

## June 2023 - Walk Schedule

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Saturday, June 3rd at 9:00 am	<p><b>East Don Parklands – Nature Walk - Public</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Zunaid Khan</p> <p><b>Meeting spot:</b> Northwest corner of Sheppard Ave East and Leslie Street</p> <p><b>Walk details:</b> A 3 hour, 5 km circular walk along mostly paved and even surfaces with some gentle slopes.</p> <p><b>Walk description:</b> We will walk from Sheppard &amp; Leslie entering the East Don Parklands from Leslie due trail closures as a result of construction. We will follow the trail along the Don River towards Finch Avenue and Almosa Drive, crossing under Finch to view areas along the Upper Don Trail before turning back following the trail back to our starting point. We explore all that nature has to offer in this area, looking out for wildlife along the way. We will observe the impact of invasive species removal at various points along the trail.</p> <p><b>No washrooms.</b></p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Water, sun screen, insect repellent, snacks, binoculars and/or camera. Dress for the weather conditions.</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Line 4 to Leslie station, then walk to the meeting spot.</p> <p><b>Parking:</b> Lots behind Leslie station and at the Canadian Tire off Sheppard Avenue.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Phone:</b> 416-716-6464</p>

<p>Thursday, June 8th at 10.00 AM</p>	<p><b>Small's Creek</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Linda McCaffrey</p> <p><b>Meeting spot:</b> Woodbine subway station, east exit</p> <p><b>Walk details:</b> A 2-hour, 3 km linear walk over city streets and ravine paths. There are some steep slopes</p> <p><b>Walk description:</b> Metrolinx has been busy devastating our urban forest for the new Ontario Line, most recently at Osgoode Hall and Moss Park. Despite strong local opposition Metrolinx has also been busy expanding the GO line where it has stuck to its plan to remove many trees from a lovely ravine. Let's see how it looks nowThe walk ends at Orchard Park within a triangle formed Queen St., Coxwell Ave., and Kingston Rd.</p> <p><b>No washrooms</b></p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Binoculars, water. Dress for the weather conditions. It's tick season, so long pants and closed shoes are recommended.</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Line 2 to Woodbine station</p>
<p>Saturday, June 10th at 10:00 am</p>	<p><b>Cavity nesting native birds, Trees &amp; Plants - Nature Walk - Public</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Kayoko Smith</p> <p><b>Meeting spot:</b> G.Ross Lord parking at Dufferin and Martin Ross Ave ( 500 metres north of Finch west )</p> <p><b>Walk details:</b> A 2.5 - 3 hour circular walk across mostly paved surfaces with gentle &amp; steep slopes. There are stairs along the way.</p> <p><b>Walk description:</b> History of area and plants and trees attract birds. Birding, focus on native birds in nest boxes and warblers in the park. Find out about nest box types, placement and maintenance projects from Robert. There will be a demonstration with a long snake camera using empty nest boxes .</p> <p><b>Washrooms along the way.</b></p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Binoculars, Camera ,Water and snacks. Bring insect repellent. Dress for the weather conditions.</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Line 1 to Finch station then take bus 939B to Finch &amp; Dufferin the walk 750 metres to the meeting spot or Line 1 to Sheppard West station then take bus 105A to Dufferin &amp; Martin Ross.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Phone Number:</b> 647-633-3687</p>

<p>Wednesday, June 14th at 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>High Park's Black Oak Savannah - Nature &amp; Heritage Walk</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Lillian Natalizio</p> <p><b>Meeting spot:</b> Southwest of corner of Bloor St and High Park Ave, near the map sign</p> <p><b>Walk details:</b> A 2 hour, 3 km walk over mostly unpaved but even trails, with gentle slopes.</p> <p><b>Walk description:</b> Let's dig deeper into how well High Park's black oak savannah is faring after nearly 30 years of stewardship. We'll visit some of the areas that underwent a prescribed burn earlier this year and see how quickly they have bounced back. We'll look at some of the key plant species, such as wild lupine, New Jersey tea, and showy tick-trefoil, and keep an eye out for the many invertebrate species that make their homes here. Poison ivy is present along a couple of the trails. Many opportunities to exit early; never more than 10 minutes away from transit.</p> <p><b>Washrooms:</b> Along the way. Washrooms available at the chess house near the Bloor St entrance and at Grenadier Cafe.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Water and sun protection. Camera, hand lens and/or identification app. Dress for the weather conditions.</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Line 2 to High Park station, walk to the meeting spot.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Phone Number:</b> 416-577-7618</p>
<p>Saturday, June 17th at 10:00 am</p>	<p><b>Scarborough Bluffs at the Guild Inn - Nature &amp; Heritage Walk</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Vera Bigall and Charles Bruce-Thompson</p> <p><b>Meeting spot:</b> 201 Guildwood Parkway, In front of the log cabin, visible from the TTC stop at the property gates.</p> <p><b>Walk details:</b> A 2.5 hour, 5 km circular walk along mostly unpaved but even surfaces with gentle &amp; steep slopes.</p> <p><b>Walk description:</b> We will walk through the Guild Inn property and take a look at the new conference centre and explore a few of the sculptures that are on the east end of the property. We will go down a ravine path and then follow a road that leads to the lakeshore. We will then proceed eastward along the shoreline and climb up the bluffs at</p> <p><b>Washrooms available at the beginning.</b></p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> sturdy walking shoes with good grip, snack, water, binoculars. Dress for the weather conditions.</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Take the Morningside 116 bus from Kennedy station. There is a bus stop at the Guild Park and Gardens. There is ample free parking at the Guild Inn.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Phone Number:</b> 416-369-0647</p>

<p>Tuesday, June 20th at 9:00 am</p>	<p><b>Betty Sutherland Park Nature Walk</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Zunaid Khan</p> <p><b>Please note due pending construction along the East bound collector lanes of Hwy 401 the trail will be closed where it passes under the highway, as such the focus of this walk will be on the trail between Duncan Mills Road and the highway.</b></p> <p><b>Meeting spot:</b> Trail entrance off Duncan Mill Road west of Don Mills Road.</p> <p><b>Walk details:</b> A 2.5 hour, 5km walk over mostly paved trails, mostly flat with some steep slopes.</p> <p><b>Walk description:</b> We follow the Betty Sutherland trail starting from Duncan Mills Road just west of Don Mills Road to Hwy 401 and back. This trail follows the Don River through forested areas and meadows. We will explore these areas while on the lookout for the species that inhabit this area.</p> <p><b>No Washrooms</b></p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Water, snacks, binoculars and/or camera, insect repellent. Dress for the weather conditions.</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Line 4 to Don Mills station then the Don Mills 25 bus to Don Mills Road and Duncan Mill Road stop, then walk west along Duncan Mills Road to the meeting spot on the north side of road.</p> <p><b>Parking:</b> There are some paid lots off Duncan Mills just west of the meeting spot.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Phone Number:</b> 416-716-6464</p>
<p>Thursday, June 22nd at 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Beltline Trail From Yonge St. to Allen Road - Evening Ramble - Nature &amp; Heritage Walk</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Paul Overy</p> <p><b>Meeting spot:</b> Just outside the Davisville subway station (SW corner of Yonge and Chaplin Crescent/Davisville)</p> <p><b>Walk details:</b> A 2 hour, 4 km linear walk along mostly unpaved but even surfaces, with some gentle slopes.</p> <p><b>Walk description:</b> This will be a linear walk westward from Yonge St., along some of the northern portion of the Beltline Trail. There will be a few drop-out options along the way, with transit nearby. We'll see how nature has returned to what used to be a rail line and industrial areas, and speak about the unique history of this linear park. The section from Yonge St. to Allen Road is mostly a soil path, so possibly muddy if conditions are wet. There are many road crossings along the way, so vigilance will be important to ensure safety. The walk will end at the Eglinton West subway station.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Bring curiosity, water, and a snack if you like.</p> <p>The start point can be reached by taking the subway on Line 1 to the Davisville subway station, or any bus which goes to Davisville. This is a linear</p>

	<p>walk, so driving to the start point will require a long walk back or a trip on the Eglinton West bus, then south to Davisville. That said, there is a parking lot on the east side of Yonge St., just north of Davisville.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Phone:</b> 647-229-1191</p>
<p>Sunday, June 25th at 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>Glendon Ravine and TFN's Sunnybrook Nature Trail - 100th anniversary Nature &amp; Heritage walk</b></p> <p><b>Leaders:</b> Zunaid Khan &amp; Nancy Dengler</p> <p><b>Meeting spot:</b> Entrance to Glendon Campus at the southeast corner of Lawrence Ave. East and Bayview Ave.</p> <p><b>Walk details:</b> A 2 hour, 4 km circular walk along mostly unpaved but even surfaces with some gentle slopes and stairs.</p> <p><b>Walk description:</b> This walk commemorates Canada's first urban nature trail, created in 1930 by the Toronto Field Naturalists in Sunnybrook Park. We'll discuss the history of that trail and of TFN's walks program. We'll look at some of the campus trees that date from the Glendon Estate and University of Toronto Botanical Garden eras and the remnants of natural forest vegetation in the ravine. Our walk is timed for the flight of Baltimore checkerspot butterflies, and we'll look for them in the extensive wetlands along the TRCA trail. We will return by the same route, but some may wish to go further into Sunnybrook Park or return to Bayview Ave. via Sunnybrook Hospital grounds.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Water, snacks, binoculars. Dress for weather conditions.</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Line 1 to Lawrence station then take the 162 bus to Lawrence Avenue and Bayview Avenue stop.</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Phone:</b> 416-716-6464</p>
<p>Thursday, June 29th at 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Cedarvale Ravine - Evening Ramble</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Danielle Pellatt-Hall</p> <p><b>Meeting spot:</b> We will be meeting at the Heath St. West. entrance to the trail, which is half-way between Bathurst and Spadina. If you are taking the TTC, the Heath Street exit from St. Clair West station takes you directly to the meeting point.</p> <p><b>Walk details:</b> A 2 hour, 3.5 km circular walk along mostly flat paved surfaces with some steep slopes.</p> <p><b>Walk description:</b> We will head North along the trail to Cedarvale Park and then return the same way. This will be a slow paced walk as we will stop frequently to appreciate the finer details of the plants that we see. Bring your plant ID guides if you have any, and make sure your phone is charged if you prefer using plant ID apps!</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Drinking water, good shoes</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Line 1 to St. Clair West station.</p>

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	<b>If members have any questions about our outings please send an email to <a href="mailto:walks@torontofieldnaturalists.org">walks@torontofieldnaturalists.org</a>.</b>  <b>The Outings committee is looking for volunteers to join the committee, lead walks and help support walk leaders on outings. If you are interested in helping please send an email to <a href="mailto:volunteering@torontofieldnaturalists.org">volunteering@torontofieldnaturalists.org</a></b>