

# The Rattler

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## President's Report

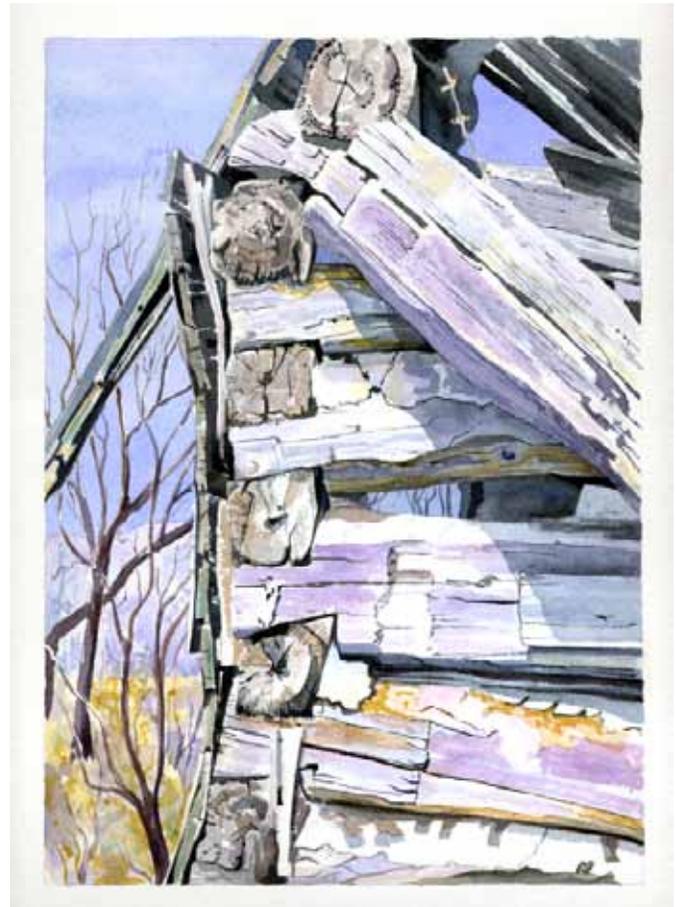
Sometimes going back is going forward and sometimes we seem to move sideways through the maze of tracks leading to success. This is one of those times. Our plans for trails linking top to bottom on the new Malcolm Bluff shores were set back by species at risk decisions so we spent a lot of time in the summer at Barrow Bay working on re-establishing the old trail below the escarpment and completing new links above, leading to a 'go-down structure' linking these sections. The convoluted bureaucratic tracks we are pursuing to get this done are being navigated by our volunteers and our BTC staff but it is taking much longer than we anticipated.

We also have been bushwhacking through various administrative layers in our attempts to expand our trails network in the National Park and in our efforts to gain more official recognition in the Municipal Official Plan. Some days we are not at all sure of which directions we are headed in these initiatives but we remain optimistic for positive outcomes.

On a more practical level we have two club projects which are nearing completion. We are partnering with Bruce County in the construction of a second equipment shed, this one at the Lindsay Tract trails.

A second project is the expansion of the McCurdy Dr. parking lot. Again, thanks to Bruce County funding assistance, approximately half the cost will be paid by grant money. Still on the infrastructure theme: the super new signage you have seen along County Road 9 is to be matched by additional similar signage on highway 6 and on the side roads leading to access points. This new signage is to be funded by the Greenbelt Foundation of which we will learn more in future Rattlers. A big thank you to Bruce County Planning/Tourism for their work in getting this done.

All this new work will raise the awareness of the Bruce Trail on the Peninsula. Our work with Bruce County Tourism and Bruce Peninsula Tourism Association continues to assist in this profile building and we continue to push for better display materials at the National Park Visitor Centre and the various local tourist information centres.



by Artist - Kristina Maus

The trails building and maintenance teams are working so efficiently that, to our peril, we almost have begun to take them for granted. But the condition of our trails continues to yield nothing but glowing reports from hikers and we have included samples of two such reports in this issue.

The Outdoor Festival was a great success this year and plans are already underway for next year's Festival.

Sales of Bruce Trail and Peninsula Club goods have been particularly successful this season and are still a major source of funds for our work. Plans are also underway for new hand-out literature and the new edition of the Day Hike Guide.

All in all, we have had a most successful season and we look for big things coming at us over the next year.

**Don McIlraith, President**

## WANTED – VOLUNTEERS

The Peninsula Bruce Trail Club is looking for a volunteer to edit and manage the club's e-notes. This person would communicate with Raspberry House who would do the e-mail distribution to our website. This would add another avenue of communication within the Club.

Also – the Peninsula Club is looking for a volunteer(s) who would co-ordinate the collation of The Rattler. This would involve three times a year picking up printed pages from the Bruce Peninsula Press, receiving mailing labels from Raspberry House and organizing a work bee to collate, staple, and address. The finished Rattlers then need to be organized by postal code and delivered to the Post Office. At present we are paying to have this done and to have volunteers collate would be a huge cost saving for our Club.

If you are interested or want more information on either or both of the above - please e-mail us at: [pbtcraattler10@gmail.com](mailto:pbtcraattler10@gmail.com).

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The current executive team of the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club can be found on our website: [www.pbtc.ca](http://www.pbtc.ca)

## Mr. Bruce Trail

By Russell & Katharine Ferguson

On a recent evening at the Appletons', with a fire in the background and dinner (courtesy of John and Judy) cooking in the oven, we listened to John's story. It seemed, right from the start, that it was inevitable he should one day meet up with the Bruce Trail.

John was born and brought up in England, in East Yorkshire, a countryside of hills and valleys and moors where hiking was simply part of a boy's life, throughout school and especially through Cubs, Scouts and Rovers. For example, there was a trek known as "Lyke Wake Walk" - forty miles in twenty-four hours, overnight and all. This might have put many a kid off hiking forever, but for John it was a time which set fire to him, body and mind. From those early days he went on to study biology at London University, then to work for two and a half years in product development for a company manufacturing baked goods, met Judy, married. Adventure beckoned, and they decided to move to Canada, one great factor in this decision being our vast outdoors. For John, it was back into the food business, this time the research lab for Canada Packers.

An apartment in Toronto was soon joined by a tent for camping escapes, and finally by a cottage in the Huntsville area. With the discovery of the Bruce Trail Caledon Club in their home vicinity, John and Judy became members of the Bruce Trail Association and trail captains. From this simple decision a great deal more would follow, though for a time Bruce Trail had to be put on simmer while their two children were being brought up.

1992, the year of the Trail's 25th Anniversary, brought everything to the boil again. Hikes were organized in all nine clubs over that spring and summer and John and Judy took part in all nine hikes and met up with the Peninsula Club in action by hiking Halfway Log Dump to Tobermory on the Saturday and the Gunpoint Loop on their own the next day. In the course of this weekend, they also encountered old friends and discovered Moore Street along the cliff top at Lion's Head. The cottage at Huntsville was sold,



a property on Moore Street secured in '93. Until they built their house on this land in '95 they lived, while in the Peninsula, on a sailboat which they had motored overnight across Georgian Bay from Midland as a storm was gathering. (At that point they hadn't a clue how to sail, but they taught themselves and adventured in the months that lay ahead, around the coastline, through the North Channel and beyond, exhibiting all the inclinations and qualities which were to be so valuable in their commitment to the Bruce Trail.)

The late eighties and early nineties had been a time when the Peninsula Club was somewhat dormant, and most of the working help came up from other clubs further south. When "Spruce up the Bruce" was implemented as a measure to ready the Trail for the hiking season the specially recruited bunch of volunteers would be feasted during the weekend.

*In 1998 when John moved into the position of Trail Director for the Peninsula Club he and Judy offered their home and hospitality for the annual SPRUCE UP THE BRUCE barbecue and social. This started with approximately forty stalwart trail members and became a uniting force for the Peninsula Club. By the end of his tenure as Trail Director, the SPRUCE UP THE BRUCE occasion brought over ninety eager and willing trail workers to a festive, social occasion with John and Judy and then off to prepare the trails for another year of hiking.*

In 1995 John became a Member at Large on the Executive of the Peninsula Club, then went on to a new position as first Land Stewardship Director, and thence to Vice President. But he felt sure that the eventual position of President was not for him, and in 1998 he became Trail Director. This job had two objectives: to develop re-routes and new trails, and to maintain existing trails. He found the job much bigger than he had imagined, and was very grateful for the help of two seasoned mentors, Ross

McLean and the late Chris Walker. Even then he felt it took him a full year to arrive at a sense of really being Trail Director.

John himself developed much flexibility in his own commitments to the job. He was out on some project most days-- and twenty-one days in one spring month involved the chainsaw!

But he notes now with special satisfaction that although in the earlier days the club was pretty

much controlled by folks from elsewhere, and it was a struggle, it later became much more locally based. When he and Judy joined the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club all those years ago it had about 250 members: now membership has risen to over 600, and a large proportion of the executive live locally. Although John is no longer Trail Director, he is still a very active participant in the club, and his influence continues in many directions.

## Hiking Hints from my Happy Hairdresser

(I don't have a wealthy barber)

Hairdressers are always a good source of information so I was not surprised to get hiking hints during my last trim. The story she told was enough to make your hair go white (or even fall out) but the lesson learned is worth passing along. During a glorious fall day my hairdresser and a friend were each driving their own car as they returned to my hairdresser's house. In a convoy, they travelled on rolling and winding Bruce County roads with blind dips and curves. They approached from behind, a large group of hikers spread across the road deep in conversation and blissful nature appreciation. The hikers split in the middle to allow my hairdresser, in the first car, through and then spilled back onto the road after she passed. The second car was not expected, so even as the group was converging again in the middle of the road this vehicle was proceeding to follow the first through a space that now did not exist. Brakes were slammed on and boots stopped in midstep. The hikers had assumed there was only one car and the second driver had assumed that the group would remain parted. Luckily there were no injuries.

Our county roads and dirt accesses are becoming busier with vehicles and foot travel, so be safe and pay attention while hiking in single file and facing the direction of oncoming traffic.

By Susan Allen



# Summer House Park

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## A Welcome Sign by John A.

As part of the McCurdy Drive Parking Lot expansion project John Appleton created and constructed the sign below welcoming hikers to the main trail leading from that parking area. A big thank you to John Appleton for his artistic talent and his hard work getting this super addition to our trails network.



## Hiker's Tale

*We fairly often receive reports and comments from hikers, especially end-to-enders. I take it as high praise that we rarely have a single negative comment. Most reports are very complimentary. The entire trail crew from directors to trail captains to monitors to chain-saw crews can take credit for these comments and we all are in their debt for the continuing excellent condition of our trails. Don McIlraith*

*The following is a report from Bob and Gail Douglas of Caledon, On. who completed the Peninsula Club end-to-end first in 1994 and for the second time from Sept. 12 to Sept. 20, 2011.*

1. The trail has been improved dramatically since 1994 particularly in the area of Rush Cove and Dyer's Bay. The staircase at access 14 is a nice addition although an arrow or two on the way up would be a help. Blazes are not quite enough.
2. The road walk along Bruce Rd 9 is as long and dangerous as ever. Is there a chance of ever extending the Barrow Bay Side trail along the shore? (note: we are working at this now and hope to be off the road next summer).
3. The Peninsula Club maps and instructions are superb and our copies are well worn, we cannot imagine anyone attempting and end-to-end without them. The access point and supporting signage is a great idea that should be adopted by other clubs.
4. Over the past three decades we have hiked some of the most challenging trails in Canada, USA, UK, Spain and Crete but the white blazed Bruce Trail from High Dump to Little Cove is more strenuous than anything we have experienced.
5. We were pleased to see that the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club retains its reputation as the icon of the Bruce Trail. Clearly, a great deal of volunteer labour and imagination has contributed to this image.

**Bruce and Gail Douglas, Caledon, On.**

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# PENINSULA RAMBLINGS

## NORTHERN LIGHT

An awesome northern landscape  
Caught in the fledgling light of dawn  
I catch it all so fleetingly  
Then magically, it is gone.

It is my favourite picture  
In this truly spiritual place  
Behold the combination of signals  
Coming to me from the light  
Reflected, refracted, dispersed, diffracted  
I "see" with my eyes this miraculous sight!

"Beauty exists in the eye of the beholder"  
An age-old concept and true  
Images flow across my sight  
Light, everywhere enhances my view

Light is the primary way  
We come to know our world  
Prisms, rainbows, colours dispersed  
In which our senses are fully immersed  
Bring us our life, our universe

Without it, our outlook on life  
On our world  
Could never, ever be unfurled.

Written by:  
Sheryl Marshall

Fellow Readers:

I was thinking about our signs on the Bruce Trail and how they don't really indicate the direction one is travelling. How is this for an idea? Northbound signs read as now, Niagara to Tobermory. We create a new sign for the opposite direction reading Tobermory to Niagara. I'm sure it must be somewhat confusing to some casual trail users when they are travelling south to read Niagara to Tobermory. We could even include the direction of travel in the sign, such as

Bruce Trail Northbound Niagara to Tobermory	and	Bruce Trail Southbound Tobermory to Niagara
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We could use Bruce Trail North, and Bruce Trail South, to shorten it, but that might cause a little confusion with some people if they thought we were speaking geographically, like North Bruce Trail and South Bruce Trail, rather than directionally. The use of "northbound" and "southbound" pretty well eliminates any confusion.

Anyhow, just a thought.

Best regards,  
Barry Ince

*If anyone has thoughts or an opinion on signage, please let us know by sending a message to our email - [pbtrattler10@gmail.com](mailto:pbtrattler10@gmail.com)*



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# Winter Snow Shoe Hike Schedule 2012

contact Susan Allen 519 534 5898 susan\_allen@sympatico.ca

Date and Time	Time	GPS Location of Parking	Where to Meet	DOD	Km	Hike Details
Tuesday January 3, 2012	6:00 PM	<a href="http://45.25688722080-81.65671995160">45.25688722080- 81.65671995160</a>	Chi-Sin Tib Dek Rd, Parks Canada Visitor Centre	Easy		During Christmas Break, <b>Parks Canada</b> invites families to meet at the Parks Canada Visitors Centre for an evening of hiking, hot chocolate and storytelling. For more information, please phone 519-596-2233 ext 240.
Saturday January 7, 2012	10:00 AM	<a href="http://44.96728514810-81.23060310470">44.96728514810- 81.23060310470</a>	Cemetery Rd, Cemetery Rd Access Trail	Moderate	6	We will hike in on the Ilse Hanel Side Trail to the Warder Side Trail. Then loop around on the Warder Side Trail and return to our cars on the Ilse Hanel Side Trail.
Saturday January 21, 2012	10:00 AM	<a href="http://45.02046007880-81.28378993170">45.02046007880- 81.28378993170</a>	Forty Hills Rd, Richardson Side Trail	Moderate	5.5	Follow the Bruce Trail directly to White Bluff and return via the blue-blazed Dogwood Side Trail to the White Bluff Side Trail and then back to the Bruce Trail to return to the parking lot.
Saturday February 4, 2012	7:00 PM	<a href="http://44.99010234960-81.2422821180">44.99010234960- 81.2422821180</a>	McCurdy Dr off Moore St, Lion's Head 12-15 cars on municipal property. Do not block access or park on Moore St.	Moderate	4.2	Moonlight Magic - Bring a head lamp and hot chocolate.
Tuesday February 7, 2012	7:00 PM	<a href="http://45.25688722080-81.65671995160">45.25688722080- 81.65671995160</a>	Chi-Sin Tib Dek Rd, Parks Canada Visitor Centre			<b>Parks Canada</b> is hosting an evening snowshoe hike on trails around the Parks Canada Visitor Centre. For more information, please phone 519-596-2233 ext 240.
Saturday February 18, 2012	6:00 PM		Cyprus Lake Campground Yurt area			<b>Parks Canada</b> is leading a Cyprus Lake Winter Night Hike. For more information, please phone 519-596-2233 ext. 240
Saturday March 3, 2012	10:00 AM	<a href="http://44.88141759320842-81.09377861022949">44.88141759320842, - 81.09377861022949</a>	Corner of Boundary Road and McIver Road (park on Boundary Rd)	Moderate	5	McIver Side Trail Loop returning by main trail - short distance roadside
Saturday March 17, 2012	10:00 AM		Cyprus Lake Campground Yurt area	Moderate	5	Hike to The Grotto!! (National Park Fee \$11.70 per vehicle applies)
April - Date to follow			Hike Ontario Leadership Course			For those new to hiking or new to the Bruce Trail Conservancy, the Peninsula Club is partnering with Suntrail – Source for Adventure and the Sydenham Club to offer an introductory talk about Bruce Trail hiking in the area and how to outfit for safety and comfort. If you know a <i>non-member</i> that has expressed interest in getting out on the trail tell them about this free workshop (pre-registration required) that will be happening in April 2012. Details to follow (volunteers needed)!
April - Date to follow						In order that our hike schedules are kept exciting and healthy we need to keep our pool of qualified leaders topped up. To that end, the Peninsula Club is considering hosting a one day Hike Ontario Leadership Course in the spring of 2012. Please contact susan_allen@sympatico.ca if you would be interested in attending.

## NOTES

**These Hikes may be cancelled on short notice at the discretion of the hike leader due to dangerous trail and/or driving conditions  
Dress for the conditions, bring adequate food and drinks**

**Parking areas are not maintained in Winter - please park carefully at roadside or as suggested by the hike leader**

## Peninsula Bruce Trail Club Holds 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Outdoor Festival

UNESCO declared 2011 “Year of the Forest”. What a perfect title for the PBTC to hold the 8th Festival of Outdoor Events amidst Southern Ontario’s largest stretch of unbroken forest. Visitors were offered unique perspectives from experts about the habitats, threats, resources, traditional uses, identification and more while enjoying some of the best trails on the Bruce Peninsula. On Friday the festival began with an informative presentation by Clark Birchard, about the historical aspects of forestry on the Peninsula and the future of logging in the area. Saturday evening folks were treated to hearing three speakers take them on a journey to explore forest values, Frank Burrows, Parks Canada Superintendant and Forest Ecologist, Tony Chegahno, Storyteller and Naturalist, and Dave Taylor, President of Lands and Forests consulting.

On behalf of all the members of the PBTC, they would like to say thank you to the donors for their generosity in supporting our Raffle Draw, to all the businesses and individuals that sold tickets and to the ticket purchasers that supported this fund raiser. Festival proceeds support the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

And thank you for the valuable support the club always receives from the staff of Parks Canada Visitor Centre and all the Volunteers that gave so generously of their time and expertise to bring delight to all participants.

Already plans are underway for the 2012 Festival. Watch for up-coming advertisements.

**By Roger Plomley**

The PBTC 2011 Outdoor Festival committee wishes to thank all the volunteers, leaders and participants involved in creating a terrific “Year of the Forest.” We are already busy planning for next year and employing your feedback we hope to bring you a “best ever” event in 2012.

But we’d prefer not to limit ourselves; even if you were not there we’d love to hear about what you think would make a great festival next fall. Please send ideas, opinions specific suggestions or random thoughts to [jbuckingham@amtelecom.net](mailto:jbuckingham@amtelecom.net).

And keep PBTC.ca at the top of your “favourites’ list to check for news of details for 2012!

### Peninsula Bruce Trail Club Raffle

- 1<sup>st</sup>—Quilt, double quilt and pillow sham (value \$800)  
WINNER: Janice Artl,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> –Lion’s Head Beach Motel (value \$200)  
WINNER: Carolyn Day,
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Suzanne Dyke Painting (value \$150)  
WINNER: Loretta Plomley
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Cedarholme Bed & Breakfast (value \$149.47)  
WINNER: Gary Rennie
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Suntrail Source for Adventure (value \$111.87)  
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## Recognizing our Donors

Every year there are a few Bruce Trail donors who specify that their donations be applied within Peninsula Club. Donations are usually monetary but, in some cases land is donated and in other cases, some or all of the cost of transferred land. We have been blessed this past year with a number of significant donations which Bruce Trail recognizes with the erection of a dedicated plaque. These are the plaques that you see along the trail or more recently at the National Park Visitor Centre. Some donors request a specific location for the plaque in their name on favourite lands or trail sections.

The placement of a plaque is rarely a simple task. The wording is carefully chosen and the plaque is commissioned to a brass foundry for manufacture and finishing, the plaque and appropriate pole or other hardware is delivered to the club in question and the local club volunteers take on the job of recruiting a crew to carry the materials to the site and building the required structure in a place that is designated by the donor or chosen carefully by the club.

October 14 was such a construction day - the showery cool day saw six dedicated Peninsula Club volunteers carry the pole, the concrete mix, the water, the form, mixing pail and tools a few hundred metres in from the Dyer's Bay parking lot where the work proceeded to place the pole and fill the form with mixed concrete and stones and top the new support block with decorative stones. The form will be removed and the plaque placed on the pole at a later date.

As you pass these plaques on the trail think of the generosity of our members and donors and the hard working volunteers who together make our trail and its corridor possible.

L-R : Jeff Buckingham, Laurence Acland, Bill Hansen, John Greenhouse, John Appleton.



**Don McIlraith**



The success of the PBTC website was demonstrated on one of Nancy Ince's organized hikes this fall. The group was getting ready to hike to Reed's Dump, and into the Richardson's parking lot pulled a car with Maryland plates that had been rented in Boston. Four young fellows emerged and said they had seen the hike on our website and wanted to join us. They were all from Belgium and were travelling in North America and it was their first time to Canada. We all enjoyed their company and sharing the beauty of the trail with them.

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10th Anniversary



**WINTERAMA** ... For the Kids!  
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Snowmobiling  
 Skiing  
 Skating  
 Snowshoeing

**Free\* Events at:**

- ~ Port Elgin PLEX (food & prizes at 12pm)
- ~ Hepworth - Sawmill Trails (free snowshoe rentals!)
- ~ Shallow Lake C.C. (food & prizes at 12pm)
- ~ Owen Sound - Bayshore Arena
- \* just collect \$25+ in pledges!

**2012 Proceeds to:**

- Outdoor Education Centre**
- Presqu'ile Camp**
- Area Rotary Clubs**
- Your Group! \*\***

\*\*Participating organizations can fundraise through the "\$shareback" program. Simply put the group name at the top of the form! Receive 25% to 50% of the proceeds pledged DIRECTLY to your child or youth organization!



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**Partners:**



## HIKE THE PENINSULA SECTION TO DISCOVER, REVISIT OR SHARE

Each hike on the Peninsula Section of the Bruce Trail is an opportunity to discover, revisit or share a special place.

By using the Bruce Trail Reference and the Day Hike Guide you can get an idea of what the possibilities are when doing a particular hike for the first time. It may be an alvar, a cobble beach, a lookout, an open field or a chance to rock hop across a stream. It could be spectacular like the Grotto or a million dollar vista up and down the headlands from high above Georgian Bay. It could also be a quietly pleasing view such as an abandoned apple orchard in bloom or an old stone farm foundation standing to one side of the tread way. Once these touchstones have been established they continue to be exciting on every hike afterwards as you renew a memory. You can explore the Peninsula Section of the Bruce Trail by joining an organized outing or on your own with friends or family. For those new to hiking or new to the Bruce Trail Conservancy, the Peninsula Club is partnering with Suntrail – Source for Adventure and the Sydenham Club to offer an introductory talk about Bruce Trail hiking in the area and how to outfit for safety and comfort. If you know a non-member that has expressed interest in getting out on the trail tell them about this free workshop (pre-registration required) that will be happening in April 2012. Details to follow (volunteers needed)!

During the winter revisit a favourite area while it is under a blanket of snow. Our Snow Shoe

Hikes' schedule is listed in this edition of The Rattler, on our Facebook page and on our club webpage. We are very excited to include in our calendar the winter activities offered by Parks Canada. Be sure to check out the magical moon light hikes and the visit to the Grotto. Sharing is a large part of why I like to lead hikes and I suspect it is the same for the other hike leaders that have been involved in the club's busy schedule. I would like to send out a sincere thank you to them, as they have made the 2011 hiking program a success. There is a wonderful camaraderie among the existing certified leaders when it comes to pitching in and making sure one or more are available to lead each of the hikes that the Peninsula Section offers. In order that our hike schedules are kept exciting and healthy we need to keep this pool of qualified leaders topped up. To that end, the Peninsula Club is thinking about hosting a one day Hike Ontario Leadership Course in the spring of 2012. Please contact me within the next month if you would consider attending and we will see if there is enough participation to proceed. Also, please let me know if you are already a Certified Leader and would be interested in being part of an email list to be contacted if help is required.

Our Spring/Summer 2012 schedule is now in the planning stages and if there is a particular hike you would like to lead or see organized, email and we will have it included.

Each of us has our own reasons for being a Peninsula Club member, and if the hiking program is one of yours be sure join in the activities as a leader or participant. Hope to see you on the trail!

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blackflies, you need something to keep you humble  
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the mystical light on Dyer's Bay  
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### How well do you know the Peninsula Bruce Trail?

Attached are 16 photos. Each was taken on one of the Loop Hikes offered this year (details of the hike on the webpage). The challenge is to match the photo to the hike.

1. Warton - Spirit Rock Loop
2. Rural Rocks Side Trail Loop
3. Colpoy's Bluff South Loop
4. Colpoy's Bluff North Loop
5. Malcolm Bluff Loop
6. Knapp Lookout Loop
7. McIver Side Trail
8. Jones Bluff Loop
9. Hart's Tongue-Sydney Bluff Loop
10. Boundary Bluffs Side Trail Loop
11. Hope Bay Forest West Loop
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