

## January 2023 - Walk Schedule

<p>Wednesday January 4 1.30 PM</p>	<p><b>Lambton Woods in Winter</b> <b>Leader: Lillian Natalizio</b></p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> Humber River Recreational Trail Head at James Gardens parking lot</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2-hour, 3 km circular walk over mostly unpaved, but even, surfaces with some gentle and steep slopes</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> We will wander through the woods along the Humber River down to the railway bridge and back, practising our winter tree identification skills and observing the species using these woods in winter.</p> <p><b>Washrooms</b> are available at the beginning</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> buses run along both Royal York Rd (#73) and Scarlett Rd (#79), walking down Edenbridge Dr to James Gardens. Edenbridge slopes steeply down from Royal York. The walk from Scarlett Rd is longer, but is relatively flat.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Water, binoculars, ice grippers:</p> <p><b>Other information:</b> Free parking at James Gardens</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416-577-7618</p>
<p>Thursday January 12 9.00 AM</p>	<p><b>Tommy Thompson Park – Winter Ducks</b> <b>Leader: Zunaid Khan</b></p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> The bathrooms by the park entrance at the foot of Leslie Street</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 3-hour, 3 to 5 km circular walk over mostly unpaved, even surfaces; flat, with the occasional gentle slope.</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> We will walk towards the nature centre along the road. Then we'll switch to the gravel trail along the lake towards the point where the road splits off. Then we'll follow a trail that takes us around Embayment D to the bird research station. We'll explore some lookouts near the bird research station before joining the road heading towards Cell 3, which we'll explore before heading back to the meeting spot. We will be mainly looking for winter ducks and enjoying all the nature that the park has to offer.</p> <p><b>Washrooms:</b> available at the beginning</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Tommy Thompson Park is a 5 minute walk from the Commissioner's Street bus stop at Commissioner's and Leslie. This stop is serviced by the 83 Jones Southbound bus. Route 83 runs between Donlands Station on Subway Line 2 and Commissioner's Street. Connections with Streetcar routes 501, 502, 503 and 506, and bus routes 56 and 31B along the scheduled route.</p>

	<p><b>Parking:</b> There is a free parking lot at the Tommy Thompson Park entrance. Please note that parking spaces in this lot may be reduced due to construction. Street parking is also available on Leslie Street and Unwin Avenue.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Binoculars, camera, snacks, ice grippers.</p> <p><b>Other information:</b> Please dress for winter conditions; it tends to be colder by the lake and the park is quite exposed with not a lot of cover. Ice grippers are highly recommended.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416-716-6464</p>
<p>Thursday January 19 9.00 AM</p>	<p><b>Cherry Beach and Villiers Island: Nature and Heritage - Public Walk</b> <b>Leader:</b> Charles Bruce-Thompson</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> The pavilion at the entrance to Tommy Thompson Park/Leslie St Spit, 1 Leslie St.</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b>A 3-hour, 8 km circular walk over mostly flat, paved surfaces <b>Walk Description:</b> We'll walk along Cherry beach to have a look at whatever waterfowl may be present. Then it's up Cherry St to have a close look at the massive engineering project that's well under way which includes changing the course of the Don River. We'll end up on Leslie St. to return to our starting point. Some of the walk is along streets bordering what is essentially a huge building site</p> <p><b>Washrooms</b> are available at the beginning</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> The 83 bus from Donlands subway station will drop you at Commissioners and Leslie. Walk 500 m south.</p> <p>Parking is free at the Spit</p> <p><b>What to bring: Binoculars:</b></p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416-778-5340</p>
<p>Thursday January 26 10.00 AM</p>	<p><b>East Don Parklands in Winter. Nature Walk</b> <b>Leader:</b> Zunaid Khan</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> Northwest corner of Sheppard Avenue and Leslie Street</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2-hour, 5 km circular walk over mostly paved surfaces, flat with some steep slopes.</p> <p><b>Walk description:</b> A winter walk through the East Don Parklands, starting at Sheppard Avenue and Leslie Street. We will follow the Don River towards Finch Avenue and Alamosa Drive, exploring all that nature has to offer. Then head back to our starting point at Sheppard and Leslie. Please note: even though the path we will follow is paved, it is not cleared in winter so good winter boots and ice grippers are highly recommended as there will most likely be snow and ice on the trail.</p> <p><b>Washrooms</b> not available</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Line 4 to Leslie subway stop then cross Sheppard to the meeting spot.</p> <p><b>Parking:</b> There's paid parking by the Leslie subway station. Other parking options include the Ikea and Canadian Tire lots west of Leslie Street off Sheppard Ave.</p>

	<p>There is also parking adjacent to a medical building on the south side of Sheppard east of Leslie Street.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Binoculars, camera, snacks.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416-716-6464</p>
<p>Saturday January 28 12.00 PM</p>	<p><b>A History of Toronto's Railways - Public Walk</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> Simplest is to take the 121 bus from the SE corner of Bay and Front St, which stops at Front and Bayview, right in front of the walk start point. The Queen or King streetcar can also be taken to River Street, then walk south to Bayview Avenue, which you follow south to Front St.; about a 6-minute walk.</p> <p>If you are driving, there is on-street parking close to the start point, mostly on Front St..</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 647-229-1191</p>