

Sydenham Bruce Trail Club Hike Schedule: Winter 2017/2018

WHERE TO MEET:

GXT is the Galaxy Theatre parking lot. Meet in the parking lot at the tall *Galaxy Centre* sign next to the traffic lights. 1020 10th St. W, Owen Sound N4K 5S1

CHPL is the Owen Sound city hall parking lot at 150 - 8th St E

GSCA is the Grey - Sauble Conservation Authority head office at 237897 Inglis Falls Road. Meet in the parking lot behind the office.

HD is the north east corner of the parking lot at Home Depot on Highway 26 on the east side of Owen Sound.

HIKE RATING SYSTEM

TERRAIN (T):

Easy: Mostly flat and good footing.
Moderate: Some hills and/or poor footing.
Strenuous: Hilly with steep climbs and some poor footing.

PACE (P):

Leisurely: (3 km/h or less)
Medium: (3 to 4 km/h)
Brisk: (4 to 5 km/h)
Fast: (more than 5 km/h)

MAP REFERENCES

Map references are from the Bruce Trail Reference edition 29.

Loop references are from "Looping Through Sydenham" 2nd edition.

CAUTION

Make sure that the described hike is within your fitness level. If you have questions or concerns about the hike then contact the hike leader beforehand.

PETS: Please do not bring pets on the hike unless specified otherwise.

WHEN SNOWSHOEING

Dress in layers to prevent overheating and bring drinking water and snacks.
Hiking poles will be helpful for negotiating slopes and slippery sections.

The Hike Schedule

Saturday December 2

Meet 1 pm at GXT

Hike Location: Memorial Forest Loop

This loop hike will follow the Memorial Forest Side Trail along the base of the majestic rock cliff towards Jones Falls. After ascending to the top we will return to the cars using the Merle Gunby Side Trail and the main trail. 5 km/2 hrs
If it is raining please phone the hike leader to see if it is cancelled.

Map Reference: Map 32

T = Moderate P = Medium

Hike Leader: Marie Knapp

Contact Info.: Phone 519-371-1255

Sunday December 3

Meet 1:15 pm at GXT

Hike Location: Skinner's Bluff

The hike will follow the main trail to Skinner's Bluff and then return along the Chris Walker Side Trail. Approximately 3.2 km.

Map Reference: Map 34 Loop 24

T = Moderate P = Medium

Hike Leader: Sandra Howe

Contact Info.: Phone 519-477-1537
howesandraj@gmail.com

Wednesday December 6

Meet: 10 am at 534 Gould Street, Wiarton

Hike and Potluck Lunch:

Come out and enjoy an 8 km (approx. 2 hours) hike around Wiarton with Sydenham and Peninsula Club members. Bring a lunch dish to share for the potluck afterwards.

Please let the hike leader know ahead of time if you plan to attend.

T = Moderate (a few hills) P = Medium

Hike Leader: Harriet Nixon

Contact Info.: Phone 519-534-0426
harrietonix@bmts.com

Sunday December 10

Meet: 1:15 p.m at GXT

Hike Location: Frank Holley Side Trail & Fossil Glen

This 3.2 km loop hike will start at East Linton Sideroad and it will follow the main trail, the Frank Holley Side Trail, a road allowance and then return through the Fossil Glen property. Bring snowshoes if there is a lot of snow.

Map Reference: Map 33 Loop 18

T = Moderate P = Medium

Hike Leader: Peter Harris

Contact Info.: Phone 519-374-3468
sbthikes@icloud.com

Thursday December 14

Meet: 1:15 pm at GXT

Hike Location: Lindenwood Loop

This is an easy 2.6 km loop following the Lindenwood Side Trail, the main trail and the Alvar Side Trail. Snowshoes might be necessary.

Map Reference: Map 33 Loop 20

T = Easy P = Leisurely/Medium

Hike Leader: Marie-Claude Bouret

Contact Info.: Phone 519-378-5224

Saturday December 16

Meet: 1:15 pm at GXT

Hike Location: Dodd's Hill Loop

This 3.7 km loop including the main trail and Dodd's Hill Side Trail is located on Kemble Mountain. Bring snowshoes if there is enough snow. Tea will follow at the hike leader's home nearby.

Map Reference: Map 34 Loop 22

T = Moderate P = Medium

Hike Leader: Danuta Valteau

Contact Info.: Phone 519-534-1788

Saturday December 30

Meet: 1 pm at GXT

Hike Location: Bognor Marsh

We will access the main trail from Concession 4N and hike around the marsh to return back to the starting point.

Bring snowshoes if there is enough snow. 6 km & approximately 2 to 3 hrs

Map Reference: Map 30 Loop 3

T = Moderate/Strenuous P = Medium

Hike Leader: Paul Dixon

Contact Info.: Phone 519-372-7691

Sunday December 31

Event: New Year's evening potluck and get together.

Meet: 6 p.m. at 2888 3rd Ave. W in Owen Sound. If the driveway is full then park on 29th St. W.

Enjoy good food, a relaxing walk in the neighbourhood, visiting with friends, games and welcoming 2018. Bring a potluck dish and a flashlight.

The walk will be about 4 km/1.5 hours.

Hike Leader: Bill & Audrey Snel

Contact Info.: Phone 519-470-0584
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Monday January 1

Event: New Year's Day hike and potluck.

Meet: 1:30 p.m. at 294 Park St. in Georgian Bluffs.

Hike Location: Ron Savage Side Trail

Start the year off correctly by enjoying a snowshoe/hike followed by a potluck supper. The hike will be approximately 6 km and 2.25 hrs. **Please RSVP by December 30 if you plan to attend** so that the Knapps know how many to expect for the hike and the potluck.

Map Reference: Map 33 Loop 19

T = Moderate P = Medium

Hike Leader: Bob Knapp

Contact Info.: Phone 519-371-1255

Sunday January 7

Meet: 1:15 pm at GXT

Hike Location: At a nearby location to be determined by snow conditions.

Enjoy a 1.5 hour snowshoe walk at a nearby location to be determined by snow conditions.

T = Easy/Moderate **P** = Leisurely

Hike Leader: Bettilyn Berglund

Contact Info.: Phone 519-376-3729

Cell: 519-270-1429

Saturday January 13

Meet: 1:15 pm at 460 7th St W in Owen Sound

Hike Location: West Rocks

This snowshoe hike will ascend the 7th St W Side Trail and then follow south along the main trail to Concession 3. From there the hydro line will be followed northwards to the Derby Forest Side Trail and then return via the 7th St W Side Trail. 5km/2 hours

Map Reference: Map 32 Loop 16

T = Moderate (some crevices to cross)

P = Medium to Brisk

Hike Leader: Franziska Edney

Contact Info.: Phone 519-371-4321

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Sunday January 14

Meet: 1:30 pm at GXT

Hike Location: Lindenwood Loop

This snowshoe hike follows an easy 2.6 km loop including the Lindenwood Side Trail, the main trail and the Alvar Side Trail.

Map Reference: Map 33 Loop 20

T = Easy **P** = Leisurely/Medium

Hike Leader: Ann Marie

Contact Info.: Phone 519-371-6482

Saturday January 20

Meet: 10 a.m. at HD

Hike Location: Clearview & Pines Loops

Snowshoe approximately 6 km or 2.5 hours along these two loops. Depending upon the weather and snow cover there will be a chance to see some neat places on these BTC properties. Snowshoes are necessary if there is more than 20 cm of snow on the ground.

Map Reference: Map 31 Loops 10 & 11

T = Moderate **P** = Medium

Hike Leader: Bob Knapp

Contact Info.: Phone 519-371-1255

Sunday January 21

Meet: 1:15 pm at GXT

Hike Location: Slough of Despond

This snowshoe hike will follow the Slough of Despond Side Trail and The President's Path.

The distance will be approximately 6 km.

Map Reference: Map 34 Loop 23

T = Easy **P** = Medium

Hike Leader: Marie-Claude Bouret

Contact Info.: Phone 519-378-5224

Saturday January 27

Meet: 10 a.m. at the ice skating parking lot in MacGregor Point Provincial Park just south of Port Elgin.

Location: MacGregor Point Provincial Park
Snowshoe/hike for a couple of hours along the trails within this wonderful park.

Note: A park day use fee applies.

T = Easy **P** = Leisurely/Medium

Hike Leader: Danuta Valleau

Contact Info.: Cell phone: 519-378-5630

Sunday February 4

Meet: 1:15 pm at the south parking lot at Hibou on Grey County Road 15

Hike Location: Hibou Conservation Area

Enjoy this 2 hour snowshoe hike along the inland trails of Hibou Conservation Area.

T = Easy **P** = Leisurely

Hike Leader: Carol Harris

Contact Info.: Phone 519-374-5910

carol_harris@icloud.com

Saturday February 10

Meet: 1:15 pm at 460 7th St W in Owen Sound

Hike Location: Springmount Forest

From the meeting point we will snowshoe up the 7th St W Side Trail to the main trail and follow it north-east to the hydro line where we will go onto the red trail. Following it we will loop around to the Derby Forest Side trail and then follow that back to where we started. Approximately 6 km and 2 to 3 hours.

Map Reference: Map 32 Loop 16

T = Moderate/Strenuous Crevices en route.

P = Medium to Brisk

Hike Leader: Franziska Edney

Contact Info.: Phone 519-371-4321

fedney@bell.net

Sunday February 11

Meet: 1:15 pm at HD

Hike Location: Silent Valley

Come and enjoy an afternoon of snowshoeing on this lovely property. The distance (between 3.5 & 6 km) and the level of difficulty will be determined by the snow conditions and the ability of the participants.

Map Reference: Map 30

T = Moderate. It could be strenuous if no one else has been on the trail recently.

P = Medium

Hike Leader: Peter Harris

Contact Info.: Phone 519-374-3468

sbthikes@icloud.com

Saturday February 17

Meet: 1 pm at the Massie Hills ski entrance on Meaford Concession 6S (2.3 km south of Grey Road 18).

Hike Location: Massie Hills Ski Trails

Spend the afternoon cross country skiing on 10 kms of groomed trails within forested and rolling hills. A trail use fee of \$10 per person applies for non-members.

For trail descriptions, map and conditions go to the following website:

www.massiehills.com

Map Reference: Map 29 Loop 2

Hike Leader: Paul Dixon

Contact Info.: Phone 519-372-7691

Sunday February 18

Meet: 1:15 pm at GXT

Hike Location: Derby Forest

(a.k.a. Springmount Forest)

Come out and enjoy a 2 to 3 hour snowshoe hike through this forested area close to town. The hike will start at the north end of Derby Concession 3.

Map Reference: Map 32 Loop 16

T = Moderate **P** = Medium

Hike Leader: Judy Kirsten

Contact Info.: Phone 519-794-4079

Tuesday February 20

Meet: 1:15 pm at GSCA

Hike Location: Walter's Falls Loop

Enjoy an afternoon snowshoeing this scenic 4.5 km loop beginning and ending at The Falls Inn in Walter's Falls.

Please note that **dogs are not permitted** on The Falls Inn property. This includes a 1.5 km section of the trail.

Map Reference: Map 29 Loop 1

T = Moderate **P** = Medium

Hike Leader: Marie-Claude Bouret

Contact Info.: Phone 519-378-5224

Sunday February 25

Meet: 1:15 pm at GXT

Hike Location: Sawmill Nordic Centre in Hepworth

Enjoy 1.5 hours of snowshoeing along marked snowshoe trails. A \$5 fee per person is charged for using the snowshoeing trails.

For trail conditions and information go to the following website:

<http://bruceskiclub.ca/sawmill-nordic-centre/>

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Hike Leader: Bettilyn Berglund

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