

2021/22 Winter Hiking Schedule:

Covid Protocol for all Nature League Activities

As published in September 2021, your Board of Directors has established a policy, effective immediately, that all participants of NL sponsored events be fully vaccinated. It is disappointing to have to implement a policy of this nature but in light of the increasing number of cases both in the Simcoe-Muskoka Region and the province, we feel it is the appropriate step for us to take at this time. We ask that if you are attending an event or activity, you have proof of vaccination to ensure access to the event venue. In addition, it is still important you have a mask and continue to practice social distancing. If you do not have a copy of your proof of vaccination you can go to the provincial government website and print it or download it to your phone. **Let's enjoy getting together safely with our friends and thank you to all who have already provided your proof of vaccination.**

PLEASE MEET AT THE TRAILHEAD AT THE DESIGNATED TIME AND ON ARRIVAL CHECK IN WITH THE LEADER FOR A HEAD COUNT.

Any questions/additional details on directions should be directed to the leader of each hike. Please no Pets. If the Weather conditions are unfavourable, you will be notified by 9 a.m. at the latest the morning of the event, so **PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR EMAILS**

For each Hike, bring a chair, blanket, and your lunch for a “trailgate” lunch

December 1, 2021

Georgian Trail Nipissing Ridge, Craigleith Note: Change of Location
Meet at Craigleith Heritage Depot
Start Time: 10:30 a.m.

Directions from Collingwood:take Hwy 26 West to Grey Road 19, turn left and park in the lot at the Craigleith Depot.

Description: Approx. 4 km, easy walk along Lakeshore Road trail west to the Nipissing Ridge Park trail.

Outdoor Lunch at the Craigleith Cafe following hike

Leader: Noella Rusk; Cell 705-816-6635; email: noellarusk@gmail.com

December 8, 2021

Silent Valley Nature Reserve

(near Chatsworth, Ont) – approx. 45 minute drive

Meet at Trailhead Time: 11:00 a.m

Directions: may revise directions prior to hike

Take Hwy 26 West continue through Meaford until you reach Grey Road 18, turn left. Grey Road 18 makes a sharp right at Concession Road 1, continue on Grey Road 18 to Concession Road 2S and park at end of road.

Description: 5.5 km. offers scenic views good for all skill levels. Some good challenges in elevations but route is mostly easy

Leader: Rose Fever; Cell 705-446-5204, email: rose@roseincollingwood.com

January 5, 2022

Wasaga Turquoise Trail

Meet at Trailhead.

Start time 10:30 a.m.

Directions: Take Hwy 26 East to Mosley Roundabout .. follow Mosely to River Road West . Take River Road West to Veteran's Way, turn right and continue 1.4 km to Fernbrooke, and park on the road.

Description: 4.8 Km loop, approximately 2 hours. Good for all skill levels.

Leader: Jerry Finczak; Cell: 1-647-444-2111

January 12, 2022

11th Line Trails

Meet at Trailhead. Start time 10:30 a.m.

Directions from Collingwood: Drive west on Mountain Rd to 11th line. Turn right, drive to the end. Roadside parking.

Description: A variety of flat trails with only one hill. Approximately 3.2 km

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January 19, 2022

Nottawasaga Bluffs

Meet at Trailhead - There is a voluntary payment box should you wish to make a donation to the Trail.

Start Time: 10:30 a.m.

Directions: Drive south on Hwy 124 to just before Singhampton. Turn left at the sign to Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation area (Milltown Rd), then left on Ewing Drive, then left at next Nottawasaga Bluffs sign. Follow the road to parking lot on the right-hand side.

Description: Moderate terrain with one hilly section. Some rocky terrain. 4k.

Leader: Robert Brand; Cell 705- 994-3384, no email; text only

January 26, 2022

Swiss Meadows

Meet at Trailhead

Start time: 10:30 a.m.

Directions: Take Scenic Caves Rd. to the top, past the parking lots to Swiss Meadows Blvd. Turn right and follow to the stop sign at Maple Lane. Turn right, proceed to the end and park at side of road.

Description: Mostly level, some undulating sections – 4.6 km.

Leader: Barbara Euler, Cell (416) 578-1744

February 2, 2022

Ganaraska Trail Wasaga Beach

Meet at Trail Head

Start Time: 10:30 a.m.

Directions: Hwy 26 West to the roundabout and take Mosley Road/County Rd. 92. Continue to follow CR 92 which becomes River Road West. Continue to Oxbow Park Drive and turn right. Continue to Cameron Drive and turn left and left again on Woodland Drive. #30-42 Woodland Drive.

Description: Soft sandy 5.1 km. walk with some steep areas. Sand dunes are the attraction at the beginning of trail. Beautiful vistas along the way to sit and have lunch and enjoy nature. There is also access to a dirt road through the woods that makes for very easy hiking.

Leader: Noella Rusk; Cell 705-816-6635; email: noellarusk@gmail.com

February 9, 2022

Sligo Side Trail Loop

Meet at Trailhead

Start time: 11:00 a.m.

Directions: Take 6th Street to GR 119 turn left to Grey Road 19 and turn right .Continue to Grey Road 13 (crossing Grey Road 2) Turn right on Grey Road 13 and continue to Side Road 19 , turn left and continue past Grey Road 7 to 7th Line. Turn left on 7th Line and continue to Side Road 16C and turn left. Parking area near ending of road.

Description: 3.8 km easy snowshoe loop. Perfect winter walk.

Leader: Rose Feaver; Cell 705-446-5204; email: rose@roseincollingwood.com

February 16, 2022 – SNOW MOON

Loree Forest Night Trail – Full Moon SPECIAL EVENT

Meet at Trail Head

Start time: 5:30 p.m.

Directions: Drive west on Hwy 26 to Grey Rd. 2. Turn left and drive to side road 21. Turn left and proceed to Loree Forest entrance and park on north side of road. Bring Head Lamp or Flashlight if possible, and a hot drink.

Description: One hill to climb then flat terrain

Leader: Robert Brand; Cell 705-994-3384, no email; text only

February 23, 2022

Pretty River Side Trail – Lower

Meet at Trail Head

Start time: 10:30 a.m.

Directions: Take 124 South from Collingwood to SR 33.34. Turn right and go approximately 3 km to a large parking area on left hand side of road. We will carpool from there to the trailhead as there is limited parking on the road.

Description: 2.9 km , moderate difficulty, with inclines and descents. Beautiful river and pond along the way.

Leader: Jerry Finczak; Cell 1-647-444-2111

March 2, 2022

Wasaga Nordic Blueberry Trails

Meet at Trail Head

Start time: 10:30 a.m.

Directions: Take Hwy 92 east through Wasaga to traffic lights before the bridge at the river (plaza on right with McDonalds, Tim Hortons) Cross the bridge to River Rd. W, and drive approx. 4k, and then turn right at the sign for Wasaga Nordic (across from police station). Turn left into entrance of park.

Description: Ski/Snowshoe fee applies \$8.00 and skis or snow shoes are mandatory. 4K, Flat until start of loop, then steep hills. Going down, becomes flat again

Leader:Robert Brand; Cell 705-994-3384; no email , text only

March 9, 2022

Singhampton Lookout and Caves

Meet at Trail Head

Start time: 10:30 a.m.

Directions: Take Hwy. 124 South to Duntroon side road (Simcoe County Rd. 91). Turn right and proceed 5.5 km to "T" intersection (Clearview Osprey Town Line) turn right to end and park.

Description: 3.9 km moderate loop with good views, not difficult.

Leader: Jerry Finczak; cell 1-647-444-2111

March 16, 2022

Cranberry Golf Course

Meet at Trail Head

Start time: 11:00 a.m.

Directions: Drive West on Hwy 26 past Cdn. Tire to Harbour Street. Turn left and proceed to parking lot at the end of the road.

Description: Flat terrain, good snowshoeing.

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March 23, 2022

Trout Hollow Trail - Meaford

Meet at Trail Head

Start time: 10:30 a.m.

Directions: Take Hwy. 26 west to Meaford. Coming into town turn left on Edwin Street (small sign to Beautiful Joe Park) look for Park sign on right and park in lot.

Description: The trail leads us through interesting wooded areas and along by the river. Moderate trail , green trail approximately 6.8 km out and back

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March 30, 2022

Collingwood East Circuit

Meet at Museum

Start time: 10:30 a.m.

Directions: St. Paul and Huron Street

Description: Approx. 7 km walk, easy interesting sites, taking in georgian bay views and the pretty river

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Duntroon Highlands – details to follow Fee applicable TENTATIVE – WE MAY DO IT AS A SPECIAL EVENT