

## February - 2024 Schedule

	<p><b>Outings Etiquette</b></p> <p>Please note that members are asked to follow our Naturalist's Code of Ethics on all outings in order to minimise our impact on nature. Please review them <a href="#">here</a>. It is essential that all members behave ethically while using our green spaces and on our outings, in order to reduce our impact on the species that inhabit them, here are some additional resources how to do so:</p> <p><a href="#">Ethical Nature Viewing</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ethical Nature Photography</a></p>
Saturday February 3 11.30 AM	<p><b>Winter Plant Identification at Todmorden Mills – Trees, Shrubs and Herbs</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 Road. Parking is free</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> From Broadview station, walk north on Broadview Ave to Pottery Rd. Then walk down Pottery Rd to Todmorden Mills</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2-hour, one kilometre circular walk over mostly unpaved, somewhat uneven, flat surfaces with stairs and gentle slopes. Washrooms are available at the beginning. The walk can go longer if people want to.</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> We will walk along the trail and through the meadow, learning how to identify trees, shrubs and herbs that can be seen in winter. There is a wide variety of species to see. The trail is mostly level but we'll be off the trail at times. The trails will probably be covered by snow and ice; if so grippers are recommended. This walk is a joint outing with the Todmorden Mills Wildflower Preserve Committee.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Binoculars, notepad, camera, plant ID app or reference book, warm clothes, winter boots</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416-707-2164</p>

<p>Saturday February 10 11.00 AM</p>	<p><b>Waste places or unmanaged spaces?</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Joanne Doucette</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> Southwest corner of Coxwell Avenue and Eastern Avenue, easily reached by Bus 22 southbound from Coxwell Station, or any of the various streetcars running along Queen Street. Free parking is limited.</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 90-minute, 6 km linear walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces. Walking can be slippery or slushy. No Washrooms</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> We will be looking at what planners often speak of as "waste places" or "brownlands" but this thinking is being challenged by environmentalists/naturalists. Is any portion of the earth truly wasted and wasted by whom and why? Instead are these simply "unmanaged spaces" where human control has been lifted, however, temporary? On this walk we will look at how such places are being transformed by processes over time. For example we will look for "weeds in winter" — that is, ruderal plants as well as successional stages. Even a gutter left unswept by City machines soon becomes a microhabitat. The length of the route and the route itself may be adapted according to conditions. We will end up at a TTC stop.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Curiosity</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 647-236-4980</p>
<p>Tuesday February 13 10.00 AM</p>	<p><b>Morningside Park and West Highland Creek - Public walk</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Charles Bruce-Thompson</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> Morningside Park parking lot, 390 Morningside Park. Going south on Morningside, turn right 700 m south of Ellesmere Ave. Parking is free</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> From Kennedy Station, take the 905 Eglinton East Express or the 116 Morningside bus to 345 Morningside, then walk north to the park entrance</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2-hour, 5 km circular walk over some paved, some unpaved surfaces, with both gentle and steep slopes</p> <p><b>Washrooms</b> available at beginning and end of walk</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> We'll walk through Morningside Park, then head south down the east bank of West Highland Creek to Lawrence Ave. In addition to winter birds and trees, we'll see some of the recent work done as part of the City's ravine strategy: recontouring and replanting riparian areas and reinforcing banks to forestall erosion</p> <p><b>Bring:</b> Binoculars</p>

	<p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416-778-5340</p>
<p>Saturday February 17 10.00 AM</p>	<p><b>Then and Now – G. Ross Lord Reservoir and Park - 100th Anniversary walk</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Zunaid Khan</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> Finch West at Wilmington Avenue by the TTC stop north side of Finch, stop ID 3623</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Take line 1 to Finch station, then take the Finch 36 bus and get off at Wilmington Avenue.</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2.5, 4 km circular walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes. No washrooms. Dress for the weather conditions: wear sturdy shoes or boots with good traction and bring grippers in case of icy conditions.</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> From the meeting point we will walk across the dam to the point where we believe the original photo from the archives was taken. We will explore the trails around the reservoir before heading into the park to explore what nature has to offer in the park, then return to our starting point.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Snacks, beverages, binoculars and camera</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416-716-6464</p>
<p>Monday February 19 1.30 PM</p>	<p><b>Trees of Centennial Park</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Lillian Natalizio</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> Entrance to Centennial Park Conservatory, 151 Elmcrest Rd</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> Take the 48 Rathburn bus from Royal York station to Elmcrest Rd. Walk 200 m north to the conservatory entrance. Driving: Rathburn to Elmcrest Rd. There are several parking lots along Elmcrest Rd.</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 1.5 to 2-hour, 4 km circular walk over mostly paved, even surfaces with some gentle slopes. Trails are not maintained in winter; consider grippers if conditions have been snowy/icy. Some areas are open and exposed to winds; dress warmly. Conservatory will be open, washrooms available.</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> Get to know some of the many species of trees at Centennial Park, both old and young, and how they fit into the different landscapes. Practise some winter identification techniques, including, buds, bark, and form. Route will depend on weather and trail conditions, but will include both natural and landscaped areas.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> Field guide or ID app, camera, binoculars</p>

	<p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 416-577-7618</p>
<p>Saturday February 24 1.00 PM</p>	<p><b>Name of walk:</b> Wilket Creek at Toronto Botanical Garden</p> <p><b>Walk Leader:</b> Ellen Schwartzel</p> <p><b>Meeting Point:</b> in front of the glass doors of Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Ave East at Leslie St.</p> <p><b>TTC:</b> From Eginton station, 54A Lawrence bus east to Leslie St at Lawrence Ave East</p> <p><b>Walk Details:</b> A 2-hour, 3 km circular walk over mostly paved flat surfaces with some steep slopes and stairs</p> <p><b>Walk Description:</b> We will walk southwards alongside Wilket Creek and then retrace our steps back to the TBG parking lot and main building. The walking path is paved, but may be covered in snow and ice. There are slopes and stairs. This is an opportunity to see Wilket Creek and the valleylands in late winter. We may see hawks overhead and overwintering robins. We may also see skunk cabbage sprouts and flowering Chinese Witch Hazel. TBG's washrooms are at the beginning and end of the walk. TBG Visitor Centre and Garden Shop are open Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Café is closed in winter. TBG's Weston Family Library is open weekends noon to 4 pm.</p> <p><b>What to bring:</b> binoculars, snacks, ice grippers. Boots with good grips, warm winter layers and hats are all helpful. Walking sticks may help too</p> <p><b>Walk Leader's Cell Number:</b> 647-463-5562</p>