



Outing Leaders & Shepherds Workshop & Social

March 24, 2026

Agenda

- Land acknowledgement
- Introductions
- Recap of 2025
- Updates
- Discussion
- Social mix and food

Thank
you



Outings Committee

Lynn Miller – Coordinator

Dale Butterill – Walk reports

Brian Wendler – Walk photos

Madeleine Mackay-Walkley – Walk descriptions

Anyone is welcome to join the group!



From Last Year's Workshop

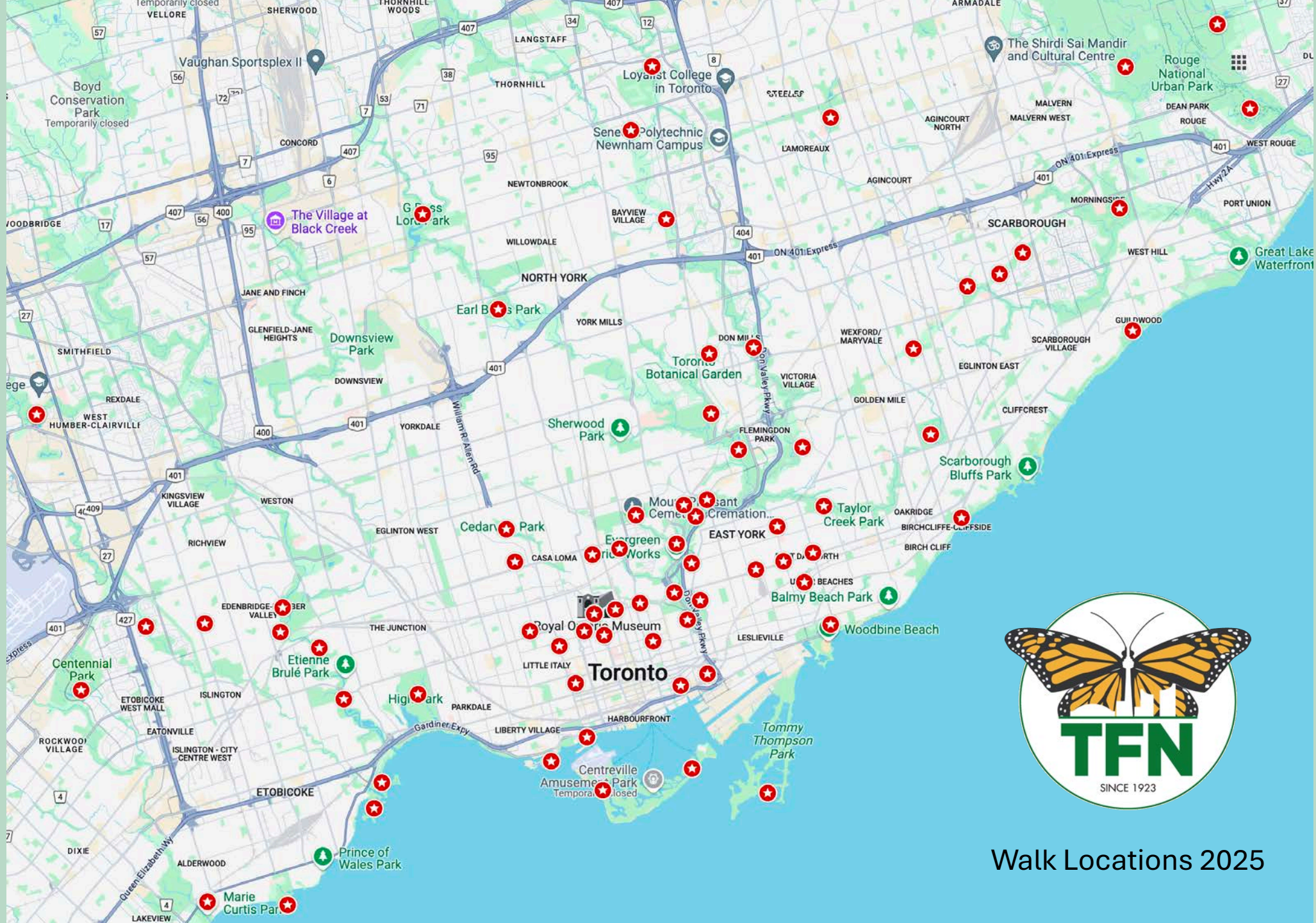


Have done:

- Voice amplifiers
- Walk registration
- Recruiting new leaders from students
- Inviting experts to lead a walk
- Adding social elements to walks
- More in-person events (with food)

Couldn't do:

- Automatically moving information from description form to report form
- Special walk for leaders in training
- Walk reports available online (but I'm still working on it)



Walk Locations 2025

Prizes!

Clara Guadagni – Newest walk leader

David Creelman – Earliest start (8:30am)

Susan Blayney – Latest start (8:30pm)

Richard Schwarz – Worst weather

TFN T-shirt



Updates

Registration



Problems registration solves:

- Some outings have too many participants
- Specialty outings need to contact participants

When to use registration:

- Public outing
- Leader requests registration
 - Wants to limit the number of people
 - Needs to contact participants pre or post walk
 - Wants photos / share resources after walk

Registration Process



- Outings Committee will handle setting up registration
- Automatic for public events, otherwise on request
- Walk leader is sent the number registered, not the list
- Walk leader doesn't have to wait for everyone to show up
- If a walk is cancelled, the Outings Committee will contact the participants

Walk Leaders Training – May 2026



- Session 1: May 12
 - Intro to guided walks
 - How to design a walk
 - Homework: Design a 1-2 hour walk in a Toronto Greenspace
- Session 2: May 26
 - How to guide a walk
 - Managing a group
 - Scenario exercises
- Session 3: Dry run, expert leader providing feedback (May 27-June 14)
- Session 4: TFN walk, with an experienced co-leader (July or August)

Finally... Some housekeeping

- TFN Buttons (for leaders/shepherds)
- Bookmarks (for public walks)
- Clipboards
 - Walk leader training
 - Shepherds
 - Walks for new Canadians
 - Names of potential walk leaders
- T-shirt winners



Discussion



Discussion Topics (Leader requested)



- How do you prepare for a walk?
- What are your favourite things about leading a walk?
- Should we try offering some faster-paced hikes, with fewer stops?
Pros? Cons? Considerations?
- Should we set limits on the number of people attending a walk?
Pros? Cons? Considerations?
- What good areas of the city (and possible topic for that area) have been missing from our outings program?
- How to best manage walkers who don't respond well to requests to allow space for other users of trails and sidewalks to pass safely and easily.