

## December 2022 - Walk Schedule

<p>Saturday December 3 10.00 AM</p>	<p><b>Milkman's Lane to The Brickworks</b> <b>Leader:</b> Ellen Schwartzel</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> Sherbourne Subway station at street level.</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 3-hour, 5 km linear walk over mostly unpaved and uneven surfaces, with both gentle and steep slopes</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> A Saturday morning walk through a short section of Rosedale and then down into the ravines at Milkman's Lane.</p> <p>We will cross Bloor Street to its north side; then north along Sherbourne through Rosedale, and use Milkman's Lane to enter the Don Valley. Maple and oak woods cloak the hillsides.</p> <p>At the Brickworks, we can warm up with coffee and eat lunch. Washrooms at the Brickworks. We will check the Brickworks wetlands for fall birds and reflect on the restoration of this site. The Evergreen Farmers Market is expected to be open. If the Shuttle Bus to Broadview Subway is running, people can opt for that. Another option is to walk back through the ravines, up Milkman's lane and then back through Rosedale to Sherbourne subway.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Sturdy shoes and layered clothes. Bring lunch or money for take-out at the Farmer's Market. Consider your walking stick. Could be muddy.</p> <p><b>Washrooms:</b> At The Brickworks</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Sherbourne Subway station at street level. Come up at the Sherbourne Street exit.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 647.463.5562</p>
<p>Thursday December 8 9.00 AM</p>	<p><b>Waterfront Trail – Coronation Park, Trillium Park and Ontario Place - Public</b> <b>Leader:</b> Zunaid Khan</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> By the washrooms in Coronation Park, near the baseball diamonds and diagonally across from the dog off-leash area.</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 3-hour, 5 km circular walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> We will walk along the waterfront trail starting in Coronation Park, then Trillium Park and Ontario Place, enjoying great views of the lake, looking for winter ducks and year-round birds.</p> <p><b>Washrooms</b> are available at the beginning, along the way and at the end</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Binoculars, camera, snacks and ice grippers.</p> <p>Please dress for the weather, it's always a little colder along the lake.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416-716-6464</p>

<p>Saturday December 10 1.30 PM</p>	<p><b>Downsview park – early winter - Public</b> <b>Leader:</b> Bob Kortright</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> The northwest corner of Sheppard Ave W at John Drury Dr.</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2.5 hour, 3 km linear walk over mostly paved flat surfaces</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> We will look at the old woodlot that was officers' housing for CFB Downsview, and then walk through Boake's grove down to the lake. We'll end the walk at Sheppard and Keele while discussing the history of the area from farming, through the heyday of aeronautical engineering to the development of the park. We will look out for birds, including wintering owls that are attracted to the mix of trees and open areas in the park</p> <p><b>Washrooms</b> available at the end</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> binoculars</p> <p><b>Other information:</b> dress warmly.</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Take the 84 Sheppard West bus from Sheppard-Yonge Station.</p> <p>There is parking east of Sheppard near the starting point and on Canuck Drive southeast of Sheppard and Keele.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416 699-8842</p>
<p>Sunday December 11 12.00 PM</p>	<p><b>A History of Toronto's Railways</b> <b>Leader:</b> Paul Overy</p> <p><b>Meeting Place:</b> The southeast corner of Front St. and Bayview Ave., at the Corktown Common sign</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2-hour, 3 km linear walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> 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, where 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 Union Station...spaces mostly created for the railways. We will also explore significant areas of environmental restoration and residential communities which now occupy those former railway spaces. The walk will end at Union Station.</p> <p><b>Washrooms</b> are available along the way</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Curiosity, water, a mask (for the indoor spaces we will enter) and a snack if you like.</p> <p><b>Other information:</b> Please dress for the weather and walking conditions, which may be icy; icers would be handy to have.</p>

	<p><b>TTC:</b> There are many options to travel to the start point by TTC. The simplest are 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.</p> <p>If you are driving, there is substantial parking around the Distillery District site nearby, as well as some street parking closer to the start point.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 647-229-1191</p>
<p>Sunday December 18 1.30 PM</p>	<p><b>Nature Walk: West Humber Trail and Humber Arboretum</b> <b>Leader:</b> Lillian Natalizio</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> The entrance to the Arboretum across from Humber College parking lot #1</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2-hour, 4 to 5 km circular walk over mostly paved but uneven surfaces with some gentle slopes. There are stairs.</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> We will explore the environmentally significant woodland, some of the meadow trails, and loop around the West Humber Trail.</p> <p><b>No Washrooms</b></p> <p><b>Walk details:</b></p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Water, binoculars, ice grippers</p> <p><b>Other information:</b> Please dress for the weather; some areas are unsheltered from wind.</p> <p><b>Getting There:</b> There are multiple transit options to Humber College Blvd. Walk along Arboretum Blvd around the campus to the Arboretum entrance. Parking is free on weekends.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416-577-7618</p>
<p>Thursday December 22 1.30 PM</p>	<p><b>Nature walk – Addington Greenbelt, Don Valley golf course and Earl Bales Park</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Zunaid Khan</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> The northwest of corner of Sheppard Avenue West and Senlac Road</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2.5-hour, 5 km circular walk over mostly unpaved and uneven surfaces with gentle and steep slopes</p> <p><b>Walk details:</b> We will walk from the meeting spot along Senlac Road to a ravine trail that runs through the Addington Greenbelt towards the Don River. Then we will follow the trail along the river into the Don Valley golf course then cross over into Earl Bales park by the large retaining pond. We'll then explore the park around the ponds and the bottom of the ski hill before heading out of the park by Don River Blvd and back through the Addington Greenbelt to Senlac Road.</p> <p><b>Washrooms</b> are not available</p>

	<p><b>TTC:</b> Take Line 1 to Sheppard Subway Station and then Sheppard 84 bus, get off at Senlac Road.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Binoculars, camera, snacks, ice grippers and possibly walk sticks.</p> <p><b>Other information:</b> Dress for winter conditions. Ice grippers are a must on the ravine trail.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416-716-6464</p>
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<p>Monday December 26 10.00 AM</p>	<p><b>Boxing Day on the Spit</b>  <b>Leader:</b> Charles Bruce-Thompson</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> The entrance to the park, 1 Leslie St. 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><b>Walk Details:</b> A 3-hour, 7 km circular walk over flat, mostly paved, but some unpaved, trails</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> What better to spend Boxing Day Morning than with a brisk walk on the Spit? Masses of migrating waterfowl will have arrived, so brush up your winter bird identification skills. Is that a lesser or greater scaup? I don't know either, but I intend to find out</p> <p>We'll walk out along the east side of the Spit to the pedestrian bridge and return along the west shore. Participants can drop out and return easily at any point if they so wish.</p> <p><b>Washrooms</b> are available at the beginning and along the way</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Binoculars and something to munch on</p> <p><b>Other information:</b> The Spit can get quite windy, and it is the end of December, so wrap up well. Icers are always a good idea if there's snow on the ground</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416-778-5340</p>
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