

July 2024 - Walk 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>Wildlife Disturbance: Why Now and Why Does It Matter?</p> <p>Wildlife Disturbance & Ethics In Nature</p> <p>Special Lecture: Ethical Nature Viewing</p>
Wednesday July 3 6:30 PM	<p>Western Harbourfront - Public Walk</p> <p>Leader: Paul Overy</p> <p>Meeting point: At the foot of Spadina Ave., at the entrance to the Spadina Quay wetland (SW corner of Spadina and Queen's Quay W.)</p> <p>Getting there: By TTC: The 510 Spadina bus (replacing the streetcars) south to Queen's Quay or the 509 Harbourfront streetcar to Spadina Ave. By car, the closest public parking lot is at the NW corner of Rees St. and Queen's Quay.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2 hour 2 km linear walk on mostly paved and flat surfaces with some gentle slopes. No substantial impediments to those using mobility devices, though some paths along the way are narrow and have a soil surface. No stairs. Washrooms along the way.</p> <p>Walk Description: This will be a leisurely stroll along the waterfront, to explore how green spaces have been introduced to what had been desolate industrial space for decades. We will meet at the Spadina Quay wetland and make our way westward to Coronation Park, with opportunities to explore inspiring and significant natural, artistic and historical spaces.</p> <p>What to bring: Curiosity, water, and a snack if you like.</p> <p>Walk Leaders Cell Phone: (647) 229-1191</p>

<p>Thursday July 4 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Woodbine and Ashbridge's Bay Parks - Public Walk</p> <p>Leader: Bob Kortright</p> <p>Meeting point: Flagpole 20m southeast corner of Coxwell and Eastern Avenues.</p> <p>Getting there: 1 block south of Coxwell, Coxwell 22 bus and Queen streetcar stop at Coxwell and Queen.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2 hour, 3 km circular walk over mostly paved and fairly flat surfaces. No stairs. No impediments for anyone using a mobility device. Washrooms along the way.</p> <p>Walk Description: South across Woodbine park from what was the north edge of Ashbridge's Bay 120 years ago and the Greenwood racetrack 30 years ago past the remnant of the Bay between Ashbridge's Bay park and Toronto's main wastewater treatment plant, past Coatsworth Cut dug through the sandbar on the south side of the bay, and around the park created on landfill in the 1970s. We will note plants, including invasive ones being removed by Toronto Nature Stewards in the park, and insects and birds we find.</p> <p>What to bring: Water and binoculars</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Phone: 416-699-8842</p>
<p>Sunday July 7 6:30 PM</p>	<p>German Mills Evening Ramble</p> <p>Leader: Theresa Moore</p> <p>Meeting point: On the northeast corner of Leslie and Steeles</p> <p>Getting there: TTC: The 53B Steeles East (not the 53E Express!) runs from Finch Station all the way out to Scarborough and has a stop at Leslie. The 51 Leslie Bus is another option but has less frequent service. Parking: Free parking is available on weekends on Equestrian Court, which is one very short block south of Steeles on the west side. There is also free street parking on Leslie north of Steeles (beware of the soft shoulder on the west side of Leslie).</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2 hour 5 km circular walk on mostly flat paved surfaces with some gentle slopes. No stairs and no washrooms.</p> <p>Walk Description: We'll explore the flora and fauna of the area as well as local history and environmental issues. After meeting on the northeast corner of Leslie and Steeles, we will walk north on Leslie to the German Mills Settlers' Park entrance. We'll then proceed along the paved path on the east side of the creek up to John Street before crossing over to the German Mills Meadow and Natural Habitat and making our way south.</p> <p>What to bring: Binoculars, water and snacks.</p> <p>Walk Leaders Cell Phone: (416) 493-3201</p>

<p>Saturday July 13 11.00 AM</p>	<p>Nature Arts: Birds & the Bees & the Cows, etc.</p> <p>Leader: Joanne Doucette</p> <p>Meeting Point: Outside the entrance to Riverdale Farm at 201 Winchester Street, Toronto, ON M4X 1B8.</p> <p>Event Details: A 3-hour, 2 km event, over mostly unpaved, but even, flat surfaces. Washrooms available</p> <p>Event Description: This is a chance to draw horses, cows, chickens, etc. up close and personal. The focus will be on drawing and or painting, not photography as such. I will talk a little about the history of drawing nature, its pros and cons, and we will encourage each other with gentle critiques of our work. For more info about Riverdale Farm go to: https://riverdalefarmtoronto.ca/</p> <p>There is a lunch room available and you can bring your own lunch or buy a snack.</p> <p>What to bring: Drawing pad, pens, pencils, or paints, a portable stool (if required), money, lunch, water.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Number: 647-236-4980</p>
<p>Wednesday July 17 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Meadoway Flowers and Pollinators</p> <p>Leader: Sarah Kotsopoulos</p> <p>Meeting point: Bendale Junior Public School (61 Benshire Drive, Scarborough)</p> <p>Getting there: Line 2 to Warden Station then take the McCowan 16 bus to the St. Andrews Road stop. Head north on McCowan towards the Gatineau Hydro Corridor turn right onto Bellechase Street then right onto Benshire Drive and walk to the meeting point. Parking along the street.</p> <p>Walk details: A 1.5 hour 2 km circular walk over mostly flat, paved surfaces with some gentle slopes. Some walking grass which might be an impediment to those using mobility devices. No stairs and no washrooms.</p> <p>Walk description: An evening to appreciate the restored meadows and all the flowers and habitat they provide for pollinators.</p> <p>What to bring: Water and snacks.</p> <p>Walk Leaders Cell Phone: (416) 456-4844</p>

<p>Tuesday, July 23 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Lynde Shores - Nature Walk - Public Walk</p> <p>Leader: Stephen Kamnitzer</p> <p>Meeting point: New parking lot for Lynde Shores, 623 Halls Rd South in Whitby.</p> <p>Getting there: From Toronto ~ Exit Hwy. 401 at Lakeridge Road [exit #406]; turn right and travel south to Victoria Street [a T-junction]; turn left, proceed east on Victoria Street and travel approximately 1 km to Halls Rd. Turn right onto Halls Rd and the NEW DAILY PARKING LOT is a short distance on your left. *** Contact Stephen for pickup at Whitby GO Station at 10:00 am.**</p> <p>Walk Details: A 4 hour, 8 km circular walk over mostly unpaved and uneven fairly flat surfaces with some gentle slopes. No stairs. Walk route has impediments for those with mobility devices.</p> <p>Walk Description: Lynde Creek Marsh and Cranberry Marsh provide many important functions that are typical of the few remaining coastal wetlands found along this northern section of the Lake Ontario shoreline. As a result, these two marshes are designated as provincially significant wetlands.</p> <p>We will follow the trails down to Lake Ontario will hike across the beach to the viewing platforms on the west side of the marsh where we will have lunch at a picnic bench.</p> <p>Come prepare for a joint effort to identify as many species of plants, trees and birds as possible.</p> <p>What to bring: Lunch; water, camera; binoculars if you have them.</p> <p>Walk Leaders Contact info: stephen.kamnitzer@gmail.com 647-924-0840</p>
<p>Monday July 29 6.30 PM</p>	<p>Glen Stewart Ravine Evening Ramble</p> <p>Leader: Danielle Pellatt-Hall</p> <p>Meeting Point: the Beech Avenue entrance to the ravine, just south of Kingston Road.</p> <p>Getting there: take the 64 bus south from Main Street station and get off at Kingston Road. Then walk East on Kingston Road to Beech Avenue. Head south on Beech Avenue and you will quickly find the entrance to the trail and meeting spot.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 1.5 km, 1.5-hour circular walk over mostly unpaved, uneven surfaces with steep and gentle slopes. No Washrooms</p> <p>Walk Description: We will discuss the trees and plants that we see along the trail here at Glen Stewart Ravine. We should be able to witness the Purple-flowering raspberries approaching their peak and Jewelweed in bloom.</p> <p>What to bring/wear: Good shoes and drinking water</p> <p>Walk leader's Cell number: (647) 444-2925</p>

<p>Tuesday July 30 10:00 AM</p>	<p>Meadoway Flowers - Public walk</p> <p>Leader: Sarah Kotsopoulos</p> <p>Meeting point: Givendale Allotment Gardens (1 Givendale Road, Scarborough)</p> <p>Getting there: Line 2 to Kennedy Station then take the Kennedy 43C bus to Kennedy Road and Ranstone Gardens the walk to the meeting point. Parking at garden.</p> <p>Walk details: A 2 hour 2 km circular walk over mostly flat, paved surfaces with some gentle slopes. Some walking grass which might be an impediment to those using mobility devices. No stairs. Washrooms at the beginning.</p> <p>Walk description: Take a walk in the restored meadows of The Meadoway and enjoy all the different native flowers in bloom.</p> <p>What to bring: Water and snacks.</p> <p>Walk Leaders Cell Phone: (416) 456-4844</p>
	<p>If members have any questions about our outings please send an email to walks@torontofieldnaturalists.org.</p> <p>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 volunteering@torontofieldnaturalists.org</p>
