

# THE TORONTO HIKING AND CONSERVATION CLUB

has its roots in the Don Valley Conservation Association, formed in the early 1950s to protect the Don Valley. After an active decade, a group of Association members met to create the Toronto Hiking and Conservation Club on August 25, 1961. Every year since, the Club has organized programmes of Sunday hiking in the countryside surrounding Toronto, and has financially supported a variety of conservation endeavours. Currently membership is approximately 120, and, as in the past, voluntary participation continues, with energetic hiking programmes, hike leading, car pools, social events and Executive Committee work.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Arrangements:**

Hikers leave at 10:00 a.m. (unless stated otherwise in the programme) from the TTC parking lot, on the northwest corner of Yonge and York Mills. For information about a particular hike, phone the hike leader the day before. Hike routes may be changed at the last moment due to unforeseen circumstances.

### **Clothing and Equipment:**

Dress suitably for the weather. Sturdy, waterproof boots are advised. Bring lunch and a beverage. *Do not litter.*

### **Transportation and Incidental Costs:**

Passengers may donate towards transportation costs, using the following scale:

Under 100 km	\$ 8.00
100-200 km	\$10.00
Over 200 km	\$12.00
Within Toronto	\$ 5.00

Hikers will pay gate fees to Conservation Areas where required.

## **NEW PRACTICE - WHISTLE CODE**

***If you hear - 1 blow, stop; 2 blows - go to the person who blows the whistle; 3 blows - it is an emergency, rush to the person who blows the whistle.***

### **Regulations:**

1. Members and guests should stay with the group and observe the leader's instructions. They should not hike ahead of the leader, nor behind the backup person.
2. Hikers come at their own risk and neither the club nor the leader can be held responsible in the event of a mishap or accident on a hike or during any other club activity. Hikers are advised to carry identification, a whistle, and a telephone contact on their pack. Luggage tags are ideal for this.
3. Visitors are welcome to attend one hike as guests of the club, after which they should apply for membership.
4. All are reminded that it is illegal to smoke in the woods unless sitting down, and that dogs are not allowed on our hikes.
5. Drivers should ensure that other drivers are not in difficulty before returning to Toronto. They should provide rides for as many people as possible, returning them to the parking lot, unless other arrangements have been made in advance.

## EXECUTIVE

### **President:**

Peter Sproule . . . . 416-259-0622

### **Vice-President:**

Tony Asrilen . . . . 416-693-8639

### **Treasurer:**

Tony Asrilen . . . . 416-693-8639

### **Recording Secretary:**

Agnes Heringer . . . . 905-763-2079

### **Membership Secretary:**

Elke Ganguli. . . . . 416-532-2883

### **Programme Secretary:**

Marta Esmailji. . . . 416-445-1902



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Our membership year extends from October 1 to September 30 of the following year. Annual membership fees are: New Membership: \$20 Single, \$25 Family; Renewal: \$15 Single, \$20 Family. To apply for or renew your membership in the Club, please complete the form below, and either hand to our membership secretary when hiking, or mail with your cheque to: Toronto Hiking Club, Box 121, Station F, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2L4.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is (please circle): New / \$ 20/ \$25 Renewal / \$15/\$20. Any surplus at year end is donated to conservation projects. Check  if you require a receipt:



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Visit us on the web at <http://www.sproulephoto.ca/thcc>

Hikers meet before 10:00 a.m. at the TTC parking lot on the northwest corner of Yonge and York Mills. Any exceptions to this meeting place are noted below. Call the hike leader if you need more details. Please do not bring dogs.

CHECK YOUR E-MAIL BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS. In bad weather, hikes may be in the city instead of the scheduled location. Drop-outs possible on some hikes – check with the leaders!

*Could be slippery in winter months – wear your icers!*

September 4, 2011 to February 5, 2012

DATE	LOCATION	LEADER	TELEPHONE
September 4	Smokey Hollow (hilly)	Steven Wang	416-638-1465
September 11	Hockley Valley (hilly)	Bob McCrindle	416-596-7771
September 18	Dundas Valley (moderate)	Robert Cuthbert	416-590-9158
September 25	Mono Cliffs (hilly)	Monica Feran	416-736-6636
October 2	Forks of the Credit River (moderate)	Tony Asrilen	416-693-8639
October 9	Speyside North (rocky)	Steven Wang	416-638-1465
October 16	Rouge Valley (moderate)	Peter Sproule	416-259-0622
	<b>Annual General Meeting at Pearse House</b>		
October 23	Hockley Crest (hilly)	Esther Keltz & Monica Feran	416-782-3764 416-736-6636
October 30	York Regional Forest (moderate)	Bob McCrindle	416-596-7771
November 6	Glen Major (moderate)	Elke Ganguli	416-532-2883
November 13	Webster Falls (easy)	Tony Asrilen	416-693-8639
November 20	Glen Haffy (moderate)	Bob McCrindle	416-596-7771
November 27	Silver Creek (rocky)	Bertrand Leduigou	416-481-3072
December 4	Long Sault (moderate)	Elke Ganguli	416-532-2883
December 11	Seaton Trail (moderate)	Tony Asrilen	416-693-8639
December 18	Crawford Lake (moderate)	Bertrand Leduigou	416-481-3072
December 25	NO HIKE - CHRISTMAS DAY		
January 1	Toronto Islands (easy)	Bob McCrindle	416-596-7771
	<b>Meet at Ferry Docks at 10:15 a.m.</b>		
January 8	Speyside South (moderate)	Elke Ganguli	416-532-2883
January 15	Walkers' Woods (moderate)	Elke Ganguli	416-532-2883
January 22	Highland Creek (easy)	Peter Sproule	416-259-0622
January 29	Guildwood Inn (easy)	Robert Cuthbert	416-590-9158
February 5	Don Valley	Bob McCrindle	416-596-7771

**For those who haven't paid your 2011 membership, please note that this is the last mailing you are receiving. Postage costs money. If the club does not have the funds for deposits or to buy food, then extra activities such as the annual picnic may cease.**

**SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR HIKE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS**

- 1) Introduce yourself and say a few things about the hike (distance, terrain, etc.)
- 2) Assign a backup person.
- 3) Ask hikers to remain between the leader and the backup. Explain that if anybody goes ahead of the leader and gets lost, s/he is on his/her own!
- 4) Ask hikers that, if they have a need to go to the bushes, they should leave their pack at the side of the trail, so that the backup person knows that someone is there and waits.
- 5) Take a count (re-count after lunch!).
- 6) If there are no facilities at the beginning of the hike, stop for a modesty break within 15 minutes after the hike, where possible.
- 7) Take a break every 1/2 hour to give people a chance to catch up, water break, etc.
- 8) Do not assume everyone will know which path to take when given a choice; either wait at a fork in the trail or assign someone to guide any trailing hikers.
- 9) **Know your limitations.** If you know you have difficulty with a particular terrain, please consider skipping that particular week as it is not fair for the group if they have to continually wait for one or two people. Each hiker should, to the best of their ability, strive to maintain the pace set by the leader. **Conversely**, it is the leader's responsibility to notice any difficulty by the majority of hikers and to adjust his/her pace accordingly.
- 10) **LAST BUT NOT LEAST:**

**If you intend to use the facilities of a restaurant without making purchases, or use the premises as a parking site, ask permission in advance from the management.**