



# THE NIAGARA BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

## AUTUMN 2009 HIKE SCHEDULE



Close to nature.  
Close to home.

Hike Co-ordinator and Saturday Hikes: Lisa Etienne (905) 646-3797 tandg35@hotmail.com

Wednesday Morning and Sunday Hikes: Lynda Bonnar (905) 227-8220

Wednesday Evening Hikes: Peter Ellison (905) 563-6010

Please call the appropriate leader above if you are interested in leading a hike. Deadline for the Winter Schedule is October 15.

**Hike at a slower pace** on any of the Wednesday 9.00\* am or Sunday 2.00 pm hikes with Herb Patton or Gord Orr.

### WEEKLY HIKES

Tuesdays 9.00\* am Meet at the Pelham Rd. parking lot of Shorthills Provincial Park, weather permitting. (Map 3 km 37) Hike with Peter Stephani or Mike Featherstone. 1.5 to 2 hours.

Thursday 9.00\* am Meet on Glen Rd. (21st St.) off 19th St. (Map 4 km 50.9)

Thursday 7:00 pm Evening hikes in Grimsby. Meet at the Lions Pool parking lot (off Main St just West of Mountain St lights) (Map 5 km 76.9) and hike for 1.5 hrs with an optional pub stop afterwards.

Leaders: Carol and Randy 289-235-9480 Please note the hike will be cancelled in poor weather.

**\*After Thanksgiving (October 12),  
the short Saturday, Wednesday morning, Tuesday morning and Thursday morning  
hikes start at 10.00 am.**

**Please Note** Call the leader if you are unsure of the location of the hike. Warm up first. Hike at your own risk. Wear proper clothing and footwear. Hiking boots are recommended. Evening hikers are advised to wear easily visible clothing and/or reflective strips and to carry a flashlight. Carry a snack and a sufficient supply of water. Bring plastic bags to cover your boots for all hikes that involve carpooling. Hikes could change or not be exactly as listed.

**Hike Pacing:** Slow 3km/hr or less, Medium 3 - 4.5 km/hr, Fast over 4.5 km/hr **Terrain:** Easy, Moderate, Strenuous

ALL MAP REFERENCES ARE FROM THE 25<sup>TH</sup> EDITION

**Wednesday September 2** **9:00 am**  
**Lock 3 Canal** **1.5 hr**

Meet at the Museum parking lot by the canal in St. Catharines (Medium-Moderate)

Leader: Trudy Senesi (905) 935-9777

**Wednesday September 2** **7:30 pm**  
**Port Dalhousie Lighthouse** **1.5hr**

Meet at the Lighthouse on Lighthouse Rd. off Lakeshore Rd. in St. Catharines. (Medium-Moderate)

Leader: Peter Ellison (905) 563-6010

**Saturday September 5** **9:00 am**  
**Bert Lowe Memorial Hikes**

Jim Rainforth will lead a 22 km loop hike including the entire recently re-routed Bert Lowe Side Trail.

Margaret Kalogeropoulos will lead a 6 km hike on part of the Bert Lowe Side Trail from Allenburg to DeCew House requiring carpooling. Both hikes will begin at DeCew House. (Map 3 km 30.7)

**Saturday September 5** **10:00 am**  
**Historic Freedom Trail Hike #1** **3 hr**

Hear what it was like to be a slave fleeing from the Southern States and finding safety in Canada via the Underground Railroad. Visit historic sites. Meet at the back parking lot of Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre at 7021 Stanley Ave. and McLeod Rd. in Niagara Falls.

Leaders: Bruce Manion 289-235-9192 and Randy Smith 289-235-9480

**Sunday September 6** **2:00 pm**  
**St. John's Outdoor Centre** **1.5 hr**

Meet at the St. John's Outdoor Education Centre, Holland Rd (Medium-Moderate)

Leader: Everett Collins (905) 892-6279

**Wednesday September 9** **9:00 am**  
**Fonthill Loop** **1.5 hr**

Meet at the Fonthill Plaza Municipal Building parking lot on Hwy 20. (Medium-Moderate)

Leader: Shah Khan (905) 892-3812

**Wednesday September 9** 7:30 pm  
**EastDell Winery** 1.5 hr

Meet at East Dell Winery Locust Lane Beamsville for a hike in the area (Medium-Moderate)  
Leader: Peter Ellison (905) 563-6010

**Saturday September 12**  
**Conservation Trail 4 of 15** 16.7 km  
Map 6 Access 6 Humphries Rd. to Map 7 Access 4 US 20A at camp Aloha.  
Proper documents to enter the USA required.  
Register with leader for meeting place and time.  
Eibert Dykstra (905) 374-8436 hikere@hotmail.com

**Saturday September 12** 9:00 am

**Staff Rd. to Shorthills** 10.1 km

Meet at the Pelham Rd. parking lot St. Catharines. (Map 3 km 37) Carpool. (Medium-Moderate)  
Leader: Jim Rainforth (905) 563-7687

**Sunday September 13** 2:00 pm

**Tour of Merritton** 1.5 hr

Park at CCAC in the Food Basics plaza Hartzel Rd. (Medium-Easy) Leader: Shah Khan (905) 892-3812

**Wednesday September 16** 9:00 am

**Dufferin Islands** 1.5 hr

Meet at the Dufferin Islands parking lot, Niagara Falls (Map 2 km 7) (Medium-Easy)  
Leaders: Shirley & Gord Orr (905) 354-8695

**Wednesday September 16** 7:30 pm

**Port Robinson** 1.5hr

Meet on the west side of the canal at Port Robinson Rd. (Medium/Moderate) Leader: Peter Ellison (905) 563-6010

**Saturday September 19** 9:00 am

**Grimsby to Kinsmen Park (end to end 1 of 5)** 12.8 km

Meet at Kinsmen Park just off Mountain Rd. in Lincoln. (Map 4 km 64.1) Carpool. (Fast-Strenuous)  
Leader: Everett Collins (905) 892-6279

**Saturday September 19** 9:00 am

**Merritt Trail Loop** 2 hr

Meet at Merritt Trail parking lot on Glendale Ave. (near Sobey's) St. Catharines. (Map 3 km 22.8) (Medium-Moderate)

Leader: Marion Roggeband (905) 643-2821

**Sunday September 20** 2:00 pm

**Wainfleet Loop** 1.5 hr

Park in Wainfleet Wetlands parking lot on Quarry Rd. off of Hwy 3. (Medium-Moderate)

Leaders: Audry and Steward Rowland (905) 894-4613

**Wednesday September 23** 9:00 am

**Merritt Island** 1.5 hr

Meet at the parking lot at the foot of Cross St. in Welland (Medium-Moderate)

Leader: Diana Knight (905) 892-3573

**Wednesday September 23** 7:30 pm  
**Merritt Trail** 1.5 hr

Meet at Huntington Square, Martindale and Erion Rds. St. Catharines. (Medium-Moderate)  
Leader: Marianne Ruiten (905) 687-6581

**Saturday September 26** 9:00 am  
**Kelso to Crawford Lake** 16 km  
Meet at Victoria Avenue Commuter's Parking Lot. Drive to Crawford Lake, carpool to Kelso. (Medium-Strenuous) Bring BTC card for free entry.  
Leader: Dan Wilson (905) 262-0633

**Saturday September 26** 9:00 am

**Mewburn Rd. to Queenston** 9.5 km

Meet at the Cairn Queenston Heights Park Niagara Parkway. (Map 1 km 0.0) Carpool. (Medium-Strenuous)  
Leader: Bernice Thiessen (905) 684-0085

**Sunday September 27** 2:00 pm

**Merritt Trail** 1.5 hr

Meet at Huntington Square, Martindale and Erion Rds. St. Catharines. (Medium-Moderate)  
Leader: Peter Skelton (905) 685-9019

**Wednesday September 30** 9:00 am

**Firemens Park** 1.5 hr

Meet in the upper parking lot, corner of Dorchester and Mountain Rds. in N.F. (Medium-Moderate)  
Leaders: Marian & Herb Patten (905) 354-4618

**Wednesday September 30** 7:30 pm

**Green Ribbon Trail** 1.5hr

Meet at the Green Ribbon Trail parking lot on Martindale Rd. St. Catharines. (Medium-Moderate)  
Leader: Marianne Ruiten (905) 687-6581

**Saturday October 3** 9:00 am

**Kinsmen Park to Glen Rd. (end to end 2 of 5)** 13.2 km

Meet at roadside parking on Glen Rd. (Map 4 km 50.9) Carpool. (Fast-Strenuous)  
Leader: Everett Collins (905) 892-6279

**Saturday October 3** 10:00 am  
**Historic Freedom Trail Hike #2** 3 hr  
Meet at the Navy Hall parking lot on Ricardo St. and the Niagara River in Niagara-on-The-Lake. Leaders: Bruce Manion 289-235-9192 and Randy Smith 289-235-9480

**Sunday October 4** 2:00pm  
**Wetland Ridge / Paul Nary Silurian Trails** 1.5 hr  
Meet at Niagara College, Taylor Rd. and Glendale Ave. for a loop hike. (Medium-Moderate)  
**ANNUAL BRUCE TRAIL DAY**  
**see the Grapevine Newsletter for more information**

*Remember to submit hikes for the winter schedule  
by October 15.*

**Wednesday October 7** **9:00 am**  
**Welland Tour** **1.5 hr**

Meet at the Food Basics parking lot on Thorold Rd.  
Welland (Medium-Moderate)  
Leader: Shah Khan (905) 892-3812

**Wednesday October 7** **7:30 pm**  
**Dufferin Islands** **1.5 hr**

Meet at the Dufferin Islands parking lot, Niagara Falls  
(Medium-Easy)  
Leader: Marianne Ruiter (905) 687-6581

**Saturday October 10** **9:00 am**  
**Shorthills** **3 hr**

Meet at the Pelham Rd. parking lot St. Catharines. (Map  
3 km 37) (Medium-Moderate)  
Leader: Bernice Thiessen (905) 684-0085

**Sunday October 11** **2:00pm**  
**St. John's Outdoor Centre** **1.5 hr**

Meet at the St. John's Outdoor Education Centre,  
Holland Rd (Medium-Moderate)  
Leader: Shah Khan (905) 892-3812

Happy Thanksgiving - note time changes

**Wednesday October 14** **10:00 am**  
**Welland Canal** **1.5 hr**

Meet at the Rose City Seniors Centre on Lincoln St.  
Welland. (Medium-Easy)  
Leader: Diana Knight (905) 892-3573

**Wednesday October 14** **7:30 pm**  
**Merritt Island** **1.5 hr**

Meet at the parking lot at the foot of Cross St. Welland  
(Medium-Moderate)  
Leader: Marianne Ruiter (905) 687-6581

**Saturday October 17** **9:00 am**  
**Glen Rd. to Morningstar (end to end 3 of 5)** **16.4 km**

Meet at the Morningstar Mill on Decew Rd. St. Catharines.  
(Map 3 km 34.5) Carpool. (Fast-Strenuous)  
Leader: Vince Zvonar (905) 563-1109

**Saturday October 17** **10:00 am**  
**Kinsmen toward Grimsby** **2 hr**

One hour in, one hour out. Meet at Kinsmen Park just off  
Mountain Rd. in Lincoln. (Map 4 km 64.1) (Medium-  
Strenuous)  
Leader: Jim Rainforth (905) 563-7687

**Sunday October 18** **2:00pm**  
**Merritt Trail** **1.5 hr**

Meet at Huntington Square, Martindale and Erion Rds.  
St. Catharines. (Medium-Moderate)  
Leader: Peter Skelton (905) 685-9019

**Wednesday October 21** **10:00 am**  
**Port Weller East** **1.5 hr**

Hike along the spit trail. Meet at the end of Broadway  
Avenue. (Medium-Moderate)  
Leader: Dean Douglas (905) 934-2722

**Wednesday October 21** **7:30 pm**  
**Port Robinson** **1.5hr**

Meet on the west side of the canal at Port Robinson Rd.  
(Medium/Moderate)  
Leader: Peter Ellison (905) 563-6010

**Saturday October 24** **9:00 am**  
**12 Mile Creek Loop** **18 km**

Meet at the parking lot at the bottom of Welland Vale Rd.  
near the old Niagara College. (Fast-Moderate)  
Leader: Diana Knight (905) 892-3573

**Saturday October 24** **10:00 am**  
**Beamer Loop** **6 km**

Meet at the community pool parking lot in Grimsby.  
(Map 5 km 76.9) (Medium-Strenuous)  
Leader: Dan Wilson (905) 262-0633

**Sunday October 25** **2:00pm**  
**Scavenger Hunt** **1.5 hr**

Meet at the Glenridge Quarry parking lot on St.  
David's Rd W. Children, dogs, and other slow walkers  
welcome. Search out BTC and local history trivia.  
Team Prizes for fastest, youngest, and most creative.  
Leader: Ted Tennant 905-397-5913

**Wednesday October 28** **10:00 am**  
**Allenburg Loop** **1.5 hr**

Meet at the Allenburg Bridge Hwy 20 parking lot on  
the West side of the Bridge. (Medium-Moderate)  
Leader: Everett Collins (905) 892-6279

**Wednesday October 28** **7:30 pm**  
**12 Mile Creek Loop** **1.5 hr**

Meet at the 12 Mile Creek parking lot on Glendale Ave.  
near Pelham Rd. St. Catharines. (Medium-Easy)  
Leader: Peter Ellison (905) 563-6010

**Saturday October 31** **9:00 am**  
**Morningstar to Woodend (end to end 4 of 5)** **18.3 km**

Meet at entrance to Woodend Conservation Area on  
Taylor Road N.F. (Map 2 km 16.2) Carpool. (Fast-  
Strenuous)  
Leader: Vince Zvonar (905) 563-1109

**Saturday October 31** **10:00 am**  
**Jordan Valley Loop** **2 hr**

Meet at the parking lot near the Bailey bridge. (Medium-  
Moderate)  
Leader: Dean Douglas (905) 934-2722

**Sunday November 1** **2:00 pm**  
**Queenston Loop** **1.5 hr**

Meet at the Cairn Queenston Heights Park Niagara  
Parkway. (Map 1 km 0.0) (Medium-Moderate)  
Leader: Peter Stephani (905) 935-4177

**Wednesday November 4** 10:00 am

**Fonthill Loop** 1.5 hr

Meet at the Fonthill Plaza Municipal Building parking lot on Hwy 20. (Medium-Moderate)

Leader: Shah Khan (905) 892-3812

**Wednesday November 4** 7:30 pm

**Lock 3 Canal** 1.5 hr

Meet at the Museum parking lot by the canal in St. Catharines (Medium-Moderate)

Leader: Peter Ellison (905) 563-6010

**Saturday November 7** 9:00 am

**Blue Ghost Tunnel** 2.5hr

Meet at entrance to Woodend Coneservation Area on Taylor Road N.F. (Map 2 km 16.2) (Medium-Moderate)

Leader: Dan Wilson (905) 262-0633

**Saturday November 7** 10:00 am

**Historic Freedom Trail Hike #3** 3 hr

Meet at St. Catharines Museum and Lock 3 Viewing Complex by the Welland Canal.

Leaders: Bruce Manion 289-235-9192 and Randy Smith 289-235-9480

**Sunday November 8** 2:00 pm

**Fonthill Hike** 1.5 hr

Meet at Pelham Arena parking lot Haist St. Fonthill (Medium-Moderate)

Leader: Everett Collins (905) 892-6279

**Wednesday November 11** 10:00 am

**Balls Falls** 1.5hr

Meet at the Glen Rd. parking lot (Map 4 km 50.9) (Medium-Strenuous)

Leader: Jim Rainforth (905) 563-7687

**Wednesday November 11** 7:30 pm

**Malcolmson Park / Waterfront** 1.5 hr

Meet at park at end of Niagara St. & Lakeshore Rd. St. Catharines. (Medium-Moderate)

Leader: Margaret Kalogeropoulos (905) 934-8560

**Saturday November 14**

**Conservation Trail 5 of 15** 16.9 km

Map 8 access 1 Getman Rd. to Map 8 Access 6 Genesee St. (NY33). See September 12.

**Saturday November 14** 10:00 am

**DeCew / Faywell / Shorthills** 2.5 hr

Meet at DeCew House on DeCew Rd. St. Catharines. (Map 3 km 30.7) (Medium-Moderate)

Leader: Dan Wilson (905) 262-0633

**Sunday November 15** 2:00 pm

**Kinsmen Park** 1.5 hr

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Leader: Jim Rainforth (905) 563-7687

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Meet at the St. John's Outdoor Education Centre, Holland Rd (Medium-Moderate)

Leader: Diana Knight (905) 892-3573

**Wednesday November 18** 7:30 pm

**Port Robinson** 1.5hr

Meet on the west side of the canal at Port Robinson Rd. (Medium/Moderate)

Leader: Peter Ellison (905) 563-6010

**Saturday November 21** 9:00 am

**Woodend to Queenston (end to end 5 of 5)** 16.2 km

Meet at the Cairn Queenston Heights Park Niagara Parkway (Map 1 km 0.0). Carpool. (Fast-Strenuous)

Leader: Vince Zvonar (905) 563-1109

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**Merritt Trail** 2hr

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Leader: Dean Douglas (905) 934-2722

**Sunday November 22** 2:00 pm

**St. John's Outdoor Centre** 1.5 hr

Meet at the St. John's Outdoor Education Centre, Holland Rd (Medium-Moderate)

Leader: Shah Khan (905) 892-3812

**Wednesday November 25** 10:00 am

**Jordan Valley Loop** 1.5 hr

Meet at the parking lot near the Bailey bridge. (Medium-Moderate)

Leader: Dean Douglas (905) 934-2722

**Wednesday November 25** 7:30 pm

**Port Dalhousie Hike** 1.5 hr

Meet at Lakeside Park parking lot near the Carrousel in St. Catharines. (Medium-Easy)

Leader: Peter Ellison (905) 563-6010

**Saturday November 28** 9:00 am

**Upper Canada Heritage Trail** 11.7km

Meet at Butlers Barracks parking lot on John St. Niagara On The Lake. (Map 1) (Medium-Easy)

Leader: Ted Tennant (905)-397-5913

**Saturday November 28** 10:00 am

**Niagara Glen (Gorge)** 6 km

Meet at the parking lot 200m east of the Whirlpool Golf Course Restaurant. (Medium-Strenuous)

Leader: Dan Wilson (905) 262-0633

**Sunday November 29** 2:00 pm

**Balls Falls** 1.5hr

Meet at the Glen Rd. parking lot (Map 4 km 50.9) (Medium-Strenuous)

Leader: Jim Rainforth (905) 563-7687

*Please call the appropriate co-ordinator if you are interested in leading. We are always looking for new leaders and new hikes.*