

Editor's note

I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June.

--Lucy Maud Montgomery

Former Norval resident Ms. Montgomery raises a good question. Frankly, is there a better season than summer? Warm nights, warmer days and the smell of barbecues in full operation. Even a rainstorm in summer can be pleasant.

Inside this edition of Sideroads of Halton Hills we do a little daytripping to nearby Milton and Hilton Falls Conservation Area. Writer Andrew Hind details the Campbellville-area park resplendent with trails, streams, wildlife, flowers....and a lot of history.

Naturalist Kerry Jarvis returns in this issue after a short hiatus to give readers the lowdown on nine great places to go in Halton Hills if you're looking for a leisurely hike. From the Bruce Trail to the Willow Park Ecology

Centre to Silver Creek Conservation Area there are plenty of places to get our and enjoy the great outdoors.

If it's June it must be strawberry season and Andrew couldn't resist checking out area strawberry farms. He gives a rundown on where to go locally to pick-your-own or buy already picked berries.

Nothing says summer like ice cream and Emily Yates provides readers with a list of places to satisfy your craving for icy delights.

Master Gardener Belinda Gallagher shares her thoughts on some of her favourite plants for spring/summer while we also give you the lowdown on the first-ever Big Daddy Festival planned for Father's Day weekend.

So grab cool drink, sit back and enjoy. If you have any comments, criticisms or story ideas email me at jmcghie@independentfreepress.com.

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Passing shots...



Freelance photographer Jon Borgstrom managed to snap this group of ducklings waddling their way through Georgetown south recently while (right) two turtles took advantage of the good weather for a little sunning at the Willow Park Ecology Centre.



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