

## March 2023 - Walk Schedule

<p>Wednesday March 1 2.00 PM</p>	<p><b>Centennial Greenhouse and Pond Nature Walk</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Martin Chen and Lillian Natalizio</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> TTC bus stop at Elmcrest Rd, Etobicoke</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2-hour, 0.6 km, circular walk over mostly unpaved and flat surfaces</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> We'll start with a leisurely 300m walk to the large, warm indoor conservatory. We'll preview the smells, sights and sounds of spring and summer. This free botanical wonderland has an Ontario spring flowers room, a permanent rainforest atrium and a dry, desert floral room. We will then head out to the nearby pond to look for evidence of the temperate perennial plants that will start flowering in spring.</p> <p><b>Washrooms</b> are available</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Good walking shoes. Be prepared for seasonal outdoor temperatures - as well as greenhouse temperatures of between 25 to 30C</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> take Number 48 Bus from Royal York Subway Westbound along Rathburn Rd. to the Elmcrest Rd. stop</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416.854.4157</p>
<p>Wednesday March 8 10.00 AM</p>	<p><b>East Point Park Nature Walk</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Charles Bruce-Thompson</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> The park entrance, where we'll meet, is a few yards east of the Ken Morrish Softball Complex, 101 Copperfield Rd. There's parking at the softball complex and limited parking at the park entrance</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2-hour, 5 km circular walk over mostly unpaved - and often muddy - flat surfaces</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> Starting at the park entrance Copperfield Rd., we'll walk east on top of the bluffs overlooking the lake. Then we'll retrace our steps before proceeding to the park's western boundary.</p> <p>This is a little-visited park in the winter, and so pleasantly tranquil. There's a wonderful view of the lake. Wildlife is unpredictable; you never know what's going to appear. On a previous outing I saw a flock (!) of common ravens and white-tailed deer, among other less-exciting sightings</p> <p><b>Washrooms:</b> Not available</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Binoculars</p> <p><b>Other information:</b> It can get very windy lakeside, so dress appropriately.</p> <p>Don't go to the parking lot/park entrance at the foot of Beechgrove Drive. If you see the looming smokestack of the water-treatment plant directly to the east you're in the wrong parking lot.</p>

	<p><b>TTC:</b> Not easy! Take the 86 bus from Kennedy station to Beechgrove Dr. and Coronation Dr. then walk south on Beechgrove to Copperfield Rd., then west along Copperfield for about 1 km to the park entrance (or find someone to give you a ride)</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416-778-5340</p>
<p>Sunday March 12 1.00 PM</p>	<p><b>Betty Sutherland Trail Nature Walk</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Zunaid Khan</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> The southeast corner of Sheppard Avenue East and Leslie Street</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2.5-hour, 5 km circular walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces. There are stairs and some steep slopes</p> <p><b>Walk description:</b> We will follow the Don River from Sheppard Avenue and Leslie Street along the Betty Sutherland trail towards Duncan Mill Road and back. We will explore all that nature has to offer along this trail, including forested areas and meadows. There are a number of year-round birds in this area, including cardinals, blue jays, robins and chickadees. The city and local stewardship groups have done some invasive species removal in various areas along this trail; we'll explore what impact this has had.</p> <p><b>Washrooms</b> are not available</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Snacks, water, binoculars and a camera.</p> <p><b>Dress for the weather</b></p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Take Line 4 to Leslie Subway Station</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416-716-6464</p>
<p>Thursday March 16 10.00 AM</p>	<p><b>Lower Don River and Corktown Common Nature Walk</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Vivienne Denton</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> Broadview TTC station</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2-hour, 4 km linear walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces with a few gentle slopes. There are stairs</p> <p><b>Washrooms</b> are available both at the beginning and at the end of the walk</p> <p><b>Walk description:</b> We'll walk south on the Lower Don River Trail from the Riverdale Park footbridge. We'll observe nature and wildlife along what appears to be an uninviting urban stretch of the river. When we reach Corktown Common we'll leave the riverbank and walk around the naturalized park, looking at winter plants and searching for signs of spring growth.</p> <p>Catch the King streetcar here to get back to Broadview, or walk to the Distillery District for warm drinks, from where you can catch the King streetcar to the subway.</p> <p>The route is not maintained in winter and could be icy.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> binoculars</p>

<p>Saturday March 18 1.00 PM</p>	<p><b>Winter Plant Identification at Todmorden Mills Wildflower Preserve - Public</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Stephen Smith</p> <p><b>Meeting point:</b> the pedestrian bridge by the parking lot at Todmorden Mills, 67 Pottery Rd</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2-hour, 1 km circular walk over mostly unpaved trails, level with a few gentle slopes. There are stairs</p> <p><b>Washrooms</b> are available at the beginning in the nearby Paper Mill Theatre building</p> <p><b>Walk details:</b> We will walk along the trail and through the meadow, learning how to identify trees, shrubs and herbs, of which there is a wide variety, that can be seen in winter,</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Binoculars, notepad, camera</p> <p>Expect winter conditions. Bring warm clothes, winter boots. We will walk, rain, snow or shine.</p> <p>This will be a public walk</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Take the #8 bus from Broadview Station north to Mortimer Ave and walk down Pottery Rd to Todmorden Mills</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416-707-2164</p>
<p>Tuesday March 21 10.30 AM</p>	<p><b>PATH City Walk</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Ed Freeman</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> Great Hall in Union Station, East entrance from Front Street</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2-hour linear walk over paved surfaces with stairs at several locations</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> We will walk from Union Station through the Royal York Hotel, Brookfield Place, TD Bank complex, First Canadian Place, EY Tower, and end at the Sheraton Centre. We will observe architecture, building materials, public art and sculpture.</p> <p><b>Washrooms</b> are available at the beginning, middle, and end of the walk</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Snack or lunch if you wish to eat in the food court at the end</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Take the subway to Union Station to begin, and the Queen Streetcar at the end.</p>

<p>Saturday March 25 10.00 AM</p>	<p><b>Trillium Park and Ontario Place: A Nature Walk in Partnership with Ontario Place For All - Public</b></p> <p><b>Leaders:</b> Zunaid Khan, and Francesca Bouaoun from Ontario Place For All.</p> <p><b>Meeting point:</b> The entrance to Trillium Park, 955 Lake Shore Blvd W., by the washrooms</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2-hour, 3-5 km circular walk over mostly paved surfaces with a few gentle slopes</p> <p><b>Walk details: Please note that a small documentary film crew will be present at this walk. Toronto filmmaker Ali Weinstein is producing a documentary about Ontario Place and how it is being used by the public today before its redevelopment. She will be recording this walk with TFN and OP4All for her documentary. If you do not wish to be recorded, please notify the film crew at the start of the event.</b></p> <p>Starting at Trillium Park, we will follow the waterfront trail into Ontario Place towards the west island before looping back to our starting point. We will enjoy great views of the lake and explore nature and the wildlife that this beautiful area of the waterfront has to offer. We also discuss the proposed development plans for Ontario, the impact on nature and public access to this area.</p> <p><b>Washrooms are</b> available at the beginning, along the way and at the end</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Snacks, water, binoculars, camera. Dress for the weather.</p> <p>This will be a public walk.</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Take line 1 to Union Station and then take the 509 streetcar to Fleet Street and Strachan Avenue West. Then walk south for about 10 minutes to Trillium Park.</p> <p>Parking is available in Ontario Place.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416-716-6464</p>
<p>Sunday March 26 12.00 midday</p>	<p><b>Toronto Islands History: Nature and Heritage</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Paul Overy</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> Inside the Jack Layton Ferry terminal (past the "ticket wicket") south of the foot of Bay St., in time for the noon ferry to Ward's Island. Let's meet near the Island map on the wall of the ferry terminal, between the doors to the washrooms.</p> <p><b>Walk details:</b> A, 3 km circular walk over paved and mostly flat surfaces, except for the bridge to Algonquin Island, which is steep.</p> <p>Taking the noon ferry will allow us to choose between a 1.5, 2 or 2.5 hour walk, depending on conditions and people's energy. There are longer gaps between returning ferries thereafter.</p>

**Walk Description:** We will explore some of the rich natural and human history of Ward's and Algonquin Islands, and possibly beyond, if time and walking conditions allow

**Washrooms** are available along the way and at the terminal

**What to bring:** You may want to bring a snack and water, though there is also the option of a quick bite or a meal at the Riviera restaurant (formerly the Rectory Café). This will not be a birding walk, but birds will likely be among us, so you may want to bring binoculars.

Please dress for the weather, which may be winter-like or spring-like

You can buy your ferry ticket online at

<https://secure.toronto.ca/FerryTicketOnline/tickets2/index.jsp>.

**Walk Leader's Cell Number:** 647-229-1191 -