

Hockley Valley Resort gearing up for spring

Fun for the whole family.

That's the best description when referring to the Hockley Valley Resort, located on Hockley Road, about three kilometres east of Highway 10.

The resort, which has just gone through a major expansion, is open all year round and is just gearing up for its spring and summer seasons.

On the list of activities that will keep the whole family busy is an indoor and outdoor pool, fitness and games rooms, tennis and squash courts, volleyball, walking on the

Bruce Trail, which runs through the property, and an 18-hole golf course.

"The facilities are very good," said Julie Barnes, executive secretary at the Hockley Valley Resort. "They (clientele) love it. It's very impressive."

Although the 104 new rooms have been available since October of last year, renovations to the resort have just recently been completed.

New to the holiday spot are the Woodside Lounge, a sports bar and a 60-seat bistro for people who want a less formal meal than in the dining room, Ms. Barnes said.

The Woodside Lounge features a big-screen television and a gorgeous view of the property. Outside is a patio where guests may enjoy the outdoors while dining or sipping on a cool drink.

This year will also mark the first full season for the golf course, which

opened last August. The course is open to the public beginning in mid-April, with green fees of \$25 during the week and \$35 on the weekends.

Golfers may rent carts for the price of \$24 per vehicle.

In the spring and summer seasons most of the resort's clientele are businesspeople who come to use the boardroom facilities, Ms. Barnes said.

"We also get a lot of golfers and people who are here for get-away weekends," she said.

Room rates run anywhere between \$105 and \$425 per night, depending on what room you want.

"It (the resort) is beautifully decorated," Ms. Barnes said.



By the river

As you drive through the tiny town of Belfountain, be sure to stop to look and listen to the Credit River winding its way alongside the road.

Hills add adventure

Mono Cliffs trail features escarpment

When he was in high school Larry Haskell's teacher took him and his class on a hike and ever since that day he has been discovering the hills of Dufferin County.

Mr. Haskell, a Shelburne resident, has been part of the Bruce Trail Association's Dufferin Hi-Land Club for many years and has a few favorite spots of his own.

He especially enjoys walking the area of the Mono Cliffs, which you can gain access to from either of the three parking lots in the park.

"It's the nicest area and, generally speaking, is an easy trail," Mr. Haskell said.

Although the trails, which are all in good condition, are mostly flat, there are a few hills for the adventurous, he said.

A special feature of this Bruce Trail route is that the escarpment can be seen in some areas. Mr. Haskell explained that, for the most part, the escarpment is buried in Dufferin County.

There is something to fulfill

every interest on this route, with both wooded and open areas, flat trails and hills and caves for the explorers to stake out.

Another favorite spot of Mr. Haskell's is the Boyne River trail. At this time of year he sometimes likes to just sit and watch the pieces of ice float by.

"It's a nice area for sitting and just watching the water," he said.

Located at Highway 89 and Centre Road, just east of Highway 10, this section of the Bruce Trail is a fairly easy walk set in some of the most beautiful scenery, he said.

"Trails meander about and go off in different directions," he said.

The path can be entered from the north or south end and slopes up from the Boyne River through a gorgeous cedar forest, Mr. Haskell said.

Bruce Trail tours scenic Dufferin

Drink in the picturesque surroundings and open your eyes and ears to the beautiful sights and sounds of Dufferin County with an invigorating walk through the countryside.

Andy Harrison, a member of the Dufferin Hi-Land Bruce Trail Club, loves walking and has a few favorite spots of his own.

His favorite route is part of the Bruce Trail, located east of Horning's Mills. The path runs alongside the north bank of the Pine River in the Pine River Conservation Area.

The trail then takes you along a beautifully treed hillside, past some ponds, then back to the river and out to River Road.

Mr. Harrison said the most captivating features of this walk are the soothing sounds of the Pine River flowing over the stones and the breathtaking view from a lookout point north of the valley.

"It's beautiful to come down on a summer day," he said.

Mr. Harrison maintains this section of the Bruce Trail and on a recent walk through the area he spotted many animal tracks in the snow.

"That gives you some interest as well," he said.

Another trail on the top of Mr. Harrison's list is that of one on the Bruce Trail just north of the Boyne Valley Natural Science School near Whitfield.

This route takes you through wooded areas and crosses ravines with a series of stairs going up and down.

"This trail is more physically taxing," Mr. Harrison said.

The path also runs across pretty streams and at one time comes out into an open field. For nature lovers just the sight of the trilliums in bloom will be worth the walk, Mr. Harrison said.

Mr. Harrison said that although he likes to see other people walking on the Bruce Trail, he encourages them to join the association so that they can help with its upkeep.

"We have to maintain it," he said. For information on how to join please call Mr. Harrison at (519) 925-5951.

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