

June 2022 - walk schedule

<p>Friday June 3 1:00 pm</p> <p>(Walk rescheduled from May 26 due to weather)</p>	<p>Lambton Woods - Wildflowers Walk Leader: Danielle Pellatt-Hall Location: James Gardens Meeting Spot: Meeting west of the main entrance to the James Gardens parking lot which is off Edenbridge Drive. Find the group in front of the public washrooms just inside the entrance.</p> <p>This is a 2.5 hour circular walk covering 4 km over mostly unpaved, even surfaces with gentle slopes.</p> <p>We will head south along the dirt trails from James Gardens to Lambton Woods, then north along the Humber River Recreational Trail. We will go as far north as time allows, then return to James Gardens. We will stop to look at the trees and the spring flowers as we tour the area and will also take 30 minutes at the end of the walk to look around James Gardens, although you may decide to skip this if it does not interest you. 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. Bring your plant ID guides if you have any, and make sure your phone is charged if you prefer using plant ID apps!</p> <p>Stairs: No stairs. Washrooms: Washrooms are available at the end. What to bring: Camera, a plant ID guide, water, snacks. TTC info: James Gardens is located approximately halfway between Royal York Road and Scarlett Road. Take the #73 Royal York bus northbound from the Royal York subway station on line 2. Get off at Romney Rd. and walk north to the traffic light at Royal York and Edenbridge and walk east on Edenbridge to the entrance for James Gardens - approx. 10-15 minutes. Or take the #79 Scarlett Road bus from the Runnymede subway station on line 2 to Scarlett Road and Edenbridge. Walk west on Edenbridge to the entrance for James Gardens - approx. 15 minutes. Parking: There is a large parking lot at the main entrance to the gardens. Walk Leader Cell Number: 647.444.2925</p>
<p>Monday June 6 9:30 am</p>	<p>Downsview Park - nature and heritage Walk leaders: Rachel Gottesman and Bob Kortright Location: Downsview Park Meeting spot: SE corner Sheppard/Keele</p> <p>This is a 2.5 hour circular walk covering 3 km over mostly unpaved, even, fairly flat surfaces.</p> <p>We will walk through forested areas in the park on the south and north sides of Sheppard. There are many old growth trees and we'll look for birds.</p> <p>Stairs: No stairs. Washrooms: Washrooms are available along the way. What to bring: Hat, binoculars, water, snack or lunch, reference materials if desired.</p>

	<p>TTC info: Bus #106 or 108B from Sheppard Ave W. subway station on line 1. Parking: There are several parking lots available at Downsview Park. Walk leader cell #: 416.699.8842</p>
<p>Friday June 10 1:15 pm</p>	<p>Old shore of Lake Ontario - Nature and heritage Walk leader: Ed Freeman Location: Along the shoreline of Lake Ontario as it was in 1800. Meeting spot: SE corner Jarvis and The Esplanade</p> <p>This is a 3 hour linear walk covering 6 km over mostly paved, fairly flat surfaces.</p> <p>We will walk down Jarvis to Sugar Beach, east and north on Sherbourne, east along The Esplanade, north on Cherry St, east on Front St, south and across the Don River and along Lakeshore Blvd., north on Leslie to Queen St.</p> <p>Stairs: No stairs. Washrooms: Washrooms are available at the end. What to bring: Curiosity, water, binoculars if looking for birds. Dress appropriately for the weather. TTC info: From the Sherbourne subway station on line 2, take the #75 Sherbourne southbound bus to Sherbourne and The Esplanade. Walk two blocks west on The Esplanade to the meeting spot at Jarvis and The Esplanade. Walk Leader Cell Number: No cell.</p>
<p>Tuesday June 14 11:00 am</p>	<p>West Don River from Ontario Science Centre to Alexander Muir Memorial Gardens - nature Walk Leader: Linda Klevnick Location: West Don River Meeting spot: Meet at the large illuminated sign at the Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Road.</p> <p>This is a 2.5 hour linear walk covering 5 km over mostly unpaved, even, flat surfaces with some steep slopes.</p> <p>A walk through interconnecting parks (E. T. Seton Park North, Serena Gundy Park, Sunnybrook Park, Sherwood Park and Blythwood Ravine Park) ending at Alexander Muir Memorial Gardens. We will enjoy the plants, trees and flowers along the way.</p> <p>Stairs: There are stairs. Washrooms: Washrooms are available along the way. What to bring: Hat, water and a lunch or snack. Binoculars in case there are birds and bug spray if needed. TTC info: From the Pape subway station on line 2, take the #25 Don Mills bus or the #925 Don Mills Express bus to the Ontario Science Centre. Walk Leader Cell Number: 416.570.7429</p>
<p>Saturday June 18 9:00 am</p>	<p>Cavity nesting birds, nest box, plants and shrubs that attract birds - birds, insects and plants Walk Leader: Robert Bean and Kayoka Smith Location: G. Ross Lord Park, North York Meeting spot: G. Ross Lord Parking lot at Dufferin Street & Martin Ross Avenue (500-meter north of Finch Ave west) free parking.</p>

	<p>This is a 3.4km linear walk to the TTC at Steeles and Dufferin OR a 7km walk back to the parking lot at the start. Walking over mostly unpaved, even, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes.</p> <p>Birding, checking for native birds in nest boxes with a special long snake camera. Nest box types and placement. Kayoko will cover plants & shrubs that attract birds.</p> <p>Stairs: No stairs.</p> <p>Washrooms: Washrooms are available along the way around the halfway mark.</p> <p>What to bring: Binoculars, insect repellent, sunscreen, hat, camera and snacks/water.</p> <p>TTC info: Take bus #105 Dufferin North from the Wilson subway station on line 1 to Dufferin and Martin Ross Avenue. Meeting spot is in the parking lot.</p> <p>Parking: Free parking at the G. Ross Lord parking lot at Dufferin Street & Martin Ross Avenue.</p> <p>Walk Leader Cell Number: 416.633.7650</p>
<p>Wednesday June 22 11:00 am</p>	<p>Blythwood & Sherwood Parks - nature and heritage Walk Leaders: Jennifer Smith & Paul Overy Location: Blythwood & Sherwood Parks Meeting spot: Southeast corner of Lawrence Ave. East & Yonge St. in front of the Locke Library</p> <p>This is a 2 hour linear walk covering 3.5km over mostly unpaved and uneven surfaces with gentle slopes and some steep slopes.</p> <p>As we walk towards Blythwood Park, we will meander SE from Lawrence Ave. East & Yonge St. through a residential area to discuss the history of this Lawrence Park neighbourhood. Along the route through Blythwood and Sherwood Parks, we will discuss the evolution of this remarkable urban forest and how it varies through the parks. We'll also speak about the history and route of Burke Brook. We will finish at the entrance to Sherwood Park on Sherwood Av. near Mount Pleasant Rd., where we can catch the Mount Pleasant #74 bus south to the St. Clair subway station. Note: We will be walking through an off-leash dog walking trail where there will be many dogs.</p> <p>Stairs: No stairs.</p> <p>Washrooms: Washrooms are available along the way.</p> <p>What to bring: Bring curiosity, water, a mask (for crowded situations) and a snack if you like.</p> <p>TTC: Take line 1 subway to the Lawrence Avenue station. At the end of the walk, catch the Mount Pleasant #74 bus south to the St. Clair subway station.</p> <p>Walk Leader Cell Number: 416.828.3874 NOTE: Maximum group size of 12 walkers, plus the 2 leaders.</p>
<p>Saturday June 25 10:00 am</p>	<p>Scarborough Bluffs and Lake Ontario Shoreline - nature Walk Leader: Vera Bigall and Ellen Schwartzel Location: Guild Park east of the Guild Inn</p>

	<p>Meeting spot: SW corner of Guildwood Parkway and Galloway Road, at the bus stop for the Morningside 116 bus from Kennedy Station.</p> <p>This is a 2.5 hour circular walk covering 4-5 km over mostly unpaved, even, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes.</p> <p>We will start by following a woodland trail at the top of the bluffs to observe wildflowers, small animals and birds, and view the lake from above. Then we'll make our way through the parking lot and follow a paved route to the shoreline and follow a solid path along the shoreline for about 40 minutes, observing cliff swallows in their natural setting and waterfowl such as mute swans. We will pause at a beach for rest and examine some of the efforts that have been made to prevent erosion and to maintain the natural beauty of the bluffs. We will retrace our shoreline route and return to the meeting place.</p> <p>At the end of the walk, those who wish can explore The Guild Inn property which is a five minute walk from the end of our route. There are sculptures and the new Clark Centre for the Arts (this will be the focus of another walk later in the summer).</p> <p>Stairs: No stairs.</p> <p>Washrooms: Washrooms are not available, however, there are washrooms at The Guild Inn and there is a Tim Hortons at Guildwood plaza, several blocks from our meeting point.</p> <p>What to bring: Binoculars, long pants tucked into socks (protection from ticks), hat, sunscreen, water, snack, insect repellent (there will likely be insects in the forest section).</p> <p>TTC info: Take the Morningside #116 bus from Kennedy Station on line 2.</p> <p>Parking: There is a free parking lot at the corner of Galloway and Guildwood Parkway. This is not the Guild Inn parking lot but slightly east of it. Parking is also available on Galloway Road, for 3 hours.</p> <p>Walk Leader Cell Number: 416.369.0547</p>
<p>Thursday June 30 6:00 pm</p>	<p>Yellow Creek from Milkman's lane - trees</p> <p>Walk leader: Danielle Pellatt-Hall</p> <p>Location: Yellow Creek</p> <p>Meeting spot: Meet at the intersection of Glen Road and South Drive, near where Milkman's lane begins.</p> <p>This is a 2 hour circular walk covering 3 km over mostly paved, flat surfaces with some steep slopes.</p> <p>We will walk down Milkman's Lane to the trail and follow it westward as we look at Trees and their leaves, and the wildflowers too. This will be a slow paced walk as we will stop frequently to appreciate the finer details of the trees and plants.</p> <p>Stairs: No stairs.</p> <p>Washrooms: Washrooms are not available.</p> <p>What to bring: Snacks, water, camera, insect repellent, plant ID guide if you have one. Make sure your phone is charged if you prefer using plant ID apps.</p> <p>TTC info: Take the #75 bus northbound bus from the Sherbourne subway station on line 2 to the bus stop at Glen Road and South Drive.</p> <p>Walk Leader Cell Number: 647.444.2925</p>

