

## ORTA WINTER 2017 HIKE SCHEDULE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF HIKES LISTED ON THE ORTA WEBSITE. OCCASIONALLY THERE ARE ADDITIONAL HIKES OR CORRECTIONS ADDED AFTER PRESS TIME.**

- Remember that it is your responsibility to dress appropriately! Hat, gloves, gaiters, umbrella, may be needed. Wear sturdy hiking boots appropriate to changing precipitation and temperature; no cotton socks, use a liner sock plus a hiking sock. Dress in layers as conditions can vary widely within a short time or distance. Waterproof boots, jacket and pants recommended. Hiking poles optional.
- Keep these in the car: plastic bags for muddy boots, spare footwear, spare dry/warm clothes.
- Drinks and snacks recommended for all hikes and lunch may be needed for longer ones.
- Dogs: It is the hike leader's decision whether to allow dogs on hikes. If not specified in the hike listing, call the leader beforehand. Many landowners regulate that dogs shall be on leash. ORTA hikers and leaders will adhere to this policy. In all cases, dogs are expected to be well mannered and under strict control by their owners, out of consideration and safety for fellow hikers, other trail users and the environment.
- Winter Months: Late fall, winter and early spring are characterized by variable and unpredictable weather and trail conditions, in particular ice and snow. Conditions on the trail will often vary significantly from those outside your front door. For hiker and group safety, based on trail conditions, hike leaders may require participants to use icers or snowshoes to participate in the hike. If concerned, contact hike leader beforehand.
- In case of inclement weather, call the hike leader to confirm the hike.
- Be aware that parking areas are public places; refrain from keeping ANY valuables in your car.

**HIKERS SHOULD ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE ADVERTISED HIKE TIME.**

**Mon, Jan. 1, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Hall & Eldred King (McCowan Rd)**

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Join us for a holiday hike to welcome in the New Year. Easy, forested trails in the Hall and Clarke Tracts. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Meet at parking lot 1 km north of Aurora Rd on the east side of McCowan Rd. GPS: 44.042433, -79.323129

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

**Wed, Jan. 3, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Durham Forest (Conc. 7)**

ORTA Map 5; 14+km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; Exact distance & time dependent on trail & weather conditions. Be prepared with both snowshoes and icers, which may be mandatory if conditions dictate. Bring drink, snacks/lunch. Meet in the Durham Forest parking area on the east side of the 7th Conc. 1 km south of Durham Rd 21. GPS: 44.050009, -79.093841

**Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, cell phone on day of hike 905-809-5138**

**Fri, Jan. 5, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)**

ORTA Map 5; 11+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Hilly loop hike Walker Woods east and beyond. Distance will depend on conditions. Icers or snowshoes a must. Meet at parking lot on west side of Uxbridge Conc 7, 2 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.0394862, -79.0892224

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Jan. 6, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 5+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. You might need snowshoes or icers. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Jan. 6, 2018 10:30 AM, Vaughan - Kortright Centre (Pine Valley Drive).**

8km; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Nice winter hike on trails around the Kortright Centre. Admission fee applies. We will gather in the main parking lot. Note: Bring icers, snack and water. e-mail tjshelvey@yahoo.com West side of Pine Valley Dr., 1.2Km south from Major MacKenzie Dr. W, Follow the long driveway into the park until it ends at the meeting place in the main parking lot. GPS: 43.829281, -79.584065

**Tessa Shelvey, 416-320-8555**

**Sun, Jan. 7, 2018 10:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; you will need icers. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220, -79.535400

**Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)**

**Mon, Jan. 8, 2018 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury - YRF Bendor & Graves (Kennedy Rd)**

Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Moderate hills forested trails. Dogs welcome. Lunch after. Meet in the parking area at the dead end of Kennedy Rd, north of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.087113, -79.360133

**Noel Bain, 905 470 8425, cell on hike day 647 261 6095**

**Wed, Jan. 10, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)**

ORTA Map 5; 12+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; 12-16 km. depending on conditions. Hike or snowshoe T&B with side trails. Hilly. Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766

**Bob Comfort, 905-473-2669, cell phone on day of hike 905-960-0543**

**Fri, Jan. 12, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)**

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Snowshoe or hike in Glen Major very hilly section. Meet at parking lot on east side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Town Line or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.006009, -79.101922

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, Jan. 13, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Be prepared for winter conditions. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, Jan. 13, 2018 2:00 PM, Leader's Choice Hike**

Moderate; 2hrs.; Hike the Wilder Forest and Wildlife Area. Meet at the parking lot, 3km south of Coppin's Corners, 2499 Brock Rd., Uxbridge. Use the Pleasure Valley entry. Hike through majestic forest with some challenging hills. Possible snowshoe hike? If not reflected elsewhere in this information, contact the hike leader for the meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

**Sun, Jan. 14, 2018 1:00 PM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 8km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Icers mandatory. We will go from Keele St. to Seneca and through the forest trails to the lake. There are some rough and hilly sections. Well behaved dogs welcome. Marianne encourages a love of nature, so bring your camera as we will stop to admire the view. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220, -79.535400

**Marianne Broome. 905-939-7007 Cell 416- 409-1980 (hike day only)**

**Mon, Jan. 15, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Secord Forest (Conc. 3)**

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; We will be hiking on scenic, forested trails and we are hoping it will be snowshoe weather. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Meet at Secord parking lot, 2 km south of Goodwood Rd, on Conc 3, east on Secord Rd. GPS: 44.017830, -79.182766

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

**Wed, Jan. 17, 2018 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail (Whitevale Rd)**

14+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; There and back very hilly icers or snowshoes with crampons are mandatory or you will not be

allowed to hike Meet in the park on the west side of West Duffins Creek, south side of Whitevale Rd in the village of Whitevale. GPS: 43.8865, -79.1628

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Thu, Jan. 18, 2018 7:00 PM, ORTA Event - Discovery Night - Ballantrae Community Centre**

ORTA Map 4; Join us to hear Daniela Bezedo who will be sharing her hiking adventures in Chile & Patagonia. Meet in Community Centre, on north side of Aurora Road, 1Km east from Hwy #48. GPS: 44.040733, -79.286552

**Fri, Jan. 19, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF North Tract**

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; icers or snowshoes a must. Meet at parking area on the west side of Hwy 48, 0.5km north of Vivian Rd or 1.3 km south of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.082138, -79.307819

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Jan. 20, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 5+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. You might need snowshoes or icers. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sun, Jan. 21, 2018 10:00 AM, Whit- Stouffville - YRF Porritt Tract - Pangman Springs (Kennedy Rd.)**

ORTA Map 4; 8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; you will need Icers or snowshoes. Meeting in the YRF parking lot on the west side of Kennedy Rd. 550m. north from Aurora Rd. GPS: 44.031875, -79.347087

**Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)**

**Mon, Jan. 22, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit- Stouffville - YRF Porritt Tract - Pangman Springs (Kennedy Rd.)**

ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; forested, moderate hills. dogs welcome. Meeting in the YRF parking lot on the west side of Kennedy Rd. 550m. north from Aurora Rd. GPS: 44.031875, -79.347087

**Noel Bain, 905 470 8425, cell on hike day 647 261 6095**

**Wed, Jan. 24, 2018 9:30 AM, Ajax - Greenwood Conservation Area North (Conc. 5)**

Moderate to fast; 2hrs.; T&B hike north along the Duffins Creek to the Pickering Village Museum @ Hwy #7. The trail encounters some minor hills along the way to the museum. We will return to the cars by a different winding trail rout. The hike length and duration will depend on the weather. Bring a snack and a drink. Come prepared for weather with icers / snowshoes. Meet in the parking area on the north side of Pickering Conc. #5, 2.4Km east from Brock Road. GPS: 43.908763, -79.068708

**Malcolm Hann, 905-477-7260 (before 10:00PM) cell 416-333-1440 (hike day only)**

**LEGEND**

**HIKE TERRAIN: Easy = mostly flat, good footing. Challenging = some hills and/or poor footing. Strenuous = hills with steep climbs**

CA = conservation area

T&B = there and back hike

YRF - York Regional Forest

TRCA - Toronto & Region Conservation Authority

BT - Bruce Trail Conservancy

PP - Provincial Park

**Select hikes most suitable for your ability:**

Slow 3km/h Fast 5km/h

Moderate 4km/h Very Fast 6km/h

**Fri, Jan. 26, 2018 9:30 AM, Leader's Choice Hike**

10km; Moderate to fast; 2hrs.; Bob Hunter Memorial Park, Markham. Flat trails. Parking lot at 7277-14 Ave. Take Reesor Rd (south from hwy #7 or north from Steeles Ave), west on 14 Ave, south at first driveway with house numbers. Be prepared for winter conditions, with snowshoes and icers as may be required. If not reflected elsewhere in this information, contact the hike leader for the meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

**Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, cell phone on day of hike 905-809-5138**

**Sat, Jan. 27, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Be prepared for winter conditions. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, Jan. 27, 2018 2:00 PM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)**

ORTA Map 5; Moderate; 2hrs.; A scenic forest hike to the Skyloft Tract with some moderate hills. Let's hope for snowshoe weather. Meet at parking lot on west side of Uxbridge Conc 7, 2 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.0394862, -79.0892224

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

**Mon, Jan. 29, 2018 9:30 AM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest north (Finnerty SR)**

ORTA Map 1; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Forested trails with moderate hills will be where we hike today. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Take Hwy 50 south 0.8km from Hwy 9 and turn west onto Finnerty SR. Drive 750m. to the Palgrave Forest parking lot on the south side of the road. GPS: 43.960580, -79.863394

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

**Wed, Jan. 31, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Durham Forest (Conc. 7)**

ORTA Map 5; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Hilly loop hike including Skyloft. icers or snowshoes a must. Meet in the Durham Forest parking area on the east side of the 7th Conc. 1 km south of Durham Rd 21. GPS: 44.050009, -79.093841

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**FEBRUARY**

**Fri, Feb. 2, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Eldred King Woodlands (Hwy 48)**

ORTA Map 4; 10+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; We will hike Eldred King, Scout and Mitchel Tracts. Ices or snowshoes a must. Meet in parking lot west side of Hwy 48, 2.5 km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.0604749881, -79.3080759980

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Feb. 3, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 5+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. You might need snowshoes or icers. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21.

GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sun, Feb. 4, 2018 10:00 AM, Markham - Unionville Urban Hike (Toogood Pond)**

10km; Moderate; 2hrs.; you will need icers. Meet at Toogood parking area. Take Main St Unionville north, from Carlton Rd 0.5km turn west on Toogood Pond to parking. GPS: 43.872670, -79.314465

**Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)**

**Sun, Feb. 4, 2018 1:00 PM, Newmarket - Nokiidaa Trail (Davis Dr.)**

6km; Moderate; 3hrs.; Linear hike along Holland River. Bring Icers Meet in the Seniors Meeting Place parking lot, opposite the GO Station on Davis Drive. GPS: 44.059826, -79.459241

**David Francis, 905-936-4446, cell phone on day of hike 416-579-5432**

**Mon, Feb. 5, 2018 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury - YRF Bendor & Graves (Kennedy Rd)**

Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Forested moderate hills. Dogs welcome. Meet in the parking area at the dead end of Kennedy Rd, north of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.087113, -79.360133

**Noel Bain, 905 470 8425, cell on hike day 647 261 6095**

**Wed, Feb. 7, 2018 9:30 AM, Long Sault CA (Woodley Rd)**

ORTA Map 7; 14+km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; Loops. Varied, hilly terrain. Exact distance & time dependent on trail & weather conditions. Bring drink & lunch/snacks. Be prepared with both snowshoes and icers, which may be mandatory if conditions dictate. Meet at C.A. Parking Lot. Exit 401 at Waverly Rd. Travel North on Regional Rd. #57. Turn right at Regional Rd. #20. Turn left at Woodley Rd. Pay and Display Parking is in effect at a cost of: Max. - \$5/ vehicle/day or \$2/ hour. GPS: 44.049939, -78.741937

**Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, cell phone on day of hike 905-809-5138**

**Fri, Feb. 9, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)**

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; West and East Walker Woods loop hike, hilly. snowshoes or icers a must have. Meet at parking lot on the east side of Conc 6, 2 km south of Durham Rd. 21 at Allbright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Feb. 10, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 5+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. You might need snowshoes or icers. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Feb. 10, 2018 2:00 PM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Hollidge Tract (Hwy 48)**

ORTA Map 4; Moderate; 2hrs.; Join us for a winter hike in the forest at the Hollidge Tract. Mostly wide, level trails. Hopefully, there will be enough snow to use snowshoes. Meet in parking lot east side of Hwy 48, 3km north of Ballantrae. GPS: 44.067322, -79.304117

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

**Mon, Feb. 12, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF North Tract**  
 ORTA Map 4; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; We will be enjoying wide forest trails with few hills on this hike. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Meet at parking area on the west side of Hwy 48, 0.5km north of Vivian Rd or 1.3 km south of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.082138, -79.307819  
**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

**Wed, Feb. 14, 2018 9:30 AM, Richmond Hill - Oak Ridges Corridor - (Old Colony Rd.)**

ORTA Map 3; 9+km; Moderate to fast; 2+hrs.; From the meeting place we will take a circular route along forest trails through the Jefferson Forest. There are some hills. Come prepared for the weather (icers/show shoes). Bring a drink and snack. The length of the hike will be dependant on the weather. No dogs please. Meet in the parking area on the south side of Old Colony Rd. 550m. west from Bayview Ave. GPS: 43.938785, -79.435619

**Malcolm Hann, 905-477-7260 (before 10:00PM) cell 416-333-1440 (hike day only)**

**Thu, Feb. 15, 2018 7:00 PM, ORTA Event - Discovery Night - Ballantrae Community Centre**

ORTA Map 4; Al Pace of Canoe North Adventures will be sharing his experiences on canoe trips in Northern Canada. Many ORTA members have participated in these outings over the years and this is your opportunity to share the excitement. Meet in Community Centre, on north side of Aurora Road, 1Km east from Hwy #48. GPS: 44.040733, -79.286552

**Fri, Feb. 16, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)**

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike or snowshoe in the Brock tract some hills. Meet at parking lot on east side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Town Line or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.006009, -79.101922

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, Feb. 17, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Be prepared for winter conditions. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sun, Feb. 18, 2018 10:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; you will need icers. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220, -79.535400

**Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)**

**Mon, Feb. 19, 2018 12:00 AM, Family Day holiday**

No hikes have been scheduled at the time of TT publication, but be sure to check the calendar on-line closer to the date. If you aren't computer savvy, now is the opportunity for a new adventure. Visit your local library, and one of the staff will be happy to take you to a computer, show you how to begin, launch a browser, and type in the URL (that's Universal Resource Locator, a.k.a. Web address) "www.oakridgestrail.org/hikes/hike-calendar-schedule" (without the quotes). Then your guide will show you how to "scroll" down the

page a bit where you'll see a block calendar. After a couple of seconds, hikes will appear in the calendar boxes, and clicking on one brings up a description to the right of the calendar. Your taxes are paying for the service, so why not use it? GPS: 0, 0

**Wed, Feb. 21, 2018 9:30 AM, Lindsay - Pontypool Fleetwood Creek (Solanum Way)**

10+km; Moderate to fast; 3+hrs.; Loop hike or snowshoe. 10-12km depends on conditions. Drive north on CR32/Porter Rd. from Hwy 115 for 3 km or south on CR32/Porter Rd. from Hwy 7A for 4.3 km. Then west on Solanum Way for 1 km to roadside parking. GPS: 44.13673, -78.58596

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Fri, Feb. 23, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)**

ORTA Map 5; 11+km; Fast; 2+hrs.; Hilly loop hike Walker Woods east and beyond. Distance will depend on conditions. Icers or snowshoes a must. Meet at parking lot on west side of Uxbridge Conc 7, 2 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.0394862, -79.0892224

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Feb. 24, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 5+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. You might need snowshoes or icers. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Feb. 24, 2018 10:00 AM, Richmond Hill - Oak Ridges Corridor Park - Bathurst Glen GC - (Bathurst St.)**

6km; Slow to moderate; 2.5hrs.; Easy winter hike along a flat trail. We will hike to Bond Lake and return the same way. e-mail inquiries to tjshelvey@yahoo.com. No dogs please. Meet in the parking lot of the Bathurst glen Golf Course at 12481 Bathurst St. 1.3Km south from King Rd. or 1.1Km north from Jefferson SR. GPS: 43.926150, -79.478202

**Tessa Shelvey, 416-320-8555**

**Sun, Feb. 25, 2018 1:00 PM, King - Cold Creek Conservation Area (Conc. 11)**

7km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Icers mandatory. Snowshoes if you wish - if conditions are right. This is a very picturesque hike with forests, fields and ponds. Some hilly sections. Well behaved dogs welcome. Marianne encourages a love of nature, so bring your camera as we will stop to admire the view. Meet at park entrance east side of Concession 11, 3.5 Km north from King Road. GPS: 43.919444, -79.706778

**Marianne Broome. 905-939-7007 Cell 416- 409-1980 (hike day only)**

**Mon, Feb. 26, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods East (Conc. 7 - microwave towers)**

ORTA Map 5; Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; Join us for a winter walk along sheltered forest trails with moderate hills. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Meet at parking lot on west side of Uxbridge Conc 7, 2 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.0394862, -79.0892224

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

**Wed, Feb. 28, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)**

ORTA Map 5; 12+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; 12-16 km. depending on conditions. Loop hike through Walker Woods and Glen Major. Icers or snowshoes, as required. Hilly. Meet at parking lot on the east side of Conc 6, 2 km south of Durham Rd. 21 at Allbright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

**Bob Comfort, 905-473-2669, cell phone on day of hike 905-960-0543**

**MARCH**

**Fri, Mar. 2, 2018 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley North (Conc. 7)**

ORTA Map 2; 10km; Moderate to fast; 3hrs.; Loop hike some hills lunch after hike at Pine Orchard. Icers or snowshoes may be required. Meet at the (dead end) on 7th. Conc. 2.8km south of Pottageville from the Lloydtown-Aurora Rd. NOTE, this point can only be accessed by vehicles coming south on 7th. Conc. GPS: 43.967134, -79.616811

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, Mar. 3, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Be prepared for winter conditions. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sun, Mar. 4, 2018 10:00 AM, Whit- Stouffville - YRF Porritt Tract - Pangman Springs (Kennedy Rd.)**

ORTA Map 4; 8km; Moderate; 2hrs.; you will need Icers or snowshoes. Meeting in the YRF parking lot on the west side of Kennedy Rd. 550m. north from Aurora Rd. GPS: 44.031875, -79.347087

**Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)**

**Sun, Mar. 4, 2018 1:00 PM, New Tecumseth - Beeton Forest -10th. Sideroad**

5km; Moderate; 2hrs.; Loop Hike around Beeton Forest. Bring Icers Directions to meeting place: from Hwy 9 go north on 10th Sideroad for 8.3Km to the junction with 7th. Line. Or from Beeton, go south on 10th Sideroad to 7th Line. GPS: 44.066997, -79.778579

**David Francis, 905-936-4446, cell phone on day of hike 416-579-5432**

**Mon, Mar. 5, 2018 9:30 AM, King - Happy Valley (Weston & 16th Sdrd)**

ORTA Map 2; 8km; Slow to moderate; Well-behaved dogs welcome. Traction devices will likely be mandatory. Snowshoes as appropriate. We'll hike westerly along the ORMT following the (unopened) 16th SR road allowance and through Humber Source Woods, thence further westerly before returning to our vehicles. Lunch option following. Meet at roadside parking northeast corner of Weston Rd & 16th Sdrd. NOTE: For 12 months from the fall of 2017 this meeting place is NOT accessible from the east via 16th SR due to reconstruction of the Hwy 400 overpass GPS: 43.954224, -79.586575

**Bill Patterson, 905-833-0391, cell phone on day of hike 289-380-0002**

**Wed, Mar. 7, 2018 9:30 AM, Pickering - Seaton Hiking Trail North - (HWY #7)**

14+km; Moderate to fast; 4hrs.; Exact distance & time dependent on trail & weather conditions. Be prepared with both snowshoes and icers, which may be mandatory if conditions dictate. Bring drink, snacks/lunch. Meet in the Seaton Trail Parking lot on the south side of Hwy #7, 1Km east from Green River. GPS: 43.902114, -79.177021

**Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, cell phone on day of hike 905-809-5138**

**Fri, Mar. 9, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF North Tract**

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; icers or snowshoes a must. Meet at parking area on the west side of Hwy 48, 0.5km north of Vivian Rd or 1.3 km south of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.082138, -79.307819

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Mar. 10, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 5+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. You might need snowshoes or icers. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sun, Mar. 11, 2018 10:00 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 10km; Slow to moderate; 3hrs.; Nice winter hike mostly in the woods. Pretty view of Mary Lake. Lunch after the hike at Rockford's Bar and Grill (King City). RSVP if coming for lunch by e-mail to tjshelvey@yahoo.com. Note: Daylight savings time begins today. Don't forget to change your clock! Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220, -79.535400

**Tessa Shelvey, 416-320-8555**

**Mon, Mar. 12, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Countryside Preserve (Hwy 47)**

Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; For this March Break hike we encourage you to bring your kids or grandchildren along for a hike on these level forest and meadow trails in the town of Uxbridge. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Meet at conservation parking lot behind the Wal Mart store at the south end of Uxbridge, off Hwy 47. GPS: 44.088752, -79.132089

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

**Wed, Mar. 14, 2018 9:30 AM, Leader's Choice Hike**

9km; Moderate to fast; Whit-Stouffville - SCOUT TRACT. Today we will circle around several Scout tract trails. Come prepared for the weather including icers and/or snowshoes. The length of the hike will be dependent on the weather. Directions to the meeting place: from Ballantrae, drive north on Hwy 48 for 3.3Km and turn west onto Cherry Street. In 2Km. turn north onto McCowan Road. The meeting place is in 400m. in road side parking on the west side of McCowan Rd. at the main entrance to the Scout Tract. NOTE: McCowan Rd. dead ends south from the junction with Cherry St. GPS: 44.0649979,7932.8751. In case of heavy snow during the week prior to the hike contact the leader as the meeting place (road side

parking) may need to be altered. If not reflected elsewhere in this information, contact the hike leader for the meeting place and trek details. GPS: 0, 0

**Malcolm Hann, 905-477-7260 (before 10:00PM) cell 416-333-1440 (hike day only)**

**Thu, Mar. 15, 2018 7:00 PM, ORTA Event - Discovery Night - Ballantrae Community Centre**

ORTA Map 4; David and Ann Love will take us on a tour of the many public trails in the magnificent Happy Valley Forest situated in King Township. This is one of the favourite hiking areas along our trail. Meet in Community Centre, on north side of Aurora Road, 1Km east from Hwy #48. GPS: 44.040733, -79.286552

**Fri, Mar. 16, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Glen Major West (Conc. 6 - aggregate pit)**

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Loop hike or snowshoe in the Brock tract some hills. Meet at parking lot on east side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Town Line or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.006009, -79.101922

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**

**Sat, Mar. 17, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 5+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. You might need snowshoes or icers. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sun, Mar. 18, 2018 10:00 AM, Scarborough - Rouge Park (Meadowvale Rd.)**

10km; Moderate; 2+hrs.; Challenging terrain. T&B, hilly, forested, new members welcome. Bring snacks and water. Bring proper hike gear and icers. Meet at Pearse House, 1749 Meadowvale Rd, east side of Meadowvale Rd at Zoo Rd-follow signs for the Rouge Valley Conservation Centre. GPS: 43.8190238, -79.1709644

**Josie Klostranec, 416-296-1408 (before 10:00PM)**

**Sun, Mar. 18, 2018 1:00 PM, Caledon - Palgrave Forest (Hwy 50)**

ORTA Map 1; 7km; Moderate; 2.5hrs.; Icers mandatory if conditions are still icy. Moderate hills in this beautiful forested area with ponds and meadows. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Marianne encourages a love of nature, so bring your camera as we will stop to admire the view. Meet at Palgrave Forest Parking Lot, W side of Hwy 50, 2.2 km S of Hwy 9 or 0.5 km N of Palgrave Village. GPS: 43.955354, -79.843260

**Marianne Broome. 905-939-7007 Cell 416- 409-1980 (hike day only)**

**Mon, Mar. 19, 2018 9:30 AM, King - Seneca King Campus/Mary Lake (Keele St.)**

ORTA Map 2; 8km; Loop hike through the Seneca College property and around Lake Seneca. Traction devices will likely be mandatory, snowshoes optional as conditions warrant. Lunch option following the hike. Meet at roadside parking on Keele, 3 km north of King Road on both sides at ORTA trail sign. GPS: 43.955220, -79.535400

**Bill Patterson, 905-833-0391, cell phone on day of hike 289-380-0002**

**Wed, Mar. 21, 2018 9:30 AM, Uxbridge - Walker Woods West (Conc. 6. / Allbright Rd.)**

ORTA Map 5; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; West and East Walker Woods loop hike, hilly. snowshoes or icers a must have. Meet at parking lot on the east side of Conc 6, 2 km south of Durham Rd. 21 at Allbright Rd. GPS: 44.033851, -79.1141206

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Fri, Mar. 23, 2018 9:30 AM, Whit-Stouffville - YRF Hall & Eldred King (McCowan Rd)**

ORTA Map 4; 10km; Fast; 2hrs.; Hilly. Ices or snowshoes. Meet at parking lot 1 km north of Aurora Rd on the east side of McCowan Rd. GPS: 44.042433, -79.323129

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Sat, Mar. 24, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 5+km; Moderate; 1hr.; Join us for breakfast after the hike. You might need snowshoes or icers. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Joan Taylor, 905-477-2161**

**Mon, Mar. 26, 2018 9:30 AM, East Gwillimbury - YRF Bendor & Graves (Kennedy Rd)**

Slow to moderate; 2hrs.; We will be walking on sheltered forest trails with moderate hills. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Join us for lunch afterwards. Meet in the parking area at the dead end of Kennedy Rd, north of Davis Dr. GPS: 44.087113, -79.360133

**Brian & Wilma Millage, 905-853-2407, cell phone on day of hike 416-722-6512**

**Wed, Mar. 28, 2018 9:30 AM, Long Sault CA (Woodley Rd)**

ORTA Map 7; 12+km; Moderate to fast; 4+hrs.; Loop hike. Hilly. Snowshoes or icers as required. 12-16 km. depending on conditions. Meet at C.A. Parking Lot. Exit 401 at Waverly Rd. Travel North on Regional Rd. #57. Turn right at Regional Rd. #20. Turn left at Woodley Rd. Pay and Display Parking is in effect at a cost of: Max. - \$5/ vehicle/day or \$2/ hour. GPS: 44.049939, -78.741937

**Bob Comfort, 905-473-2669, cell phone on day of hike 905-960-0543**

**Fri, Mar. 30, 2018 9:30 AM, Newmarket - Jokers Hill (Whipper Billy Watson Park)**

ORTA Map 3; 10+km; Moderate to fast; 2+hrs.; Loops; varied hilly terrain. Exact distance & time dependent on weather & trail conditions. Be prepared with both snowshoes and icers, which may be mandatory if conditions dictate. Meet at Whipper Billy Watson Park parking lot on Clearmeadow Blvd, east off Bathurst St, 0.4 km north of Mulock Dr. GPS: 44.0364833, -79.4960489

**Garry Niece, 905-655-8040, cell phone on day of hike 905-809-5138**

**Sat, Mar. 31, 2018 7:00 AM, Uxbridge - Al Shaw (Conc.6)**

ORTA Map 5; 4km; Moderate; 1hrs.; Join us for breakfast after hike. No dogs allowed. Be prepared for winter conditions. Meet at road side parking on west side of Uxbridge Conc 6, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. GPS: 44.039694, -79.116764

**Russ Burton, 905-830-2862**