over mostly unpaved but even, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes. There is always lots to see along the boardwalk and water's edge — from birds, to rocks and fossils, to waves and water currents. As well, I have a wealth of knowledge about the history of The Beach due to my Facebook page Toronto's Beaches Historical Photos https://www.facebook.com/groups/1994393104119125 where I explore not just the area known as The Beach/The Beaches but all of Old Toronto's coastline. But how much better to do it on foot. We will stop at a suitable spot for a picnic lunch and discussion at the end of the walk.</p> <p>Walk takes place rain or shine, but in the event of thunder or an Environment Canada severe weather warning, safety first — we will head for shelter.</p> <p>Stairs: There are stairs Washrooms: Washrooms are available along the way What to bring: Lunch, sunscreen, hat, binoculars, water TTC info: Take the 501 Queen Street streetcar to the entrance to the RC Harris Water Treatment Plant near the Neville Loop. Walk Leader Cell Number: 647.236.4980</p>
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<p>Tuesday July 12 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Explore The Meadoway - Birds, insects and Plants Walk Leader - Sarah Kotsopoulos Location: The Meadoway Meeting spot: Givendale Allotment Gardens, 1 Givendale Road, Scarborough</p> <p>This is a 2 hour circular walk covering 3kms over mostly paved and fairly flat surfaces.</p> <p>Participants will walk through a portion of The Meadoway and learn about the meadow restoration efforts underway throughout the hydro corridor. Participants will have a chance to see a variety of native wildflowers, butterflies, bees and birds that call The Meadoway home.</p> <p>Stairs: No stairs Washrooms: Washrooms are available at the beginning. What to bring: Camera, binoculars, water, snack. Walk will be on a mix of paved trail and mowed grass. Long pants and closed-toed shoes are recommended. TTC info: Take the subway to Kennedy station on line 2, and then take Kennedy bus #43 northbound to the Ranstone Gardens stop (stop #4117). Once at the stop, walk west along Ranstone Gardens, until you get to Givendale Road, where you turn right and walk north to the meeting spot. Parking: Parking is available along either side of the road at the Givendale Allotment Gardens. Walk Leader Cell Number: 416-456-4844</p>
<p>Saturday July 16 9:00 am</p>	<p>Newtonbrook Creek Ravine and East Don Valley Swamp - nature walk Walk Leader: Ellen Schwartzel Location: Newtonbrook Creek Meeting spot: Meet on the sidewalk at the southeast corner of Bayview Ave and Finch Ave., near a cluster of townhomes called "Rainbow Creekway".</p> <p>This is a 3 hour circular walk covering 4.5kms over mostly unpaved uneven, flat surfaces with some steep slopes.</p> <p>A morning walk in a shady Willowdale ravine, with a few steep hills. We will walk south on Bayview and then immediately take a path rising to the left to the northern dead-end of Burbank. Wetland patches of cattails alternate with areas of meadow and open woodland. We'll see berries (nannyberry and highbush cranberry) and native forbs like white vervain, jewelweed and thimbleberry. Local volunteers (and TFN members) have been protecting snapping turtle nests in this area. We will continue past Forest Grove, down into the environmentally significant area, and continue past the confluence of Newtonbrook Creek and a branch of the Don, where turtles may be basking at a pond. Then we will double back and end back at Finch and Bayview.</p> <p>Stairs: No stairs Washrooms: Washrooms are not available along the route. However, for those coming by subway, there are washrooms inside Finch subway station, near the flower shop. What to bring: Sun hat, insect repellent, water and a snack. Consider bringing your walking stick.</p>

	<p>TTC info: From the Finch subway station, take any Finch East bus; get off at Bayview Ave. Walk Leader Cell Number: 647.463.5562</p>
<p>Tuesday July 19 11:00 am</p>	<p>Colonel Sam Smith Park - nature and heritage Walk Leader: Linda Klevnick Location: Colonel Sam Smith Park in Etobicoke Meeting spot: Southeast corner of Kipling Ave and Lakeshore Blvd. W.</p> <p>This is a 2 hour circular walk covering 4-5kms over mostly unpaved, even, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes.</p> <p>A pleasant walk around the park enjoying the meadow plants, marshy areas and the lake views from the breakwaters. There is little shade on this walk so if it is a hot sunny day please bring sufficient water.</p> <p>Stairs: No stairs Washrooms: Washrooms are available along the way however it is a portapotty. What to bring: Binoculars, hat, sunscreen, bug spray, water (and a snack if desired). TTC info: From the Kipling subway station on line 2, take the #44 Kipling bus southbound to the meeting spot. Parking: There are both paid and free parking lots available in the park. Walk Leader Cell Number: 416.570.7429</p>
<p>Saturday July 23 10:00 am</p>	<p>Lower Yellow Creek - nature and heritage Walk Leader: Ed Freeman Location: Davisville to Evergreen Brickworks Meeting spot: Yonge St entrance to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery</p> <p>This is a 2.5 hour linear walk covering approx. 4kms over mostly unpaved, uneven surfaces with gentle slopes and some steep slopes.</p> <p>Walk through Mt. Pleasant cemetery and along Yellow Creek to Evergreen Brickworks. We will encounter an old mill site, the site of a Murdock mystery, the power of storm water, and old roadways and bridges. Hopefully our chatter will allow some birds to be seen as we wander along.</p> <p>Stairs: There are stairs Washrooms: Washrooms are available at the end What to bring: Lunch, water, sun screen, hat, dress appropriately for the weather conditions. There's also the opportunity to eat at the Brickworks Market. TTC info: From the Davisville subway station on line 1, walk south or from the St. Clair subway station on line 1, walk north to the meeting spot. Walk Leader Cell Number: Not available.</p>

Monday
July 25
6:30 pm

Glen Stewart Ravine - an evening ramble

Walk Leader: Danielle Pellatt-Hall

Location: Glen Stewart Ravine

Meeting spot: Meet at the Beech Avenue entrance to the trail, which is just south of Kingston Road.

This is a 2 hour circular walk covering 3km over mostly unpaved, uneven, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes.

We will walk south down the trail to Queen Street East and then return along the same path. Join us for a reprieve from the hustle and bustle of urban life while you lose yourself in this slice of paradise. This will be a slow paced walk as we will stop frequently to appreciate the finer details of the trees and plants that we see.

Stairs: There are stairs

Washrooms: Washrooms are not available

What to bring: Snacks, water, plant ID guide, camera. Bring your plant ID guides if you have any and make sure your phone is charged if you prefer using the plant ID apps!

TTC info: Line 2 subway to Coxwell station. Take the #22 Coxwell bus southbound to Beech Ave. and Kingston Road.

Walk Leader Cell Number: 647.444.2925