

Smokey Hollow Steps and Handrail

The upper portion of the Smokey Hollow stairs and handrail were replaced as a result of a marathon effort from volunteers and coordinated by Art Johnston. This is a highly trafficked area and these improvements will be enjoyed by many!



A big thank you to all of the volunteers for their time and efforts in improving the access and enjoyment of the trail for all!

Restoration and Conservation Projects

Seed Orchard at McNally Conservation Team has grown to provide assistance in monitoring and weeding the space. Pathways have been created with cardboard and mulch in between the 15 plots of land planted with native plants, grasses and shrubs.

The Club's Massive Garlic Mustard Initiative is now in year 2 of a major push. Decreasing the range of Garlic Mustard protects native species such as Trilliums and Jack-In-The-Pulpit as well as preventing Monarch Butterflies from mistakenly laying eggs on garlic mustard which cannot nurture their offspring. Venture Scouts has joined our volunteers to assist with removal of this pernicious invasive species. On behalf of all BTC Members, we thank all the volunteers and land stewards for contributing to this project!

Fisher Pond burn was very successful and work continues on managing thistle in the field as well.

If you are interested to join the Iroquoia Restoration and Conservation team please email Cynthia Archer/Land Steward Director at: archercynthiab@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteers Needed

As we head into fall, we wanted to share a number of exciting volunteer opportunities with you. Volunteer positions are always available, please reach out anytime for more information!

Our Bruce Trail volunteers enjoy:

- meeting like-minded people
- helping the club by sharing their skills and talents
- contributing to our mission of preserving a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever

There's a place for you at the Iroquoia Club!

Current Open Positions

Board Member - Director at Large

A Director/Member at Large becomes fully informed on organizational matters, and participates in the Club Board's deliberations and decisions in matters of policy, finance, programs and advocacy. The DAL is expected to assume a specific Board role after 1 year.

Interested in applying? Visit: [Apply Online To Volunteer | Bruce Trail Conservancy](#) or email us at info@iroquoia.on.ca

Bruce Trail Conservancy Strategy 2030

The Bruce Trail Conservancy has created an ambitious plan for conservation and connection to nature.

With today's challenges it is clear that the work of the Bruce Trail Conservancy has never been so important. That's why, to address these challenges, the Bruce Trail Conservancy has developed the *2030 Strategy*. This plan brings more urgency to our work, increases the scale of our conservation activities, and brings the human connection to nature to the forefront.

The Bruce Trail Conservancy's mission, vision and values remain the same but this new strategy strengthens the organization's relevance and ambition and will significantly advance the mission to preserve a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever.

The 2030 Strategy is centered on five strategic and interconnected goals:

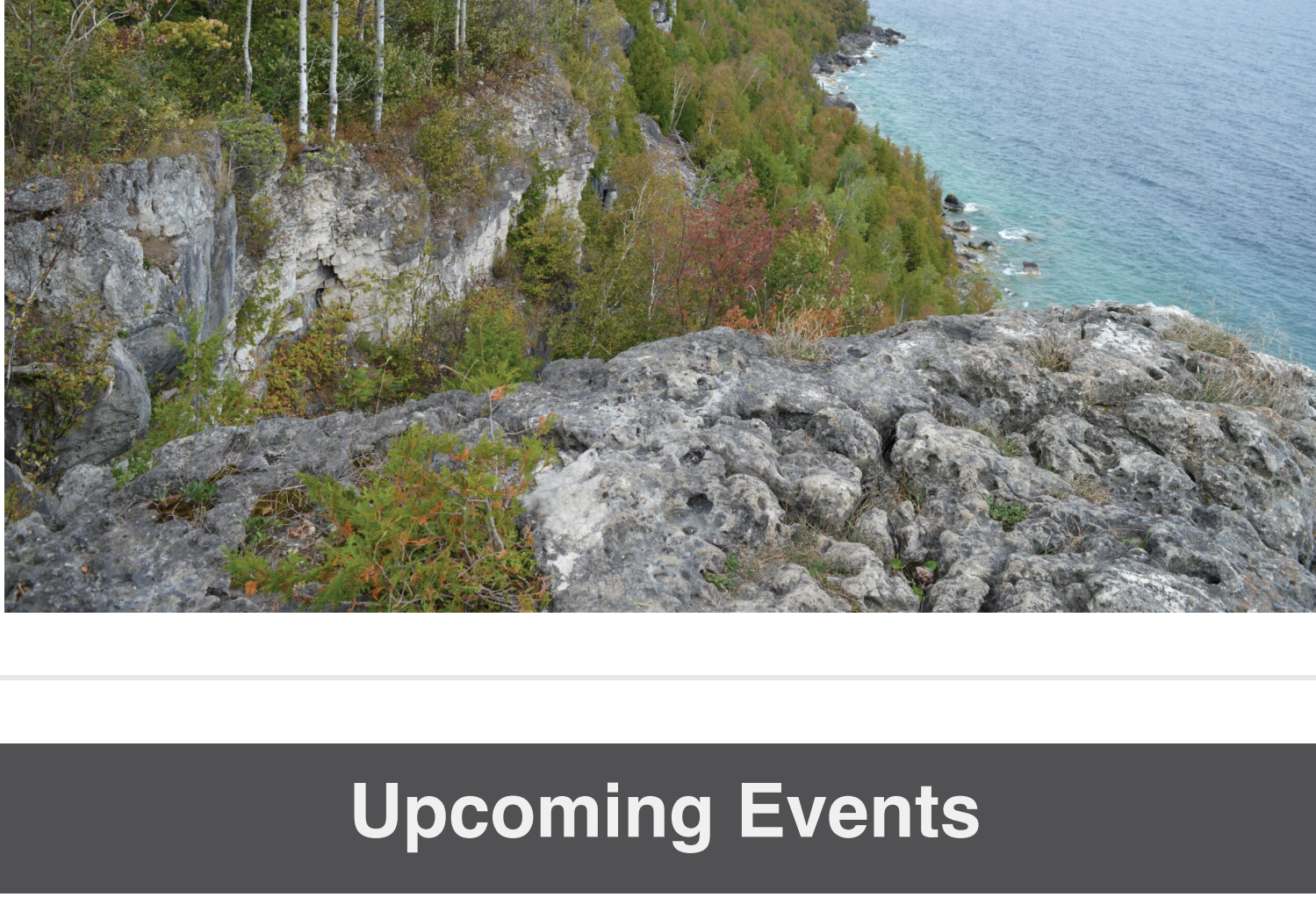
- Urgently protect land
- Restore and care for Niagara Escarpment land
- Enhance the Bruce Trail experience
- Inspire Generosity
- Support people and culture

Emphasizing both people and place, the *2030 Strategy* encompasses the work the Bruce Trail Conservancy does as a leading Canadian land trust, a conservation organization, and stewards of Canada's oldest and longest footpath.

The Bruce Trail Conservancy's *2030 Strategy* reflects a renewed commitment to building a diverse and inclusive community, and deepening connections to nature. It recognizes the importance of welcoming Indigenous voices and knowledge into our work. It ensures we remain accountable to our members, donors, volunteers, and above all, the Niagara Escarpment.

As the Bruce Trail Conservancy takes these bold steps, we will share our progress and celebrate the wins along the way. With our new strategic guidebook in hand, the Bruce Trail Conservancy is ready to embark on the path ahead.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



Upcoming Events

Steeltown Stomp - September 20, 2023

Looking for a distance and strength challenge?

Hike over 20km and climb 2,000 steps to complete the 8th annual Steeltown Stomp. Registration is now open and spots usually fill up fast.

This is a 23 km self-guided hike along the Bruce Trail, the Escarpment Rail Trail and the Chedoke Radial Trail, and climbing up and down 7 sets of stairs along the Hamilton Escarpment. Everyone who completes the route and goes through the two checkpoints will earn the coveted Steeltown Stomp badge.



Fee: \$30 includes checkpoint snacks, badge and helps to support the Bruce Trail Conservancy in its mission to preserve a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever.

For more information and to register, [click here](#)

Looking for another hiking challenge?

Join us for the 4 day self-led Iroquoia Bruce Trail End-to-End taking place September 16, 17 and 23, 24.

Enjoy and complete the 122 km distance over four days (approximately 30-35km each day). Please be honest about your physical abilities. These 4 days are not recommended for new hikers or anyone who hasn't completed these sort of distances recently. Hikers are expected to maintain an average pace of 4 km/hr (or more) and will be required to reach each checkpoint on each day by a prescribed time in order to continue, so we can ensure everyone is off the trail before dark.

The hikes will traverse the varied terrain from Grimsby in the south, to the 401 in Milton. Checkpoint stations will be approximately every 10 km offering snacks, water refill, and assistance.

Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club
Communications Request Form

The hike is \$95 for members and \$110 for non-members and includes bus transportation from the meeting point to the hike starting point, refreshments, parking, permit costs, and the official E2E badge.



Registration is live on our hike calendar. Secure your spot today!
Space is limited.

For questions, please contact Parvinder Sachdeva at pavvysingh@gmail.com

Share your photos and hike experiences with us!

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We want to hear from you!

Instagram page: [iroquoiaBruceTrailClub](#) and

Facebook page: [Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club](#).

E-Mail: info@iroquoia.on.ca and/or onthetrails.ibtc@gmail.com

Let's do our part to respect and protect nature by staying on the marked trails and leaving plants, trees and wildlife untouched for others to discover and admire. Please leave the trails, forests, meadows and wetlands as you find them.

The Bruce Trail provides joy to so many.

If you aren't already, consider becoming a member today. Help preserve this wonderful trail system.

Become a Member today

Sign up for the Iroquoia E-notes.

Iroquoia E-notes are for members and non-members. Our E-notes are sent out by email to your inbox regularly. Signing up is easy: go to the Club webpage www.iroquoia.on.ca, scroll to the bottom and you will see where you can sign up on the left hand side.

Thank you for reading.
We hope you had a great start to your summer.
Can't wait to see you on the trails this season!

