

# The Rattler



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## President's Message

August has arrived, bringing with it cooler, less humid weather. In other words, perfect hiking weather! It's a great time of year to join a club hike or invite friends and neighbors to experience the Bruce Trail.

### *The Cairn:*

The northern terminus of the Bruce Trail is marked by a stone cairn overlooking Tobermory harbour. This cairn, built by Peninsula Club volunteers has done its job since the trail was officially opened in 1967. (See inside for Ross MacLean's look back at the construction of the cairn.) In recent years it has started to show its age. Earlier this year, volunteers John & Jane Greenhouse led an effort funded by the Club to restore the cairn and improve the site. The masonry was professionally repointed; and the structure was surrounded by a flagstone pad and benches. John & Jane personally restored the brass plaques – a process that involved substantial elbow grease. The cairn is now restored to its former glory and stands ready for another 50 years of service.

### *Trail News:*

This spring we were able to open a new side trail accessible from the end of Mallory Beach Road. It is a 6 km loop through our Malcolm Bluffs property that offers views of the escarpment cliffs and access to the Colpoy Bay shoreline. It is not yet connected to the main trail. We have plans for several other trail initiatives, but for now they are all being steered through various regulatory and legal reviews.

### *Upcoming events:*

Our annual end-to-end hike series has just started with almost 30 hikers in 2 groups. There is still time to join 1 or more of the hikes. See inside for details of these and other hikes. Plans are well advanced for our 10th annual Outdoor Festival in early October – more information inside.

See you on the trail.

.... John

August 2013



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*Ovenbird*

## **Peninsula Bruce Trail Club 2013 Annual Birding Walk**

*Lead by Ray and Marlene Rothenbury  
and enthusiastic Bird 'Experts'  
Mike Marshall and Bill Hansen.*

There were 15 birding enthusiasts from both the Peninsula and as far away as Toronto this year to participate in the annual walk/drive in the Dyer's Bay area. We were blessed with fine, though cool weather and good light as we worked our way from Dyer's Bay Dock around the concession block of Bartley Drive, Lindsay Rd. 40, Crane Lake Road, and Dyer's Bay Rd.

We would like to especially thank Bill Hansen and Mike Marshall for lending their birding expertise to our outing. Bill generously provided his scope for some excellent waterbird viewing from the Dyer's Bay Dock. Mike was our walking birding expert and was amazing with his sight and sound identification skills. Thanks to both of you. We all agreed the 'bird of the day' was the magnificent Scarlet Tanager high up on a branch on Bartley Drive; although a close second was the long delicious look at the Eastern Bluebirds on the Warder Ranch and the Sandhill Cranes at the same location.

The follow is the final sighting list of the 50 species we identified (7 more than last year!): Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Red-necked Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Canada Goose, Mallard, Common Merganser, Osprey, American Kestrel, Sandhill Crane, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Northern Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Eastern Kingbird, Blue Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, House Wren, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, Brown Thrasher, European Starling, Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Scarlet Tanager, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Bobolink, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark, Common Grackle, Purple Finch, American Goldfinch

We again had our picnic lunch on the sunny side of the Warder Homestead house. We scoured the far hills across Crane Lake for bears but none showed this year to give us a show. Another year perhaps....

Thank you all birders that came out this year to help with the sightings. It was a collective success again this year.

*Submitted by Ray and Marlene Rothenbury  
Gillies Lake*



*Rose breasted Grosbeak*

## LIVING OFF THE GRID AT LITTLE COVE – 1983 to 2004

Friends moved to Southampton in the early 70's, and we visited often: in all seasons. The summer of '78 we spent camping at Cyprus Lake P.P., and we got hooked on the Upper Bruce Peninsula. Whilst renting a cottage on Oct '81, and looking for a cottage; we chanced upon the Herrick place at Dave's Bay (Little Cove). The 50 acres, and ½ mile of Georgian Bay shoreline, with rustic cottage, was more than we planned to spend; but it gripped at our heart strings.

We enjoyed the cottage for several years while planning the build and our escape from the city life and business. Leo and I spent 6 weeks in '83 routing, and cutting a road into the build site; saving the cedars for support posts, and the balance as fire wood. In April '84 we moved into the cottage (with outhouse, hand pump, and kerosene lanterns) to spend 6 days a week on the build. We built an off the grid, energy-efficient, passive solar 1 & ½ story salt box style 1400 square foot home. Local builder, Larry Watson, helped with the footing, roof shingles, and board and batten cedar siding. Leo's Dad built our windows, and mine checked the engineering aspects (especially the windmill).

We moved into the new house in mid-November, after months of hard labour, and a steep learning curve. We acquired many new skills. Installing the windmill (3K) and 20 deep cycle batteries required extensive research. Solar panels were added a few years on.

On Dec 6, 1984 the kitchen cabinets and countertop were delivered. The NEXT day we were snowed in for our first winter. In the initial years, we had a snowmobile to run in groceries, building materials, and to take the laundry to Peacock's. After that period we walked, snow-shoed and skied. We spent the first winter continuing to build inside. Finishes took at least 2 years. It was a huge adjustment from a hectic city life to living off the grid, in 1984, in winter time Tobermory.

We didn't have phone service for 18 years (then basic analogue cell), no T.V. for 5 years [the 3 channels]. Needless to say C.B.C. Radio and books were our entertainment.

We learned to be much more aware of the natural world and WEATHER. Every season had its own rhythm and chores. We picked up new skills: many related to keeping the woodstove and windmill running, brewing, and keeping the garden and greenhouse and property maintained by ourselves. I learned how to bake bread, preserve food (no freezer), start seedlings, garden, compost, and plan for winter with no road access. We enjoyed the seasonal changes, and had many outdoor adventures. Our families and friends enjoyed spending time with us at the old Herrick cottage, built in 1938, on the Cove.

We lived adjacent to the Bruce Trail. I had become a member in 1977 long before we purchased our property.

The Bruce Peninsula National Park was formed in 1987. From 1981-87 I tried to keep the access point of the trail at Little Cove clear of garbage and fire pits. It was a great deal of work after long weekends. I spoke to all the dive masters and in general people co-operated, and it got easier. I also cleaned up the ditches between the Cove and Highway #6, and for a time maintained the trail with Chris Jefferies between Tobermory and Little Cove. Today my husband and I are Land Stewards at the William's Cave property in Lion's Head.



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We helped many people who were hiking the trail over the years. The silliest person tried to hike with platform shoes. We took many people to the health clinic or to the garage. Sometimes people would drive onto the boulder beach and get stuck.

You could tell when all groups were on the trail as they announced themselves across the water with loud voices breaking the quiet. Once whilst taking the dog for his afternoon walk I ran into a mature woman: beet red, collapsed at the bottom of the hill with a monster pack. She had taken 5 hours to walk from Tobermory to the Cove, and was planning to meet friends at Cyprus Lake that evening. I told her to wait and I drove her into the Cyprus Lake office.

A couple planning to canoe loaded up their kids with life jackets but not themselves. It was early May, and the water 33 C and 1' swells. Fortunately they turned around after all: but refused my advice to wear their own lifejackets.

A diver had left his gear underwater at the wreck off the south point. The waves had picked up overnight and we had 3' swells. I begged him not to go out in his 16' aluminum boat. The Coast Guard had to rescue him off the rocks. He was returned to the Cove 6 hours later, to where his buddy was waiting. He lost his boat, motor, gear and put his rescuers at risk besides almost losing his life. One spring I saw a group of F.O.N. skiing on the ice. Several hours after they left the wind shifted and it was gone. Walking out from the house one cold winter afternoon in full -25 C gear, I sensed a presence behind me: I looked right and fell left. A horse went thundering by plus my neighbour, on a snowmobile: he was driving it back to the barn.

The few evenings I did venture out and walk back in, especially with full moon, I could be serenaded by coyotes howling all around me.

One February, while Leo was working at a trade show, I was managing our store in Owen Sound. It snowed 3' that week and was bitter cold. Tyrone, our first Norwegian elkhound, and I headed home. We parked the truck at Cleve Adam's farm corner as usual. Walking in from there usually took 20 to 25 minutes. The snow was deep and softly drifted, almost untouched by man. The dog wisely followed in my tracks. Several times I sunk to my thighs. I would have to throw off my backpack, crawl out, pick up the pack and move carefully forward on the surface of the drift. The sweat was freezing on my back, and I was getting chilled and exhausted. The north-west winds had created 15' drifts and it was -24C with a wind chill values of who knows what? ONE AND A HALF hours later I made it to the back door as the winter sun was setting. NOW I had to dig out the door free of snow to get in. It took 2 days of constant stoking to get the house back up to 20C. I slept by the fire.



I always appreciated the monthly book club meetings in Tobermory. The dog and I would pack out my books. Ceclie Eadie would meet me at the end of the plowed road (Cleve's corner) and drive me into town for conversations about books, the post office and Peacock's. We would return home a few hours later and walk home, and stoke the fire, having enjoyed some great social contact.

Leo was bringing our second dog Rufus, in for supper one evening. Any dog food left outside would be eaten by the raccoon and squirrels. He let him off his rope expecting him to run to the backdoor: instead he headed for the woods. Leo was in front of the house listening for the dog. A BEAR thrashes through the bush right in front of him, and he squashes himself out of the way into the trees. Then the dog appears flying off the deck and gets tackled by Leo to the ground, and grunts to a stop. Both of them are panting on the ground tangled together: whilst hearing the bear thumping off into the sunset.

Eventually in 2004, we sold our property to Parks Canada and moved to Lion's Head. Leo is still brewing and we still garden. I am continuing to paint my experiences and memories of the Bruce.

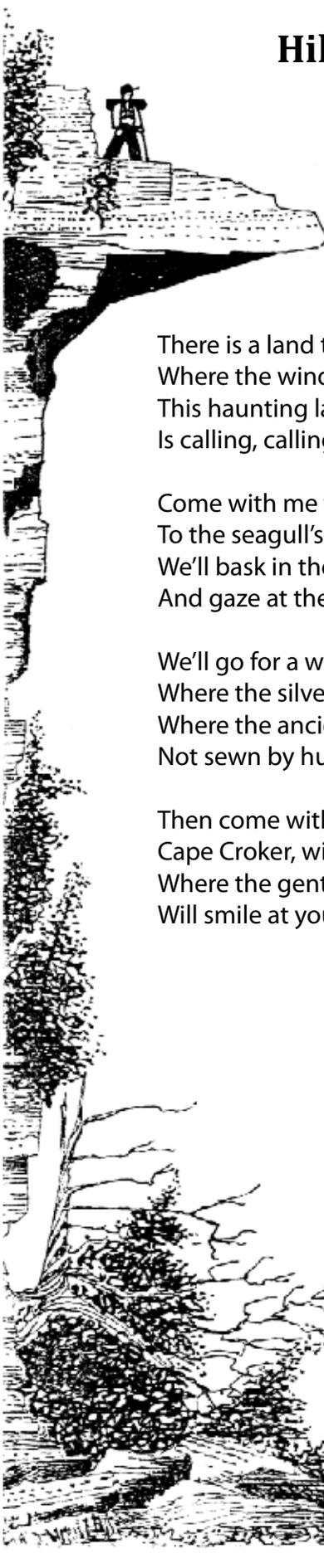
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*SUZANNE DYKE-WESSELING*



# Hiker's Tale

## THE CALL OF THE BRUCE



There is a land they call the Bruce,  
Where the wind blows strong and free.  
This haunting land of rock and fern,  
Is calling, calling me.

Come with me to the Bruce, my friend.  
To the seagull's strident cry.  
We'll bask in the sun on the welcoming sands,  
And gaze at the clear blue sky.

We'll go for a walk in the dapply woods,  
Where the silver birch tree stands.  
Where the ancient rocks wear coats of moss,  
Not sewn by human hands.

Then come with me to Ojibwe land,  
Cape Croker, wild and free.  
Where the gentle folk with soft brown eyes,  
Will smile at you and me.

We'll cook our meal on a rocky shore,  
The ancient Ojibwe scanned.  
An unnamed beach which is undefiled  
By the white man's hot dog stand.

We'll hike long the Bruce Trail, my friend,  
And follow the blaze on the trees,  
And marvel at the ancient rocks  
That were washed by the ancient seas.

Then come with me to the sunset shores,  
Of Oliphant and Red Bay.  
We'll watch old Sol as he softly paints  
Farewell to another day.

This is the call of the Bruce, my friend,  
Where the wind blows strong and free.  
If you spend one week in this haunting land,  
The call will be calling thee.

*by Nancy Aiston*

NOTE: Nancy wrote this poem 46 years ago after a hike in the Mallory Beach area with her husband and daughter

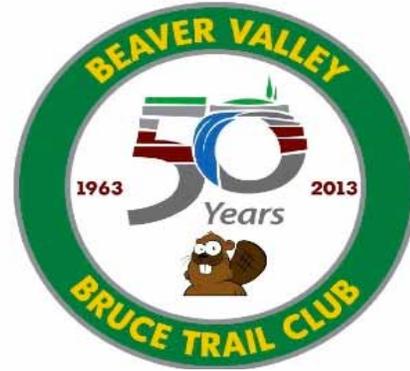
## Bruce Trail Loses Two Pioneers

This past spring our club lost two wonderful pioneers, Bruce Krug and Bill Hamilton. Though they came from different backgrounds, they were joined by their respect for the environment, their love of the northern Bruce Peninsula and especially the Bruce Trail.

Bruce Krug's story was typical of hardy German immigrants to Grey/Bruce counties in the late 19th century. Krug Furniture was established in Chesley in 1886 and became a foundation of the town. Records show that Bruce was a founding member of a group to form a "Bruce Trail club in this area" on September 27, 1964 in Tobermory. He and his older brother would work tirelessly from then on to build and support the Trail. The brothers had a cottage near Tobermory and over the years acquired sizable acreages in north Bruce County which were used on behalf of the Trail where they fit. Bruce and his brother led a crew of volunteers from Chesley to build the Trail from Dyer's Bay to Tobermory, some feat in those early days! Bruce's love of the land, his ardent environmentalism came from a family tradition of land stewardship and he practiced sustainable forest management practices long before it was fashionable. In 2007 he was presented with the Calypso Orchid Environmental Award from the BTC. Bruce was 95.

Bill Hamilton was more of an unsung hero to Bruce Trail members. A lawyer by profession, he was said to give his head to the practice of law but his heart to helping those suffering from mental illness. Relaxing time was spent with his wife Mimi at their cottage near the north end of Lion's Head. Bill helped establish a major trail change to achieve an optimum route in the Cathedral Forest. He allowed the Trail to cross his land and to soothe "anxious neighbours" he and Mimi with another couple agreed to act as Trail Captains in that area. In addition, Bill gave significant amount of his time towards fund raising for land acquisition as well as offering his legal talents on a pro bono basis for the club on many occasions. A high light of Bill and Mimi's life was their own end-to-end Trail completion, enjoying the discovery of new places in Ontario and in particular Georgian Bay along the way. Bill passed away in Guelph on April 20th.

Pioneers and committed environmentalists, they both gave the best they could so that everyone could enjoy the staggering beauty of the Trail as it traverses northern Bruce County.



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## THE CAIRN AT TOBERMORY

The end-to-end hiker upon arrival in Tobermory sees the cairn as a symbol of the completion of his quest. Unveiled in 1967 to mark the northern terminus of the Bruce Trail, it stands proudly overlooking the waters of Little Tub Harbour.

The idea of a cairn arose in 1966 during the planning for the official opening the next year. The BTA Board at its September meeting approved the erection of the cairn in Tobermory and authorized an expenditure of up to \$1000. The BTA archives contain a letter from October 4, 1966, from the clerk of St. Edmunds Township, authorizing the use of public lands for the cairn. The fact that J.P. Johnstone was both a BTA Board member and the Reeve of the local township obviously expedited this decision!

Ron Gatis took the local leadership for the design and building of the cairn. First he approached Ruth Arnsberger, an accomplished artist and weaver who lived at the top of Spragge Hill just north of Wiarton, overlooking Colpoy's Bay. In the 1950's on her travels she had discovered the Bruce Peninsula and, as she said, "kept on staying and never left."

Ruth accepted the offer to design the cairn, and for her creative efforts received the princely sum of \$50.00. The cairn's presence in Tobermory continued meaningful to her all her life. About a decade ago, Donna Baker and I interviewed her and, as she said, "every stone [in the cairn] had a memory." In her doorway she hung a full-length design that was a life-sized seven feet tall.

In the centre was left a hole for the free-standing Bruce Trail arrow; to Ruth this was the key symbol for "a free trail where you could go where you wanted." At the request of Ron Gatis, Grif Ebel of the Ebel Quarry to the west of Wiarton cut and donated the arrow.

The next stage was the building of the cairn and Ron contracted with Ivan Lemcke of Barrow Bay, a self-taught stone mason who a few years earlier had helped to open sections of the Trail near Lion's Head. One spring day Ron, Ruth and Ivan journeyed to the west side of the Peninsula, in the Oliphant area, to gather rocks for the cairn. They drove them to Tobermory and deposited them under a tarp beside Little Tub Harbour,

ready for construction to begin the next Monday. When Ivan returned after the weekend, he discovered the rocks 25 feet deep in the harbour. Obviously the teenage boys of town had had a party! He and Ron had no other choice than to head back to the west side, and as Ivan remembered, "the black flies were thick." There is no mention in the archives why the cairn was not unveiled at the June 10, 1967 opening of the Bruce Trail, but it is surmised that the delay in obtaining more rocks prevented its completion before the ceremonies. Instead, the cairn was unveiled on August 8, 1967, at the beginning of the Duke of Edinburgh Award gold medal winners' hike from Tobermory to Harrison Park in Owen Sound. Present that day were Dr. Cy Huach, then-president of the BTA; Norman Pearson, the first BTA president; Rene Brunelle, Minister of Lands and Forests; and Ruth and Ivan, along with the Duke of Edinburgh hikers.

27 youth representing 14 Commonwealth countries were led by Lord Hunt who had been the director of the Mount Everest expedition in 1953, the first ascent of the world's highest peak. Lord Hunt officially unveiled the cairn. A plaque on its face identifies the Bruce Trail, and on its back facing the water is a plaque listing the names of all the hike's participants.

The most recorded incident that day involved the hay wagon which was used as a stage. It was a flat rack with its end projecting far over its axle. Too many people climbed on for the unveiling and it suddenly tilted, nearly throwing the people to the ground. They all scrambled to the high side and after a good laugh, the proceedings were ready to begin. Lord Hunt in his address said, "I always was afraid of heights and now I am terrified!"

For close to fifty years the cairn has remained as the symbol of the "trail to the Bruce". In 2003 the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club Board had a small plaque installed at the base of the cairn to honour both Ruth Arnsberger as the designer and Ivan Lemcke as the builder. Now in 2013 the Board has authorized repair work for the cairn so that it can enter its next fifty years with pride and grace.

*Ross McLean*



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### **BRUCE TRAIL CAIRN GETS A FACE LIFT**

Over the intervening 46 years the Cairn had aged and its surroundings had deteriorated. Photographs of hikers completing the Trail would feature refuse bins and picnic tables scattered untidily across the background. In May of 2013 the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club applied for and received a Spruce up the Bruce Grant: to restore the Cairn. The base was repaved and the stone work cleaned and re-pointed. A stone bench now frames the Cairn providing the tired hiker a magnificent view of Little Tub Harbour. This work was carried out by Caudle Masonry of Lion's Head. The brass plaque was restored by local volunteers. The Spruce Up the Bruce grant was matched by a donation from the "Home to Home" network in memory of Ann Bard of the Cape Chin Connection. Ann was a strong advocate for the Bruce Trail who allowed the Trail to cross her property and provided a warm welcomes for hikers at her Inn.

*Jane Greenhouse*

### **A Major End to End Fund Raiser**

May 31 was a banner day for Marc Saulnier. Marc is a Brantford fire fighter who this day completed an entire Bruce Trail end to end. His trek was in support of the Children's Burn Unit at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. With the support of family and friends he completed the end to end in 35 days with three days of rest and 32 days of hiking averaging about 30 km per day. Marc and his team raised over \$23,000.00 for the Burn Unit including the \$1,000.00 raised by the many local fire department volunteers who were at the cairn in Tobermory to greet him on his arrival at suppertime on his last day.

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## 2013 FALL PENINSULA-BRUCE TRAIL HIKE SCHEDULE

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DATE	TIME	NAME AND WHERE TO MEET	DOD	LENGTH	
Wednesday August 21	10:00 AM	<b>WHITE BLUFF NATURE RESERVE</b> From Hwy 6, E on Lindsay Rd 5, N on East Rd then E on Cape Chin South Rd. At the first T-junction turn left. At the second T-junction turn right.	Easy	Approx 4 km	A pleasant loop along an old logging road, then along the Georgian Bay shore. Leader Elaine Wasserman 519 795 7407
Wednesday September 11	9:00 AM	<b>Rush Cove-Pease Side Trail</b> Travel Bruce County Road 9 to Scenic Caves Rd. Turn left onto Rush Cove Rd and go to Bruce Trail parking lot at end.	Moderate	Approx 7-8 km	<b>Hike and Sketch</b> - We will integrate a hike with two or three stops for sketching. There will be shoreline walking as well as some forest, meadows, and Fall colours. Please bring along a light sketchbook or paper and a board, as well as pencils or pens. Both leaders are artists. Bring water, lunch and snack. <b>Please pre-register</b> in case of inclement weather. Contact <b>Kristina Maus</b> at 510-270-9062 or <b>maus@highspeedfx.net</b> or <b>Julie Heinrichs</b> at <b>cedargrovetfarmh@hotmail.com</b> .
Wednesday September 18	10:00 AM	<b>JACKSON'S COVE LOOKOUT</b> Bruce County Rd 9 E on Hopeness Rd, turn right on Jackson's Cove Rd and park at top of the hill	Moderate	Approx 5 km	First walking along the escarpment, we then loop back through deciduous forest where Christmas ferns are abundant. Leader Elaine Wasserman 519 795 7407
Wednesday October 23	11:00 AM	<b>DEVIL'S MONUMENT AND MINHINNICK ST LOOP</b> Borchardt Rd. Parking Lot, Cape Chin North	Moderate	Approx 8 km	A lovely walk along the escarpment, lunch overlooking Georgian Bay, looping back through forest. Leader Elaine Wasserman 519 795 7407
Monday October 28	9:00 AM	<b>Lions's Head to McKay's Harbour</b> Hwy. 6 to Ferndale. Turn east to Lion's Head. Turn north on Main St. and right onto Moore St. Meet at McCurdy Drive parking lot on Moore Street.	Moderate	Approx 8 km	<b>Hike and Sketch</b> - We will hike out to the Lion's Head Lookout and on to McKay's Harbour. On the return leg, we will come inland on the McKay's Harbour ST and the Inland Trail. Please bring a light sketchbook or paper and a board, pencils or pens as well as a cushion or pad to sit on. Don't forget your hat, lunch, and water. There will be fabulous escarpment views of Isthmus Bay, glacial potholes, forest and rock beach. <b>Please pre-register</b> in case of inclement weather. Contact <b>Kristina Maus</b> at 510-270-9062 or <b>maus@highspeedfx.net</b> or <b>Julie Heinrichs</b> at <b>cedargrovetfarmh@hotmail.com</b> .
Saturday December 7	6:30 PM	<b>Wiaraton Christmas Parade</b> Meet on Frank Street to gather at the Peninsula Bruce Trail float.	Easy	Approx 2 km	<b>Wiaraton Christmas Parade</b> Come out and be part of the walkers and wavers alongside the Peninsula Bruce Trail float. The parade is friendly. A good time to be had by all! Ho! Ho! Ho! Contact Susan Allen at 519 534 5898 if you will be joining in.

### Yurt Winter Camping Weekend

The Peninsula Bruce Trail Club will again be organizing a Yurt Camping Weekend  
Friday, January 24th at noon until Sunday, January 26th at noon  
at McGregor Provincial Park near Port Elgin. The Park website will list current costs etc.

The planning meeting for this event will be held on Sunday, September 22nd from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Lake Charles Schoolhouse and will be hosted by Mal and Marianne Williams.

If you plan to participate in this annual, well enjoyed weekend, please be prepared to commit and pay for a place by Sunday, September 22nd.

Yurts book extremely quickly and payment must be made at the time of booking.  
This will happen immediately following the planning meeting.

**For more information, please email Marianne at schoolhouse lady@gmail.com or call 519-534-2087.**



# 2013 Peninsula Club does the Sydenham Section - Easy End to End - Bruce Trail Reference Ed 27

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

Date	Distance km	Start - End Points @ kms	Description of Meeting Location (end point of day's hike)	Hi-Lites of the Day
Tues Oct 1 9:45 am	11.4	110.2 - 121.6	Roadside Parking on road allowance of Con 14	Trail follows a series of spectacular crevices, wide variety of fossils. The Glen - a bay of beautiful tree tops
Tues Oct 8 9:45 am	12.6	121.6 - 134.2	Shoulder of Cole's Side Road just as it turns into a logging road	Lindenwood Property, alvars, views of distant Georgian Bay
Tues Oct 15 9:45 am	11.3	134.2 - 145.5	Graham's Hill Rd off of Big Bay Side Road	Views, wide variety of rare ferns, passage through a fissure.
Tues Oct 22 9:45 am	15	145.5 - 160.5	Bruce's Caves, Oxenden	Skinner's Bluff - spectacular view
Tues Oct 29 9:45 am	7.9	160.5 - 168.4	Bluewater Park, Train Station, Wiarton	Bruces Caves, Oxenden, Wiarton Airport, Wiarton Willie statue GRAND FINALE!!

## Hike Leader Certification Course

November 9, 2013

Great opportunity for those members of the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club living in the Guelph, K-W, Hamilton, etc. areas.

The Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club is offering a one-day Hike Leader Certification Course this Fall. This course will incorporate both in-class, as well as on-the-trail training. Participants will receive a training manual and certification card from Hike Ontario.

Location: McMaster University, Hamilton, ON

Instructor: Wayne Terryberry

Course Fee: \$50 or \$25 for IBTC members

For more information and to register, please contact Anne Armstrong at [hikingrandma@gmail.com](mailto:hikingrandma@gmail.com)

## Land Stewards Needed!

Our club's waiting list of land stewards has been exhausted and we are in need of three new land stewards. Land stewardship has become an increasingly important aspect of the work of the Bruce Trail. Land stewards are given solid training for their assignments and most people find this work very enjoyable. The major work involved is a spring and fall "walk" of their assigned land to assess changes in flora and fauna, possible inappropriate human actions and then to report on these findings. If you should be interested in becoming a land steward please contact Don McIlraith or the Editor, Ken Clark.

## Peninsula Bruce Trail Club Spruce Up the Bruce Day and AGM

Saturday, May 11 was a lovely sunny day for the many Bruce Trail volunteers who worked on their own trail sections, properties and various trail projects. Three work parties built new trail on the recently acquired Malcolm Bluff Shores properties. Others placed new signage up on the Lion's Head trails indicating the route of the 'friendship trail' partnering with the Cotswold Trail in England.

Several other work parties were cleaning up existing trails from Wiarton to Tobermory. Trail maintenance is an ongoing task requiring continual monitoring and regular work parties as well as chainsaw crews to clear downed trees across the trail. We are blessed with over 150 volunteers in Peninsula club to manage our over 250 kilometers of main and side trails. Other volunteers act as Land Stewards for the 55 properties we manage along the escarpment corridor on the Peninsula.

After the day's work was a welcome barbecue and pot luck at Summer House Park attended by about 70 members and guests. Following this was the Peninsula Club's Annual General Meeting and awards ceremony. Winning the volunteer 'Appleton Porcupine Award' was Bill Hansen who was also our Municipal Volunteer Award recipient. *(see photo page 13)*



The newly elected Peninsula Club Board of Directors is as follows:

President : John Whitworth  
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Vice President: Walter Brewer  
PBTC Appointee to the BTC Board: Walter Brewer  
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Director at Large: Peter Miller

**Bill Hansen: Peninsula Bruce Trail Club's  
Nominee for Municipal  
Volunteer of the Year Award  
May 5, 2013**

Bill has for more than ten years been a Trail Captain maintaining nearly 9 km of Bruce Trail. He also is a Land Steward responsible for overseeing a 160 acre Bruce Trail managed property. In addition, Bill is always available to help with our chainsaw crews, on new trail development projects, special stewardship project work and consistently helps with our Highway 6 spring and fall road clean up. Bill is an Ambassador for Bruce Trail in his own community and seems always willing to go the extra steps to assure we continue to thrive as an organization on the Peninsula.

In addition to his Bruce Trail work Bill volunteers with the Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory and is an active member of the community of Dyer's Bay.

Bill likes to avoid the limelight but despite this he is a shining example of volunteering in our larger community of Northern Bruce Peninsula.



*Bill Hansen receiving 'Porcupine Award'*

The advertisement features a photograph of a rocky cliffside overlooking the ocean. To the right of the photo, the text reads: "HIKE THE BRUCE TRAIL ON THE BEAUTIFUL BRUCE PENINSULA". Below the photo, it says: "The Home-To-Home Bed &amp; Breakfast Network is a well organized accommodation package which allows you to hike on comfortable day hikes from B&amp;B to B&amp;B. For booking and information please see our website: Home-To-Home Bed &amp; Breakfast Network www.hometohomenetwork.ca".

The advertisement features a cartoon illustration of a person in a yellow shirt paddling a red canoe on a lake. The text at the top asks: "How about an early morning paddle?". Below the illustration, it says: "BRUCE PENINSULA'S PREMIER CAMPING &amp; COTTAGE RESORT, MILLER LAKE, ON". To the right is the logo for "Summer House PARK", which includes a stylized tree and a sun. At the bottom, it lists: "Guest House, Camping Cabins, Cottages, Boat Rentals, Restaurant &amp; Gift Shop, Guided Hikes &amp; Group Facilities" and provides the website "www.summerhousepark.ca" and phone number "1-800-265-5557".

## Meet Antoin Diamond and Frank Schoenhoeffer

My memories of Antoin and Frank scroll back through a decade of our involvement with the Bruce Trail Conservancy; in the beginning known as the Bruce Trail Association. Let's just call it the Bruce Trail for now. I've asked each of them to write a 'bio' of their role with the Bruce Trail. I'll add my recollections of them later.

### Meet Antoin Diamond

I started work at the BTC July 2007. I was to fill the first fulltime permanent staff position dedicated solely to securing land. The job opened on the heels of a commitment to make securing the conservation corridor containing the Bruce Trail a major goal of the BTC.

I studied geography and geographic information systems at the University of Guelph and later became a Registered Professional Planner. I couldn't have dreamed up a more fitting job for me. I've always been fascinated with the interplay between humans and their natural environment. It is all about finding a balance between them, which is becoming ever so much more complicated by socio-economical, political and cultural factors. Every day I work with seemingly competing interests of all levels of government, farmers, special interest groups, individual landowners, aspects of the law, hikers and other recreational groups, all of which present a host of opportunities and challenges. It's a complete mixed bag that never ceases to change and makes for a very interesting and rewarding job.

My work is rooted in my past. I'm originally from Manchester, England and came to Canada mid January 1983. I come from a family of hikers who have trekked around the United Kingdom, scaled its four highest peaks and have an avid appreciation for what it means to have public access to the countryside. The North England's Peak District (a favourite stomping ground for my family) was the site of a mass trespass in 1932 by hikers and general public reclaiming access to the countryside which was being absconded by the rich. The act of civil disobedience culminated in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, which legislates rights to walk on mapped access land. Today, citizens and visitors enjoy thousands of kilometres of trail giving them access to some of the country's finest landscapes. Unfortunately many take this completely for granted.

This isn't dissimilar to users of the Bruce Trail. The BTC is blessed with thousands of members and volunteers but there are tens of thousands of users who are blissfully unaware about what has gone into creating, securing and maintaining Bruce Trail land. While land securement comprises most of my work, a portion of my time goes towards

educating people on what we do. It reminds me of the significance of our work. To help keep me completely plugged in, I am also a member of the BTC and a volunteer. I am trail co-captain helping my future husband with trail maintenance at High Dump on the Peninsula, and Lindenwood in Sydenham.

### Meet Frank Schoenhoeffer

I joined the BTC in 2003 (or thereabouts) with Peninsula Club – I loved hiking and exploring the Bruce Peninsula, via the Bruce Trail. I also really liked building trail, and volunteered (with Ross McLean's encouragement) on a variety of trail work parties, not only in Peninsula Club, such as the Cape Dundas area, where for a few years, we kept adding more sections every year, and re-blazed a number of sections from blue to white, and back to blue again, but also in Sydenham Club, which was building the Bayview Extension over a number of years, and even the Beaver Valley Club, working on a multi-year project to build the Falling Waters section.

Hiking is not my only love of the outdoors, I also ride my bike, go canoeing, kayaking, camping, have tried rock climbing, scuba diving, white water rafting, and in the winter I enjoy snowshoeing and XC skiing.

I found more and more ways to participate in Bruce Trail activities and events, such as hike leading, and helping out with the Peninsula Outdoor Hiking Festival. (Fond memories of the 2009 joint OF and BTC AGM, with the Chi-Cheemaun sunset cruise over to The Grotto.) And thru all these I have met many wonderful like-minded people, and have made many long-lasting and meaningful friendships, up and down the entire Bruce Trail. The Bruce Trail has been, and continues to be, a great life experience for me!

For example, in May 2005, Ray and Marlene Rothenbury introduced me to a section of Bruce Trail between High Dump and Halfway Dump. They were Trail Captains on this, the most remote section of the entire Bruce Trail (meaning the part of the Trail that is farthest from any possible car access point). In no time at all, I had somehow agreed to take over half of this section and become its Trail Captain. It's a rugged but wonderful section, with awesome views out over Georgian Bay, and although every trip in is an all-day endeavour, I'm pleased to still be Trail Captain on that section, 8 years later, as well as good friends with the Rothenburys! (My indebtedness to the Rothenburys includes them hosting a beach party where I met the lovely lady who will soon be my wife!)

In 2007, I added the Sydenham Club to my BTC membership, and became their representative on the Land Securement Secretariat, a position I still hold.

In 2008 I became Vice President, and in 2009, the President. (Another position I still hold....)  
My hopes and dreams for the Bruce Trail will be fulfilled when we have succeeded in moving it off of roads and onto beautiful (and secured!) Optimum Route, and have included Cabot Head as part of the Main Trail.

OK, now it's my turn. Scroll back, way back ten years to one of the early Peninsula Bruce Trail Club's annual End to Ends. I was Hike Coordinator and we were starting the first of twelve weekend hikes that would take us from Wiarton to Tobermory in a summer of hiking. Frank was one of the end to enders. I remember him as the friendliest 'go to person' if there was a need for a sweep, lead, or middle man to keep track of our long string of intrepids, marching ever northward.

Scroll forward a few frames. There's Frank on one of our Peninsula scouting adventures as we bushwhacked through tangles of dogwood and bush, looking for the perfect route for new trail. From year to year he's helping lead or sweep our end to ends. Scroll again, flashes of a hike here, a scouting party there, managing the registration desk at our annual fall Outdoor Festival.

The trail of memories carry us forward to one of our first 'beach parties'. It became a tradition back then to gather all the great volunteers that had helped lead, sweep and organize our Peninsula Club hike schedule at our house for beach fun, supper and a campfire. It was July 2006.

Frank was here.....and Antoin too – they had never met! Beth Kummling (at that time, now Gilhespy), our BTC Executive Director, lead her brilliant geology hikes as part of our schedule, so Beth was invited and Beth brought her family, and her friend and co-worker Antoin, to the party. Memory flash: Frank and Antoin sitting in our yellow beach chairs by the campfire. It wasn't just the fire throwing all those sparks!

As we fast forward through the years, Frank and Antoin soon became "the couple" that volunteered together on hikes, trail maintenance, the fall Outdoor Festival, even

completing the Bruce Trail sanctioned Hike Leader Course together. They could always be counted on to help. As our Bruce Trail roles changed and evolved, there has always been a connection whether it's hike leading, trail maintenance, landowner relations, new trail scouting, event planning.....they've been there.

Antoin continues her professional and volunteer career with BTC. Frank continues his BTC volunteer career with both the Peninsula and Sydenham clubs.

And the best news of all.....Frank and Antoin are being married later this summer.....and where best to celebrate their vows to each other with family and friends?.....on the Bruce Trail of course.....location: somewhere between Niagara and Tobermory.

Thank you Frank and Antoin, for your commitment to the trail, and most of all your sense of fun that you bring to every single event. We celebrate with you. Congratulations!

And it all started on the yellow beach chairs..... Which are now at Frank and Antoin's home in Guelph.....

Submitted by Marlene Rothenbury with loads of help from Antoin and Frank



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## THE BACKBONE OF THE DINOSAUR

*Hiking on the backbone of the dinosaur  
We felt the spiny ridge beneath our feet.  
Ancient ghosts, the fossils stared at us,  
We heard the gods of ice retreat.*

*Maple, cedar, balsam, birch,  
Shields against the Georgian wind,  
Grasped the brink of dolomite rib,  
Deep crevices the splits of skin.*

*Beneath, the wind throat of the waves,  
Tongues of indigo and azure trailed,  
Filigree of foam at the lip edge,  
Up chalky cliffs like billowed sail*

*Hiking on the backbone of the dinosaur,  
Naked, immortal might,  
We felt our bones returned to us,  
We felt our eyes regain their sight.*

In my late 50's, I hiked the Bruce Trail from Wiarton to Tobermory in an attempt to change the trajectory of my straight-line life. Having been tethered to an office chair for 35 years, I wanted a physical challenge. I wanted to be astonished by rugged beauty. And I wanted to search for what the natural world could teach me about adaptation and aging with dignity.

Shaped like the curved spine of a dinosaur in fetal sleep, the Niagara Escarpment runs a serpentine route up the Bruce Peninsula to Tobermory where it plunges into the frigid waters of Georgian Bay. The escarpment was created through a riotous dance of erosion and deposition during the last ice age ten thousand years ago. The Bruce Trail follows the same arc. You can't get change more radical than that.

There were many days on the trail when I never saw or heard another human soul. I heard the birds and the sough of the wind in the trees. I saw a wild terrain of naked cliffs, deep crevices, vaulted caves, sculpted sea stacks and the massive expanse of Georgian Bay waters. But there were no humans. This can give you two illusions – that the cliffs belong to you and that the wilderness goes on forever.

On one particular day, it was time to hike the section of the trail extending from Halfway Dump to Overhanging Rock. The Trail Guide let me know that this section “is considered to be the most rug-

ged and challenging hiking along the whole length of the Bruce Trail. Be Prepared!” So I crawled out over the rivers of rock, discovering several areas where the boulders cascaded down steep pitches. I felt like a Rocky Mountain goat perched up there, grateful for the good traction on my hiking boots. At Storm Haven, I climbed down a staircase to the terraced shale and limestone shelves below and watched three cormorants show off their wings to the wind. A fourth flew off toward the horizon as if disgusted by the egotistical display of feathers. A common loon was fishing off shore and a persistent seagull stalked me hoping for some of my whole-wheat crackers.

Back on the main trail, I continued in the direction of Halfway Rock Point, stopping at the many scenic lookouts. It was a bright and sunny day, a respite from the fierce heat of summer and except for the occasional slap in the face by the wind, a perfect day for hiking. So where were the crowds? I was baffled by the lack of traffic on the trail. I was soon to find out just how wrong that perception was. Climbing over several collisions of rock with my back hunched over, I began to hear the din of voices in the distance, a stadium of them. The sound built to a crescendo as I got closer.

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Standing up on the brink of the cliff, I gazed down at Indian Head Cove, a landscape alive with the euphoria of humanity. It was a theatre of seals; scores of people, adults and children alike were barking, flapping around and sunning themselves on the terraced ledges. A group of brown-skinned boys were lined up along the far cliff edge. One by one they leapt into the air, some like cannonballs, arms clutching knees, slapping down on the lake surface, others straight arrows slicing into the blue-green water.

Two bikini-clad girls were dancing on a rock platform – with the rush of waters and the wind now stirring things up, they just could not stand still. Winged toddlers were paddling in warm pools left by the more energetic waves. In the bay I could see heads bobbing, the flapping of fins. Two kayaks, one a brilliant orange, the other a red sliver were pulled up on the shoreline. A few meters out, a group of divers, lungs strapped to their backs, were

lowering their slick bodies off s scuba raft. The energy was contagious as I completed my tour of the ever-changing topography – the Natural Arch, rock-framed window onto the world of Georgian Bay (where several people were lined up to have their photographs taken), the Chimney, tight corridor down to the water's edge, and the cavernous Grotto, emerald pool floodlit by daylight emanating from the far side of an underwater passage. At the end of the tour I slipped into the cold water and did several surface dives down through shades of blue. When I rose, I stretched out on a patch of bedrock and thought of this: that the raw beauty of the landscape is a force pushing me up this peninsula, evolving, taking my mind down a different path. Then I thought of this: that though we can never own the wilderness, it is a part of us and we are all therefore responsible for it.

*Kathy Berg*

© July, 2013

### **The Mission is the Message**

A number of PBTC members have taken parts of their Wednesdays at the National Park Visitor Centre with our Club display. Talking to visitors and local people is an interesting way to pass the time. Many know a little of the Bruce Trail but our volunteers have helped to spread the message of the volunteer managed trail on a secure Niagara Escarpment Natural Corridor.

Of course Jane Greenhouse made sure our merchandise was available for sale and the special membership promotion of a matching donation for each new membership yielded some new members as well.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped and to Jane Greenhouse for arranging the program.

Photo - Peninsula Club member and volunteer Rainer Hoffman-Taylor





## Stewardship Rangers

PBTC was fortunate to have again this summer, the Grey-Bruce Stewardship Rangers for a day of hard work at Rush Cove. We have worked with young people for several years through this program and it is always a joy to have enthusiastic young men and women helping with our trails and stewardship work.

On a warm sunny Friday in late July we hauled a quantity of lumber in from the Rush Cove parking lot to a continually wet area on the Pease Side Trail and posted the boundaries of the property with the red dot 'No Trespassing/No Hunting' signs to try

and discourage the ongoing practice of ATV use and hunting on the Chris Walker Nature Reserve. The grade 11 and 12 students and their leader Jonna Gladwell are working at a number of Grey and Bruce projects including fish habitat restoration, trail building, bird banding and other worthwhile local stewardship efforts. Peninsula Club volunteers for the day were President, John Whitworth and stewardship volunteers Grant Ehrhardt and Don McIlraith.

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## AMALFI COAST

April 7 to 19, 2014 and October 6 to 18, 2014

Italy never fails to capture the hearts (and stomachs) of its visitors, and the Amalfi Coast lives up to that reputation - towns perched impossibly on mountainsides, one of the most famous stretches of coastline in the world, sapphire-blue water in every direction, an infamous volcano and some of the finest Limoncello anywhere. Come hike in Sorrento, Positano, Amalfi and on the posh island of Capri.

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## KENYA

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**TURKEY & CUBA**

**The Stewardship Youth Ranger Program** is a fantastic program - by the end of the summer, the Rangers will have worked on 24 different projects, working with many different non-profit organizations, such as yourself! Throughout our time, we have built an 80 foot boardwalk, marked and maintained hiking trails, monitored the endangered Piping Plover at Sauble Beach, worked on stream rehabilitation for cold water fisheries in multiple creeks ... this gives you an idea of how busy and diverse our schedule is! It is an incredible opportunity for the Rangers to learn about different fields, especially as they will be considering post-secondary education for the following year.

*Jonna Gladwell*

### **Memories from Henry Weickert**

*PBTC Secretary*

My awareness of the Bruce Trail started many years ago, through my father who owned a summer cottage at Hope Bay. The trail cut across the back of his property above the cliffs and linked to a series of trails that he maintained himself. This gave hikers access to the cliff edge overlooking the bay, a truly spectacular view.

Jump forward about 25 years to 20?? when my friend Jack Organ was incoming PBTC President and was looking for someone to fill the role of Treasurer. Jack was aware that I was serving as Treasurer for the Southampton Rotary Club and assumed that I could do the same for PBTC. I agreed to take on the job and also looked forward to spending some time on the trail. As it turned out, I very rarely got onto the trail but spent a lot of time on the financial aspects of club activities. So as it turned out my year of being Treasurer extended to 6 years and rather than learning how to fell a tree or build a stile I learned how to use Simply Accounting, a skill that has proven to be useful in several of my other volunteer Treasurer jobs.

During my time with PBTC I became ever more familiar with the routine and not so routine aspects of maintaining and managing this valuable resource in our area. I was continually impressed by the detailed knowledge of the physical aspects of the trail that some board members had. It seemed like they knew every rock and tree along the trail. I was also impressed by the human dynamics associated with the various landowners and partner agencies and how our Board members navigated their way through some very "interesting" situations.

I still hope that someday I will be a little less busy and will still have the energy to get out and walk on the trail. I may even have to opportunity of revisiting some of my childhood stomping grounds above Hope Bay.

Thanks to all those people that I had the privilege and pleasure of working with.

*Regards, Henry*

(July 2013)



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# 10th Annual Bruce Peninsula Hike Festival

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Welcome to our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hiking/Outdoors Festival sponsored by the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club in partnership with Parks Canada. As usual, we combine the joys of hiking and socializing with the tradition of raising funds for the Bruce Trail Conservancy, helping them to secure and preserve the optimum trail route for future generations. This year we are featuring guided hikes by locals in the know!

**Pre-registration is required** for most events as many will sell out in advance. To register and pay online, please go to: [www.pbtc.ca](http://www.pbtc.ca) or, contact the Festival Registrar - John Greenhouse phone: (519) 596-2081, email [hikefest@eastlink.ca](mailto:hikefest@eastlink.ca)

### Pricing:

**Festival Pass: \$50.00**  
(Festival Pass includes Friday social, Saturday hikes, Saturday wine & cheese followed by guest speaker.)

Alternatively, you can register for events individually.

**Friday Evening Social: \$10.00** (Admission + Appetizers)  
**Saturday Morning Hike: \$20.00** (Guided Event)  
**Saturday Afternoon Hike: \$20.00** (Guided Event)  
**Saturday Wine & Cheese: \$15.00** (Wine & Cheese, Guest Speaker)

### Festival Events:

#### Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

**1:00pm Flowerpot Tour Blue Heron Dock in Tobermory Duration: 3 hrs**

A hike at Flowerpot Island for those who want to start the weekend early! Meet at the Blue Heron dock in Tobermory harbour. Note that this trip is not included in the Festival price but we do need you to pre-register. Payment will be made directly to the tour operator.

**5:30-7:00pm Festival registration Parks Canada Visitors Centre in Tobermory**  
Pick up your registration packages, catch up with old friends and meet some new ones.

**7:30pm A Social Evening Tubby's Pub at Tobermory Lodge**  
Music, fun, even prizes. Also, sign up for a buffet dinner before the evening starts.

# Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>

## MORNING ACTIVITIES – Participants need to choose one of the five activity options.

**7:30am Onwards**

**Registration Parks Canada Visitor Centre**

For Every event, participants meet at the visitors centre to arrange carpooling or take shuttle included in festival price.

- Event #1: 8am to 12:00pm Pinetree Harbour to Johnson's Harbour Distance: 10km**  
We first walk on logging roads through the forests and meadows along Lake Huron, later along the boulder shore line of the lake, crossing the Crane Rive East of Lake Scugog (you might get your feet wet) en route Johnson's Harbour. This a moderate hike. Bring water and insect repellent. Leader: Rainer Hoffman-Taylor
- Event #2: 9am to 12:00pm Gas and Whistle, Fen and Fossil Distance: 4km**  
This hike leaves Johnson's Harbour heading south, crossing the mouth of the Crane River and continuing to the Cove Island Gas and Whistle Buoy, now derelict on the shore. Time permitting we will visit a small fen and then a shoreline site with some of the best fossils on the peninsula. Easy to Moderate hike. Leader : Grace Telfer.
- Event #3: 9am to 12:00pm Wild Side 1: Hwy 6 to Dorcas Bay Road Distance: 4km**  
A repeat of the hike initiated last year, and a chance to visit Park lands between Hwy 6 and Dorcas Bay. We will enter the area through private property south of Dorcas Bay and depending on conditions continue through to the Dorcas Bay Road or circle back to Hwy 6. Sturdy waterproof boots recommended. Easy Hike. Leader Don Wilkes.
- Event #4: 9am to 12:00pm A Walk Through Tobermory's Past Distance: 3km**  
Once again we feature the popular historical tour of the Tobermory harbour. If you have never taken this tour, you really should. Easy Hike. Leader: Holly Dunham
- Event #5: 10am to 12:00pm Second Annual Multisport Race Distance 15km**  
Bring your competitive spirit to the Parks Canada Visitor Centre, also your running shoes and bike. Please arrive early for check-in and marshalling. Route to be decided. Total distance 15km max.

A lunch will be provided at the Parks Canada Visitor Centre for \$7. Be sure to indicate on the registration form if you want to partake

## AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES - Participants need to choose one of the five activity options

- Event #6: 1:30 to 4:30pm Art on the Trail**  
A local artist (Julie Heinrichs) will take attendees to a scenic spot on the peninsula and help them capture its beauty. Current plans are to use the latest Nature Conservancy of Canada property on Cape Hurd, subject to approval from the NCC. All levels of drawing and painting talent welcome. Bring equipment if you have it; otherwise we will supply the basics.
- Event #7: 1:30 to 4:30pm Photography on the Trail**  
This event will run in conjunction with event 6, a local photographer (Lawrence Acland) will be leading and instructing attendees as necessary. Bring your own cameras, be they SLR or point-and-shoot.
- Event #8: 1:30 to 4:30pm Wild Side II. Hwy 6 to Warner Bay Road Distance: 4km**  
Repeat of a popular hike from 2012, this hike enters Park lands north of Dorcas Bay and

passes by an inland lake en route the west coast road and a visit to some spectacular glacial features. Easy Hike. Leader: John Greenhouse.

**Event #9: 1:30 to 4:30pm Rock Ramble to Bootleggers Cave Distance: 4km**  
Another perennial favourite. Follow Sheila and Jeff Buckingham deep into the crevices and crannies among the boulders strewn along the shore above Halfway Log Dump. There is an easier way to get to Bootleggers' Cave, but the shore is by far the most interesting! This is more than a hike as minor caving, climbing and crawling are involved; please be advised that it is a very tough route. Wear sturdy boots, bring extra water but not poles. Moderate to hard. Leaders: Sheila and Jeff Buckingham

**Event #10: 1:30 to 4:30pm Hike through Bruce Peninsula History: the Warder Ranch 4km**  
Entering at the Crane Lake gate east of Dyers Bay we will hike through the pastures and buildings of this legendary Bruce Peninsula farm, featured in Maitland Warder's book "Footloose on the Bruce". Come with pants to protect legs! Easy to Moderate.

## SATURDAY EVENING

Following tradition, we will close this day of hiking with an evening reception and a fascinating talk.

**7 pm Wine and Cheese Parks Canada Visitor Centre**

Wine and Cheese included in festival price. Local tourism operators will have information available inside facility.

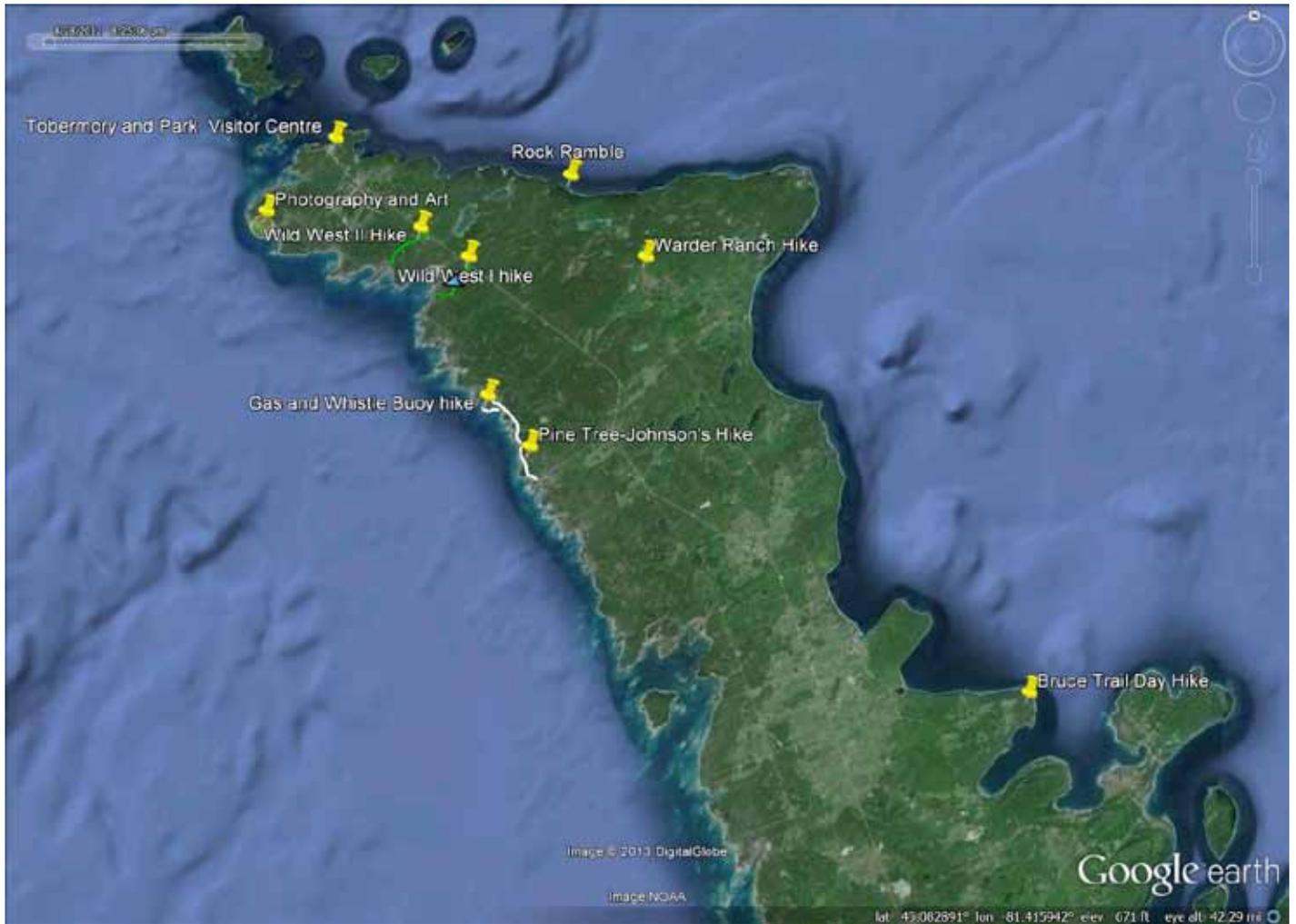
**8 pm Guest Speaker – Robyn Simard "Nine Parks, Four Months, Two Wheels"**

In 2007 Robyn took 4 months and cycled as much of Canada as she could. Interestingly her trip did include a stop at our own Bruce Peninsula National Park where she has recently been posted as a park interpreter in the summer season. Come to see her pictures and hear her stories about an odyssey that took her from the Alaskan Border to the Gaspé coast.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>

The Bruce Trail Day hike will begin at the Pease Side Trail at the end of Scenic Caves Road. It is on Map 37. We will go onto the Pease Side Trail to the right and when we meet up with the main trail, those wanting to head back to the cars can follow the main trail to the south and head back on the roadway to the parking lot. The rest of us will continue on down and around Cape Dundas on the main trail and when we meet up with the Pease Side Trail again, we will head back up to the cars. This hike is beautiful with varied terrain and a bit of strenuous stuff thrown in as well. **Meeting time: 9:30AM**

**Registration.** Please use the PBTC website [www.pbtc.ca](http://www.pbtc.ca) to register and pay. If that is not convenient contact the registrar, John Greenhouse, at 519-596-2081 or [hikefest@eastlink.ca](mailto:hikefest@eastlink.ca) to have the forms sent to you.

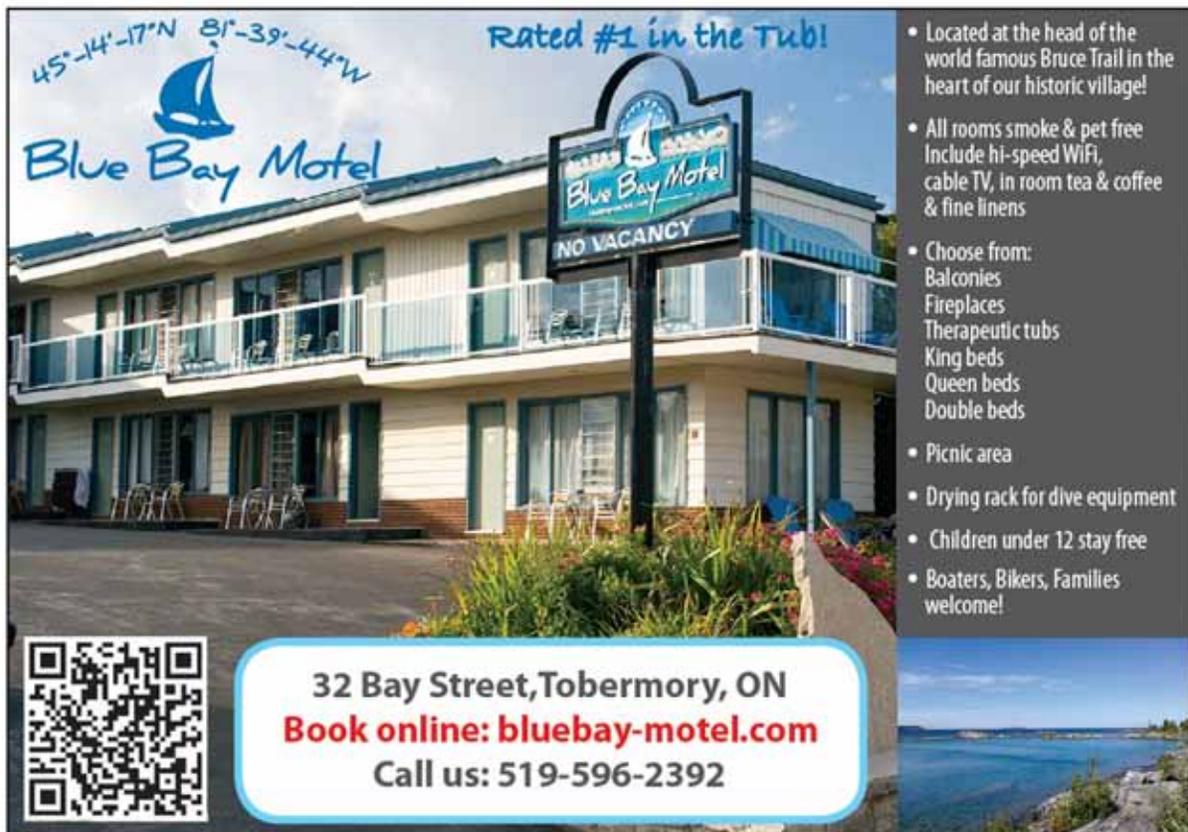


Send us your favorite photo taken on the Bruce Trail. Send a high quality image in JPEG format.

What is the Most interesting thing you almost stepped in on the Bruce Trail. Send a high quality image in JPEG format to:

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