

## August 2025 – TFN Walk Schedule – Updated

### Outings Etiquette

- Please follow our [Naturalist's Code of Ethics](#) to minimize our impact on nature.
- Photographers, please read our [Ethical Nature Photography Best Practices](#).
- Dogs are not allowed on TFN outings, apart from leashed registered service dogs.
- Please let the walk leader know if you are leaving a walk early.

### Cancellation Policy

An outing will be cancelled if there is a 70% or higher chance of thunderstorm or if other hazardous weather arises. See our full cancellation policy [here](#).

### Saturday August 2nd at 10:00 am – Subway Series: Rosedale & the Rosedale Golf Club

**Leader:** Joanne Doucette

**Location:** Rosedale: Castle Frank Station to Sherbourne Station

**Description:** Joanne Doucette is the co-author of Toronto's Lost Golf Courses and will be discussing both the natural history of Rosedale and the built environment, as well as that of the Rosedale Golf Club, originally in Rosedale now in York Mills. We will walk north along Castle Frank Rd to Craigleith Gardens and then along Milkman's Lane to Glen Road. From there we will go north on the Glen Road bridge to Highland Avenue and Rosedale Park. Our return route will take us back over the Glen Road bridge to South Drive and from South Drive to Sherbourne Street, ending at the Sherbourne Subway Station.

Please note: this is a hike rather than a walk. The pace will be faster than the usual nature walk and the distance longer.

**Details:** A 2.5-hour, 4 km linear route on mostly paved surfaces with some gentle slopes. No stairs.

**Meeting Point:** Outside the Castle Frank Subway Station

**Getting There:** Parking is very limited. TTC is highly recommended.

**Washrooms:** Along the way and at the end

**What to Bring:** Water, lunch, hat, sunscreen or umbrella (depending on weather), field guide, binoculars, good walking shoes

**Other Information:** No pets please. Service animals are welcome.

### Wed August 6 at 10:00 am – Allan Gardens, Cabbagetown, and Toronto Necropolis (public)

**Leader:** Richard Longley

**Location:** Allan Gardens, Cabbagetown, Toronto Necropolis

**Description:** Meet at the recently renovated conservatory of Allan Gardens, then walk east on Carlton into Cabbagetown, and Toronto Necropolis to look for some of its more interesting graves. Depart via Wellesley St for Wellesley TTC Line 1 or Castle Frank TTC Line 2.

**Details:** A 3-hour, 6 km linear nature and heritage walk on mostly paved, flat surfaces. No stairs.

**Meeting Point:** Outside the College/Yonge subway station, SE corner

**Getting There:** College-Carlton-Gerrard streetcar to Jarvis or Sherbourne. TTC Line 1 College/Yonge walk E along Carlton to Jarvis/Allan Gardens

**Washrooms:** Along the way

**What to Bring:** Camera

**Other Information:** Dress for weather of the day. Bring water, munchies.

### **Sunday, August 10th at 10:00 am – The World of Spiders**

**Leader:** Richard Schwarz

**Location:** Pine Hills Cemetery

**Description:** Join us in a search for spiders and webs. Often a source of fear, spiders are an important part of the ecology for being major predators of insects. People with a phobia can easily stay back a distance.

**Details:** A 2-hour, 3 km circular walk on mostly unpaved but even, fairly flat surfaces. No stairs.

**Meeting Point:** Funeral Centre Parking Lot

**Getting There:** 625 Birchmount Rd. By TTC take the Birchmount 17 bus from Warden Station. Exit at Anaconda Ave. By car it is just north of St. Clair Ave.

**Accessibility:** Not suitable for mobility devices

**Washrooms:** Not available

### **Monday, August 11th at 11:00 am – Water Filtration Plant to Woodbine Beach (public)**

**Leader:** Martin Chen

**Location:** Queens St. East at Nursewood Rd

**Description:** Birds, insects and plants. Summer panoramic view of our favourite great Lake: Lake Ontario. The walk ends at Woodbine Beach.

**Details:** A 1-hour, 2 km linear walk on mostly paved, fairly flat surfaces. No stairs.

**Meeting Point:** Queens St. East at Nursewood Rd

**Getting There:** TTC 501 Streetcar

**Accessibility:** 400 metre walk on firm, packed sand at the start

**Washrooms:** Along the way

**What to Bring:** Water

## Friday August 15th at 8:30 pm – Cottonwood Flats Moth Night

**Note:** Maximum of 10 attendees so registration is required.

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**Leader:** Susan Blayney

**Location:** Cottonwood Flats, Lower Don Trail

**Description:** There will be a short talk and Q&A on moths. We will wait for dusk at 8:50 pm then the lights will be turned on the sheet and we will wait to see what shows up. Moths, other insects and spiders are attracted to the light.

**Details:** A 2-hour moth identification session using LED light and a white sheet. The route is mostly paved and flat. No stairs. The return trip will be after sunset so flashlights are necessary.

**Meeting Point:** Will be provided to people after registration.

**Getting There:** From Pape Station, take the #72 bus to O'Connor then walk west to Beechwood Drive. Walk down to the end of the road to the Lower Don Trail. If driving, there is parking at the bottom of Beechwood Dr.

**Accessibility:** The walk down Beechwood Drive is quite steep

**Washrooms:** Not available

**What to Bring:** Non-deet bug spray, headlamp or flashlight, camera with flash. It is recommended to bring a portable chair/stool as there is some waiting until the moths decide to show up.

Wear long pants and closed toed shoes. **Do not wear white clothing.** Having the iNaturalist app on your phone is helpful.

**Other Information:** To ensure comfortable viewing, the number of participants will be limited to 10 and so will need to register for the event. If there is rain or high winds, the event will be cancelled.

## Saturday, August 16th at 10:30 am – Pollinators in an Oak Savannah

**Leader:** Lillian Natalizio

**Location:** Lambton Park

**Description:** Lambton Park contains a fragment of remnant black oak Savannah, a habitat both rare and rich in biodiversity. Learn about the nesting opportunities available for cavity and ground nesting native pollinating insects. Discover which pollinators are using the floral resources offered by savannah plants approaching their late summer peak.

**Details:** A 1.5-hour, 1.5 km circular walk on mostly unpaved and uneven surfaces with some steep slopes. Some stairs.

**Meeting Point:** Northeast corner of Dundas St W and Howland St

**Getting There:** By TTC, take 40A bus from Dundas West Station, 40 bus from Kipling Station, to the Howland St stop. Also, 79B bus from Runnymede Station to Scarlett Rd at Bernice Cres, and walk south on

Scarlett and west on Dundas. If driving, there is parking available at the Lambton Arena at the top of Howland St.

**Accessibility:** Sandy trails

**Washrooms:** Along the way

**What to Bring:** Sun protection, insect repellent, water, and binoculars or a camera

## **Tuesday, August 19th at 9:30 am – Milne Hollow and Moccasin Trail Park**

**Leader:** Zunaïd Khan

**Location:** North York

**Description:** From the meeting point, we will follow the East Don trail along the river through Charles Sauriol Conservation Area. Then we'll cross the Don River following the trail through the Rainbow Tunnel and continue under the Don Valley Parkway into Moccasin Trail Park. We will explore forested areas, meadows and wetlands along the way before returning to the starting point.

**Details:** A 2-2.5 hour, 4-6 km circular nature walk on mostly paved surface with some gentle slopes. No stairs.

**Meeting Point:** Trailhead by the parking lot located at Lawrence Avenue East and Old Lawrence Avenue. Google map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/yhd7VpJq6KURdYtK9>

**Getting There:** TTC: Line 1 to Eglinton, Lawrence 54 East bus to Railside Road, then walk back west approximately 650 metres to Lawrence Avenue East and Old Lawrence Road and down the parking lot and trailhead meeting point.

**Washrooms:** Not available

**What to Bring:** Snacks, water, binoculars and/or camera

**Other Information:** Dress for the weather conditions

## **Sunday, August 24th at 10:00 am – Invasive Species**

**Leader:** Lynn Miller

**Location:** Sun Valley

**Description:** We will walk down through Crothers Woods and then around the Sun Valley trail, discussing any invasive species that we find and how they impact the ecosystem.

**Details:** A 2-hour, 2 km circular walk along mostly unpaved and uneven surfaces with some steep slopes. No stairs.

**Meeting Point:** Thomas Hauser Memorial Trailhead

**Getting There:** TTC - Closest bus stop is at Millwood and Redpath, then a 10 minute walk along Redpath to the trailhead. Parking - There is a large free parking lot at the trailhead.

**Accessibility:** Steep Hills and unpaved surfaces

**Washrooms:** Not available

**What to Bring:** Water and a hat if it is hot and sunny

## **Saturday, August 30th at 10:00 am – Water, Industry and Restoration**

**Co-leaders:** Floyd Ruskin and John Wilson (from Lost Rivers)

**Location:** Lower Don Valley

**Description:** Lost Rivers Toronto is pleased to partner with Toronto Field Naturalists to offer an outing that relays the story of the Don's industrial past and 70+ years of efforts by the city, TRCA and citizen activists/volunteers to reverse some of the mistakes of the past and return to the natural beauty that was lost to urbanization and industry.

With a start at Pottery Road and Broadview Ave recognizing 11,000 years of First Nations settlement in the area, the narrative begins with a broad overlook of the valley below.

Along our route, we will take in some of the industrial sites that occupied this part the watershed: Todmorden, Beechwood Wetland, Taylors Middle Mill, Cottonwood Flats, Crothers Woods, Sun Valley, the DVP and, of course, Metrolinx.

We will highlight the environmental damage done and recognize the groups working to remediate the damage and efforts to provide a better future for these lands (TFN, TNS, CSP).

We will complete the walk at EBW Brickworks where there is food, refreshments, washrooms and a free shuttle back to Broadview Station or the #28 bus to Davisville Station.

**Special guest:** Jennifer Bonnell, noted historian and acclaimed author of *Reclaiming the Don: An Environmental History of Toronto's Don River Valley*

**Details:** A 2.5 to 3 hour, 5.4 km linear heritage walk over mostly unpaved and uneven surfaces with some steep slopes. No stairs.

**Meeting Point:** S/W corner of Broadview Ave and Pottery Road

**Getting There:** The meeting spot is served by 5 bus routes to and from Broadview Station and is an 8 minute walk from Broadview Station and the Danforth.

**Accessibility:** There is a turnaround 1/2 way through for those with strollers or mobility devices

**Washrooms:** At the beginning and end

**What to Bring:** Water, binoculars, sturdy footwear

### **Tips for warm-weather walks:**

- **Bring water**, sunscreen, insect repellent and your cell phone.
- Hiking boots or running shoes will keep you steady on uneven ground.
- Long pants can protect your legs from thistles, poison ivy and ticks.
- High socks should be worn to protect you from ticks.
- A wide brimmed hat offers sun protection.
- Check yourself for ticks after the walk.

If members have any questions about our outings please send an email to [walks@torontofieldnaturalists.org](mailto:walks@torontofieldnaturalists.org).

The Outings committee is looking for volunteers to join the committee, lead walks and help support walk leaders on outings. If you are interested in helping please send an email to [volunteering@torontofieldnaturalists.org](mailto:volunteering@torontofieldnaturalists.org)