

January - 2024 Schedule

	<p>Outings Etiquette</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 here. 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>Ethical Nature Viewing</p> <p>Ethical Nature Photography</p>
<p>Saturday January 6 10:00 am</p>	<p>East Don Parklands in Winter walk</p> <p>Leader: Zunaid Khan</p> <p>Meeting point: Northwest corner of Sheppard Avenue and Leslie Street.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 3 hour, 6 km circular walk along mostly flat, paved surfaces with gentle and steep slopes.</p> <p>Walk Description: From the meeting point at the northwest corner of Sheppard Avenue and Leslie Street we will walk north of Leslie Street to access the trail leading into the East Don Parklands as the trail access at Sheppard & Leslie is closed due construction. Please note the trail we will be accessing has a very slope down at the beginning. We will follow the Don River through the East Don Parklands and explore all that nature has to offer. We will proceed towards Finch Avenue then crossing under Finch and follow the trail to where it connects to the Finch recreational trail before following the back towards our starting point.</p> <p>There are multiple points along the way where members will be able to exit to route to access transit or other trail systems if they wish.</p> <p>Please dress for the weather conditions. Wear sturdy shoes or boots with a good grip as the trails are not cleared in the winter. Bring grippers or crampons in case of icy conditions.</p> <p>Washrooms: Not available.</p> <p>What participants should bring: Snacks, drinks, binoculars, camera.</p> <p>TTC info: Line 4 to Leslie station, exit station and walk to meeting point.</p> <p>Parking: The East Don Parklands parking lot is closed due to construction. Parking available at the TTC station and off Sheppard west of Leslie where the Ikea and Canadian Tire stores are located.</p> <p>Walk Leaders' Cell Phone: 416-716-6464</p>

<p>Tuesday January 9</p> <p>1:00 PM</p>	<p>Earl Bales Park and Don Valley Golf Course - Public Walk</p> <p>Leader: Zunaid Khan</p> <p>Meeting point: In front of the Earl Bales community centre, 4169 Bathurst St. North York, ON M3H 3P7</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5 hour 4 km circular walk over mostly paved and even surfaces with some steep and gentle slopes.</p> <p>Walk Description: We will explore what nature has to offer and discuss the issues facing our green spaces, how we can get involved as well as the proposed permanent trail connections between Earl Bales park and York Mills station via the golf course. We will follow the trail from behind the community centre down towards the Don River, please note this is a steep trail which leads down to the dog park. We will then head south towards the stormwater ponds where we will enter the Don Valley golf course. We will then do a short loop through the golf course before returning to the park via a trail on the south end of the large pond that the golf course shares with the park. At this point we will have the option of following the into a ravine which we can take up towards the Bathurst street side of the park then back towards the community or we can follow a trail around the ponds towards Don River Blvd & Sheppard Avenue and back to the meeting point.</p> <p>Dress for the weather conditions. Not all of the trails in the park and the golf course are maintained in the winter, so please wear sturdy shoes or boots with good traction and consider bringing ice grippers in the event of icy or snowy conditions.</p> <p>Washrooms: At the beginning.</p> <p>What participants should bring: Snacks, drinks, binoculars, camera.</p> <p>TTC info: Line 1 to Sheppard subway station then take 84 Sheppard West bus to Bathurst Street then walk south on the east side of Bathurst to the park and into the park to the meeting spot.</p> <p>Parking lots in the park near the community centre. Also one located off the Don River Blvd entrance to the park, if you decide to use this parking lot then you have the option of waiting for the group near the dog park.</p> <p>Walk Leaders' Cell phone: 416-716-6464</p>

<p>Wednesday January 10</p> <p>10:00 AM</p>	<p>ROM's Wildlife Photography Exhibit Outing</p> <p>Leader: Ellen Schwartzel</p> <p>Meeting point: Inside the ROM's Bloor Street Entrance</p> <p>Walk Details: A 3 hour, 0.5 km linear walk on mostly paved and even surfaces.</p> <p>Walk Description: Join fellow TFNers for an arts morning at the ROM, where we will take in the spectacular 100 best photos of the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibit. This acclaimed annual show comes to the ROM from the Natural History Museum, London UK. We will gather at 10:00 am inside the Bloor Street entrance to the ROM.</p> <p>Please book your tickets at the ROM's website beforehand; The ROM also requires its members to reserve their tickets beforehand. The further in advance you purchase your ticket, the more you will save.</p> <p>Our TFN walk leader will not be acting as tour guide at this exhibit, to respect other visitors. However, TFN attendees are invited to regroup after the exhibit at nearby Koerner Hall café to share impressions over lunch and coffee.</p> <p>We'll be indoors. Coats can be checked at the ROM.</p> <p>Washrooms: Along the way.</p> <p>What to bring: bring curiosity</p> <p>TTC info: Line 1 to Museum Station then walk to the meeting point.</p> <p>Walk Leaders' Cell phone: (647)463-5562</p>
<p>Saturday January 13</p> <p>10:00 AM</p>	<p>Riverdale Street Trees in Winter</p> <p>Leader: Joanne Doucette</p> <p>Meeting Point: Outside the entrance to Broadview Station</p> <p>Walk Details: A 90-minute, 6 km circular walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces with a few gentle slopes. Sidewalks may be slippery or slushy. The route will be modified according to walking conditions.</p> <p>Walk Description: We will be discussing the natural history of familiar street trees such as the Silver maple, Norway maple and Red oak as well as some more unusual trees. We will warm up at a coffee shop afterwards.</p> <p>Washrooms: Not available.</p> <p>What to bring: A field guide if desired</p>

	<p>TTC info: Line 2 to Broadview station.</p>
<p>Tuesday January 16 10:00 AM</p>	<p>Mount Pleasant Cemetery 100th Anniversary Walk</p> <p>Leaders: Ellen Schwartzel and Zunaid Khan</p> <p>Meeting point: At the Yonge Street entrance to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, about 4 blocks north of the St. Clair subway station on Line 1.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2 hour, 4 km circular walk over mostly paved and even surfaces with gentle slopes.</p> <p>Walk Description: This walk is part of our 100th anniversary series celebrating locations which have long connections to our outing program. We will explore the rare and old trees located in the cemetery including some endangered native species.</p> <p>Please dress for the weather conditions. Wear sturdy shoes or boots, and bring grippers just in case of icy conditions.</p> <p>Washrooms: Not available.</p> <p>What to bring: Binoculars, tree guide if you wish, snacks, a beverage.</p> <p>TTC info: Line 1 to St. Clair station, exit to Yonge street then walk north to the meeting point. Plenty of parking options in the area.</p> <p>Walk Leaders' Cell Phone: 416-716-6464</p>
<p>Thursday January 18 10:00 AM</p>	<p>Take the Beltline to Caledonia</p> <p>Leader: Linda McCaffrey</p> <p>Meeting Point: Davisville subway station, south side</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5, 8 km linear walk over mostly unpaved, even, flat surfaces. A nice easy winter walk sheltered from the wind for much of the way.</p> <p>Dress warmly with footwear appropriate for possible snow and ice</p> <p>Walk Description: We will walk west along the Beltline from Yonge St. to Caledonia Rd. The trail is interrupted at the Allen Expressway; walkers may wish to leave here to take the subway at Eglinton West. Those who wish to continue will see some interesting Art Deco buildings - and the site of an unsolved murder! At the end of the walk walkers can take the Eglinton bus to the subway. Winter birds can be detected in the trees lining the trail.</p> <p>Washrooms: Not available.</p> <p>What to bring: Binoculars.</p>

	<p>TTC info: Line 1 to Davisville station.</p>
<p>Monday January 22</p> <p>10:00 AM</p>	<p>Broadview Riverdale Don Jail Broadview</p> <p>Leader: Richard Longley</p> <p>Meeting point: Broadview Station</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2 hour, 8 km circular walk along mostly flat, paved surfaces with some steep slopes and stairs.</p> <p>Walk Description: Some environmental, much architectural and historical diversity. Clothing, footwear appropriate for late January, weather of the day.</p> <p>Washrooms: Along the way.</p> <p>What to bring: camera, water, munchies</p> <p>TTC info: Line 2 to Broadview station</p> <p>Walk Leaders' Cell Phone: 647-354-5353</p>
<p>Wednesday January 31</p> <p>9:30 am</p>	<p>Western Toronto Waters in Winter - Public Walk</p> <p>Leader: Lillian Natalizio</p> <p>Meeting point: Northwest corner of Colborne Lodge Dr and The Queensway.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5 hour, 4 km linear walk over most paved, flat surfaces with gentle slopes.</p> <p>Walk Description: We will head west along Grenadier Pond to Ellis Ave, then take the Waterfront Trail at Sir Casimir Gzowski Park to the Humber Arch Bridge and continue north along the Humber River Trail through South Humber Park, visiting 4 or 5 different bodies of water along the way. We'll observe the extent of winter freeze up and what kinds of wildlife are making use of the remaining open water. Route is mostly paved, but several sections do not receive winter maintenance. It is also colder and windier by the lake. Please dress appropriately.</p> <p>Washrooms: Not available.</p> <p>What to bring: Water, binoculars, camera.</p> <p>TTC info: Take 501 Queen to Colborne Lodge Dr stop for the meeting point. Take 66 Prince Edward bus (Stephen Dr at Cloverhill Rd) at the finish, or a short walk down to the Queensway for the 80 bus. A couple of outs along the way to catch the 501 or 80 routes. Parking: free parking available at Spring Rd and Sir Casimir Gzowski Park</p> <p>Walk Leaders' Cell phone: 416-577-7618</p>

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