

May - 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>
Thursday May 2 10.00 AM	<p>Col. Samuel Smith Park, Spring Migrants, Walk 1 of 2</p> <p>Leader: David Creelman</p> <p>Meeting Point: Southeast corner of Lakeshore Blvd. W and Kipling Ave. 3145 Lake Shore Blvd W,</p> <p>TTC: TTC 501 streetcar (or bus) running along the Lakeshore and the Kipling #44 and 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 Col. Sam Smith Park and the Humber College Campus. The numbered side streets can also provide free parking.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5 to 3-hour 2 km (virtually) circular walk over mostly unpaved, even surfaces with a few gentle slopes. Washrooms available along the way</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 couple of hundred metres from an easy exit.</p> <p>What participants 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.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647 772-1953</p>

<p>Saturday May 4 12:00 PM</p>	<p>University of Toronto Downtown Campus: Its Nature and Development</p> <p>Leaders: Paul Overy and Ellen Schwartzel</p> <p>Meeting Point: The northeast corner of Queen’s Park Circle and Wellesley St. West</p> <p>TTC: There are 2 main options to travel to the start point by TTC: by the 94 Wellesley bus from the Ossington, Castle Frank or Wellesley stations, or the 13 Avenue Road bus south to the stop beside Hart House, then walk east across Queen’s Park Circle to the start point.</p> <p>Street parking is available near both the start point and the end point.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2-hour, 2 km linear walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes. Washrooms are available along the way</p> <p>Walk Description: Please join us for an exploration of the St. George campus of the University of Toronto with a focus on the University's natural setting, past, present and planned. We'll see some splendid trees and perhaps spring blossoms too! We'll also discuss its development as an institution of higher learning, its role in scientific endeavours and some key environmental initiatives on campus. Participants are welcome to share coffee and conversation at the Koerner Hall café afterward.</p> <p>What to bring: Curiosity, water and a snack if you like.</p> <p>Walk Leaders’ Cell Numbers: 647 229-1191; 647 463-5562</p>
<p>Sunday May 5 1:30 PM</p>	<p>Trilliums and Nature in Spring - Wilket Creek & Sunnybrook Parks</p> <p>Leader: Mary Taylor</p> <p>Meeting Point: Northwest corner of Eglinton Avenue East and Leslie Street.</p> <p>TTC: Line 1 to Eglinton station then take the Lawrence East Bus, or the Leslie 51 bus, get off at the Eglinton Avenue East and Leslie Street stop then walk to the meeting spot.</p> <p>Parking: Free parking available in Wilket Creek Park across from the Lexus On the Park car dealership.</p> <p>Walk Details: a 3 hour 4 km circular walk along mostly flat, unpaved but even surfaces with gentle slopes. There are stairs. Washrooms along the way.</p> <p>Walk Description: There is a surprisingly large population of White Trilliums; plus other common and not-so-common spring-ephemeral wildflowers.</p> <p>Route:North from Sunnybrook Park entrance (west side of Leslie St., a 5 minute walk north of Eglinton). Up into Wilket Creek,</p>

	<p>then upslope on the Thompson Trail, to the higher-elevation (street-level) part of Sunnybrook Park. Over to the steps, and back down, to the river level, of Sunnybrook Park; then back east (along the West Don), to the Park Entrance.</p> <p>What to bring: Binoculars, camera, smartphone: all useful but not necessary.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 437-246-9929</p>
<p>Wednesday May 8 6.00 PM</p>	<p>Nature Arts: Nature on and off the Wall</p> <p>Leader: Joanne Doucette</p> <p>Meeting Point: Inside the main entrance, Art Gallery of Ontario, 37 Dundas Street West</p> <p>Details: 6.00 to 9.00 PM. Wheelchair accessible. Stools are not available. They have wheelchairs and walkers available on loan (free) for those who cannot stand for long periods of time. Free admission to the collection galleries every Wednesday from 6-9 pm is a longstanding tradition.</p> <p>You must pre- book your ticket online (https://ago.ca/). If you do not have access to the Internet call the TFN leader Joanne Doucette. (647-236-4980)</p> <p>Description: We will be practising the time-honoured art of looking at the masters, taking out our pens/pencils and sketch pads and doing our own take of the work before us. Anything goes – from quick sketches, gestural drawings, long studies, abstract to magic realism (if you can manage that!). Have fun and explore nature through art.</p> <p>What to bring: pencil/pens, sketchpad</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647-236-4980</p>
<p>Sunday May 12 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Aggie's Wildflowers' 24th Annual Mothers' Day Walk - Public</p> <p>Leader: Madeleine McDowell</p> <p>Meeting spot: Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas St. The #55 Warren Park Bus from Jane Station stops at the door. Limited street parking only.</p> <p>Walk Details: This is a 2 hour circular walk covering approximately 3 km over sidewalks and woodland paths. There is one stretch of sidewalk with a gentle slope. At the midway point, there are six steps up to a road crossing.</p> <p>Washrooms are available at Lambton House.</p> <p>Walk Description: starting and ending at the Wildflower Specimen Garden in front of the Historic Lambton House - 4066 Old Dundas Street, by the Humber. The Specimen Garden is based upon 1867/68 wildflower illustrations by Agnes</p>

	<p>Moodie Fitzgibbon and we will visit some that remain locally in the yards, ravine, woods and along the River.</p> <p>What to bring: Water, snacks, camera. Stairs: The telephone number for Lambton House is 416.767.5472</p>
<p>Thursday May 16 10:00 am</p>	<p>Lower Garrison Creek - Lost Rivers Walk</p> <p>Leader: Linda McCaffrey</p> <p>Meeting spot: Christie Subway Station, Bloor and Christie.</p> <p>TTC info: Take the subway to Christie station.</p> <p>Parking: Parking is available in the surrounding area.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5 hour 5 km walk on mostly paved, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes. Washrooms not available.</p> <p>Walk Description: In 1793, Lord Simcoe arrived in the newly created colony of Upper Canada. His instructions: create a functional government and entice settlers. A resentful, post-revolutionary United States coveted Canada. A garrison was established at the mouth of a creek discharging into Lake Ontario: Garrison Creek.</p> <p>Starting at the Christie Pitts, we will explore the lower reaches of Garrison Creek as it meanders, now underground, to the former lakeshore. The walk ends at Victoria Memorial Square, the original burying ground of the Garrison. Take the streetcar from Bathurst Street at Niagara to subway Line 2 or walk to King Street to intercept the streetcar.</p> <p>What to bring: A camera would be handy should a white squirrel be spotted at Trinity Bellwoods Park. There are 17 early gravestones preserved at Victoria Memorial Gardens.</p>
<p>Saturday May 18 10.00 AM</p>	<p>The Nature of St. John of Norway</p> <p>Walk Leader: Joanne Doucette</p> <p>Meeting Point: The northwest corner of Kingston Road and Woodbine Avenue.</p> <p>TTC: take the 92 Woodbine South bus from Woodbine station, or the 503 streetcar</p> <p>Walk Details: A three hour, 6 km circular walk over mostly unpaved, even surfaces with some gentle slopes. No washrooms</p> <p>Walk description: St. John of Norway Cemetery and Necropolis began as the graveyard for the St. John the Baptist Church in the Village of Norway in 1850. Much of it was, and still is, hilly, but a deep ravine with a branch of Small's Pond, known as The Serpentine, flowed through it. But in 1936 workers diverted it</p>

	<p>through a series of catch basins into a culvert under a new paved roadway, following the original course of the stream.</p> <p>Many of the early settlers from Toronto's East End were buried here. In 1854 William Dawes was the first to be buried at Norway cemetery. The cemetery expanded over the years to 35 acres. As more and more trees and shrubs were planted, it became a haven for wildlife, and particularly for birds in their spring migration. There are a great variety of trees, both native and non-native, providing habitat for many species.</p> <p>What to bring: Lunch, binoculars, field guides (birds, trees).</p> <p>Other information: Staff and parishioners from St. John of Norway Church may join us. There will be a Powerpoint presentation on the history of the St. John of Norway Cemetery on Friday, May 17 at 10:00 a.m. To participate you must register with Joanne Doucette (joannedoucetteto@gmail.com, 647-236-4980) by May 15 at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647-236-4980</p>
<p>Sunday May 19 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Lake Ontario Spring Ramble from High Park - Public Walk</p> <p>Leader: Martin Chen</p> <p>Meeting Point: The sidewalk on North East corner Queensway and Ellis Ave.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 3.5-hour, 4 km circular walk over mostly paved, fairly flat surfaces. Washrooms available along the way</p> <p>Walk Description: Starting at the junction of The Queensway and Ellis Ave we'll walk to Lake Ontario then head west over the Humber Bay Arch Bridge to Humber Bay East Park. Then we'll head eastwards to the Sunnyside Gus Ryder Outdoor Pool before heading west again to our starting point at Queensway and Ellis.</p> <p>TTC: Take the 504 streetcar to the Ellis Ave stop on The Queensway, , or walk the 1.8 km south on Eliis from Runnymede station</p> <p>What to bring: Drink, binoculars</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416.854.4157</p>

<p>Thursday May 23 8:30 am</p>	<p>Toronto Islands - Hanlan's Point 100th Anniversary Walk</p> <p>Leader: Zunaid Khan & Charles Bruce Thompson</p> <p>Meeting spot: Meet at the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal at 8:15 AM in time to catch the 8:30 AM ferry to Hanlan's Point.</p> <p>TTC info: Take the subway to Union Station. From there, take the streetcar to the Ferry Docks or walk south on Bay Street.</p> <p>Parking: Parking is available in the surrounding area.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2 - 3 hour 6 km walk on mostly paved, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes. Washrooms at the beginning and along the way. Dress for the conditions with good walk shoes or hiking boots.</p> <p>Walk Description: We will discuss TFN's connection to the islands and explore all that nature has to offer in the area. Spring migration will be well underway so we will be on the lookout for birds.</p> <p>Depending on the weather and what we see, we can catch either the 10:40 Hanlan's ferry back or the 11:20 Centre Island ferry. It is recommended to buy your ticket online in advance of the walk at: https://secure.toronto.ca/FerryTicketOnline/tickets2/index.jsp</p> <p>For those interested in a longer walk, there will be the option of walking towards Ward's Island to catch the ferry from there.</p> <p>What to bring: Binoculars, camera, water, and snacks</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 416-716-6464</p>
<p>Monday May 27 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Col. Samuel Smith Park, Spring Migrants, Walk 2 of 2</p> <p>Leader: David Creelman</p> <p>Meeting Point: Southeast corner of Lakeshore Blvd. W and Kipling Ave. 3145 Lake Shore Blvd W,</p> <p>TTC: TTC 501 streetcar (or bus) running along the Lakeshore and the Kipling #44 and 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 Col. Sam Smith Park and the Humber College Campus. The numbered side streets can also provide free parking.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5 to 3-hour 2 km (virtually) circular walk over mostly unpaved, even surfaces with a few gentle slopes. Washrooms available along the way</p>

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