

The Rattler



President's Message

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Thanks to the support of all our 650+ members, this club and ultimately the BTC have continued to serve the Mission of preserving land with a foot path along the Niagara Escarpment.

Since we are "membership based and volunteer driven" our Winter Rattler contains many articles that spotlight our volunteers. Their generosity and love of the land has helped secure the legacy that we all enjoy today.

The new feature page "A View of our Volunteers" is an opportunity for you to share your memories while working on behalf of the club. Join in the fun by sending a "selfie" or pic of you or your team participating in trail maintenance or representing the club at an event. Now when we see you on the trail we can say thank you in person!

Communications and public relations are critical functions when informing and educating our membership, the visiting public and the community about the work done by the Peninsula club. Have a look at another new newsletter feature called the "Opportunity to Volunteer" which provides a listing of the upcoming outreach activities and open positions that are supported by the club. These roles can range from a commitment of a couple of hours to a couple of months or longer. Some of these tasks are flexible and could perhaps be completed from home. Contact

us to discuss your questions or concerns at

pbtgeneralinfo@gmail.com.

Acknowledging that the club's activities are the sum of its volunteer's talents and time, our challenge is to recognize and encourage participation. To achieve this, in part, we need to update our records. So if you currently volunteer or have helped out in the past, please complete and return the Volunteer Questionnaire included within these pages.

Speaking of volunteers; on behalf of the club I want to thank Bill Graham for his tremendous support

of the BTC and his long time help as the Land Securement Director. Bill is stepping back from the leadership role but will still be a member of the team that reviews land acquisition possibilities in the Peninsula and across the whole BTC. Thanks for your hard work Bill! And speaking of land acquisitions; the BTC has purchased the farmland west of Everett road north of CR 9 and we will reroute the trail on to it this spring. Very exciting and it moves about 1 kilometre of trail off roadways.

Walter Brewer *President PBTC*



*"Calm to White Bluff" is an acrylic painting by Kristina Maus
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Info re: Cover Image

"Calm to White Bluff" is an acrylic painting by Kristina Maus, member of the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club. This August image from Isthmus Bay should be familiar to anyone who has walked the shoreline north from Lion's Head in the summer. Title is the brain wave of Lion's Head area artist, Sue Dymont. It's great when it all fits together well. The image was selected to be the cover of The 2016 Bruce Trail Calendar, and there are twelve unique trail images inside to enjoy year round. It is on sale now, the perfect little gift for those spontaneous occasions when you want to say thank you. Calendar is available online at the Bruce Trail store, discounted for members, at: <https://bruce-trail.org/store>

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Soy-based Oil Tested by PBTC Sawyer

Chain-saw experiment lasted all season

The Peninsula Club's Trail Captain and very active sawyer, Rich Moccia, ran a test of soy-based oils for chainsaws used in trail maintenance as a "green" pilot program this year. Tree cutting leaves oil residues on cut wood, nearby plants and the soil, which was concerning Rich. Oil fumes can also affect sawyers' health.

Rich made a presentation to the BTC Trail Development and Maintenance committee (TD&M) reviewing the results and his experiences. This was a subjective evaluation of about twenty outings where the team of Laura Browne, Tom Hall and Rich removed at least 200 trees.

Although the products are more expensive they seem to provide the expected performance features of premium synthetic oils but also appear to be better for the environment and ones health than conventional fossil fuel-based oils — all without sacrificing chainsaw performance.

The test recorded nine characteristics of chainsaw performance from ease of starting, spark plug fouling to "flingability". He paid attention to such factors as start-up, cutting speed and lubrication, engine responsiveness, and tackiness (how the oil sticks to the chain rather than being flung off). All aspects met Rich's performance requirements and scored an average 4 out of 5. Overall Rich feels the benefits are worth the

potential 10% to 50% increase in cost. In addition Rich wrote of the engine oil: "The smell is different, too. It reminds me of cooking at home with canola oil, which makes me hungry."

Soy-based oils are made from renewable plant materials and are intended to decompose rather than build up in the environment. Last year he cut a few hundred trees and felt that there was a lot of engine oil and chain lubricant left in the woods. Therefore he suggested that we consider switching from fossil fuel oils to biodegradable, plant-based oils and he obtained support from Renewable Lubricants which provided the oil products used by the team this year.

Renewable Lubricants is an Ohio-based company whose products are distributed in Canada by DM's Bio-Based Fluid Supply Inc. in Bolton, Ont. For the past six years it has also supplied soy-based products to help run University of Guelph fleet vehicles, and landscaping and snow removal.

The TD&M endorsed the use of "green" products as a conservation move consistent with the aims of the BTC and recommended that the nine clubs consider making Bio-based products standard. In a similar move in the spring they also recommended a test of degradable flagging tape in an effort to reduce pollution in our woods.

Walter Brewer

Trail Maintenance Co-ordinator



Chainsaw Crew - Tom Hall, Rich Moccia & Laura Brown



Minesing Grandmother and Blossom (her Standard Poodle) Challenge the Bruce Trail

Below are portions of an article a local paper published. The reporter did a great job stating the facts and quoting me quite literally. She keep looking for more drama, wasn't it all for a good cause, wasn't I trying to prove something, wasn't I trying to overcome some hurdle, depression, personal battle, medical condition. I really am a bit boring :) Just hiking for the sheer pleasure and fun of it :) Life is simple: hike, sleep, garden a bit and repeat.

An avid long-distance trail hiker, Ani Van dyk said it wasn't a stretch to challenge herself to make it through the 894 kilometre trail.

"It's a personal thing," she said from her Minesing home. "I have no idea why I put this challenge to myself." The woman behind The Dutch Gardener business said she's been fortunate to plan her hikes around her work week.

She started in Niagara Falls May 4, walking the Niagara Escarpment — which is an UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. She walks an average of about 20 km a day, depending on weather and terrain.

"What I am surprised about is I haven't seen a lot of people on the trail. There were (people) in the conservation areas or near swimming and waterfalls. While people have been sparse, the ticks and mosquitoes have been plentiful. "I was pulling three or four off of Blossom and two or three off me. The first few had me in tears," she said. "I'll deal with bears any day."

Blossom carried her own backpack, with lots of water and an extra lunch. In Van dyk's backpack are supplies including a first aid kit, rain and mosquito jackets, water and a cell phone.

The following are excerpts from Ani's diary

February 2015 - Greetings to my favorite hiking/ outdoorsy people. Some of you I see more often than others but you all still rock my world. Hoping to makethis summer one that includes all of you and then some. I am embarking on another adventure. Yahoo!

First off it is not a fund raiser or pledged event whatsoever, just a personal quest that I am hoping you'll share. Planning on hiking the Bruce Trail from Niagara on the Lake to Tobermory, a wee walk along the top of the escarpment.

So I am looking for hiking buddies for any or all of the trip. A day, a week, a couple of hours would be fun. It will be a walk through kind of tour, meaning fast paced and goal oriented.

Time to explore side trails, etc. will be minimal. And I am hoping some of you will be support team. Put me/us for a night or two; pick us up off the trail; pack me into a box and ship me home if need be :). Deliver food drops and/or band-aids and just general support crew stuff. Hoping most will be prearranged but on call is always a possibility.

An extra plea goes out to those of you that live close to the trail. Would love to have you on board for this journey. I am so excited to start the planning which is always just as much fun as the adventure itself. Blossom got a back pack for Christmas and so far has not eaten it (joking)

Cheers to the summer of 2015 - Ani & friends on the Bruce

May 9th - The first leg of our adventure is behind us :) Blossom and I have completed the Niagara section (Niagara Falls to Grimsby) of the Bruce trail in fine form! With amazing help from Irene & Larkin we completed 80 kms in 4 days. The journey was good for the body and soul. With my trusty poodle, charged up smart phone, and constant wild flora and fauna the solo trip was a great get away holiday.

The trail, as always, was spectacular, the ticks not so much ...

I am always open to joiners and supporters and I am smitten.

Let the adventure continue.

June 6th - Greetings from the top of the Niagara Escarpment. Summer is in full bloom, hope you are out and about, getting your paddles wet, wearing out the hikers, sleeping under the stars or just soaking up the sun.

What I thought was going to be tough urban trekking, turned out to be fine & dandy. The worst of the roads, bridges & tunnels almost behind me.

I am becoming more comfortable with the tick situation. Blossom and I both get de-ticked every evening. I'm just glad that they are mostly wood ticks not deer ticks.

July 9th - Blossom and I are 334 km from Niagara and only 559.7 km from Tobermory! I'd best keep this tour rolling if I'm to get to Tobermory before the snow flies. The tick situation has settled down considerably, hope it stays that way.

Move'n on up through Dufferin-Hi-Lands (my home turf) with a hop, skip and a jump through the Blue Mountains and I'll be half way. Hooray!

I find myself forever in awe of the Bruce Trail and forever in-debt to the scores of volunteers that maintain and keep it such a vibrant, accessible and safe trail. It and the province it runs through are so beautiful. I will never bore of the wonders and pleasures that continue to present themselves. Enough gushing ...

Aug 2nd - Greetings summer folk! Doing the hiker happy dance! We have passed the half way point! It's all down hill from here baby.

Hiking the whole Beaver Valley section with organized Bruce Trail Club hikes. As well as a weekend around Owen Sound. Lizzie and Lena are getting me 100 km closer to Tobermory this coming week. Many thanks in advance for taking such good care of Blossom and I.

Sons, Scottie & hopefully Silas, and grandson Rowyn will be in town at the end of August :)). A day or two on the trail with them; hopefully Liza, maybe Meaghan; possibly Selena and Sara and I might just get to Tobermory before the snow flies.

We are getting into much more isolated countryside and up the beautiful coast of Georgian Bay. I have hiked parts of it with some of you, it really is the best part of the trail. Very rugged and wild and it's bear country but as Selena suggests we'll deal with bears over ticks anytime :)
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August 23rd - Greetings from the Bruce Trail! A huge thank you to all of you that have gotten me this far. My crazy dream to make it to Tobermory is within sight.

I really am over the top excited and pleased with the whole journey. Celebrating the road less traveled has been just a joy. A rare pleasure beyond my humble expression. Happiness soars through life without pavement. Sometimes I feel like I could just trek on forever, just me my poodle and Mother Earth beneath my feet. Only 321.1 kms to go!

As I head up the coast of the Bruce Peninsula, you are all invited as always to join in. If I make it, the finale will be the weekend of Oct 4th in downtown Tobermory. Pot luck picnic, I'll bring trail snacks from my backpack, they've only been there for a few months :)

Sept 9th - And the summer on the trail just keeps getting better. After the fun of being in the local paper I was reminded of the turtle & the hare story. Yup turtle, Ani will win the race but not in record time.

I joined the Bruce Trail Club - Beaver Valley End to End hikes. A fabulous group of runners disguised as hikers. Boy what a fit, fast, hard core group. A challenge which would have been easier to handle had it not been 30 kms each day in 30 degree temps. But I finished each day in fine form. Each day holding the coveted sweep (last one in) position. It was encouraging if not humbling to meet so many like-minded people as crazed as me about long distance trekking.

Many thanks to hiking buddy & kindred spirit Sylvie for being who you are.

Watching the sun rise two mornings in a row from the top of the escarpment was breathtaking. Truly a life is good moment. Can't wait to return to the "falling waters" section of the Beaver Valley.

For about 20 km you can either see or hear water falling. It is an unbelievable sensation to hike through.

I am also reminded that being ill is out of my control and bed is the best place to ride it out. Sorry all those that I shared the bug with :(



Final Thoughts

I finished my hike on the Bruce just after Thanksgiving. It truly was an awesome summer. The Buckingham's were so very gracious to go out of their way to congratulate me. They helped add to the glory of my final day. I met lots of Bruce Trail folks and like-minded people this summer; many more on the last half than the first half. I would like to keep in touch with them all but life's not like that is it. So I will wrap them all into one glorious memory and cherish it forever

As a professional gardener I have had to work really hard to catch up and wrap up my season so I have not done any writing or organized my photos. Reality is sometimes a bit harsh after such an enjoyable experience and opportunity on the trail. I will forever remember my 'walk in the park' along the Niagara Escarpment.

I have received all my badges and even my certificate from the head office. And am feeling a bit smug :) As you know hiking is addictive, I will forever return to the Bruce Trail.

Happy Trails - Ani and Blossom

TICKS!

After you have read Ani's hiking story above you will get a serious ick feeling about ticks and the threat of Lyme disease is very serious. While attending a Land Steward First Aid Course our instructor, Michelle Madderson, strongly encouraged the use of this product.



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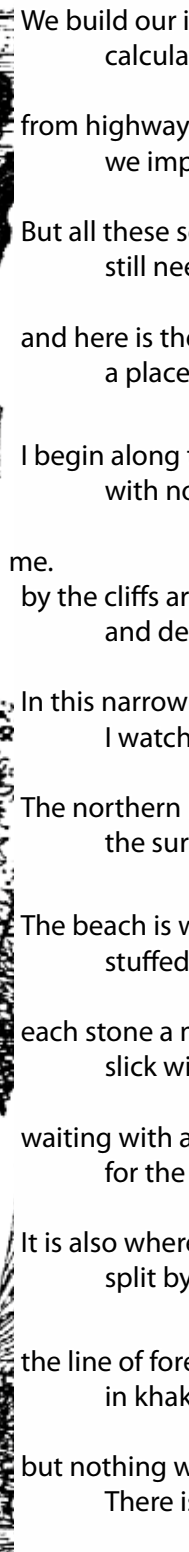
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NOTE: Be sure to check out the info re: First Aid on page 19.

Along the Bruce Trail

(Lion's Head - 2015) pt.1

by Hans Devos



We build our infrastructures
calculated for efficiencies
colour coded and complex
from highways to pathways
we impose geometry -
chaos combed to pattern.
But all these squares and circles in our lives
still need be cut by ancient paths
and the wildness of rocks
and here is the place of edges and heights
a place of fireflies and fox -
this knotted solitary Bruce.
I begin along the beach – uncountable rocks -
with no two fingerprints alike.
I seek the stone that closely mirrors
me.
by the cliffs are anchored plants I cannot name
and despite the lack of soil
they luxuriate.
In this narrow heaving band is such variety:
I watch the ghosts upon the water
and the ceaseless swell to shore.
The northern lights seem trapped just below
the surface of this Sunday afternoon
and all the landscape is chameleon.
The beach is where lost hours are stored
stuffed within the wounded rocks
split by frost,
each stone a microcosm of the earth
slick with morning dew
dulled and darkened
waiting with a patience of the ages
for the rubble to become sand
fragments of a future yet to be.
It is also where we broken stand
split by different ice
and seeking different warmth.
the line of forest hides from itself
in khaki blotches and
strained greens
but nothing will escape November's dark assault.
There is no arguing with wind and
long idylls locked in ice.

We huddle in our inner sanctums
hibernating through the season
barely brave enough to breathe;
gazing briefly at the memories of summer
in that brief splash of sunset -
all warmth a distant star away.

In the future winter we are refugees
escaping dervishes of wind
locked in white sterility
but now I bathe myself in forest,
a luxury of wilderness,
of fat times and final flings
immersed in silences but for
the slurp of waves
and the dripping plop of fog.

This forest is a complex integration
from ant to tree to bird -
symbiotic integration.

These observations wish to be their song
and not their shiva of the end.

Tread lightly on the grass
for I am the foreigner, a vanished breath,
a blink of wonder on the path
to somewhere else.

But in that fresco of the fall
I have built an understanding
that remains transfixed.

The forest is a puzzle of plants
and animals interlocked
with earth and wind and water.

All surface is the skin of seeing,
shadows praising all things real,
convictions of old truths.

But these are insights brought
to busier times and urban places,
renewals on this trail of life,
and now, much later, at my desk
translating all I feel to words
backwards and forwards I go.

In all this textural complexity,
a calculus of arches and space,
my small world becomes voluptuous

and what, elsewhere, distracts with cryptic pain
is washed away by simply walking
through the sculpture of this semi-
holy place;

from the beaches to the fields and cliffs
there is direction through disorder
and the way grows larger deep inside
for that is always where the greater journey is.

(Smokey Head Trail - pt.2 on page 7)

Smokey Head Trail (pt.2) by Hans Devos

The trail provides a sense of isolation and of space a glimpse of garter snake, a clutch of juniper, pools of moss gleaming in the dark with light left over from the hungry canopy above.

I walk through endless strands of spider silk, a lumbering beast too big to snare.

We follow on the edge of pine and birch and sit once more upon the heap shore-strewn rock no two characters alike - which stone mirrors me - perhaps some fragment not yet broken from the cliff.

I watch the ghosts upon the water and it seems the northern lights are trapped below, a rush of phosphorescent greens this Sunday afternoon. This bay of cold clean crisp clear water is chameleon but the only thing that changes is the business of me.

There are so many variations all catalogued by botanists in some thick and distant tome Does my enjoyment grow names are organized upon my tongue. I would simply say they're singular and rooted here just for my selfish joy; this moment that I wish to take away with me.

The beach is partly sheltered from grey winds of autumn. I idly study the undecipherable hieroglyphics of the rocks - scratches in dull crystal - the process whereby nature grinds its specimens smaller ever finer. The beach is young and seems to welcome all the ceaseless noise and slap of waves. The smaller rocks are carried up and clatter back - I am reminded of the myth of Sisyphus. My time here on the Bruce is nearly at an end and I think about my home (...my other home)

The shore is clean of washed debris (There are many types of cleansing on this trail) The water throws back many broken images Reflection is construction in the quiet of this space. I am no P. Neruda nor a Whitman nor Gibran but I am an acolyte and I wish to learn my lessons well: My voice just one more stone upon this endless beach.

Wildwood Lodge Ladies Weekend Hikes

Each year, during the spring and fall off-peak seasons, Wildwood Lodge in Red Bay has weekend getaways for ladies only who want to have some fun and be pampered. Saturday mornings, those willing, sign up for a Bruce Trail hike with a leader from the PBTC.

Usually there are 6 to 12 participants but this fall, on a particularly beautiful morning, 23 adventurers took to the trail near Coveney Road.

In appreciation for our assistance, Wildwood Lodge generously donates to the PBTC. We thank them for their support.

Submitted by Greg Hollinger, Wiarton



Thanks

Walter I just wanted to thank you and the PBTC executive for the recognition of the JA Side Trail.

I feel it was a great honour, but one that unfortunately only recognises one person when all the success that BTC and PBTC achieves is due to the efforts of so many people.

I also would like to thank Grant Ehrhardt for all his work, not only in developing the Side Trail but all his volunteer efforts over the past number of years.

PBTC has had success over the years because of efforts of all the volunteers and the relationship with Landowners and the Municipality.

By the way, in the last Rattler I believe I was credited with the concept of SUTB. Actually I think that credit should go to Jim Wadleigh (my predecessor). We just continued to grow the idea.

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The History of Peninsula Bruce Trail Club's Hiking Festival

In 2003 the Bruce Trail Association (now Bruce Trail Conservancy) designated the first Sunday in October as "Bruce Trail Day". All nine Bruce Trail Clubs were asked to organize hikes that day. Marlene Rothenbury, a director of the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club (PBTC), organized hikes including: Nature photography with Ethan Meleg, Bruce Peninsula National Park (BPNP); Ferns of the Bruce in Hope Bay with Nels Maher; two hikes in Lion's Head and a long scenic hike through Cape Croker and Sidney Bay with Ross McLean.

This was so well received that in 2004 the PBTC board of directors decided to expand Bruce Trail Day to a weekend hiking festival. (This also balanced shoulder season events in Tobermory with the Orchid Festival in the spring.)

Twenty-five PBTC members volunteered for the first festival: they led hikes and acted as sweeps, handled pre-registrations, conducted publicity, worked registration and sales desks, sold raffle tickets, and hosted the wine and cheese. The first Hiking Festival committee included Marlene Rothenbury, Grace Telfer, Donna Baker, John and Judy Appleton, with Ethan Meleg being the Park's representative. In the following eleven years members of the committee included Darci Lombard, Jane and John Greenhouse, Don and Joan McIlraith, Russell Ferguson, Roger Plomley, Kathy Orr, Frank Schoenhoffer, Louise Jameson, Sheila and Jeff Buckingham, Ann and Peter Miller, Grant Ehrhardt, Mary Catherine Janssen, Chase Hoffer and Ashley Miller, among others. A few of the BPNP representatives were Darla Campbell, Robyn Simard, Lenore Keeshig-Tobias and Sheila Buckingham.

Marlene Rothenbury headed up the committee until 2009 when Darci Lombard became the chair person and in 2012 passed it on to Sheila Buckingham. All proceeds from the Annual Bruce Peninsula Hiking Festival are donated to BTC for the Escarpment Legacy Fund.

Every year PBTC organizes an "end to end" hike (Warton to Tobermory) and for the first eight festivals the final hike into Tobermory coincided with the Saturday of the Hiking Festival. The hikers that completed the end to end each year were awarded their badges at the Saturday evening presentation.

The PBTC, along with BPNP, worked in partnership to organize the "1st Annual Bruce Peninsula Hiking Festival Weekend." It was a resounding success.

2004: First Annual Hiking Festival

The Friday Evening Feature Presentation: "Dark Skies" with Astronomer Doug Cunningham.

Saturday Events: Birding with Ethan Meleg, BPNP; 19K hike with Ross McLean; Geology with Torben Hawksbridge; Hike to the Grotto; Wilderness Survival with Ted Phillips; Stroll at Cape Croker with Lenore Keeshig-Tobias, BPNP; Ferns of the Bruce with Nels and Jean Maher; Hike at White Bluff; Photography with Ethan Meleg, BPNP; Geology with Victor Last and Daryl Cowell; Hike to Cape Dundas and Jackson's Cove. During the weekend there was an Art Show and Sale by Friends of the National Park and a chance to meet both a flying squirrel with Steve Patterson and a live rattlesnake with Sean Liipere at the Visitor Centre.

Saturday Evening Feature Presentation "Footloose on the Bruce" by local photojournalist Willy Waterton.

2005: Second Annual Hiking Festival

PBTC with the BPNP offered a varied list of activities including Birding, Geology, Star Gazing at Singing Sands, Hiking, Aquatics, Aboriginal use of plants for food and medicines, Ferns, Rock Ramble, a Rattlesnake, Flying Squirrel, Nature Photography, and Orienteering. There were over 150 participants.

2006: Third Annual Hiking Festival

Friday Night Feature Presentation: Star Gazing with "The Star Lady" Donna Giesler,

Saturday Events: Sunrise photography at Halfway Log Dump with Ethan Meleg, BPNP; long and short hikes at Cyprus Lake; the Alvar at Singing Sands; Burnt Point Loop; Aquatic Ecology at Cyprus Lake; Aboriginal use of Plants; Three Geology workshops with Daryl Cowell, Victor Last and Torben Hawksbridge; Historical Walking Tour of Tobermory; Forest Ecology with Frank Burrows, BPNP; Birding and Alvar Discovery.

Saturday Evening Feature Presentation: "Insect Diversity of the Bruce Peninsula" with Steve Marshall.

(History cont'd on page 12)



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Peninsula Bruce Trail Club 2016 End-to-End Special

The Peninsula Club 2016 End-to-End Special is 19 days starting in Warton on May 5 and ending at the cairn in Tobermory on September 8. These hikes are on Thursdays throughout the summer and are designed for the occasional hiker and to go at a gentle pace. You will be accompanied by an experienced leader. Although the route is challenging and can be strenuous, this series has been designed with short sections determined by trail access points. There will be no checkpoints or dropouts along the way. You will need a lunch, at least a litre of water and closed toe shoes that you are comfortable walking in. Shoes with ankle support and long pants are recommended. Please do not bring dogs. You do not need to be a member of the BTC and pre-registration is not required but we ask for a donation of \$5 per hike, \$2 for members, and that you arrive 15 minutes before the start time to sign in. We meet at the endpoint for the hike and carshuttle to the beginning to start hiking. Please be prepared to participate in the carshuttle and hike with the group at the pace set by the leader. This section has interesting examples of orchids, ferns and ancient rock formations. Map references are taken from the latest BTC Guide, Edition 28. The Grey Bruce tourist map is also useful for getting to parking access points.

Date/Time	Hike No.	Meeting Point	Where to Meet	Kms	Features/Information
Thursday May 5 10:00 am	1	Map 35 Km 5.8	North from Warton 3 km on Hwy 6, turn right on County Rd. 9. Or follow County Rd. 9 south almost to Colpoys Bay. There is roadside parking on the east side of the road near the stile.	5.8	A walk along the lakefront, up a spiral staircase, past the ruins of The Corran followed by an easy walk through woods.
Thursday May 12 10:00 am	2	Map 36 Km 14.8	North from Warton 3 km on Hwy 6, turn right on County Rd. 9 for 6 km, then turn east on Purple Valley Rd. for 4 km to Stop sign. Continue east on Wright's Cres. for about 2 km to a parking lot as the road bends to the left.	9.0	A wooded walk with some uneven sections over rocks and roots. Great views over Colpoys Bay. We will see Whitecloud, Griffith and Hay Islands.
Thursday May 19 10:00 am	3	Map 36 Km 22.9	North from Warton 3 km on Hwy 6, turn right on County Rd. 9 for 6 km, then turn east on Purple Valley Rd. for 4 km to Stop sign. Turn north on Purple Valley Rd. 5 km to McIver Rd. Turn east on McIver Rd. and take first right, going south, on Boundary Rd. to a curve with roadside parking at Crooked Toe Rd.	8.1	This section has some moderate climbs through woods. We pass an old but still functioning water pump.
Thursday May 26 10:00 am	4	Map 36 Km 31.6	North from Warton 3 km on Hwy 6, turn right on County Rd. 9 for 6 km, then turn east on Purple Valley Rd. for 4 km to Stop sign. Turn north on Purple Valley Rd. 5 km to McIver Rd. Turn east on McIver Rd. and continue down the hill to Cape Croker Rd. Turn left and follow the road to just before the park entrance where there is roadside parking.	8.7	Hike around Jones Bluff with excellent views over the Cape Croker peninsula.

Thursday Jun 2 10:00 am	5	Map 37 Km 41.1	Follow Bruce County Rd. 9 to signs indicating Hope Bay. Turn east on Beech St. Follow the road down the hill and around the bend and continue around the bay to Brock St. Turn right and park at the top.	9.5	A walk through Camp Croker campground and along the newly repaired 900m long Snake boardwalk then a long strenuous climb to the top of the escarpment including a steel stairway. A wooded loop through a provincial nature reserve has excellent views over Sydney and Hope Bays, many types of fern can be found here.
Thursday Jun 9 10:00 am	6	Map 37 Km 50.4	Follow Bruce County Rd. 9 to signs indicating Hopeness Rd. Turn east for 4 km to Tower Rd. Turn right and follow the road to a parking area on the right at the top of the hill.	9.3	A stretch of road around Hope Bay and then a challenging and strenuous climb and hike through the woods past some potholes. The final part of this section has numerous rocks and roots.
Thursday Jun 16 10:00 am	7	Map 37 Km 59.5	Follow Bruce County Rd. 9 to Scenic Caves Rd. Turn east on Scenic Caves Rd for 2 km. Turn north onto Rush Cove Rd. and follow it for 1.5 km to a large roadside parking lot on the left.	9.1	The first part of this hike is challenging and rocky. There are beautiful lookouts, intriguing crevices, an alvar and a lovely flat rock beach at Rush Cove.
Thursday Jun 23 10:00 am	8	Map 38 Km 68.1	Follow Bruce County Rd. 9 to Cemetery Rd. Turn east and follow it to the end to a parking area at a dead end.	8.6	Today we walk on the road, gravel and paved. Good and bad news!
Thursday Jun 30 10:00 am	9	Map 38 Km 80.3	Meet at the McCurdy parking lot on Moore St. in Lion's Head, about 1 km east of Main St.	12.2	This is a challenging rocky section with excellent lookouts over Barrow Bay. The hike then includes several climbs and passes Gun Point, McKay's Harbour, and spectacular lookouts into Lion's Head and up the coastline to Cabot Head. There are numerous potholes to be seen along the final stretches.
Thursday Jul 7 10:00 am	10	Map 38 Km 86.2	Park in Richardson Parking Lot on Forty Hills Road. Take Isthmus Bay Rd. north out of Lion's Head until it becomes Forty Hills Rd. The parking lot is on the right after the bend. From Hwy 6, turn east on Everatt Sideroad to Isthmus Bay Rd. and turn left.	5.9	A walk through Lion's Head and past the Williams Caves. Then a stretch of road along Isthmus Bay with a lovely view toward White Bluff.
Thursday Jul 14 10:00 am	11	Map 39 Km 97.2	Take Hwy 6 about 8 km north from Ferndale to Lindsay Rd. 5. Turn east. At the East Rd. intersection turn north for 2 km. Be sure to keep right onto Cape Chin Rd. onto gravel where the East Rd. curves left. Follow the road 5 km to Georgian Bay. Turn south a short distance on Carter Rd. to a dead end with a large turnaround for parking.	11.0	This hike is moderate through fields, hardwood forests, and a long boulder beach at Cape Chin south. There is a descent to Reed's Dump and a lookout from Smokey Head.

Thursday Jul 21 10:00 am	12	Map 39 Km 104.6	Take Hwy 6 about 8 km north from Ferndale to Lindsay Rd. 5. Turn east. At the East Rd. intersection turn north for 2 km and continue on the paved road until Cape Chin Rd. North. Turn east and continue for about 4 km to roadside parking as the road bends sharply to the left.	7.4	A spectacular lookout at Cape Chin North. The tallest tree on the Bruce Peninsula is on this section. The trail passes through some fields to the road.
Thursday Jul 28 10:00 am	13	Map 40 Km 112.1	Take Hwy 6 22 km north from Ferndale to Dyers Bay Rd. Turn east for 8 km. At the T-junction, turn south toward Dyers Bay. When the road bends left, continue on Britain Lake Rd. and follow it to a parking area at the deadend.	7.5	Some road sections and some strenuous rocky pieces including numerous ups and downs. You can scramble around the Devil's Monument seastack and down to the beach. There are more potholes at the end of this section.
Thursday Aug 4 10:00 am	14	Map 40 Km 118.8	Take Hwy 6 22 km north from Ferndale to Dyers Bay Rd. Turn east for 8 km. At the T-junction, turn north on Bartley Drive and then east onto Lindsay Rd. 40. Continue about 2 km to the trail access point and roadside parking.	6.7	This section is strenuous and uneven and includes rocks and roots. Some of the highest cliffs are in this section.
Thursday Aug 11 10:00 am	15	Map 40 Km 126.6	Take Hwy 6 22 km north of Ferndale to Dyers Bay Rd. Turn east for 6 km. Turn left onto Crane Lake Rd. and follow it for 6 km to a small parking area at the end. Do not park on private property.	7.8	Today we walk on the road, gravel and dirt. Good and bad news! But the fields and woods are pretty.
Thursday Aug 18 10:00 am	16	Map 41 Km 140.7	Take Hwy 6 to Emmett Lake Rd. about 10 km south of Tobermory. Follow the road for about 8 km being sure to take the left fork for Halfway Log Dump. Continue to a large parking lot. National Park fees will apply. Please bring \$3 in change to cover parking.	14.1	An old logging road takes us to High Dump where a rope assists in the descent to the beach (optional but not to be missed). Then a long rugged hike along the cliff edge to Halfway Log Dump. There will be no access to water for 7km. This is a tough hike but the views are amazing.
Thursday Aug 25 10:00 am	17	Map 41 Km 146.5	Take Hwy 6 to Cyprus Lake Rd. about 8 km south of Tobermory. We will meet at the Park gate. National Park fees will apply for cars entering the Park for the day. Please bring \$3 in change to cover parking.	5.8	A very rugged cliff section and some boulder beach. Highlights today include Stormhaven and the Grotto,
Thursday Sept 1 10:00 am	18	Map 42 Km 157.6	Take Hwy 6 to Little Cove Rd. Turn east and follow the road to a parking area on your right. Again, National Park fees will apply when we shuttle to Cyprus Lake. Please bring \$3 in change to cover parking.	11.1	More rugged cliffs and boulder beaches. Highlights today include Overhanging Point, Driftwood Cove and Little Cove.
Thursday Sept 8 10:00 am	19	Map 42 Km 165.1	Meet at the Community Centre parking lot on the east side of Hwy 6 in Tobermory.	7.5 to Cairn	There are some moderately rocky sections. The trail passes the National Park Visitor Centre before finally ending at the Cairn, newly refurbished for our 50th anniversary and overlooking Little Tub Harbour in Tobermory.

Hiking in 2016

Next year we have two exciting new schedules

First is the Peninsula Blue Side Trail Series. We have about 150 kms of side trails. Hike them all through 2016 and 2017 and receive our newest badge. This schedule is available on our website www.pbtc.ca with the side trails listed as a convenient series of loops. It will also be available in issue #1 2016 of the Rattler. You may, of course, hike them to your own schedule but please remember to keep track with a hike log. Check the website often for hikes with a leader and a view of the new badge. Submit your schedule to generalinfo@pbtc.ca when completed to receive your badge.

There is also the End-to-End Special from Wiarton to Tobermory hiked over 19 days on Thursdays starting May 5. These hikes are for occasional hikers to go at a gentle pace. Many people have asked me for something less strenuous than our regular end-to-end so I hope you will think about joining some of these. The schedule is available here and on the website. I look forward to seeing you somewhere on the trail in 2016.

Bridget Rosser Hike Co-ordinator



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2007: Fourth Annual Hiking Festival

Friday Night Feature Presentation: "Look Up and See Infinity" with Astronomer Doug Cunningham; after the talk drive to see the stars at Singing Sands.

Saturday Events: Photography at Halfway Log Dump with Ethan Meleg, BPNP; Forest Ecology of the Upper Bruce with Frank Burrows, BPNP; Paddle "Wigwaas Jiiman" (Birch Bark Canoe) with Lenore Keeshig-Tobias, BPNP; Geology with Torben Hawksbridge; Birding from Dyer's Bay to Cabot Head; Geology of Cabot Head with Daryl Cowell; Going Batty Workshop with Melissa Prout, BPNP; Introduction to Geocaching; Bootlegger's Cave hike with Sean Liipere, BPNP; and Mushroom Foray with Lorraine Brown and Andrew Armitage.

Saturday Evening Feature Presentation: "Wildlife of the Bruce Peninsula" by Ethan Meleg, BPNP and Frank Burrows, BPNP.

Sunday Hikes: New Michigander Side Trail hike at Dyer's Bay or explore the new Rush Cove Trail.

2008: Fifth Hiking Festival

Friday Evening Feature Presentation: Astronomy "Beauty and Awe in The Astronomer's Universe" with Astronomer Doug Cunningham;

Saturday Events: Photography with Scott Currie, BPNP; Geology Hike with Victor Last; Geology with Torben Hawksbridge; Mushroom Foray with Lorraine Brown; Over and Under the Boardwalk with Tony Edwards, BPNP; Dyer's Bay Geology hike; Going Batty workshop with Melissa Prout; Bootlegger's Cave excursion with Sean Liipere, BPNP; A Walk in the Woods with Ecologist John Haselmayer, BPNP; Introduction to Geocaching with Ted Spieker.

Ongoing throughout the day at the Visitor Centre were: "Live and Let Slither" meet an Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake and "Ask the Experts."

Saturday Evening Feature Presentation: "Exploring the Bruce Peninsula Landscape and Beyond" with Kas Stone, author of "Hiking and Paddling the Georgian Bay Shoreline".

Sunday Hikes: The new Otter Lake Loop, the new Glassford Trail near Purple Valley, the McIver Side Trail or a visit the Ferndale Wind Turbines.

2009: Sixth Annual Outdoor Festival in combination with the Bruce Trail's AGM

Friday Evening Presentation: "Living in a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve."

Saturday Events: Insect Investigations with Entomologist Steve Marshall; Mushroom Foray with Lorraine Brown and Andrew Armitage; Botanical Tour of Fens, Alvars, Ferns and Flowers with Botanist Joan Crowe; Survival in the Woods with Ted Phillips; Surveying for Reptiles and Amphibians with Joe Crowley, Herpetofaunal Atlas Project Coordinator for Ontario Nature; Natural History of Flowerpot Island with Daryl Cowell; Geology with Torben Hawksbridge; Over and Under the Boardwalk at Singing Sands with Tony Edwards, BPNP; Bootlegger's Cave Rock Ramble Hike with Sean Liipere, BPNP; Kayak Tour of Tobermory Harbour and Fathom Five National Marine Park with Marlene Rothenbury and Kathy Orr; A Tour of the Tub with historian Holly Dunham; Fun with your GPS with Ted Spieker; Fossil Find with Peter Russell.

Saturday Evening Event: Sunset Cruise on Chi-Cheemaun with Don Wilkes, Interpreter BPNP.

Sunday Hikes: Boundary Bluffs, the Rush Cove Loop, the Pease Side Trail or a visit the Ferndale Wind Turbines.

Having hosted the festival for six years it was challenging to find new and different events so it was decided to base the festival on the UNESCO theme of the year (when applicable).

2010: Seventh Annual Bruce Peninsula Outdoor Festival: "The Web of Life"

Friday Evening Presentation: "Exploring our Ancient Cedars" by Pete Kelly, co-author of "The Last Stand: a Journey through the Ancient Cliff-Face Forest of the Niagara Escarpment"

Saturday Events: Birding with Ethan Meleg, BPNP; Halfway Rock Escarpment Geology with Daryl Cowell; Aquatic Invertebrates with Jenna McGuire, BPNP; Botanical Tour with Joan Crowe; Look, See, Paint with Julie Heinrichs; Surveying for Reptiles & Amphibians with Joe Crowley, Herpetofaunal Atlas Project Coordinator for Ontario Nature; Medicinal and Edible Plants with Barbara Bobo; Introduction to "Bouldering" with the Ontario Access Coalition; Bootlegger's Cave Rock Ramble with Sheila Buckingham; Fun with your GPS with Ted Spieker.

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Saturday Evening Feature Presentation: "Where Am I?"
A talk about our sense of direction and why we get lost by Colin Ellard, Professor of Psychology at University of Waterloo.

Sunday Hikes: McKay's Harbour and Lion's Head Provincial Nature Reserve.

2011: Eighth Annual Hiking Festival: "Year of the Forest"

Friday Evening Presentation: "Historical Aspects of Forestry" with Clarke Birchard

Saturday Events: Tree Identification with BTC Ecologist Brian Popelier; A Walk Through Time with Holly Dunham; Medicinal and Edible Plants with Barbara Bobo; Painting with Julie Heinrichs; Forests as Habitat with Jenna McGuire, BPNP; Threats to our Forests and Sustainable Logging with BTC Naturalist Adam Brylowski and Ken Goldsmith; Hike on the newly routed Grotto trail in BPNP with Grant Erhardt; Forests Rock with BTC Executive Director Beth Kummling; Traditional uses of Forest Resources with Lenore Keeshig-Tobias, BPNP; GPS Scavenger Geocache with Ted Spieker; Ancient Cedars Hike.

Saturday Evening Feature Presentation: "Forest Values" with Frank Burrows, Superintendent BPNP, Tony Chegahno, BPNP Naturalist and Dave Taylor, President of Lands and Forests Consulting.

Sunday Hikes: Dyer's Bay

**2012: Ninth Annual Hiking Festival
"Take a Walk on the Wild Side"**

Friday Evening Feature Presentation: Story Telling by Ron Baker.

Saturday Events: Little Cove to Tobermory with Grace Telfer; Cyprus Lake to Little Cove with Susan Allen and Bridget Rosser; Birding with Ethan Meleg; Rattler Run around Burnt Point Loop; A Walk on the Wild Side with Don Wilkes; Bootlegger Cave Rock Ramble with Jeff Buckingham; Tree Identification with Bob Gray; Parks Canada 25th Anniversary Celebration Loop with Ivan Smith, BPNP; Saunter at Singing Sands with Tony Edwards, BPNP; Another Walk on the Wild Side with Sheila Peacock.

Saturday Evening Feature Presentation: "The Birth of Bruce Peninsula National Parks" with Bob Day author of "Shores of Heaven".

Sunday hikes: Dyer's Bay to the newly acquired Lillie property.

2013: Tenth Annual Hiking Festival "The Locals Know"

Saturday Events: Hike from Pinetree Harbour to Johnson's Harbour with Rainer Hoffman-Taylor; Gas and Whistle with Grace Telfer; Wild Side Hwy 6 to Dorcas Bay Road with Don Wilkes; Walk through Tobermory's past with Holly Dunham; Rattler Run around Burnt Point Loop; Art with Julie Heinrichs; Photography with Laurence Acland; Wild Side Hwy 6 to Warner Bay Road with John Greenhouse; Rock Ramble with Sheila Buckingham; Hike to Warder Ranch.

Saturday Evening Feature Presentation: "Nine Parks, Four Months, Two Wheels" with Robyn Simard. Her bike ride through nine of Canada's National Parks.

Sunday Hikes: Pease Side Trail to Cape Dundas and back.
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Phillip Gosling Award 2015 – Peninsula Club

The Club was awarded the prestigious Philip Gosling Award for the reconstruction of the Snake boardwalk located in Cape Croker Indian Park.

Philip Gosling is a Founder of the Bruce Trail. He was actively involved in much of the early work done to secure landowner permission for the Bruce Trail and the initial blazing of the route.

This award recognizes a Bruce Trail Club that has clearly demonstrated excellence in improving an existing Trail section, with particular focus on addressing environmental impacts.

The "trophy" is the original section of maple bark that Philip Gosling used to display the Bruce Trail blaze to interested landowners, trail workers and other interested groups when he, with the others developed the concept of a footpath along the Niagara Escarpment.

Selection Criteria:

- A high over-all standard of trail maintenance by a Bruce Trail Club, with emphasis on improved environmental management of the treadway.
- Development of trail structures that result in environmental and innovative improvements to a complete trail section.

- Construction of trail structures, which display a high degree of excellence in design, workmanship, and volunteer effort.

Snake Boardwalk Cape Croker Rebuild and Restoration

The Snake Boardwalk at Cape Croker is about 1,000 meters long running on the edge of Sydney Bluff north of Wiarton. The Boardwalk provides a wonderful view of aquatic plants, marshland and an active beaver dam. It was originally completed in 1999 by volunteers and members of the First Nations on whose land it resides.

The renovation was completed by a solid core team of six volunteers and the assistance of about 15- 20 occasional others working in a total of 25 work parties over two years. In order to rebuild this boardwalk over 4,000 deck boards, 400 stringers and associated nails had to be removed and disposed of carefully before installing the same number. This was back breaking work done in hot conditions week after week!

The Club thanks Zane Davies for consulting, Alan Bobo the dedicated Trail Captain and the members of the Muddy Boot construction team lead by Laura Browne, Deborah Wong, Tom Hall, Pete Elliott and Jim Woods.



Members of the team are Chris Robinson, Henk Van Brakel, John Grandy, J & T Hammond, Mary Fowler, Susan Allen, Kathy Burns, Steve Jones, Sabrina Sutherland, Steve Gile, Mike Schwindt, John Whitworth, Barry Westhouse, Norm Guice, Darrell Schneider, Barbara Roppel, Dan Babcock, Bill Strang, Bob Light, Walter Brewer and a few others I may have missed (sorry).



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OPPORTUNITY	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
Public Relations Liason	Minimum 1 year	Develop benefical partnerships and liaise with relevant community organizations in Bruce County Organize club participation in local events which can be utilized to promote the image of the Trail and the Club.
Rattler Newsletter Reporter		Provide interesting and newsworthy articles and photos in support of the Rattler team
Media Administrator	Minimum 1 year	Create a media list for the local Bruce Grey area to receive press releases Create and share print material regarding the Peninsula club. Plan and execute print and broadcast advertising campaigns
Social Media Coordinator	Minimum 1 year	Create and post write ups and pictures on social Media (Blog, Facebook, e-blast) Provide material and liaise with the club webmaster to ensure the website is current
Ambassador	March 19, 2016	Co - Host club booth at the Owen Sound Health Fair 10:00 am - 1:00pm or 1:00 pm to 4:00pm
Assistant Archivist	Minimum 1 year	Assist in maintaining an Excel inventory of records created by the PBTC, storing records, and recording club history.

Please talk to us about the possibility of working from home!

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To take on one of the positions listed above a candidate must be:

- A member of the Peninsula Club or be willing to join.
- Have recognized skills for particular facet of board work or be willing to learn.
- Supportive of the purposes and values of the Bruce Trail Conservancy.
- Available to meet during the week, days or evenings, or on weekends.
- Willing to travel to board meetings without reimbursement.
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2014: Eleventh Annual Hiking Festival. "Year of the Family Farm"

Friday Night Feature Presentation: "Archaeology of the Early Settlers" with Scarlett Janusas

Saturday Events: Roofed Accommodation (yurts) and hike with Tony Edwards, BPNP; Lumbering at Gilles Lake with Bill and Mary Crawford; Belrose Settlement Loop with Darla Campbell, BPNP; Art at the Museum with Julie Heinrichs; Tobermory Fishing History with Holly Dunham; Burnt Point Loop Rattler Run; Field Hopping at Pedwools with Cavan Harpur, BPNP; Gas and Whistle Buoy with Grace Telfer; Bootleggers Cave Rock Ramble with Jeff and Sheila Buckingham; Warder Ranch with Roy Warder and Lenore Keeshig-Tobias, BPNP.

Saturday Night Feature Presentation: Excerpts from "The Portrait" by Allen Smutylo, his play about Tobermory in the 1960s.

Sunday Hikes: Fossils at Cape Croker with Beth Gilhespy, BTC Director.

2015: Twelfth Annual Hiking Festival "Year of the Light"

Friday Night Feature Presentation: Dancing to Music by "O'Thyme Contraband"

Saturday Events: Medicine Walk with Lenore Keeshig-Tobias, BPNP; Cabot Head Light Station with Pat Barton; Hidden Valley Hike with Doug Sweiger; Birding with Martha Allen, BPNP; Photography with Laurence Acland; Light for the Soul (Pottery) with Mark Kellner; Navigational Lighting the Way with Jeff Buckingham.

Saturday Night Feature Presentation: "Starlight Only" with Mike Warkentin from Bay Shore Astronomy in Lion's Head.

Sunday Hikes: Lion's Head Pot Holes.

By Jane Greenhouse, Director, PBTC with information from PBTC Archivist, Deborah Sturdevant

President's Choice Hike - Dyer's Bay – Michiganders Loop

Here is a hike from this year's festival. It provides great exposure to Georgian Bay, a neat arch rock formation and a beautiful inland picnic stop on the shores of Cottrill Lake.

Starting from the Dyer's Bay municipal parking lot it may be about six kilometers long. If you start your return from the Britain Lake Road parking lot or if you wish to add a leg down to the Devil's Monument it could be nine to ten kilometers in length. This is a great area that is almost all managed by the club – you can walk on the BTC land for hours! This is the result of landowners donating or partially donating their land.

It is interesting to think of the various names in this area: Michiganders, Lillie, Roberts and Cottrill.

There was a lot of Peninsula land purchased by families from Michigan and other states. The Michiganders were a collection of families who enjoyed the rustic appeal of this coast and after twenty-five plus years the families decided to protect, yet share the land permanently. Similarly, the Lillies arranged for the BTC to acquire the land after helping to lay out the trail and scout various areas with PBTC members. Clayton and Anne Roberts could be seen tidying the trails they tended for over twenty

years. Well into their eighties and with failing sight, Clayton and Anne manicure the section south of the municipal parking lot.

The section that is secured on Provincial land was turned over to the MNR by the Lillie family and Gord Cottrill, a BTA/BTC supporter and then MNR manager, supported securing the trail in this location and others like Gun Point. The club honoured his support by naming the lake and side trail after him. The inland lake was not officially named and it was determined that if a name became popular through local use it may become official in subsequent government documents.

Securing the Bruce Trail and a corridor of land is the Mission of the BTC and this area is a wonderful example of people giving their time and land to help fulfil that dream. The result is a wonderful forest with a trail that has marvelous views.



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Working Together Conference

Every two years the Bruce Trail Conservancy hosts a one day Working Together Conference. This is an "opportunity for Club and BTC volunteers to share ideas, collaborate on projects and to strategize for future activities". On Saturday, November 14th at the Mono Outdoor Education Centre we learned about Sharing the Bruce Trail Story in the morning and attended workshops in the afternoon. Pictured are Grant Ehrhart, Walter Brewer, Susan Allen, Darci Lombard and Don McIlraith. Not included in the photo but participating in meetings during the day were Peter Elliot, John Grandy, Tom Hall, Lloyd Hayward and Rich Moccia.



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Volunteer Clean-up Crew - Dryer's Bay Rd.



First Aid Training

Peninsula Club holds first aid training for hike leaders, land stewards and trail captains.

On August 29, 2015 a dozen hike leaders, land stewards and trail captains met at the Lion's Head arena to learn how to deal with emergencies on the trail. Michelle Madderson, of ProVision Safety Training, led the participants through the non-certificate workshop that included assessment of injuries, how to assess and handle shock, adult one-rescuer CPR, the use of the Automated External Defibrillator, wound care, care of bone, muscle and joint injuries and "What's in your Backpack?"

Thank you to the BTC and the Peninsula Club who funded the workshop and the municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula who allowed the group to utilize arena space at no cost to the BTC.



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CHECK IT OUT!

On the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club page on Facebook check out a short but terrific National Geographic video showing the health benefits of being in nature.

Also on Facebook, search Sisters Running Wild. Two sisters from Burlington **RAN** the entire Bruce trail this summer. There are some great photos!

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