



The Bruce Trail

Ontario's Pathway Passes Nearby Hikers See Spectacular Terrain

The Bruce Trail, a continuous footpath across Ontario which would serve as a hiker's dream, was the brain child of Raymond Lowe, a Hamilton man originally from Western Canada. An ardent hiker, Lowe proved to be a good organizer and managed in short order to instil his enthusiasm in many willing helpers five years ago when the first steps to create such a trail were taken.

Fortunately for Acton the Bruce Trail, which will extend from Niagara to Tobernory at the tip of Bruce Peninsula when completed, passes through this immediate vicinity making accessible a wonderland of natural splendor, woodsy paths, quiet retreats, scenic valleys, gorges and breathtaking views from heights of from 200 to 500 feet.

Spectacular Scenery

For the most part, the Trail follows the brow of the Niagara escarpment. Its 200 miles wind through what is without a doubt the most spectacular scenery in Old Ontario.

On the route are such well known beauty spots as Queens ton Heights Park, Grimsby Peak, the Dundas Valley, Webster Falls, Dundas Peak, Rock Chapel, Rattlesnake Point, Kelso Lake, the Caledonia Hills, Bellmountain, the Forks of the Credit, Hockley Valley, Devil's Glen, the Blue Mountains, Beaver Valley, Sycamore River, Lion's Head and Tobernory, and those are just a few of the high spots.

The Trail's development was left to "Clubs", each responsible for a section of approximately 25 miles. The local section, Kelso to Terra Cotta, is presided over by Ian L. Smith of 15 Conifer Drive, Etobicoke.

Two Miles Away

At its closest point to Acton, the Trail comes north, up the Fourth Line, till it crosses the C.N.R. tracks, where it turns east towards the Fifth Line at a point about one and a quarter miles below No. 7 Highway. Hikers can pick it up there or at any of many accessible spots where it junctions the Esqueving Township Lines.

The section commences at the Campbellville Sideroad (No. 5) and the Fifth Line. Nassagaweya crosses (about two miles east of Campbellville) and angles north-east, crossing No. 25 Highway about one quarter mile south of Speyside. It crosses the Speyside Sideroad (No. 15) about a quarter mile east of the corner and after a few yards, jogs northeast to hit the Third Line of Esqueving.

Limchouse - Silvercreek

The Trail follows the Third Line north to No. 22 Sideroad and stays with the sideroad all the way to the Fourth Line. The

Trail Tracer

This information on the Bruce Trail was assembled by Esqueving resident Ben Case. Others assisted him, including the doctor who examined him when he joined the army in 1915; they found themselves together exactly 50 years later, to the minute.

Fourth Line routes it into the Limchouse territory. It leaves the course of the road beyond the C.N.R. tracks and jogs east across the farms of the Connor Transport Ltd. and Fred Brooks, R. R. 1, Limchouse, then north to the Fifth Line for one mile to the Campbell Sinclair farm, R. R. 1, Limchouse, and from that point east to the Sixth Line crossing just north of Waterfalls Playground.

About a quarter mile north on the Sixth Line and the Trail cuts east again across the concession, over hilly terrain to the Georgetown reservoir on No. 7 Highway at the bottom of Silvercreek hill.

North of Glen

From there, it crosses the highway and enters the Gordon R. Kimey farm, R. R. 1, Georgetown, through to the Eighth Line at the base of the Hickory Falls hill, across the creek near one of the red clay mounds in this area (Ray Crichton farm) and up a steep path to the top of the escarpment again. The Trail hits the jog in the Ninth Line just below the old Norton quarry (now demolished) and the historic lime kiln there (on top of Glen mountain) which is visible from Georgetown. It tightens the top of Glen mountain ridge through the Starrett and Presswood farms to the 10th Line at the junction of the Terra Cotta Sideroad (No. 27). It follows the sideroad down to Terra Cotta, where it hits the Town Line between Halton and Peel.

The Trail is marked by metal blazes, approximately four to the mile, plus signs at most of the junctions with main roads, reminding users that the foot trail crosses private land, and warning against damaging trees and fences, and stipulates no camping, no fires and no hunting. There are also white rectangular blazes about 3" x 5" on telephone and hydro poles, posts and trees all along the route, making it easy to follow.

Stiles at Fences

Trail users don't have to worry about climbing fences since stiles have been constructed at fence lines. Bridges and stepping stones across rivers and streams

have also been provided by the trail-blazing clubs.

Long range plans call for hostels and planned campsites along the way for overnight accommodation.

Guests of Owners

Organizers and regular hikers hope new users will not impose on the good nature of the property owners who have willingly cooperated by allowing the Trail to pass through their land. If property is damaged, fires started, fences broken or litter left about as so often happens through thoughtlessness, the property owners could well have a change of heart.

To see that none of the wild and natural habitat along the great pathway is marred is the responsibility the Bruce Trail Association leaves to the common sense of the majority of users.

FIREWORKS BY-LAW

Esqueving Council has passed a new fireworks by-law, restricting the sale of fireworks to the seven day period preceding Victoria Day. The fireworks may only be sold to persons age 10 or over, and may be set off on Victoria Day, May 24.

Art Lawson Heads 4-H Engineering Club

The second monthly meeting of the Halton 4-H Engineering Club was held on Thursday, April 24 at the Agricultural Office, Milton, with 13 members present.

Members elected for the executive are as follows, president, Art Lawson; vice-president, Jeff Nurse; secretary, Verna Thompson; press reporter, Bill Alexander.

The club is under the leadership of Larry Argue, Agricultural Engineer for Halton and Peel counties. There are many projects offered such as laying out floor plans for remodelling an existing building, preparing a model farm building from the Canadian Farm Buildings Plans Service, preparing model buildings of the members' home farm layout for testing in the wind and snow machine at the O.A.C., Guelph and a compulsory project of keeping track of a farm machine operating costs.

P.T.O. SHAFTS

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HARLEY...to HALTON

By DR. MARRY HARLEY, M.P.

The budget for the year 1965-66 has been introduced into the House of Commons by the Honorable Walter Gordon, Minister of Finance. The debate on the budget has begun and by regulation will take six days. I am sure that everyone is aware of the contents of the budget, so there seems to be little to be gained by repetition here.

To review 1964 briefly: A half million new jobs have been created; unemployment has fallen, and our Gross National Product rose almost nine per cent. Housing units have increased. Our balance of trade and payments with other countries has improved.

Reduce Deficit

The 1964-65 fiscal year had a budget deficit of \$692 million, and in the year just ended, this has been reduced to \$43 million. The Royal Commission on Taxation, which was appointed in 1962, is expected now to report in the fall of 1965, and the report is expected to set far-reaching and may cause a complete revision of our tax structure.

The expectations for 1965 are good. Our Gross National Product is expected to rise approximately seven per cent. There are some features of the budget that are of particular interest to the County of Halton.

Budget Features

(1) Canada Development Corporation: this will allow Canadians to invest in Canadian industries and take part in the

growth of Canadian industry.

(2) For farmers, a rapid write-off of cost of farm storage facilities and permission to deduct amounts spent for clearing land or laying drainage tile.

(3) To help in the control of water pollution, industries will be allowed to deduct 50 per cent of the cost of capital expenditures made by them to prevent such pollution.

May Deduct Dues

(4) Amounts paid as annual trade union dues or professional dues may be deducted separately from the standard deduction of \$100.

(5) The cost involved in obtaining a licence, franchise or trade name for business, necessary for business will be deductible.

(6) A matter of great interest to me is the proposed study by the Special Committee of Food and Drugs, of which I was chairman in the last two sessions of parliament of the 11 per cent Federal Sales Tax on drugs. This will be included in the studies to reduce the cost of drugs.

(7) And, of course, the 10 per cent reduction in income tax for taxpayers generally.

Official Delegate

I have been honored by being named an official delegate of Canada to 18th World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization of the United States which meets in Geneva, Switzerland from May 4 to May 21. I will be attending and active.

Mrs. Fred Edwards President Nassagaweya Women's Institute

Mrs. Fred Edwards was hostess for the April meeting of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute. The president, Mrs. W. A. Fraser opened the meeting with a poem, "Easter Wishes". Following the Ode and Mary Stewart Collett, Mrs. J. R. Henry read the minutes of the last meeting. Roll call was answered by payment of fees. It was decided to make a donation to the Music Festival. Mrs. M. H. Pratt presented the treasurer's report.

Mrs. M. Malton acted as chairman for the election of officers as presented by the nominating committee. Mrs. M. Malton and

is participating in these meetings and I hope to report from Geneva to my constituents from time to time. In my absence, the next three regular meetings will be carried on by Mr. Russell Honey, M.P. for Durham, and the constituents of Halton kept informed of events from Parliament Hill.

Following the Queen and Grace refreshments were served by Mrs. W. H. Black, Mrs. J. R. Henry, Mrs. M. Malton and Mrs. M. J. Mullen.

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