

October 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>
Friday October 4 2.00 PM	<p>Lawrence Park, Blythwood Park and Sherwood Park</p> <p>Leader: Paul Overy</p> <p>Meeting Point: The southeast corner of Lawrence Ave. E. & Yonge St., in front of Locke Library</p> <p>Getting There: The start point is across the street from the Lawrence subway station on Line 1. If driving, parking is available near the start point at a lot at 3080 Yonge St.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2-hour, 3.5 km linear walk over mostly unpaved even and flat surfaces. Please note that this walk route has a few stairs and many slopes, some of them steep.</p> <p>Washrooms: available along the way</p> <p>Accessibility: There are some steep slopes which might be risky for someone using a mobility device, and some paths may be muddy if wet. Most of the route is wheelchair accessible, but some portions are not. Users of mobility devices should contact the walk leader to discuss the route.</p> <p>Walk Description: We will walk southeast from Lawrence and Yonge, first exploring the history of the Lawrence Park neighbourhood, to reach Blythwood Park. Along the route through Blythwood and Sherwood parks, we will discuss the evolution of this remarkable urban forest and how it is evolving. We'll also speak about the history and route of Burke Brook.</p> <p>What to Bring: Curiosity, shoes/boots with good grip, water and a snack, if you like.</p> <p>Other information: The walk will end at the entrance to Sherwood Park on Sherwood Ave. near Mount Pleasant Rd. From near there, the Mount Pleasant #74 bus can be taken south to the St. Clair subway station or north to connect with Lawrence Avenue bus routes. Drivers who park near the start point can return there by walking 30 minutes or taking buses north on Mount Pleasant and west on Lawrence.</p> <p>We will walk through an off-leash dog walking trail, where there will be many dogs.</p>

	<p>Walk leader's cell number: (647) 229-1191</p>
<p>Saturday October 5 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Subway Series: Walking through Warden Woods - Public</p> <p>Leader: Joanne Doucette</p> <p>Meeting Point: The park's north entrance at the southwest corner of St. Clair Avenue East and Warden Avenue intersection.</p> <p>Getting There: Warden subway station is a five-minute walk from the park's north entrance at the St. Clair Avenue East and Warden Avenue intersection.</p> <p>Walk Details: A 4-hour, 6 to 8 km linear walk over mostly paved surfaces, with some gentle and steep slopes</p> <p>Washrooms: Available at the beginning</p> <p>Accessibility: We will be going off trail so not accessible to someone using a wheelchair and maybe too fast and rough for someone using a walker.</p> <p>Walk Description: We will explore the 35-hectare Warden Woods Park and walk the Gus Harris Trail to its terminus near Pharmacy Avenue and from there take side streets to the entrance of the Dentonia golf course. The trail follows the Massey-Taylor Creek through a mature forest, giving us the chance to enjoy the many species of trees and fall colours as well as scan the sky and trees for birds in migration, and the ground for mammals & signs (deer, coyotes, foxes, etc.).</p> <p>The geology of the area determines the landforms along our route, so we will be talking about the Lake Iroquois shoreline and post-glacial development. The human element will also be discussed as Joanne is knowledgeable about Indigenous history and is a storyteller as well as a local historian. So we will talk about the history of the Massey family and Dentonia Park farm. Joanne is one of the authors of Toronto's Lost Golf Courses and the Dentonia course and the role of golf vis-à-vis the environment will also be on the menu.</p> <p>What to bring: water, lunch or snack, dress for the weather, magnifying glass (if desired, leader will have some extras), field guide if desired, binoculars</p> <p>This is a public walk, one of a series usually held usually on the first Saturday of the month. It is hoped that this series will eventually explore the environment in walks from every station on the TTC subway system.</p> <p>The Gus Harris Trail officially ranges for two kms, from the intersection of St. Clair and Warden Avenues to Pharmacy Ave. but we will finish at the entrance to the Dentonia Golf Course near the Victoria Park Subway Station. Washrooms are available near the beginning in the Warden Avenue subway station.</p> <p>Please be on time as the walk will start promptly at 10 a.m. with a brief introduction to the TFN, to the other participants, and to the route.</p> <p>Park map:</p> <p>https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1Hcm0BDcbQj5A1DwFLdXo8Do8Qnet5fk6&femb=1&ll=43.70298757792%2C-79.28264998413088&z=15</p> <p>For more information:</p> <p>https://www.ontariotrails.on.ca/trail/warden-woods-trail#google_vignette</p>

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<p>Wednesday October 9 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Facadism II: The Financial District</p> <p>Leader: Richard Longley</p> <p>Meeting Point: Southeast corner of Yonge St at Queen St</p> <p>Walk Details: A 3-hour, 8 km linear walk over mostly flat, even surfaces. Washrooms available along the way</p> <p>Accessibility: The streets may be crowded and there are some stairs</p> <p>Getting There: take line 1 to Queen Station, or the Dundas or King subways or streetcars and walk</p> <p>Walk Description: This is a followup to the Facadism Aug 21 walk. From Yonge and Queen we'll walk south to Front Street, then to Mercer street via Bay and Adelaide, ending up at Peter and Queen</p> <p>What to bring: Water and a camera. Appropriate footwear and clothing for weather of the day</p> <p>Walk leader's cell number: (647) 354-5353</p>

<p>Saturday October 12 10.00 AM</p>	<p>70th Anniversary of Hurricane Hazel Flood - Public</p> <p>Leaders: Madeleine Mcdowell and Lance Gleich</p> <p>Meeting Point: Old Mill Subway Station Entrance</p> <p>Walk Details: A 3-hour, 3 km + linear walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces with some gentle slopes. There are stairs. The leader will be using a wheelchair. There will be a second pathway circumventing the steps at Bloor St. Bridge</p> <p>Washrooms available at the end</p> <p>Walk Description: With 1954 site photographs, we will explore the path of the 1954 flood in context with the recent 2024 flooding. We will also visit some First Nations and Settler sites as well as the Ontario 50th Anniversary Hazel Commemorative plaque and High Water marks from 1954. Letters and comments from people present along the River and their experiences in a "This was where you are" context. The salmon may be leaping at the weirs and possibly heron fishing in Canada's only urban heritage river - the Humber. We end at the Historic Lambton House' Wildflower specimen Garden (washrooms inside) where the #55 bus stops, to Jane or Runnymede subway stations.</p> <p>You cannot believe that you are walking in the middle of an urban area of over 3 million. It is truly beautiful with a strong First Nations' presence</p> <p>What to bring: Water, snacks and perhaps a camera. There will be a cup of tea at the Lambton House.</p>
<p>Sunday October 20 10.00 AM</p>	<p>East Don Parklands - Sheppard to Steeles</p> <p>Leader: Zunaid Khan</p> <p>Meeting Point: Northwest corner of Leslie Street and Sheppard Avenue</p> <p>Getting There: Take Line 4 to Leslie Station, then walk to meeting spot</p> <p>Walk Details: A 3-hour, 10 to 12 km circular walk over mostly paved, flat surfaces with some steep slopes. No washrooms. Mobility device accessible</p> <p>Walk Description: We will explore the East Don Parklands starting from Leslie & Sheppard to Leslie & Steeles. This is a long walk but there are multiple places to turn back or exit the walk route</p> <p>What to Bring: Snacks, drinks, binoculars and/or camera. Dress for the weather conditions.</p> <p>Walk leader's cell number: (416) 716-6464</p>

<p>Saturday October 26 10.00 AM</p>	<p>Fungi in Focus</p> <p>Leader: Ellen Schwartzel</p> <p>Meeting Point: At the south-west corner of Bloor St. and High Park Ave. (High Park's North Gates)</p> <p>Getting There: TTC; get off at High Park subway station</p> <p>Walk Details: A 2-hour, 4 km circular walk over mostly unpaved, uneven surfaces, with both gentle and steep slopes</p> <p>Washrooms: Available at the Grenadier restaurant</p> <p>Walk Description: An introduction to the vast world of fungi, with High Park as a backdrop. We may see mushrooms fruiting after a wet summer. Of course, mushrooms are merely a small branch in the amazingly diverse kingdom of fungi. We will consider how fungi act as the ultimate recyclers; as the facilitators of the "wood-wide web"; as triggers of famine and as bringers of our daily bread, among innumerable other roles. We will walk south along Wendigo Creek to Grenadier Pond and then meander uphill and down. We will wind up at Grenadier Restaurant, where lunch is an option. The walk will include fun fungal take-aways, but please note we will not be gathering mushrooms. Foraging is not permitted in city, provincial or national parks, to protect ecosystems.</p> <p>What to bring: sturdy shoes; drink and snacks; raingear as needed</p> <p>Walk leader's cell number: (647) 463-5562</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>