

Despite the snow, trails still business during winter months

Join the BVRTA on the trails! Bayfield River Valley Trail Association now has several newly trained hiking leaders, eager to get out on the trails. We are offering at least two regular hiking events for each of the summer months, the second Sunday afternoon and the fourth Thursday morning, to be accompanied by three leaders for each hike. Hikes will be of varying degrees of length and difficulty. Some of the hikes will have an educational component to help acquaint you with our history and our natural environment. For maps of trails, refer to Ontario's West Coast hiking guide. Generally dogs on leash are welcome but it is always best to check with your hike leader. All hikers are reminded to wear proper shoes and bring water. If you have questions or would like to make suggestions, call one of the hike leaders or contact program coordinator, thyra.knuksen@gmail.com phone:



Trail Talk

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Lantern-Making Workshop and Candlelit Walk 2015

Want some extra fun at the Annual Maitland Trail Association Candlelit Walk: a kickoff to Goderich Winterfest 2015? Come make your own lantern to light the trail! Attend one or both Lantern Making Workshops being held at the parks department shed on Parsons Court on Sat., Jan. 24 and Sun., Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you want to display your wonderful lanterns, bring them early to the Candlelit Walk. Install them where you

like along the trail, and remember to take them home with you after the walk. The Candlelit Walk runs 7:30 to 9 p.m., Fri., Feb. 6 - in any weather - at the Maitland Woods, behind the Knights of Columbus Centre on Parsons Court.

Please register early for the workshops by calling instructor Karen Melady; 524-7518. A minimum number of participants is required, and there is a \$8 materials fee, payable that day. All are welcome, but children need to bring a hands-on, adult helper. Lantern or not, come and be a part of this magical winter evening in the Maitland Woods, sponsored by the Maitland Trail Association.

Upcoming Events

Pinery Line to Auburn and back

Sat., Dec. 13 at 9:30 a.m.
Contact Patrick Capper 519-606-0016

Level 2, moderate pace, 1-1.5 hrs

Snowshoe or Hike, depending on conditions. This trail meanders along the riverbank here and there, as well as winding through pine forests. Depending on road conditions the hike/snowshoe will start either at Pinery Line or Auburn. Call Patrick to determine starting point.

January

Falls Reserve, Benmiller: New Year's Hike

Mon., Jan. 1 at 2 p.m.
Contact Patrick 606-0016 or Wendy 519-524-6976

Level 1, moderate pace, 1 to 1.5 hrs

Wear off some of the holiday cheer, and clear your head by joining us to hike/snowshoe at the Falls Reserve Conservation Area. Dress according to the weather. Meet and park at he Falls Reserve gate (free with MTA membership card.)

John Goldie Reserve: Ski/Snowshoe/Hike

Sun., Jan. 4 at 1 p.m. Contact Con Melady 524-8730 or Sjani Craig 524-9136

Level 2, moderate pace, 1.5 hrs

Contact Con for skiing, or Sjani for snowshoeing. This area near Benmiller has lovely trails that wind through reforested areas, along a high bank with spectacular views over the Maitland River, and through open woods. Carpooling is suggested for this event. Meet at Donk's Outdoors and Sports by 12:45, or contact Con or Sjani for more information and directions. If the snow conditions are not good for skiing or snowshoeing, we will hike.

Varna Nature Trails

Sat., Jan. 10 at 11 a.m.
Contact Jane Davidson 519-565-2653

Join us for a hike or snowshoe during the winter. If we have sufficient snow, Dwain Forrest of Timber's Outfitters in Seaforth will give a quick "lesson" on the trail on snowshoeing. He will also bring rental snowshoes to make it convenient for you if you wish. Of course you are welcome to bring your own snowshoes. The hike will take approximately one hour and the terrain is suitable for all ages and abilities. Lunch to follow after the hike at the Stanley Complex.


Point Farms Provincial Park

Sat., Jan. 17 at 10 a.m.
Contact Anne Storey 519-529-3050

Level 1, moderate pace, 1.5 hrs

If snow conditions are right, we'll go exploring on snowshoes, hopefully up the ravine trail, which is especially beautiful in winter.





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FREE HOLIDAY SKATING

Join us for Free Holiday Skates all around the area sponsored from TCC. We will provide hot chocolate and holiday treats for the whole family! Hope to see you there!

Nov. 23rd ~ Bayfield Arena, 1pm - 3pm	Dec. 14th ~ Blyth Arena, 1pm - 3pm
Nov. 30th ~ Brussels Arena, 11am - 1pm	Dec. 29th ~ Clinton Arena, 1pm - 3pm
Dec. 7th ~ Seaforth Arena, 1pm - 2pm	

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