

The Bruce Trail Association Membership Application

Please complete this form and mail with payment:
The Bruce Trail Association
P.O. Box 857, Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3N9

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
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MEMBERSHIP FEES
 Association Membership with (1) Club Affiliation: **IROQUOIA** \$50.00
 Additional Clubs @ \$14.00 each

Club: _____
 Community Membership @ \$125.00

GENERAL STORE
 BTA Trail Reference

OTHER

DONATIONS
 Escarpment Preservation Fund

BTA Program Support Fund

TOTAL ENCLOSED\$_____

PAYMENT METHOD - Please check one
 Cash Cheque Visa Mastercard
 Card # _____ Expiry: _____
 Name on card: _____
 Signature: _____

MEMBER INFORMATION
 # of People in Household: _____
 Interests & Hobbies: _____
 I heard about the IBTC through: _____
 YES! I am interested in volunteer opportunities, please send me more information.

The Bruce Trail Association is the oldest marked hiking trail in Canada. The Trail is over 800 kilometers long, with more than 200 kilometers of associated side trail.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Bruce Trail Association is to provide a public footpath along the Niagara Escarpment and promote protection of the escarpment and appreciation of its natural beauty.

The Bruce Trail Association (BTA) is one of Canada's most respected conservation groups. Members work to maintain and secure the trail, which was built to give people a place to walk and enjoy the beauty of nature.

The Bruce Trail follows the Niagara Escarpment from Queenston to Tobermory. Each year over 1.3 million visits are made by people who come to see and explore one of Ontario's most celebrated natural environments.

There are nine regional Clubs responsible for building and maintaining the Trail and associated side Trails. The Clubs also keep in touch with landowners, organize hikes, social outings and seminars. The Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club is responsible for the 120 kms of Trail from Grimsby to Kelso.

The Niagara Escarpment

The Niagara Escarpment is a unique geological feature of southern Ontario, formed millions of years ago as the bed of a tropical sea. Today we see the spectacular cliffs, valleys and waterfalls formed by glaciers, water flow and the elements. This diverse natural landscape contains an incredible ecosystem located in the heart of Canada's most densely populated region.

In 1990, the Niagara Escarpment was recognized as an International Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO, giving international recognition to the Escarpment's ecological significance.

Some Great Reasons to Join...

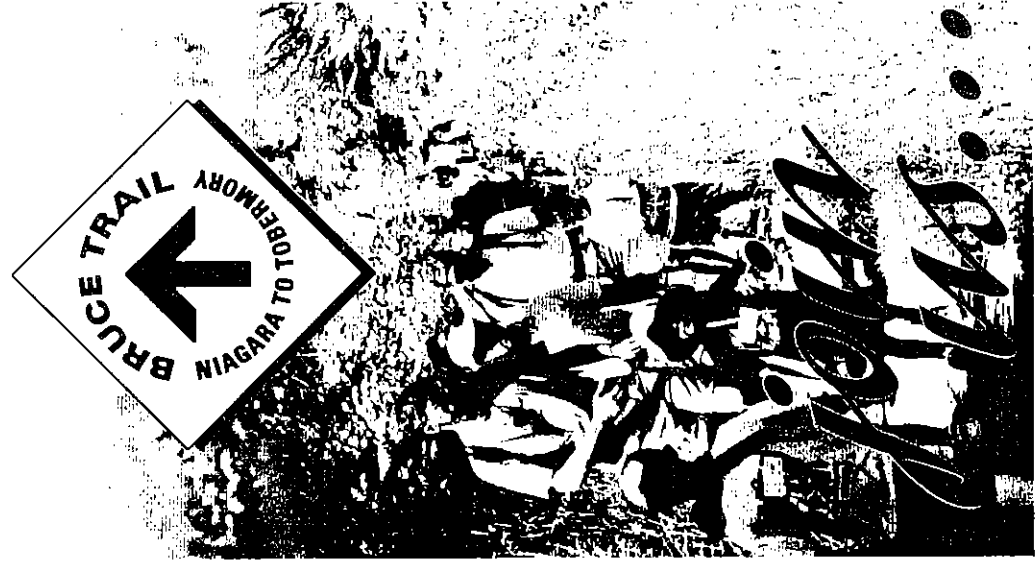
- low impact, healthy exercise in a relaxing, stress-free environment
- helping to preserve the stunning natural beauty of the Niagara Escarpment
- discounts on BTA merchandise at the BTA General Store (in Raspberry House)
- discounts at local retailers of hiking equipment (see published list)
- 4 issues of the BTA News magazine yearly
- 4 issues of our club newsletter each year, "The Iroquoian", with hiking schedules
- voting privileges at our Annual General Meeting in September (you can help shape policy in protecting the Trail and escarpment)
- become a volunteer (trail maintenance, membership, social and other areas)
- club sponsored activities such as Volunteer Recognition nights, slide shows, seminars, training sessions, dances, and more!
- join any of our well organized group hikes with trained hike leaders
- free access to all Halton Region Conservaton Areas where the Trail crosses

REMEMBER...

Always carry and show your BTA card!

Trail Users' Code

- Hike only along marked routes, especially on farmland - do not take short cuts.
- Do not climb fences - use the stiles.
- Respect the privacy of people living along the trail.
- Leave the trail cleaner than you found it - carry out all litter.
- Light cooking fires at official campsites only - drench fires after use. (Better still, carry a lightweight stove.)
- Leave flowers and plants for others to enjoy.
- Do not damage live trees or strip off bark.
- Keep dogs on a leash, especially on or near farmland.
- Protect and do not disturb wildlife.
- Leave only your thanks and take nothing but photographs.



The Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club

P.O. Box 71057, Burlington, Ontario L7T 4J8

See us on the Web at
www.iroquoia.on.ca



One of nine member clubs of
The Bruce Trail Association
(905) 529-6821 or 1-800-665-HIKE
www.brucestrail.org

Join us and see what the Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club has to offer:

The Iroquoia section of the Bruce Trail begins by the ancient shoreline of Lake Iroquois, and passes in a horseshoe formation around the western end of Lake Ontario. While the Trail passes through a densely populated area, for the most part the hiker will be walking on a woodland path with only occasional glimpses of the surrounding urban sprawl.

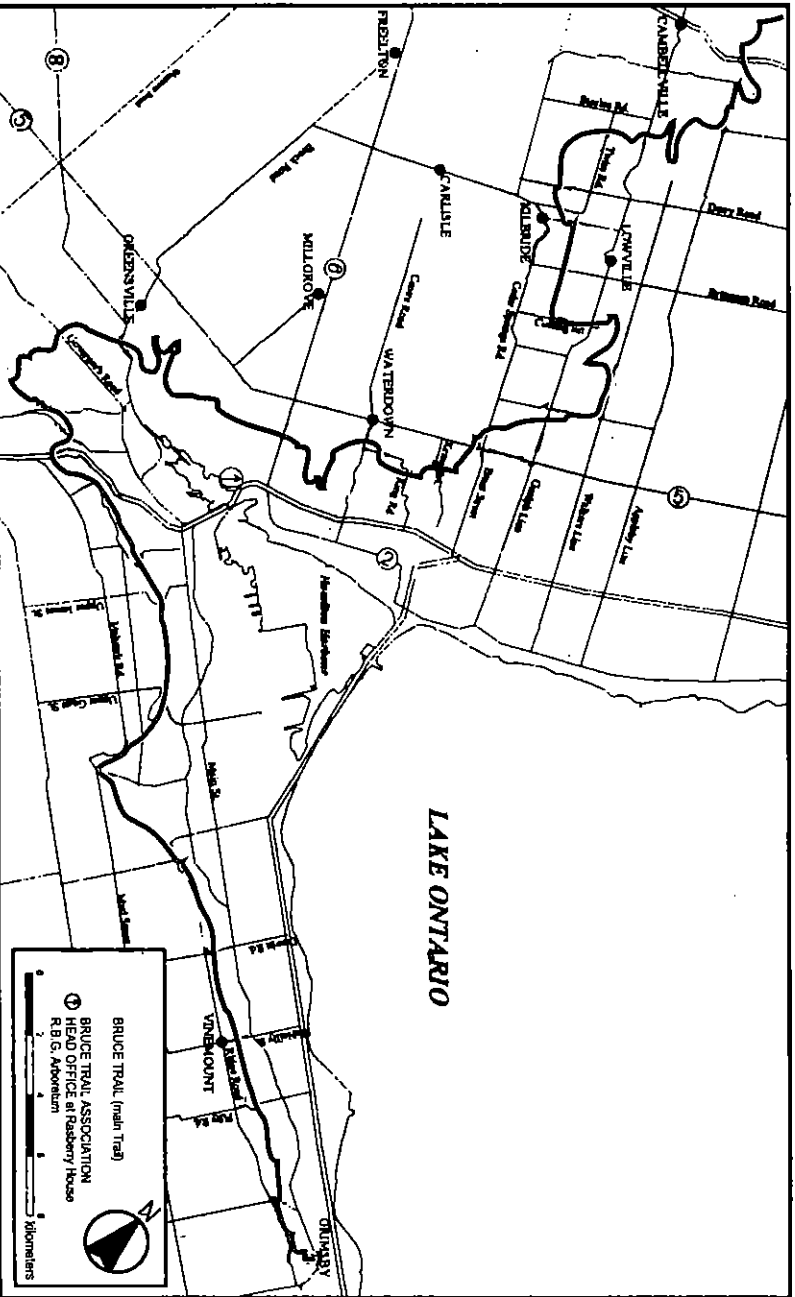
Starting in the Town of Grimsby, the Trail goes north through the Beamer Falls Conservations Area (Home of the Hawk Watch from March to April), then through the Winona Conservation Area, the Vinemount Conservation Area, and the City of Stoney Creek. Next we go through the Devil's Punch Bowl Conservation Area, Felker's Falls Conservation Area, over Red Hill Creek and through King's Forest Park. The Bruce Trail passes through the bi-level City of

Hamilton and into Iroquoia Heights

Conservation Area, then into Tiffany Falls Conservation Area, the Town of Ancaster, the Dundas Valley Conservation Area and the Town of Dundas. Spencer Gorge Wilderness Area comes next, followed by the Royal Botanical Gardens and the Town of Waterdown. Then through Yaremko Ridley Park, the Village of Kilbride, the Mount Nemo Conservation Area, Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area, and ends at Kelso Conservation Area.

Our newsletter "The Iroquoian" is published quarterly and brings to you news and events from our section of the Bruce Trail. We offer an excellent hiking programme year-round, featuring an enormous variety of activities.

Join us for a walk today!



Take Advantage of these Great Opportunities...

The Iroquoia Club offers volunteers many opportunities to put to use your various talents and skills.

✂️ **Publicity and Communications**

Be a member of our roster of speakers who regularly present slide and video presentations to groups and organizations.

✂️ **Membership Committee**

Keep the Bruce Trail alive through active solicitation of new members. Attend shows and exhibits promoting the Bruce Trail. Talk to people who use the Trail.

✂️ **Trail Maintenance**

All of our Trails are built and maintained by our Volunteers. Be a Trail Monitor and Trail Captain or participate in some of our many Work Parties throughout the year.

✂️ **Workshops**

The Iroquoia Club offers many workshops throughout the year to better prepare its members for the many challenges of the Bruce Trail, from work-party skills to first aid courses.

✂️ **Land Owner Group**

The Bruce Trail is constantly working with its neighbours along the Trail keeping the best interests of everyone in mind.

✂️ **Fund Raising**

Many events are planned throughout the year to help raise funds to keep the Trail growing – new and imaginative ideas are always welcome.

✂️ **Hike Leaders**

An integral part of our organization, these qualified and experienced leaders show the way of the Bruce Trail.

✂️ **Social Co-ordinators**

Our club isn't complete without the social programme – another opportunity to meet new friends and build lasting friendships.



PENINSULA B.T. CLUB

STEDHAM B.T. CLUB

BEAVER VALLEY B.T. CLUB

BLUE MOUNTAINS B.T. CLUB

NORTHERN HIGHLANDS B.T. CLUB

TORONTO B.T. CLUB

IROQUOIA B.T. CLUB

NIAGARA B.T. CLUB

For more information about the Bruce Trail Association and becoming a member call (905) 529-6821 or 1-800-665-HIKE

