

October 2022 - Walk Schedule

<p>Friday October 7 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Betty Sutherland Trail Nature Walk Leader: Zunaid Khan</p> <p>Meeting Spot: Southeast corner of Sheppard Ave. east and Leslie street</p> <p>Walk Details: This a 2-hour, 3 to 5 km circular walk over mostly paved surfaces. Flat, but with some steep slopes. There are some stairs.</p> <p>We will follow the Don River from Sheppard and Leslie, heading towards Duncan Mills Road and Don Mills. This is a general nature walk through forested areas enjoying the fall colours and wildflower meadows along the Don River. Opportunities to see birds including Cardinals, Blue Jays, Robins and Black-capped Chickadees. There is the possibility of seeing salmon moving up the Don.</p> <p>No washrooms</p> <p>What to bring: Binoculars, camera, snacks and water. Dress for the weather.</p> <p>TTC: Take Line 4 to Leslie Street subway station, then walk east 300 m to the meeting spot.</p> <p>Parking: Free parking at Ikea or Canadian Tire off Sheppard Ave East. Paid parking at the TTC lot at Leslie Street.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416-716-6464</p>
<p>Saturday October 8 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Restoration and Citizen Science in the Don Valley Leader: Ellen Schwartzel</p> <p>Meeting Spot: Meet at the northeast corner of O'Connor Dr and Beechwood Drive (not Beechwood Cres!)</p> <p>Walk Details: This a circular, 4 km walk over mostly unpaved (but even) terrain. Some steep slopes and no stairs. Duration about 2 hours</p> <p>Discover how the industrial legacy of the Don Valley has been transformed into natural heritage. A 4-km circular walk featuring Cottonwood Flats, where a multi-year ecological monitoring program has been led by Toronto Field Naturalists, with the City of Toronto partnering. Nearby Beechwood Wetland is also being restored with volunteer power.</p> <p>No washrooms</p> <p>What to bring: water, a snack and curiosity</p> <p>TTC: Take the 100A Flemingdon Park bus from Broadview Subway station north to O'Connor Drive; then walk east about one minute to the meeting spot. Or take the 25 bus from Pape subway station to O'Connor</p>

	<p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647-463-5562</p>
<p>Thursday October 13 9.30</p>	<p>Ramble through James Gardens/ Lambton Woods Leader: Patty Staite</p> <p>Meeting Spot: The duck pond near the parking lot of James Gardens</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5-hour, 2.5 circular walk over mostly unpaved, even surfaces with some gentle slopes</p> <p>There will be a brief introduction to the area. We will observe the species of ducks in the pond and then walk south along the paved path to the nature trail which we will follow through the woods. There is a feeder that is often visited by cardinals, nuthatches, chickadees and woodpeckers. We will cut over to the paved bike/walking path and follow the river north observing waterfowl. The walk will end back in the parking lot.</p> <p>There may be a couple of wet areas on the path so sturdy walking shoes or hiking boots are recommended</p> <p>Washrooms: Available at the beginning</p> <p>What to bring: binoculars, camera, water, snack if desired</p> <p>TTC: Take the #73 Royal York bus northbound from Royal York station. Exit at Romney Rd. Walk one block north to Edenbridge Drive and turn right. Walk about 10 minutes downhill to James Gardens / Lambton Woods Park at 99 Edenbridge Dr. Alternatively, take the #79 Scarlett bus to Edenbridge Dr & Scarlett Rd, then walk along Edenbridge to James Gardens.</p> <p>Driving: From Eglinton Ave West turn south on Royal York Rd, turn east on Edenbridge Dr and turn south into the (free) parking lot for James Gardens / Lambton Woods.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416-239-2092</p>
<p>Saturday October 15 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Hurricane Hazel Anniversary: A Nature and Heritage walk - Public Walk Leader: Madeleine McDowell</p> <p>Meeting Spot: Old Mill Subway Station End Point: Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas Street, York, ON M6S 2R6</p> <p>Walk Details: This a 3-hour linear walk covering 3 to 4 km. Some steep slopes and stairs. Mostly paved.</p> <p>Saturday October 15th marks the 68th anniversary of the Hurricane Hazel flood disaster.</p> <p>This walk follows a part of the Humber's west bank, from the Old Mill at Bloor St. to the wildflower garden at Lambton House (4066 Old Dundas St), where are displayed 1954-era photos from the sites visited. The Humber's green ravine is the beautiful legacy of what is recognised as one of the twenty greatest disasters in</p>

	<p>Canadian history, now a distant memory. We'll see birds, plants, leaping salmon, and maybe a snake or two. The walk leader will be bringing her wheelchair. This is a joint outing with Heritage York.</p> <p>Washrooms: At the end</p> <p>What to bring: water, binoculars, camera and perhaps lunch</p> <p>TTC:From Lambton House take the #55 TTC Bus to Jane Subway Station</p>
<p>Sunday October 16 2.00 PM</p>	<p>Lost Rivers: The Bentway and Garrison Common – Past Present Future – Stories of the Garrison Common and the creeks surrounding Old Fort York. A Lost Rivers/ Toronto Field Naturalists Walk in partnership with The Bentway</p> <p>This walk will require pre-registration in order to attend. Registration will be managed by The Bentway. As the walk is linked with The Bentway & The Exhibition “Confluence” art exhibition which is influenced by our ravines and waterway, this is a ticketed timed entry event. Registration will open on October 8th at noon. Here is the link to register for this walk: https://tfngo.to/lostriversbentway Walk will be open to TFN members, Losts Rivers and The Bentway.</p> <p>Leader: Helen Mills</p> <p>Meeting Spot: Northwest corner of Bathurst St and Fort York Blvd End Point: Strachan Gate, Bent 52. (The west end of The Bentway at Strachan Ave.)</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2-hour, 1.75 km linear walk over mostly paved surfaces with the occasional gentle slope. There is one set of stairs, but there is an alternative accessible way up the slope.</p> <p>We will explore the Bentway and Garrison Common – people, water, land, ecosystems, past present and future. Come and discover the former mouth of Garrison Creek, the former shoreline of Lake Ontario, the tiny creeks of the Garrison Common and their lost ecosystems. There will be stories about lost histories – warriors, squatters, gardeners, wolves at the gate of the fort, 11,000 year old footprints in the lake, rain gardens and the remarkable changes that are happening at the Bentway and in the neighbourhood! We will end with a visit to “Love Song to the Great Lakes” by artist Olivier Bonnard and a short walk to the Strachan Gate.</p> <p>At the end of the walk, attendees will proceed to the “Confluence” art exhibit presented by The Bentway.</p> <p>What to bring: Dress for the weather (hat, layers etc), comfortable walking shoes recommended. Bring water and a snack if desired.</p> <p>Washrooms located in the Fort York Visitor Centre (about one third of the way through the walk)</p>

	<p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 4167314582</p>
<p>Wednesday October 19 9.30 AM</p>	<p>Centennial Park and Etobicoke Creek: Fall Colours Leader: Lillian Natalizio</p> <p>Meeting Spot: Centennial Park parking lot at the north end of Elmcrest Rd</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5-hour, 5.5 km circular walk over mostly unpaved and uneven surfaces, with both gentle and steep slopes</p> <p>Leaves are already starting to change colour. To enjoy these sights, we will wind our way through the forested west end of Centennial Park and down into the Etobicoke Creek ravine, looking at some of the significant tree species or individuals in the area. The walk will proceed north along the creek to Eglinton Ave, and return along the top of the ravine.</p> <p>What to bring: binoculars, water and a snack</p> <p>TTC: The 48 Rathburn bus stops at Rathburn Rd at Elmcrest Rd.</p> <p>Washrooms: At the beginning.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416.577.7618</p>
<p>Saturday October 22nd 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Toronto's Coast: Ashbridges Bay Park - Public Walk Leader: Joanne Doucette</p> <p>Meeting Spot: The Woodbine Bus Loop, south of Lakeshore Blvd, opposite Northern Dancer Blvd</p> <p>Walk Details: This a 2 ½-hour, circular walk on mostly paved surfaces with some gentle slopes.</p> <p>Here Lake Ontario displays its many moods in full force. On the south side of this headland, breakers roll in across the wide cold, deep expanse of Niigani-Gichigami. On the north side the quiet, shallow warm waters of Ashbridges Bay shelter yachts and dabbling ducks. We will take time on this leisurely 5 km walk to look for birds and other wild residents and visitors. Public welcome.</p> <p>What to bring: Binoculars, bird book</p> <p>Washrooms: Available at the beginning</p> <p>TTC: The 92 bus departs from Woodbine Station and ends at the Woodbine Beach Loop at Lake Shore Blvd East. For more info: https://moovitapp.com/index/en/public_transit-line-92-Toronto_ON-143-434-19611</p> <p>Other information: Wheelchair accessible. Service animals only.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Number: 647-236-4980</p>

<p>Sunday October 23 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Earl Bales Park: Fall Colours Leaders: Bob Kortright and Rachel Gottesman</p> <p>Meeting Spot: North entrance to Earl Bales Park on Bathurst, 160 m south of Sheppard</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5-hour, 4 km circular walk on mostly flat, paved surfaces with some steep slopes</p> <p>We will walk across the north side of the park, down to the West Don and south to the stormwater pond, then up the hill to the lookout above the pond and return to Bathurst, where we started</p> <p>There are ample lunch venues at Sheppard and Bathurst</p> <p>What to bring: binoculars</p> <p>Washrooms: Available along the way</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416-699-8842</p>
<p>Wednesday October 26 9.00 AM</p>	<p>Tommy Thompson Park Leader: Charles Bruce-Thompson</p> <p>Meeting Spot: The park entrance, 1 Leslie St. (Leslie and Unwin)</p> <p>Walk Details: A 3-hour, 7 km circular walk on some paved, some unpaved, fairly flat surfaces</p> <p>A leisurely stroll around the Spit to see which waterfowl have turned up and generally to admire the splendour that is Leslie Street Spit. Depending on the weather and group stamina, we will go as far as the pedestrian bridge before turning back by a mostly different route. Participants can head back to the starting point at any point without the danger of getting lost (in theory)</p> <p>Washrooms: Available at the start and along the way</p> <p>What to bring: Binoculars, bird ID book or app:</p> <p>The Spit is often quite cooler than it is inland, so select your wardrobe with this in mind</p> <p>TTC: The 83 bus from Donlands Subway Station will drop you at Commissioners and Leslie. It's a 500 m walk south from there to the park entrance</p> <p>Driving: the parking lot, just off Unwin Ave is free, but heavily potholed</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number:416-778-5340</p>

Friday October
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10.00 AM

Toronto's finest built heritage confronts the Ontario Line

Leader: Richard Longley

Meeting Spot: Meet at the cow gate **WEST** end of the garden of Osgoode Hall, on University north of Queen. (Line 1 subway Osgoode station, NE exit or Queen streetcar)

Walk Details: A 2.5-hour, 8 km linear or circular (see below) walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces

Bookended in time by Campbell House, built in 1822, and the Four Seasons Centre for the Arts (that will soon be surpassed by the nearly completed Ontario Court of Justice) built in 2006, the intersection of University and Queen marks the centre of Toronto's most diverse built heritage landscape. But the only green space in this ever-growing architectural museum is threatened by the construction of an entrance for the Osgoode Station of the Ontario Line in its tree-shaded garden.

This walk will end where it started or, for keeners, it will continue east, beyond Osgoode Hall, past two City Halls to end at Yonge and Queen (that will in time be facing its own ordeal by transit as the Ontario Line carves its way through Toronto).

Washrooms are available along the way

What to bring: a camera

Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647-354-5353