

Trail Talk Calendar of Events

January Trail Talk

Tuesday Trompers

Every Tuesday at 9 a.m. for 1 hour

Every Tuesday, outdoor enthusiasts meet to hike in different locations. Sometimes we hike on the Maitland Trail, sometimes in local conservation areas, and sometimes we even explore Huron County towns and villages. If you enjoy walking and conversation - come join the Tuesday Trompers! The hikes take approximately one hour hike/walk. Group members with e-mail addresses are notified each week where the next week's destination will be. If you wish to be on this list, e-mail Al Sanders at: allan.sanders@hurontel.on.ca

The Brand New Thursday Hikes

Every Thursday 9 a.m. for 2 hours

Starting on Thursday Dec. 15, 2016, there will be weekly hikes on the Lobb's Trail. The aim is to have a weekly two-hour hike or snowshoe at a moderately fast pace in the Lobb's Trail, starting at 9 a.m. These will continue through until March 30th and the only expected exception will be when the road between Clinton and Goderich is closed. If the weather is poor the hike may be shorter than two hours.

Lobb's Trail is often groomed so snow shoeing is rarely overly strenuous. If there is sufficient interest the hikes will continue past March and include other area trails

Leader is Patrick Capper email pcapper99@gmail.com, phone 519-606-0016. However, there is no need to phone, just show up by 9 am at the Lobb's parking area (see Trail 15 in the Huron County Hiking Guide).

Saratoga County Forest: Snowshoe or Hike

Sunday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m., Level 1, moderate pace for 1.5 hours

Contact Anne Storey 519-529-3050

This location has long been a favourite of Maitland Trail members. Its trails are sheltered from the wind and as long as driving conditions allow you to get there, it's a fine place to snowshoe if



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there is snow ... a walk otherwise. Meet at the top of the hill entrance into the County Forest on Hawkins Road.

Lantern Making Workshop

Jan. 23 - 24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: Parks Dept. Shed, Parsons Court, Goderich
Contact: Karen Melady 519-524-7518

For some extra fun at the annual favourite Candlelit Walk - kickoff to Winterfest 2016 - 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, Saturday, Jan. 23 and Sunday, Jan. 24 (two weeks before the walk) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you want to display your wonderful lanterns, bring them early Friday, February 6 to the Candlelit Walk where you will install and light them where you like along the trail. Remember to take them home with you after the walk. The Candlelit Walk runs 7:30-9 pm - in any weather - in any weather - at the Maitland Woods, behind

the Knights of Columbus Centre on Parsons Court.

Please register early for the workshops to prevent cancellation and ensure a space by calling instructor Karen Melady 519-524-7518. Leave a message with your name, numbers (adults/children), contact, and which day(s) you prefer. Pay the \$10 materials fee to Karen at the workshop. 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 MTA.

Point Farms Provincial Park

Saturday, Jan. 28, 1 p.m., Level 2, moderate pace for 1.5 hrs

Contact Anne Storey 519-529-3050

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

Winterfest Candlelit Winter Walk - Maitland Woods

Friday, Feb. 3, 7:30-9 p.m., Level 1, leisurely pace for 1 hour

A one-and-one-half-kilometre portion of the trail in the Maitland Woods will be transformed by the flickering beauty of candlelight. After the walk, come in to enjoy a cup of hot cider or cocoa and a cookie (coin donation).

The Maitland Trail Association organizes this annual event as part of the Town of Goderich's Winterfest, and it is always a magical adventure. Participants can set out

from the trail entrance at the east end of the Columbus Hall parking lot (Parson's Court) anytime between 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Everyone who has their own candle lanterns (home-made or bought) is encouraged to bring them and set

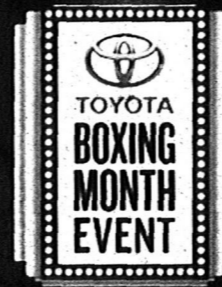
them out somewhere along the trail, to add to the magic of the experience. New this year is a procession of lanterns will begin from the hall at 7 p.m. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. to assemble in the cloakroom at Knight's of Columbus hall. Come and find out

for yourself why people are eager to take part year after year after year.

Volunteers are welcome. Call Con Melady at 524-8730 if willing to help light the trail, coordinate lantern procession or assist with serving refreshments.

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