

February 2023 - Walk Schedule

<p>Friday February 3 9.00 AM</p>	<p>Waterfront Trail Nature Walk – Toronto Harbour to Ontario Place</p> <p>Leader: Zunaid Khan</p> <p>Meeting Point: The benches on the boardwalk just west of the Jack Layton Terminal</p> <p>Walk Details: A 3-hour, 5 km linear walk over mostly paved surfaces, with some gentle slopes</p> <p>Walk Description: We will walk along the waterfront from the Jack Layton ferry terminal to Ontario Place, enjoying beautiful views of the lake and looking for birds, winter ones in particular.</p> <p>Washrooms are available along the way</p> <p>TTC: Take line 1 to Union station and the streetcar to the ferry terminal stop, then walk south to the lake.</p> <p>Parking: many lots in the area.</p> <p>What to bring: Binoculars, camera, and snacks. Dress for winter weather conditions; it's always colder near the lake. Ice grippers may be required.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416-716-6464</p>
<p>Thursday February 9 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Winter in the Don River Valley - Nature Walk</p> <p>Leader: Vivienne Denton</p> <p>Meeting Point: Broadview TTC station</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2-hour circular walk over mostly paved surfaces with a few steep slopes. These are some stairs.</p> <p>Walk Description: We will walk up the Don river from the footbridge at Riverdale Park to Pottery Road, observing nature in the winter season. If it is not too icy we will walk around Todmorden Mills Wildflower Preserve before returning via Broadview Avenue.</p> <p>The trail is not maintained in winter and could be icy, so icers are recommended</p> <p>Washrooms are available at the beginning</p>

Sunday
February 12
10 AM

Newtonbrook Park, Finch Recreational Trail, Upper Don Trail and East Don Parklands - Nature Walk

Leader: Zunaid Khan

Meeting Point: Northeast Corner of Bishop Avenue and Willowdale Avenue

Walk Details: A 2 to 3-hour, 5 to 8 km linear walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces with some steep slopes

Walk Description: We will follow Newtonbrook Creek as it winds from Newtonbrook Park along the Finch Recreational Trail. We'll then follow this trail towards the Don River and the Upper Don Trail. We then take the Upper Don Trail into the East Don Parklands. Then, via the ravine trail, we will follow Newtonbrook Creek again, ending up at Finch Avenue & Bayview. We will explore ravines, wetlands and forested areas in this area of the Don River watershed.

Drop off locations: Two are available on this walk.

Drop off point 1: Where Finch Recreational trail meets Bayview Avenue. TTC options - Bayview 11 bus south to Davisville station or walk south to Bayview & Finch Avenue then take the Finch 36 bus west to Finch station.

Drop off point 2: Where Upper Don Trail meets Finch Avenue.
TTC options - Finch 36 bus west to Finch station.

Washrooms: not available

What to bring: water, binoculars, camera, and ice grippers just in case

Other information: Dress for the weather. A large portion of the trail is paved, but it is not maintained in the winter

TTC: from Finch subway station walk 10 minutes east along Bishop Ave, or take the 98 Willowdale-Senlac bus from Sheppard station and get off at Willowdale & Bishop.

Walk Leader's cell number: 416-716-6464

<p>Saturday February 18 1.00 PM</p>	<p>Mimico Creek: Parks and a Green Corridor - Nature Walk - Public Leader: Lillian Natalizio</p> <p>Meeting Point: Northwest Corner of Martin Grove Rd and Nottinghill Gate, across from Martingrove Collegiate</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5-hour, 2.5 km circular walk over mostly flat, even surfaces with some steep slopes</p> <p>Walk Description: An opportunity to view some of the remnant habitats, restoration successes and potentials in the Mimico Creek watershed. The walk will follow Mimico Creek through Ravenscrest and West Deane Parks and an interconnected hydro corridor between Eglinton Ave and Rathburn Rd.</p> <p>Possible exit at Martin Grove and Rathburn Roads.</p> <p>Washrooms are available along the way</p> <p>What to bring: Water, binoculars, ice grippers. Dress according to prevailing weather conditions</p> <p>TTC: Take the 46 Martin Grove bus to Nottinghill Gate/Winterton Dr or 32 Eglinton West to Martin Grove Rd. Be aware of LRT construction delays on Eglinton Ave West.</p> <p>There is limited street parking on Nottinghill Gate and Delagrove Crescent.</p> <p>Walk Cell Number: 416-577-7618</p>
<p>Thursday February 23 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Two Ravines and Mount Pleasant Cemetery - Nature & Heritage Walk Leader: Richard Longley</p> <p>Meeting Point: Rosedale Subway Station</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5-hour, 10 km linear walk over mostly unpaved, uneven flat surfaces with some steep slopes. Only somewhat rugged and there are stairs</p> <p>Walk Description: We'll walk eastwards through Rosedale to Yellow Creek, then north to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, noting some interesting graves there. Then we'll meander over to Moore Park Ravine and south down Mud Creek to Evergreen Brickworks, where coffee, snacks and washrooms can all be found, and also a free shuttle bus to Broadview subway station should anyone wish to take it.</p> <p>Drop off locations: There are other premature end-of-walk options that the leader will point out along the way.</p> <p>The walk will end at Sherbourne subway station.</p>

	<p>Washrooms are available along the way</p> <p>What to bring: Hiking boots, binoculars, camera and icers if necessary</p> <p>Other information: Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647-354-5353</p>
<p>Saturday February 25 1.30 PM</p>	<p>Ashbridge's Bay: Nature and Heritage</p> <p>Leader: Bob Kortright</p> <p>Meeting Point: The entrance to Woodbine Beach Park on south side of parking lot at Lakeshore Blvd East at Northern Dancer Blvd</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5-hour, 4 km circular walk on mostly paved, fairly flat, even surfaces</p> <p>Walk Description: We will go around the park, pointing out where the shoreline of Ashbridge's Bay was before settlement, and its history since, noticing any birds along the way. We'll see where the Woodbine racetrack originally was. We'll see the projects undertaken by TRCA and Toronto Water to eliminate the need for dredging at the entrance to Coatsworth Cut, to improve water quality, and to protect the shoreline. Finally, we'll observe the work done - and yet to be done - to eliminate invasive species.</p> <p>Washrooms are available at the beginning</p> <p>What to bring: binoculars. Wrap up warmly, it's usually windier at the lakeshore</p> <p>TTC: Take the 92 bus from Woodbine Subway Station south to the Woodbine Beach loop at Lakeshore Blvd</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416 699-8842</p>
<p>Sunday February 26 2.00 PM</p>	<p>Wilket Creek in Winter - Public Walk</p> <p>Leader: Ellen Schwartzel</p> <p>Meeting Point: In front of the glass doors of Toronto Botanical Garden (TBG), 777 Lawrence Ave E at Leslie St</p> <p>Walk Details: A 1.5-hour, 3 km circular walk over mostly paved surfaces with some gentle slopes. There are some stairs</p> <p>Walk Description: A nature and heritage walk. This is an opportunity to see Wilket Creek and the valleylands in late winter. We may see overwintering robins and flowering skunk cabbage.</p> <p>Washrooms are available at the beginning and end of the walk</p> <p>What to bring: Bring binoculars and footwear for icy conditions. Walking</p>

sticks and icers may help; paths could be very icy.

TTC: From Eglinton station take the 51 or 54 bus to Leslie St at Lawrence Avenue West

Parking: There a paid parking lot adjacent to the Gardens (free if you're a member)

Other information: TBG Visitor Centre and Garden Shop are open Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Café is closed in winter.

Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647-463-5562