

September 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>
<p>Wednesday September 4 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Birds at Col. Sam's- Fall Migrants- 1 of 2 - Public</p> <p>Leader: David Creelman</p> <p>Meeting Point: Southeast corner, Kipling and Lake Shore Blvd W.</p> <p>Getting there: Take the Kipling bus 44 or 944 from Kipling subway or the 501 Streetcar via Lake Shore Blvd. W.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2-3 hour, 3 km circular walk over mostly unpaved, even surfaces with a few gentle slopes. Wear layers, as it can be cooler by the lake.</p> <p>Washrooms: available along the way</p> <p>Walk Description: A leisurely, but observant, walk through various habitats, searching for migrating birds.</p> <p>What to bring: Binoculars, snacks/lunch, water.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Phone: (647) 772-1953</p>
<p>Saturday September 7 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Corktown Common</p> <p>Leader: Ellen Schwartzel</p> <p>Meeting Point: at Distillery District, outside Balzac's Coffee Shop at 1 Trinity Street. Beside the very large abstract sculpture "Still Dancing".</p> <p>Walk Details: A 3-hour, 3-km circular walk over mostly paved surfaces with gentle and steep slopes. Washrooms available along the way</p> <p>Accessibility: There are stairs and cobblestones</p> <p>Walk Description: We will stroll from the cobblestones of the Distillery District east along Mill Street to Corktown Common; a delightful city park painstakingly transformed from an industrial wasteland into a green urban gem planted entirely with native trees, shrubs and forbs. Corktown Common is typically ablaze with fall asters, goldenrod and other autumn colour at this time of year. The tiny marsh features cattails, pickerel weed</p>

	<p>and arrowhead. Fall migrant birds might drop by. Corktown Common's main job is to function as a flood protection berm, designed to withstand a 500-year flood, but the park also offers wonderful natural habitats as well as children's play areas and lawns for picnicking. We will double back to the Distillery District, with the option of lunch together at the Mill Street Brew Pub.</p> <p>What to bring: a sun hat, water and a snack.</p> <p>Getting there: Take the 504 King streetcar eastbound to Parliament Street or take the 65 Parliament bus southbound to King Street, proceed south on Parliament Street to Mills Street, then proceed east on Mill Street.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Phone: (647) 463-5562</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 10 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Water, water, everywhere: Exploring the Urban Water Cycle - Public</p> <p>Leader: Joanne Doucette</p> <p>Meeting Point: At the Ashbridge Estate on the northside of Queen Street (1444 Queen Street)</p> <p>Getting there: To reach the starting point from the Yonge subway line, take #501 Streetcar or #503 Streetcar, and get off at the Woodfield Road stop. From the Bloor-Danforth subway, go to Coxwell Station, and take the Coxwell bus #22 south, get off at Queen Street and walk west 5 ½ blocks or take a westbound streetcar. There is very limited parking available at the start of the walk. The nearest Green P Parking Lot is a ten minute walk away on the south side of Eastern Avenue east of Coxwell Avenue.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2 hour, 3.5 km linear walk over mostly paved flat surfaces with some gentle slopes. Washrooms at the beginning. No stairs. This is an accessible walk with no impediments for those using mobility devices.</p> <p>Walk Description: We have changed the Natural Water Cycle to ensure a constant supply of clean water supply and to safely get rid of the dirty water. We have created a new water cycle: the Urban Water Cycle which we will be exploring on this walk.</p> <p>The Natural Water Cycle used to do this all by itself, but the Urban Water Cycle and even those in rural and remote areas now requires human intervention. So, we now have an Urban Water Cycle that is quite different and a lot more expensive and less efficient than the Natural Water Cycle.</p> <p>The Natural Water Cycle works through condensation, precipitation and evaporation. Our Urban Water Cycle works through engineered water supply, wastewater and stormwater systems. Mostly this technology is invisible – until it fails us and that is why I'm leading this walk.</p> <p>When technology and engineering fail and the governments responsible for our infrastructure aren't up to the job, we take notice.</p> <p>We will explore why the DVP goes under water, why our basements are flooded, and why trees are toppled by high winds with power outages by putting our feet on the ground and talking with each other, making the invisible visible.</p>

	<p>And, of course, we will take notice of wildlife, botany, and signs of the lost Ashbridges Creek on our way.</p> <p>What to bring: money for coffee/tea after the walk if desired. Good walking shoes.</p> <p>Accessible to wheelchair users. Slow pace. Sunset is 7:36 pm so the last part of the walk will be at dusk. We will go to a café for refreshments and discussion afterwards. Washrooms are available at the S. H. Armstrong Community Centre near the start of the walk. The washrooms are accessible. We will end at the Donlands Subway Station.</p>
<p>Wednesday September 18 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Birds at Col. Sam's- Fall Migrants - 2 of 2</p> <p>Leader: David Creelman</p> <p>Meeting Point: Southeast corner, Kipling and Lake Shore Blvd W.</p> <p>Getting there: Take the Kipling bus 44 or 944 from Kipling subway or the 501 Streetcar via Lake Shore Blvd. W.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2-3 hour, 3 km circular walk over mostly unpaved, even surfaces with a few gentle slopes. Wear layers, as it can be cooler by the lake.</p> <p>Washrooms: Available at the beginning and along the way</p> <p>Walk Description: A leisurely, but observant, walk through various habitats, searching for migrating birds.</p> <p>What to bring: Binoculars, snacks/lunch, water.</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Phone: (647) 772-1953</p>

<p>Thursday September 19 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Ashbridges Bay - Monarch Migration</p> <p>Leader: Ellen Schwartzel</p> <p>Meeting Point: outside the north entrance of Donald D. Summerville Olympic Pool; 1867 Lake Shore Blvd. East</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2.5-hour, 3 km circular walk over mostly unpaved, flat, even surfaces. Washrooms available along the way</p> <p>Accessibility: There's a wooden boardwalk</p> <p>Walk Description: We will enjoy the cool morning breeze off the lake, rustling the cottonwood leaves. We will imagine this area's past as a vast wetland, until being filled in by the city in 1912. We will walk along the sand if the boardwalk gets busy. We may see hawks overhead, and Monarch butterflies, migrating westwards along the lakeshore. We can hope for other butterflies, such as common Buckeye, especially along the Woodbine Beach Sand Dunes Ecosystem.</p> <p>What to bring: binoculars, sunhat and water</p> <p>Getting there: Take the 92 Woodbine Southbound bus from Woodbine station, or the 501 streetcar, to Woodbine Ave and walk south</p> <p>Walk Leader's Cell Phone: (647) 463-5562</p>
<p>Saturday September 21 10:00 AM</p>	<p>Wildflowers of early Autumn</p> <p>Leader: Joanne Doucette</p> <p>Meeting Point: At the entrance to Taylor Park (260 Dawes Rd) on the west side of Dawes Road.</p> <p>Getting there: To get there by TTC, go to the Main Street Subway Station and take the Dawes Road bus #23. Parking is available at the beginning and end of the walk.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 4.5 hour, 10 km linear walk across mostly unpaved but even surfaces with gentle slopes and some steep slopes. Some stairs. Some areas may be wet or under construction which would make the use of mobility devices difficult. Washrooms at the beginning and end.</p> <p>Walk Description: This is a longer hike for those interested in learning about the wildflowers of early fall, including asters and goldenrods while getting in some exercise at a relatively gentle pace (about 2 km/hr). Bring your birding skills too as fall migration will be under way.</p> <p>What to bring: water, lunch, hat, magnifying glass (if desired, leader will have some extras), field guide, binoculars.</p>

<p>Sunday September 22 2.00 PM</p>	<p>Seed Collection in the Meadoway</p> <p>Leader: Sarah Kotsopoulos</p> <p>Meeting Point: Daventry Garden Plots, 1 Daventry Road, Scarborough</p> <p>Getting there: Parking along Daventry Road, closest bus stop is #360/370</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2-hour, 1 km circular walk over mostly unpaved, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes</p> <p>Washrooms: available at the beginning</p> <p>Walk Description: Come help collect native wildflower and grass seeds for use in restoration projects, or in your own home garden. Participants will learn seed collecting ethics, species identification and collection techniques.</p> <p>What to bring: secateurs or scissors to deadhead plants</p> <p>Walk Leader's cell phone number: (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>