

May 2023 - Walk Schedule

<p>Wednesday May 3 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Colonel Samuel Smith Park: Spring Migrants Part 1</p> <p>Leader: David Creelman</p> <p>Meeting spot: Southeast corner of Lakeshore Blvd W. and Kipling Ave.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2 to 3-hour, 2 km linear (but essentially circular) walk over mostly flat, paved surfaces</p> <p>Walk Description: A casual, but observant, walk through Col. Sam Smith Park, including areas adjoining Humber College. Spring migrants will be around, and we will search for them throughout the park. The TTC is always nearby if you need to leave early. While somewhat linear, we won't end up more than a few hundred metres from the starting point.</p> <p>Washrooms are available at the beginning</p> <p>What to bring: Binoculars, water, snacks/lunch, layered clothing, appropriate footwear, cameras if desired. Even on a warm day, winds off the lake may make it colder when we are near the water. If there has been rain, grassy areas and some paths will be wet.</p> <p>TTC: Take the 501 streetcar (or bus) running along the Lakeshore, the Kipling #44 or the express #944 buses running from the Kipling subway station. All stop at our meeting place.</p> <p>Parking: There are paid and unpaid parking lots around Sam Smith Park and the Humber College Campus. The numbered side streets can also provide free parking.</p> <p>Walk Leader Cell Number: 647-772-1953</p> <p>This will be a public walk.</p>
<p>Saturday May 6 1.30 PM</p>	<p>Trilliums and Nature in Spring</p> <p>Leader: Mary Taylor</p> <p>Meeting Point: The north-west corner of Eglinton Ave. E. and Leslie St.</p> <p>Walk Details: This is a 3-hour, 4 km circular nature walk over mostly flat surfaces but with some steep slopes and stairs.</p> <p>Walk Description: From Eglinton Ave. we'll take a short 5-minute walk up Leslie St. north to the Sunnybrook Park entrance. We'll proceed up into Wilket Creek and climb up the Thompson Trail to the higher-elevation (street-level) part of Sunnybrook Park. Then over some steps and back down to the river level section of Sunnybrook Park. Finally we'll head back west along the West Don to the Park Entrance.</p> <p>There is a surprisingly large population of white trilliums and other common - and some not so common - spring ephemeral wildflowers in this area.</p>

	<p>Washrooms are available along the way</p> <p>What to bring: binoculars would be useful</p> <p>TTC: Take the Eglinton East, Leslie, or Lawrence buses from Eglinton Subway Station or the Eglinton LRT to Leslie St. station, if this is functioning by that time.</p> <p>Parking: There are a number of parking lots along the road inside the park.</p> <p>Other information: The park entrance is on the west side of Leslie St., 160 m north of the meeting spot</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 437-246-9929.</p>
<p>Sunday May 7 1.00 PM</p>	<p>Lower Highland Creek Park</p> <p>Leader: Danielle Pellatt-Hall</p> <p>Meeting Point: The southeast corner of Beechgrove Dr. and Lawrence Ave. E., where the trail begins</p> <p>Walk details: A 3-hour, 4 km linear circular walk over mostly paved surfaces with a few gentle slopes</p> <p>Walk Description: This location features a lovely assortment of native spring ephemeral wildflowers. If the conditions are good, we can hope to see bloodroot, Ontario wild ginger, mayapples, trilliums and more! We will walk down the trail until it meets the Lakefront, where we'll take a 20 minute break before starting the return journey to our original meeting location.</p> <p>What to bring: Solid footwear, water, snacks, Tree ID book</p> <p>Washrooms: Not available</p> <p>TTC: take the #86 bus from Kennedy Station</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647-444-2925</p>
<p>Tuesday May 9 9.00 AM</p>	<p>Spring Birds at Tommy Thompson Park</p> <p>Leader: Raspberry Yow-Fairs</p> <p>Meeting Spot: Tommy Thompson Park Pavilion</p> <p>Walk Details: A 3-hour, 10 km circular walk over mostly unpaved, even flat surfaces, with a few gentle slopes</p> <p>Walk details: On this walk, we will look for spring warblers as well as several species of swallows and flycatchers. We will go down to Cell 1 and Embayment D for dabbling ducks like Northern Shovelers and Blue-winged Teals, and to see the breeding Common Terns.</p> <p>Part of the path may be muddy, depending on the weather of the last few days</p> <p>Washrooms are available at the beginning</p>

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<p>Friday May 12 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Cedarvale Ravine: A Miles Hearn Memorial Walk</p> <p>Leader: Bob Kortright</p> <p>Meeting Spot: Northwest corner of Ben Nobleman park at Eglinton Ave. W at Everden Rd., across from Eglinton West subway station</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5-hour, 3 km linear walk over mostly paved, even surfaces with a few gentle slopes</p> <p>Walk details: After seeing the plantings in Ben Nobleman Park and the gardens on Everden Rd we'll go through Cedarvale Park to the north (Heath St) entrance to St Clair W subway station. We will see plantings and areas being stewarded by the Friends of Cedarvale group of Toronto Nature Stewards.</p> <p>Washrooms are available at the end</p> <p>What to bring: binoculars</p> <p>Other information: There is a Loblaws with washrooms, and food and drink options, just south of the end of the walk on St Clair Ave. W.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416 699-8842</p>
<p>Sunday May 14 1.00 PM</p>	<p>Aggie's Annual Mothers' Day Wildflowers Walk</p> <p>Leader: Madeleine McDowell in partnership with Heritage York</p> <p>Meeting Point: Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas St. by the Humber River. The #55 Warren Park bus out of Jane Station, stops at the door</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2-hour, 2 km circular walk over mostly flat, paved surfaces</p> <p>Walk Description: We will look at what is blooming in Aggie's Wildflower Garden, based on Agnes Fitzgibbon's 1868 Wildflower illustrations, while hearing a bit about Agnes, and then walk through the district, on streets and in the woods, returning along the river to the Lambton House, where 'we'll all have tea'.</p> <p>Washrooms: At the beginning and end</p> <p>TTC: The #55 Warren Park bus from Jane Station, stops at the door</p> <p>This is a public walk</p>

<p>Tuesday May 16 11.00AM</p>	<p>A Walk Along the West Don River from Edwards Gardens to Ontario Science Centre: Nature and Heritage</p> <p>Leader: Linda Klevnick</p> <p>Meeting Point: The southwest corner of Lawrence Ave. E., at Leslie St.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5-hour, 4 km linear walk over mostly paved surfaces with a few gentle slopes - and one steep slope</p> <p>Walk Description: We will walk around Edward Gardens, then head south along the West Don River through Wilket Creek Park, and E. T. Seton Park to end at the Ontario Science Centre. There is a long uphill walk on a paved surface from the ravine to the Science Centre and Don Mills road, which is where the Don Mills bus stops. Washrooms should be open at the Botanical Garden.</p> <p>Washrooms available at Edwards Gardens</p> <p>Bring: a hat, water and a lunch or snack.</p> <p>TTC: The Lawrence 54 bus and the Leslie 51 bus stop at the corner of Leslie and Lawrence Avenue E (our meeting point).</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416-570 7429</p>
<p>Wednesday May 17 10.00</p>	<p>Exhibition Place, Ontario Place and Trillium Park</p> <p>Leader: Richard Longley</p> <p>Meeting Spot: Princes' Gates, foot of Strachan at Lakeshore</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2-hour, 9 km circular walk over mostly flat and paved surfaces</p> <p>Walk details: We'll explore Exhibition Place, Ontario Place and Trillium Park to learn more about Ontario Place controversy and enjoy them while they last</p> <p>Washrooms are available along the way</p> <p>What to bring: A camera</p> <p>TTC: Take the 509 streetcar, or the #29 Dufferin bus</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647-354-5353</p>

<p>Wednesday May 17 6.45 PM</p>	<p>Waterfront Gardens Evening Ramble</p> <p>Leader: Peter Iveson</p> <p>Meeting Point: Beside the war memorial at the south-west corner of Queens Quay at Bathurst St.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5-hour, 0.5 km circular walk on mostly unpaved, even surfaces</p> <p>Walk Description: Beginning in Little Norway Park, we will walk around the park, then proceed to the western gap, then through the courtyard of Windward Co-op, to the Irish park. The walk will end in the Music Garden and the wetland park at Spadina quay We will observe and record birds, flora and fauna, vertebrates and invertebrates, environmental issues, and special features of the route.</p> <p>Washrooms are available along the way or at the beginning</p> <p>What to bring: water, binoculars, Spring clothing: a warm jacket, and or a raincoat</p> <p>Other information: A volunteer will be needed to take down observations.</p> <p>TTC: Take the 509 streetcar from Union station.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416-977-4359</p>
<p>Thursday May 18 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Col. Samuel Smith Park Spring Migrants Walk Part 2</p> <p>Leader: David Creelman</p> <p>Meeting spot: Southeast corner of Lakeshore Blvd W. and Kipling Ave.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2 to 3-hour, 2 km linear (but essentially circular) walk over mostly flat, paved surfaces</p> <p>Walk Description: A casual but observant walk through Col. Sam Smith Park, including areas adjoining Humber College. Spring migrants will be around, which we will search for throughout the park. The TTC is always nearby if you need to leave early. While somewhat linear, we won't end up more than a few hundred metres from the starting point.</p> <p>Washrooms are available at the beginning</p> <p>What to bring: Binoculars, water, snacks/lunch, layered clothing, appropriate footwear, cameras if desired. Even on a warm day, winds off the lake may make it colder when we are near the water. If there has been rain, grassy areas and some paths will be wet.</p> <p>TTC: Take the 501 streetcar (or bus) running along the Lakeshore, the Kipling #44 or the express #944 buses running from the Kipling subway station. All stop at our meeting place.</p> <p>Parking: There are paid and unpaid parking lots around Sam Smith Park and the Humber College Campus. The numbered side streets can also provide free parking.</p>

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<p>Saturday May 27 9.00 AM</p>	<p>Ontario Place Nature Walk with Ontario Place For All</p> <p>Leader: Zunaid Khan & Francesca Bouaoun</p> <p>Meeting Spot: Entrance to Trillium Park</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5-hour, 3 to 5 km circular walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces with a few gentle slopes</p> <p>Walk Description: We will explore the West Island of Ontario Place and take in views of Lake Ontario. As Ontario Place is located on a migration route there is always the opportunity to see a wide variety of birds. As we walk around West Island we'll discuss the impact of the proposed redevelopment plans - for West Island in particular - on nature and public access to this great area along our waterfront,</p> <p>Washrooms: Available at the beginning and the end</p> <p>TTC: Line 1 to Union station then 509 streetcar to Manitoba Drive at Strachan Ave W, walk south to Trillium Park, 955 Lakeshore Blvd W</p> <p>Parking: There is ample paid parking at Ontario Place. Use lot P1</p> <p>This will be a public walk.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416-716-6464</p>