

Join Us For a Walk

By Ann Evans

Another season is about to begin hopefully affording us some nice weather to enjoy. So get out your warmer clothes and let us reconnect with nature.

We welcome new members to come out and meet new people enjoying each other's company and fun conversations. May the fall colours may be as spectacular as our conversations!!!!

As usual, after our stroll, we will also enjoy a coffee at a local coffee shop. If you have a favourite walk that would be appropriate for us, please share the information.

Fall walks will start at 10 a.m.

Dates and Locations:

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Rogers Reservoir - The Nokiidaa Trail which is part of the Tom Taylor trail.

We have enjoyed the flatter, wider pathways of this walk many times over the past few years and for me, it never loses its appeal.

Nokiidaa is an Ojibwa term meaning walking together which seems perfect for our group. Park in the lot on Green Lane, east of Main Street North and almost opposite the East Gwillimbury Go Terminal.

Wednesday, October 18, 2023
Shepherd's Bush

It will start getting a little colder in October but don't let that stop you from joining us on the walk. Hopefully we will see the foliage decked out in beautiful autumn colours.

Meet in the parking lot at Shepherd's Bush at the South end of Industry Street, which is south of Wellington in Aurora.

Thursday, November 23, 2023
Tom's Park

52 Lanewood Drive, Aurora

We have walked this area before but we are going to try a new part of the trail. This path is mostly flat through a wooded area, so there will be many interesting shrubs and trees to see.

Directions:

From Yonge Street, turn West onto Orchard Heights Blvd. and then right onto Lanewood Drive. Park on the side of the road when you see the sign Tom's Park.

Tuesday, December 19, 2023**Hollidge Tract**

16389 Highway 48

This is a great walk through flat well trodden trails and again with many interesting things of nature to observe. It is located half a kilometre South of Vivian Road and Mulock Drive. It is on the east side of the road across from Cherry Street.

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Will be our first walk of the new year.

During the winter months, we will return to walking the north and south bound paths of Fairy Lake, Newmarket. These paths are well maintained by the town and therefore safer.

**Pride Parade***By Angela Stewart*

RTOERO District 34 was represented at the York Pride Parade in Newmarket by members of the District 34 executive board on Saturday, June 17th.

We met at our staging area and were pleasantly surprised to see that all educator groups were in the same location. It was like homecoming week with so many areas represented from unions to high schools to school boards, etc. We all saw people we knew either in the parade, or in the crowds watching the parade.

For some unknown reason, the marshals had put Doug Ford and Stephen Lecce right beside us during the staging, but were wise enough to separate us with a school bus during the march. I think the boys had received enough feedback from the education community by the time the parade started.

Overall, the weather was perfect, the atmosphere was welcoming and supportive, and a good time was had by all.