

March - 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>
Saturday March 2 1.00 PM	<p>Betty Sutherland Trail</p> <p>Leader: Zunaid Khan</p> <p>Meeting Point: Northwest corner of Don Mills Avenue and Duncan Mill Road</p> <p>TTC: Take line 4 to Don Mills station, then take the Don Mills 25 bus towards Pape, get off at the Duncan Mill stop and walk north to the meeting spot. Or take line 2 to Pape station, then take the Don Mills 25 bus to Steeles, get off at the Graydon Hall stop, cross to the west side of Don Mills and walk to the meeting spot. Or take line 1 to York Mills station, take the Graydon Hall 122 bus, get off at the Duncan Mills and Don Mills stop and walk to the meeting spot.</p> <p>Parking: There paid lots on Duncan Mill west of the meeting spot.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5-hour, 4 km circular walk over mostly paved surfaces, with both gentle and steep slopes. There are stairs. Washrooms are not available.</p> <p>Please dress for the weather conditions..Sturdy shoes or boots with a good grip as these trails aren't maintained in the winter. Bring grippers if there is still snow on the ground</p> <p>Walk Description: From our meeting point we walk west on Duncan Mill to access the Betty Sutherland trail. We follow the trail as it winds along the Don River to the 401, where the trail is closed due to construction; this will be our turn around point. We pass through forested areas, wildflower meadows and wetlands along the route. This is a general nature walk to enjoy what nature has to offer; there are a wide variety of birds in this area and hopefully we will see some. Most of the route is paved but we will be exploring some unpaved trails.</p>

	<p>What to bring: Snacks, beverages, binoculars, camera.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416-716-6464</p>
<p>Wednesday March 6 10.00 AM</p>	<p>From High Park to Old Mill, via the Lakeshore and Humber Valley</p> <p>Leader: Richard Longley</p> <p>Meeting Point: High Park subway station</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2 to 3-hour 8 km linear walk over mostly unpaved, even surfaces with some gentle slopes. Dress for the weather of the day. No washrooms</p> <p>Walk Description: Nature plus heritage with markers dating back from the recent past to when Europeans made their first contacts with First Nations</p> <p>What to bring: binoculars, camera, munchies, water</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647-354-5353</p>
<p>Saturday March 16 11.00 AM</p>	<p>Maple Myths and Stories of Old</p> <p>Leader: Joanne Doucette</p> <p>Meeting Point: Outside the Indigenous Art Market, 1107 Queen St E, Toronto, ON M4M 1K7</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2-hour, 6 km linear walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces with a few gentle slopes. Washrooms available along the way</p> <p>Be prepared for the unpredictable. It could be icy. It could be cold. It could be slushy. It could be dry and beautiful. The route will be adapted according to the conditions</p> <p>Walk Description: Our walk begins outside the Indigenous Art Market, 1107 Queen St E, and ends at the Tea N Bannock (an Indigenous cafe) on Gerrard Street East, where we will stop for lunch (if desired). We will go to Maple Cottage and the Maple Leaf Forever Park; the leader will share stories en route and in the parks on the way. She will share various myths and tales about maples, maple syrup and local history. This is very much a walk rooted in Indigenous history and heritage. For the Mi'kmaq March is Etquljuiku's (Forerunner of Spring). For the Anishinaabe March is Onaabdin-giizis (Snowcrust Moon).</p> <p>What to bring: Money for lunch, coffee and shopping (if desired).</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647-236-4980</p>

Sunday March
17 10.00 AM

Early Birds at High Park - Public Walk

Leader: Ellen Schwartzel

Meeting Point: At the south-west corner of Bloor St. and High Park Ave. (High Park's North Gates)

Walk Details: A 2.5- hour, 4 km circular walk over mostly unpaved, uneven surfaces with some gentle slopes. Mid-March is sure to be icy, muddy or snowy; perhaps all three. Wear layers. Wear boots for icy, slippery terrain. Walking sticks may help. Washrooms available at the Grenadier Cafe.

Walk Description: We'll look for early migrant birds, wintering ducks and raptors, including perhaps turkey vultures. We will walk south along Wendigo Creek to Grenadier Pond and then to the southwest duckponds. We will then wander to Grenadier Cafe, where some of us may wish to gather for lunch.

What to bring: binoculars, money for a snack or lunch

Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647 463-5562

<p>Tuesday March 19 11.45 AM</p>	<p>Short Walk, Long Story</p> <p>Leader: Paul Overy</p> <p>Meeting Point: Dupont subway station on subway line 1, just past the fare gates. There is street parking in the area of Spadina and Dupont Streets.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 1.5-hour, 1.5 km circular walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces with some steep slopes. There are stairs. Please dress for weather conditions on this first day of Spring, and wear footwear suitable for walking on urban sidewalks and climbing a long staircase. Washrooms available along the way</p> <p>Walk Description: The timing of the walk's beginning is to mark the noon sun on the Spring Equinox in a unique way. In response to some members' request for short walks, this walk will be guided by a simple but informative public art installation along two blocks of Spadina Road, to explore some of the natural, technological and political history of the Casa Loma area. This part of the walk is very easily accessible. Interested participants can also climb the Baldwin Steps and visit the areas around Spadina House and Casa Loma.</p> <p>What to bring: Curiosity and a willingness to be amazed.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647-229-1191</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 19 4.30 PM</p>	<p>Nature Arts: Drawing on the Past</p> <p>Leader: Joanne Doucette</p> <p>Meeting Point: Outside the old entrance to the Museum on University Avenue.</p> <p>Walk Description: 4-hours. Wheelchair accessible; wheelchairs are available for those who may not be able to stand for long periods. Museum entrance is free.</p> <p>Washrooms available</p> <p>Walk Description: This is a drawing event so bring along your sketch pad, pencils and other materials. We are not taking photographs. There is so much to see and experience here and lots of natural science to draw upon. We will eat in the Museum's café where we will take a break and discuss our experience to that point. At the end of the event we will meet to review our art.</p>

	<p>What to bring: This is a drawing event so bring along your sketch pad, pencils and other materials plus money for lunch. We are not taking photographs so please do not bring your camera.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647-236-4980</p>
<p>Sunday March 24 1.30 PM</p>	<p>Signs of Spring Along the Humber</p> <p>Leader: Lillian Natalizio</p> <p>Meeting Spot: Humber Arboretum Welcome Gazebo, Arboretum Blvd</p> <p>Getting there: Multiple transit options, including TTC 96 Wilson bus, or 927 Hwy 27 bus from Kipling station. See also https://humber.ca/arboretum/contact/directions.html. If driving, parking is available in Humber College Lot #1.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5-hour, 4-5 km circular walk over mostly unpaved, uneven surfaces with some gentle slopes. There are stairs. No washrooms</p> <p>Grippers are recommended if the weather has been snowy/icy in preceding days.</p> <p>Walk Description: We'll explore a variety of different habitats supported in the Arboretum lands as we look for tree buds that have opened or are preparing to open, ephemerals that may be emerging from the soil, and early spring migrants. The route will take us through mature woods, down to the West Humber River to revitalised ponds and aquatic habitats, and back through meadow trails.</p> <p>What to bring: Field guide or ID app, camera, binoculars, water</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416-577-7618</p>
<p>Wednesday March 27 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Heritage for the Future: The Well, Waterworks, King Toronto - Public Walk</p> <p>Leader: Richard Longley</p> <p>Meeting Point: Osgoode subway station, southwest corner of University and Queen</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2 to 3-hour 8 km linear walk over mostly paved, fairly flat surfaces. Washrooms are available along the way. Dress for the weather of the day. If not wet, sneakers are ok.</p> <p>Walk Description: Heritage for the Future: The Well, Waterworks, King Toronto – 3 of Toronto's most interesting new buildings, complete and in progress. In one of the city's most interesting neighbourhoods, passing through Queen St West, Spadina Ave, Front St, Wellington St West, Richmond St West, Graffiti Alley and back to Queen St West. Walk ends at Queen-Spadina with option to continue north through Kensington Market</p> <p>What to bring: Camera, binoculars, water munchies</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647-354-5353</p>

Saturday March
30 10 AM

Wilket Creek Trail & E.T. Seton Park – 100th Anniversary Walk

Leader: Zunaid Khan

Meeting Point: The benches in front of the Toronto Botanical Gardens building. There is paid parking available in the TBG lot

TTC: Line 1 to Eglinton then take the Lawrence 54A or 54B bus Leslie Street & Lawrence Avenue East, then cross the street and walk to the meeting spot. Or Line 4 to Leslie station then take the Leslie 51 bus to Eglinton Station to Leslie St & Lawrence Avenue East and walk to the meeting spot

Walk Details: A 3 hour, 10 km circular walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces with steep slopes and the beginning & end as a few gentle slopes along the way. Washrooms are available at the beginning, along the way and end. Please dress for the weather conditions. Please note this a longer than normal walk, however are multiple options of turning and exiting the trail with transit nearby.

Walk Description: From the meeting spot we will walk along the edge of the parking lot to a bridge into a ravine and down to the Wilket Creek trail. We will follow the trail along the creek into Wilket Creek Park, then pass under Eglinton Avenue along the edge of another parking lot, where we will connect to the trail taking us into E. T. Seton Park. We will follow the trail through the park to a point where the trail connects to the Lower Don trail before making our way back to our starting point. We will enjoy everything that nature has to offer, discuss TFN's and our outings' programs, connection to this area, issues facing nature including the impact of the Ontario Line, as well as the proposed plan to move the Ontario Science Centre.

What to bring: Snacks, drinks, binoculars and/or camera

Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416-716-6464