

Winter (January – March) 2012 Events Schedule

All GHTA members are encouraged to take part in any of the hikes, regardless of which club they belong to. The club which is organizing the hike is listed under the date of that hike. Call the leader if the weather is at all questionable in case the outing has been cancelled. Wear suitable footwear and clothing, and bring snacks/drink/lunch. In most cases, the hiking level is indicated as Easy, Moderate, Difficult and, on occasion, Challenging.

Important Notice: Unpaid volunteers conduct events. Anyone participating in these events, or making use of the trail in any way, does so at their own risk. The Wilderness section should only be hiked with an approved Ganaraska Trail leader.

Event organizers and hike leaders are encouraged to have their hikers/participants sign a Waiver sheet for each event where you or your participants may be exposed to risks or accidental injury. Each area club can arrange how they want to file these, as they should be kept for a couple of years.

Hiker's Code

- Respect private property
- Stay on the trail
- Cross fences using stiles
- Carry out all garbage
- Walk around the edge of fields
- Protect wildlife, trees and shrubs
- Never strip bark from trees
- When hiking on the trail on your own, keep dogs on a leash near farms and where required by law
- Dogs are **NOT** permitted on group hikes

Participants' Responsibilities

Participants in events must choose activities suitable to their physical capabilities and skill levels. They must inform the hike leader before the start of an event about any health problems or allergies and the location of any special medications. They must follow leader's directions. Parents and guardians must supervise their children in their care. Dogs are not permitted on group hikes.

Club Information:

Barrie Club: As always Thursday walks will be decided after the Sunday outings. Please contact either Brian Williamson at 705-728-6311 or Jeff Haglund at 705-726-7189 for information.

Lindsay Parks & Recreation will continue with its walking for health and fitness program on Tuesday at 10:30am. For information and to confirm, call Phil LaPenna 705-328-2318

Midland Hikers – Midland Hikers always meet at 6pm at the Tim Horton's Parking Lot on Hwy. 93. Wednesday hikes are not listed in this schedule, they are decided at random. Contact Edda 427-3460 or Marc 527-1967 for detail.

Weekend outings vary depending on destination. Please always contact hike leader for detail or changes before the hike. Our weekly E-Mail service will also notify you of our activities. For Pot Lucks do not forget your plates, etc.

The **Orillia Club** hikes for about 1.5 hrs every Tuesday evening at 6pm from the greenhouse in Couchiching Park during the winter months. For more information, contact Shirley at 327-9034 or Joyce at 325-3351.

The **Oro-Medonte Club** generally meets on alternate Sundays and Mondays usually starting at 1:30pm and lasting for about 2 hours. Most hikes are considered to be moderate. Contact Bob Marshall 728-8985 for more information.

The **Wasaga Beach Club** meets every Wednesday at Blueberry Trails, Nordic Centre Parking Lot at 9:45am. While we do not advertise specific hikes in the newsletter we invite all Association members to join us. For information on what is taking place on a given day, please contact Harry Regu, our Hiking Trail Coordinator at 705-361-2989.

The **Wilderness Club** anticipates organizing activities (maintenance trips, hikes, canoe trips) that have not yet been scheduled. For information on what is taking place during the spring and summer season we invite all interested to check the Wilderness Club website from time to time. (Wilderness website is linked to Ganaraska Trail website).

KAWARTHA WINTER HIKES 2012

Due to the possible inclement weather and driving conditions in the winter months, please call the contact to confirm all events.

Back-up contact for all events: Rose Millett 705-639-2431 or rmillett@eastlink.ca

Wednesday Walks: 1.5-2 hour walk. Call the contact for details at least one day prior. Contacts are as follows:

- January 4 – Christine 705-748-5855
- January 11 – Linda 705-778-7842
- January 18 – Eveline 705-874-6028
- January 25 – Roxanne 705-652-1292
- February 1 – Carole 705-295-6543
- February 8 – Donna 705-874-1544
- February 15 – Rose 705-639-2431
- February 22 – Pat & Orm 705-745-0486
- February 29 – Rose 705-639-2431
- March 7 – Terry 705-874-6861
- March 14 – Julie 705-932-3142
- March 21 – Don & Karin 705-741-4493
- March 28 – Carole 705-295-6543

Note: Hikers are welcome to all snowshoe events and can walk behind on the packed trail made by the snowshoes.

Sunday, January 1 (10am) <EASY>
New Year's Day Walk and Potluck Lunch. Enjoy a walk in Jackson Park before digging into all those delicious dishes. Bring a potluck dish, mug, plate and cutlery. Common room at 1601 Monaghan Road. Parking across Monaghan Road at Bonnacord St. parking lot. Call to confirm: Terry 705-874-6861

Saturday January 7 (6:30pm) <EASY>
Moonlight (we hope) hike or snowshoe at Ross's cottage. 841 Rahmel Road, Otonabee South Monaghan Township. To carpool, meet at the Burnham Mansion carpool lot @ **6pm**. After hike Campfire, and Refreshments will be supplied. Please advise Rob by Thursday, January 5th if you are coming. Call to confirm: Rob 705-639-2206

Saturday, January 14 (9:45am) <EASY>
Lang Mill Area. 10 km Loop hike along TCT East and on country roads passing Hope and Lang Mills and Lang Pioneer Village. Bring water and a snack. Meet at the Keene Rd carpool lot across from Burnham Mansion at 9:45am to carpool to the start of the hike. Call to confirm: Tony 705-755-0815

Sunday, January 22 (9:30am) <MODERATE>
Kawartha Nordic Ski Club. Snowshoe at the Kawartha Nordic Ski Club, 10k snow shoe loop from parking lot to Laderach Cabin and back. Bring a lunch. \$7 fee for the snow shoe pass. To carpool, meet at Riverview Park & Zoo @ 8:30am. Call to confirm: Ross 705-745-6586

Sunday, January 29 (10:30am) <EASY/MODERATE>
Warsaw Caves Snowshoe 7km + 4km Joint outing with the Pine Ridge Club. We will do a 7 km loop with an optional 4 km loop after lunch. Bring a lunch and drink. To carpool, meet at Auburn/Parkhill Sts at

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10am. Optional coffee and dessert in Warsaw afterwards. Call to confirm: Rose 705-639-2431

Wednesday, February 1
Spring Planning Meeting. Call for details: Rose 705-639-2431

Saturday, February 4 (10am) <EASY/MODERATE>
Julian Lake area Snowshoe. Meet at Riverview Park & Zoo at 9:15am to carpool or at the Woodview General Store at 10am. Bring a lunch and drink. Call to confirm: Linda 705-778-7842

Saturday, February 11 (10am) <MODERATE/CHALLENGING>
Frost Centre Area. Snowshoe/hike parts of the Frost Centre in Haliburton 4-10 km, 4 hours. We will use various trails eg. Acclimatization, Fire Tower, Lakeshore, Steep Rock. Grade and distance of hike depends on amount or lack of snow. Participants, if required, may have to assist in breaking trail. Carpool from Rexall Drug store departing at 0730 hrs or meet in parking lot on right side of hwy 35. Please do not park in X-country lot on left side of hwy. 35. Bring lunch and drink. **Registration is a must** for possible changes due to weather conditions. Don 705 741-4493. To view map of trails, Google Leslie Frost Centre, Haliburton On.

Sunday, February 19 (10am) <EASY/MODERATE>
Purple Trail, Northumberland Forest. Joint outing with the Pine Ridge Club. Snowshoe/hike the Purple Trail. Bring a lunch and drink. To carpool, meet at Canadian Tire parking lot, Lansdowne St. W., at 9:00am or at the trail head on Woodland Road, east side of Hwy 45, at 10am. Call to confirm: Rose 705-639-2431

Sunday, February 26 (10am) <EASY>
A Walk for Lyn. A gentle walk for a gentle soul. Join us for a walk in Jackson Park, followed by a potluck lunch and memories in the common room of Terry's building at 1601 Monaghan Road. Meet across Monaghan Rd at Bonnacord St parking lot. Bring a potluck dish, mug, plate and cutlery. Call to confirm: Tony 705-755-0815

Friday, March 2 (7pm) <EASY>
Evening of Travel Talks. Enjoy some very interesting presentations of members' travels, near and far. Call for details. **MUST confirm by Wednesday Feb 29th:** Rose 705-639-2431

Sunday, March 4 (10am) <EASY/MODERATE>
A Day In Warsaw Country. Snowshoe/hike country roads and trails in the countryside of Warsaw. Bring a bag lunch to eat with hot soup and cider provided by Jeanette at her huge, beautiful log home. Call to confirm: Jeanette 705-652-0415

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Saturday, March 10 (8:30am) <MODERATE>
Durham Forest We will snowshoe on the Oak Ridges Moraine in the Durham Regional Forest Trail and discover many of the 12km of marked side trails and loops through sun-filled forests of deciduous and evergreen trees established over 70 years ago. The Durham Regional Forest Trail is located in Uxbridge, North of Pickering. To carpool, meet in the Canadian Tire Parking Lot on Lansdowne Street at 8:30am. Call to confirm: Audrey 705-874-1700

Saturday, March 18 (7:00 pm) <EASY>
Victoria Rail Trail to Bethany with walking tour & lunch in the village. 10-12 km. Meet on Lifford Rd. (E. off Hwy. 35, 2nd road N. of Hwy.7A) between Mill Rd. & Ski Hill Rd. where trail crosses road. No car shuttle. There and back hike. Call to confirm: Phil 705 328 231

Sunday, March 25 (10:30am) <EASY>
Annual Sugar Bush Walk in Warkworth Area. Join us for an easy 11km walk and delicious pancake lunch. To carpool from Peterborough, meet at Burnham Mansion carpool lot at 9:45 am or meet in Dartford at Cty Road 24 & Campbell Road at 10:30am. Entry fee plus pancake lunch will cost \$10-12. Entry fee only is \$4 or 5. (Mason fundraiser) Call to confirm: Rose 705-639-2431

MAD RIVER WINTER HIKES 2012

Sunday, January 15 <EASY to CHALLENGING>
Earl Rowe Provincial Park, 5km, slow to moderate pace, 2 hours. Explore Earl Rowe in the winter looking for animal tracks and great vistas. Meet at Tim Horton's in west end of Alliston at 11:15am sharp. May need snow shoes. Contact: David Francis 905-936-4446 or on day of hike 416-579-5432

Saturday, January 21 <EASY to CHALLENGING>
Cross Country Ski or Snowshoe outing at the Laking Woodlot. Definitely a winter highlight! Heated cabin and outdoor woodstove for lunch stop and breaks. Suitable for families. Marked trails for X Country, easy to challenging. Bring a lunch. Meet at 11AM at 17th SR and 2nd line of Adjala-Tosorontio (9 km straight south of Glencairn). Fire route # 6936. Very limited parking. Park on road before the bend. Do not block private driveway. For more information, contact Jim Laking at 705-722-0512.

Saturday, January 28 <MODERATE>
Big Chute Snowshoe Hike (near Coldwater) Snowshoe hike at Big Chute, led by Wendy O. Bring lunch, and hot drink. Meet at 10AM at Tim Horton's on highway 93 in Midland, or call Frieda Baldwin at 705-245-1005 info@simcoecountytrails.net

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Friday–Sunday, February 3-5, <EASY to CHALLENGING>
Killbear Winter Weekend Accommodations at the Killbear Park Lodge. 9km of track set cross country trails and lots of snowshoe opportunities. Contact Frieda Baldwin 705-245-1005 or info@simcoecountytrails.net

Sunday, February 19, <EASY>
Spring Creek Park in Alliston, 5km, Slow to Moderate pace. 2 hours. Following Spring Creek loop trail. Meet at Spring Creek Park on Albert St. at 11:15 am sharp. Contact: David Francis 905-936-4446 or on day of hike 416-579-5432

Monday February 20, <EASY/FUN>
Tiffin Conservation Area -Skate on Papa Bear Pond. Meet at 10am at parking lot at the entrance to the Tiffin Conservation Area. Join us on Family Day at the Tiffin Conservation Area. The Skate will be suitable for young families. To get to the Tiffin Conservation Area from the City of Barrie, go west on County Rd. 90 to the 8th Line of Essa. Turn left (south) and travel for 4 km to the entranceway on your left. Please contact Jeremy Bonnar at 705-739-7519 or at Jeremy.Bonnar@forces.gc.ca.

Saturday, February 25 < EASY/INTEREST>
Clearview Township's 2012 Health & Leisure Showcase. 10am to 2pm at the Creemore Legion on 27 Wellington St W. Join us as we offer group lead hikes at the Clearview Township's 2012 Health & Leisure Showcase. Explore the Mad River Trail that meanders through the historic town of Creemore. Guided walks at 11:30am and 1pm. There will also be dozens of exhibitors promoting many of the health & leisure activities available in Clearview Township. For more information please contact Jeremy Bonnar at 705-739-7519 or at Jeremy.Bonnar@forces.gc.ca.

Sunday, March 11 <MODERATE>
Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, 5km, slow to moderate pace. 2 hours. Explore 292 Hectares of woodlands and meadows of the Conservation Areas. Meet Scanlon Creek Conservation Area main entrance at 11:15 am sharp. Take Yonge St. north from Bradford, then turn east on 9th Line until entrance on north side. Contact: David Francis 905-936-4446 or on day of hike 416-579-5432

Sunday, March 19 <EASY>
Tiffin Conservation Area - Land of the Three Bears (5 km). Meet at 10am at parking lot at the entrance to the Tiffin Conservation Area. This Simcoe County Trails Loop Hike (see pages 32-33 of the 2010 Loop & Linear trail map guide book) will be suitable for young families and will include a treasure hunting geocache. To get to the Tiffin Conservation Area from the City of Barrie, go west on County Rd. 90 to the 8th Line of Essa. Turn left (south) and travel for 4 km to the entranceway on your left. Please contact Jeremy Bonnar at 705-739-7519 or at Jeremy.Bonnar@forces.gc.ca.

MIDLAND WINTER HIKES 2012

Midland Hikers always meet at Tim Hortons Parking Lot (Huron Mall) on Hwy. 93. Wednesday Hikes are not listed in this schedule they are decided at random.

During this period they always start at 1 pm!! These hikes/snowshoe outings are moderate and usually 2 hours long. Weekend meeting times vary, depending on destination. It is recommended that you always contact hike leader for detail or changes before the hike. Our weekly E-Mail will also notify you of our activities.

Sunday, January 1 (1pm)
Hike and Soup Party, location to be announced.
Contact: Marc 705-527-1967

Sunday, January 8 (1pm)
Midland Point Snowshoe. Contact: Don/Marilyn 705-526-4356

Sunday, January 15 (1pm)
Moose Track Snowshoe. Contact: Deb 705-549-1717

Saturday, January 21 (9am)
Tubbs Snowshoe Fundraiser for Breast Cancer, scenic caves Collingwood. Contact: Frieda 705-245-1005. Register with Frieda

Saturday, January 28 (10am)
Snowshoe at Big Chute/Pretty River Channel, approximately 4 hours. Contact: Frieda 705-245-1005

W/E February 3-4-5
Winter Snowshoe Weekend at Killbear Lodge.
Contact: Frieda 705-245-1005

Saturday, February 4 (6:30pm)
Tiny Marsh Moonlight Snowshoe Outing Contact: Beth 705-361-2644

Sunday, February 12 (1pm)
Martins Valley – Snowshoe. Contact: Marc 705-527-1967

Sunday, February 19 (1pm)
Hiking Family Snowshoe Outings, Moonstone Mt. St. Louis. Contact: Anne/Terry 705-835-2823

Sunday, February 26 (11:30am)
Awenda Park Snowshoe, lunch in the cabin at noon.
Contact: Emilio 705-735-2583

Sunday, March 4 (1 pm)
Tiny Marsh Snowshoe, bonfire/hot beverage.
Contact: Gunther 705-322-0083

Sunday, March 11 (1pm)
Simcoe Forest Trail/Sturgeon River. Contact: Siggie 705-528-1593

Saturday, March 17 (1pm)**St. Patrick Day Snowshoe/Hike.** Sawlog Bay. POT LUCK-bring food, plates, beverage, etc. Contact: Deb 705-549-1717

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Sunday, March 25 (10am)
Wye Marsh Sweetwater Festival, pancake breakfast/hike. Contact: Edda 705-245-1122

Sunday, April 1 (1pm)
April Fools Hike/ Guess Where?? Contact: Marc 705-527-1967

W/E May 25-26-27
CAMPING-Bronte Creek Waterfalls/Hamilton Area

W/E June 30-July 1-2
CAMPING-Kayaking-Saugeen River-Saugeen Conservation Area

W/E August 10-11-12
CAMPING- To be announced

Please note : For all camping weekends reservations : PLEASE BOOK YOUR OWN SITE!

ORILLIA WINTER HIKES 2012

Saturday, January 7
Short easy 1.5 hour moonlight snow shoe. Social to follow. Please bring a snack and your own beverage glass. Meet at Ellen's at 7pm. Contact: Ellen 705-835-0197.

Saturday, January 14
Short snow shoe, 2 hours at Fairgrounds Road. Meet at Willow Court at 9am Contact: Isabelle L. 705-326-8082

Saturday, January 21
Snow shoe in Copeland Forest – 2-3 hours. Meet at Willow Court at 9:30am or 10am at the first entrance at Copeland Forest. Contact: Jack at 705-797-0976.

Saturday, January 28 <EASY>
Snow Shoeing at McCrea Park – 2 hours. Pot luck to follow. Meet at Maxine's at 1:30pm. Contact: Maxine 705-327-6876

Saturday, February 4 <EASY>
Snow Shoe at Barb's – 2 hours. Lunch provided. Meet at Barb's 10am Contact: Barb at 705-487-3593.

ALSO
Short easy 1.5 hour moonlight snow shoe. Social to follow. Please bring a snack and your own beverage glass. Meet at Ellen's at 7pm Contact: Ellen 705-835-0197.

Saturday, February 11 <EASY>
2 hour snow shoe at Strachan Tract. Meet at Willow Court at 1pm Contact: Paul or Gay at 705-325-6001

Saturday, February 18 <EASY>
Snow shoe 2 hour at Anne's. Pot luck to follow. Meet at Anne's at 2pm Contact: Anne at 705-426-5658

Saturday, February 25
Snow Shoe – 2 hours on 8th Line. Meet at Willow Court at 9am Contact: Chris at 705-321-4784

ORO-MEDONTE WINTER HIKES 2012

Sunday, January 8 (1:30pm) <MODERATE or EASY>
Ski or snowshoe in Copeland Forest, some hills.
Meet at the parking lot on Ingram Rd, just east of the 4th line. **Must contact** Bob 705-728-8985 or Holly 705-835-7018.

Monday, January 16 (9:30am) <MODERATE>
Ski or Snowshoe in Blueberry Plains at Wasaga Beach. Meet at Dalston United Church to carpool. Bring a lunch and drink. There is a park fee. **Must contact** Peter 705- 721-4277 or Marjorie 705-722-8732

Sunday, January 22 (1:30pm) <MODERATE or EASY>
Ski or Snowshoe in the Drury Tract. Meet at #2407 Oro-Medonte Line 3 N, just south of the Bass Lake Side Road. **Must contact** Wayne 705-835-7018 or Lois 705-728-8985.

Monday, January 30 (9:30am) <MODERATE>
Ski or Snowshoe the Tottenham Conservation Area Loop Trail, several small hills, about 4.5 km. Bring a lunch. Meet at Crown Hill United Church to carpool. **Must contact** Bob 705-728-8985 or Janis 705-728-9348.

Sunday, February 5 (5:30pm) <EASY>
Potluck Supper followed by a moonlight **ski or snowshoe** and social time. Meet at 5 Bunker Place at Horseshoe Valley, just off Alpine Way, near the 4th line. **Must contact** Holly or Wayne 705-835-7018

Monday, February 13 (1:30pm) <MODERATE/EASY>
Ski or Snowshoe in the Tiffin Conservation Area. Meet at Crown Hill United Church to carpool. **Must contact** Marjorie 705-722-8732 or Peter 705-721-4277.

Sunday, February 19 (1:30pm) <MODERATE/EASY>
Ski or Snowshoe in Springwater Provincial Park. Meet at the Simcoe County Museum parking lot. **Must contact** June 705-721-0621 or Betty 705-722-4418

Monday, February 27 (9:30am) < MODERATE>
Ski or Snowshoe in Awenda Provincial Park. Meet at Dalston United Church to carpool. Bring a lunch and drink, there is a fee. **Must contact** Bob 705-728-8985 or Holly 705-835-7018.

Sunday, March 4 (1:30pm) <MODERATE>
Ski or snowshoe on parts of the Ganaraska Trail. Meet at the parking lot on Line 8, just north of the Old Barrie Road. **Must contact** Wayne 705-835-7018 or June 705- 721-0621.

Sunday, March 25 (5:30pm)
ANNUAL MEETING and POT LUCK SUPPER. Meet at Dalston United Church, 1734 Penetanguishene Rd., just north of the Old Barrie Rd. Bring your own plate, mug and cutlery and a main course, salad or dessert. Supper at 5:30pm, short meeting at 6:30pm followed by a guest speaker. Contact Bob or Lois 705-728-8985

PINE RIDGE WINTER HIKES 2012

NOTE: We use the following ratings for Level of Difficulty (terrain) of our hikes:

EASY – Well-defined trails and/or roads, gentle inclines. Hiking boots not required, but trails may be wet.

MODERATE – Generally on trails and/or roads; may be hilly with some rough spots or obstacles. Boots and poles are recommended.

MODERATE PLUS – Generally on trails; rough terrain and/or steep sections and/or long climbs and descents. Boots and poles are highly recommended.

CHALLENGING – Rough terrain; one or more of extensive bushwacking, steep sections, long climbs and descents, beaver dams or other obstacles, or rock scrambling. Boots and poles are essential; long pants or sleeves recommended.

1. "Bring a snack" indicates that there will be a break of only 5 to 7 minutes for refreshments so that hikers do not get cold; "Bring a lunch" indicates a longer stop for refreshments.
2. It is recommended that hikers bring **icers** to all hikes this season.
3. Anyone choosing to leave a hike before the end **must** be accompanied by another hiker.

Sunday, January 1 <EASY> 5 km

Get out on the **first day of the year and come for a walk through woodland and forest and along the lakeshore** finishing at the Canadian Legion for hot and cold refreshments. Meet inside the Scotiabank entrance of the Northumberland Mall at 1:30pm.

Contact: Phil Mabey (905) 377-0485 or John Kurowski (905) 885-8776

Saturday, January 7 <EASY>12 km.

Hike in Grafton and nearby lakeshore. Meet at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Rd. at 9:30am, or at the Haldimand Arena parking lot in Grafton at 10am. Bring a lunch and a drink. Contact: John Kurowski (905) 885-8776

Sunday, January 8 <EASY> 6 km

Hike rural roads west of Canton. Meet at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Road at **9:30am** to carpool. Bring a snack and a drink. Contact: Muriel Hayward (905) 797-3454

Saturday, January 14 <EASY> 6 km

Hike the rural roads south of Gores Landing. Meet at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Road at **10am**. Bring a snack and a drink. Contact: Colin Banfield (905) 372-7120

Sunday, January 15 <EASY> 11 km

Hike farmland, class B roads, bush trails and visit a historical graveyard in Lower Solina. Finish up at Jim and Pam's place for soup. Meet at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Rd. at 9:30am to car pool. Bring a lunch and drink. Contact: Jim Osborne (905) 436-2499

Saturday, January 21 <MODERATE> 11 km

Hike concession roads in Hamilton Township. Meet at 9:30am at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Rd. to carpool. Bring a lunch and a drink. Contact: Bob Short (905) 885-1420

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Sunday, January 22 <EASY> 6.5 km
Meet in the Covert Street parking lot in Cobourg at 10am for an easy six and a half kilometer hike, going west to Pebble Beach, back along the west beach board walk to Brook Road and finishing at the Cat and Fiddle. Contact: Laurie Robertson (905) 396-4069

Saturday, January 28 <EASY> 6 km
A short rectangular hike on 7th Line, South Slope Road, 6th Line and Jamieson Road. Meet at 10am at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Rd. to carpool. Bring snack and drink. Contact: David Beevis (905) 885-7151

Sunday, January 29 <MODERATE>
EARLY START TIME for joint outing with Kawartha club to **Snowshoe at Warsaw Caves Conservation Area (Entrance fee of \$7 per car).** 7+4 km or 4+4 km of trail to snowshoe. Bring a **lunch** and drink. Meet at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Road, at **9am** to carpool or meet at the conservation area parking lot at 10:30am. Pine Ridge Contact: John LeBlanc (905) 885-5214 Kawartha Contact: Rose Millett (705) 639-2431

or
Sunday, January 29 <MODERATE> 13 km
Hike the rural roads southeast of Cold Springs. Meet at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Rd., at 9:30am to carpool, **or** at Cold Springs Memorial Hall parking lot (west side of Hwy 18) at 9:50am. Bring a lunch and a drink. Contact: Colin Banfield (905) 372-7120

Saturday, February 4 <EASY> 10 km
Bowmanville town hike. Hike along the creek and view historical homes in town. Optional stop in at Bowmanville Museum for guided tour plus coffee (\$5 charge will apply). Meet at **9:30am** at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Rd. to carpool. Bring a lunch and a drink. Contact: Jim Osborne (905) 436-2499

Wednesday, February 8 <EASY> 5 km
Moonlight hike along Port Hope lakeshore to Gage's Creek and back. Meet in the parking lot behind the Granary at **7:30pm**. Adjourn to a local pub afterwards. Contact: David Beevis (905) 885-7151.

Saturday, February 11 <MODERATE> 8 km
Hike west of Bewdley. Meet at **10am** at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Rd. to carpool, or at the junction of County Rd. 28 and Hope Township Concession Rd. 9 at **10:20am**. Bring a lunch to eat at the Cox's home at the edge of the Ganaraska Forest. Contact: Bob Short (905) 885-1420

Sunday, February 12 <EASY+> 11 km.
Hike rural roads northeast of Wicklow. Meet and greet the llamas, goats, donkeys and other assorted

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woolly animals during the lunch break. Meet at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Rd. at 9:30am, or at Hwy 45/401 commuter parking lot at 9:45am, to carpool. Bring a lunch and a drink. Contact: Phil Mabey (905) 377-0485

Saturday, February 18 <EASY> 5 km
Port Britain area. Flat rural road rectangle. Meet at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Road at **10am** to carpool to start point. Bring a snack and drink. Contact: Laurie Robertson (905) 396-4069

Sunday, February 19 <MODERATE> 9 km or less
Snowshoe the Purple Trail in the Northumberland County Forest. This is a **joint outing with the Kawartha Club.** Meet at Home Hardware in Port Hope at 9:30am to carpool or at the parking lot on Woodland Road east side of Highway 45 at 10am. Bring a lunch and drink. Contact: David Beevis (905) 885-7151

Saturday, February 25 <MODERATE> 12 km
Hike the rural roads of Port Hope. Meet at Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Rd. at 9:30am to carpool. Bring a lunch and a drink. Contact: Murielle Hayward (905) 797-3454 or Judy Harris (905) 342-3888

Sunday, February 26 <EASY+> 8 km
Hike roads in Port Hope Township. Meet at Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Rd. at 9:30am to carpool. Bring a snack and a drink. Contact: David Beevis (905) 885-7151

Saturday, March 3 <EASY> 6 km
Short town hike around Cobourg. Meet in front of Victoria Hall, Cobourg at 10am. Bring a snack and a drink. Contact: Phil Mabey (905) 377-0485

Sunday, March 4 <MODERATE> 12 km
Hike in the Bowmanton area overlooking Rice Lake. Meet at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Rd., at 9:30am, or at Hwy 45 @ 401 commuter parking lot at 9:45am, to carpool. Bring a lunch and a drink. Contact: John LeBlanc (905) 885-5214

Saturday, March 10 <Moderate> 8 km
A short two hour hike in Darlington Provincial Park. Meet at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Road at 9:30am to carpool. Bring snack and drink. If interested an additional 4 km would be available after the 8 km. Contact: Michelle Vibert (905) 579-3925

Sunday, March 11 <MODERATE> 12 km.
Hike in the Lakeshore Road/Port Britain area, in western Port Hope. Meet at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Rd. at 9:30am. Bring a lunch and drink. Contact: John Kurowski (905) 885-8776

PINE RIDGE WINTER HIKES 2012 cont'd

Wednesday, March 14 <MODERATE+> Approx 14 km
Mystery hike. Meet at 9:30am at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Rd. to carpool. Bring a lunch and a drink. Call for details: Bob Short (905) 885-1420

Saturday, March 17 <MODERATE> 13 km
Haldimand Township (Creighton's Hill) hike. Meet at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Rd. at 9:30am to carpool or the intersection of County Road 2 and Shelter Valley Rd. At 9:50am. Bring a lunch and a drink. Contact: John Leblanc (905) 885-5214

Sunday, March 18
An Evening of Hike Talks at the Ruth Clarke Centre in Port Hope, with a Pot Luck supper starting at **5:30pm.** Contact: Mike Hick (905) 372-5182

Saturday, March 24 <MODERATE> 7 km
Hike concession roads just east of the Town of Port Hope. Meet at 9:30am at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Rd. to carpool. Bring a snack and a drink. Contact: Bob Short (905) 885-1420

Sunday, March 25 <EASY> 11 km
Annual Spring Sugarbush joint hike with Kawartha club. Enjoy a pancake and maple syrup lunch at Sandy Flats Sugarbush, near Warkworth. The meal will be served by the Warkworth Masons and there will be a \$4:00 entry fundraising fee. Pine Ridge members meet at the Home Hardware parking lot, Toronto Rd. at **9:30am**, or at the Hwy. 45 @ 401 commuter parking lot at **9:45am**, to carpool. Bring a drink. Contact for Pine Ridge: John Kurowski (905) 885-8776 Contact for Kawartha: Rose Millett (705) 639-2431

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Saturday, January 28 (9am) <CHALLENGING>
Approx. 14-16 km; **Haliburton Highlands Snowshoe Hike.** Hike will be a combination of 3 trails – The Crests of Kennisis, The Circuit of Five Viewpoints and the Ridge Trail. Meet at the Stanhope Municipal Offices on North Shore Rd, east of Highway 35. Bring a lunch and snacks. Dogs welcome. Contact: Tom at (705) 439-1042 or tomjhall52@yahoo.ca

Sunday, January 29 (10am) <EASY> Approx. 6 km
Wilderness Club Winter Social and Meeting Snowshoe or hike at Ken Reid Conservation Area followed by lunch and meeting at Tom and Laura's. Dogs welcome. Contact: Tom at tomjhall52@yahoo.ca or Laura at lauraleebrowne@gmail.com or (705) 439-1042.

Weekend of February 5 & 6 (8:30am) <MODERATE>
Winter Camping and Snowshoe Hike at Sheldon Lake Meet at Devil's Lake parking lot. We will snowshoe to Sheldon Lake, set up camp and then snowshoe some more. Dogs welcome. Contact: Rudi at (705) 439-1042 or adk46er07@rogers.com or tomjhall52@yahoo.ca

For additional activities, please visit the Wilderness Club website at <http://ganaraskawilderness.wetpaint.com/>