

# Trail Blazing near Terra Cotta invigorating

by Frances Walker

Today's walk is a 5 km loop just north of the town of Terra Cotta. To reach the access point, travel east on Mayfield Road. From Georgetown I suggest you go north on Mountainview Road, then turn right onto River Road (right beside

the Varian plant). You will cross the Credit River and climb out of the valley. River road ends at 10th Line.

Turn right and follow the paved road around a sharp left bend. 10th Line continues straight as an unopened road allowance. You will be continuing east on Mayfield Road. Pass the intersection with Winston Churchill Blvd. The next intersection is Heritage Road. It took us 10 minutes (7 km) to reach this point from our house in Georgetown.

Turn left (north) on Heritage Road and continue for about 7 km. At King Street in Terra Cotta, Heritage Road takes a jog to the left. After crossing the bridge over the Credit River, turn right to regain Heritage Rd. About 2 km up the road you will climb the Escarpment. At the top of the hill there is space on the right shoulder where you can park.

You will notice some blue blazes on the road here. This is the Rockslide Side Trail, which you will be using to return to your car. Walk back down the road (east side) and look for the white blazes of the main trail going off into the woods. As you look around you will notice hills of stones.

This area was quarried once, and the hills are the tailings from the quarry operations. The trail follows the Escarpment edge for about 1 km and then turns and goes through a regenerating field. We walked this section in February and noticed many animal tracks in the snow including deer, rabbit, and porcupine. After traversing the field, the trail climbs a hill and winds through woods until it reaches the (unopened) Boston Mills road allowance.

The distance walked to this point is about 3 km. The main trail turns right at this point. The Rockslide

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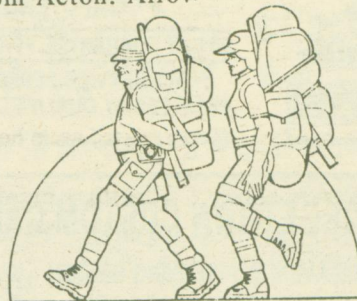
Side Trail enters on your left. Turn left and follow the side trail. The side trail follows the road allowance, so it is very straight. The blue blazes on this section can be hard to see, so watch carefully. You will soon come to the intersection of Rockslide and Boston Mills

roads. Turn left just before this intersection and continue to follow the side trail. After about 3/4 km, you will come out onto Heritage Road. Continue along the road

(watch for cars) and you will soon see your car. The side trail is about 2 km in length.

It took us about 20 minutes to get to the access point from Georgetown and would take about 35 minutes from Acton. Allow

about two hours for the hike. This is a good winter hike but also worthwhile in the spring when many Trilliums are in bloom.



## Georgetown Y.B.C.

### Bantams

Reanne Inglis	603 (277)
Jennifer Cabral	502 (187)
Sara Pegg	501 (200)
Gordon Clarke	475 (185)
Brendan Louth	469 (192)
Mathew Rodgers	445 (172)
Heather Pollock	440 (207)
Sonia Moreland	432 (165)
Michael Cluney	427 (188)

### Pee Wees

William Walker	396
Jason Pshyk	341
Blake Mandarino	337
Amanda Fendley	334
Charles Gerrity	323
Lise Clarke	322
Patrick Hole	316

### Smurfs

David Walkington	308
Michael Brown	302
Bryan Kennery	293
Heather Foster	269
Rachael Nelissen	220

### Mon. Men's League

Bryan Creasy	778 (283)
Sam Holmes	774 (296)
Bruce Clarke	734 (290)
Brinley Hole	714 (275)

### Tues Niters

Larry Larocque	775 (329)
Debbie Hole	727 (269)
Alain Larocque	722 (304)
Eva England	703 (250)

### Wed. Mixed League

Helen Humphreys	705 (265)
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### Thurs Niters

Christine Somers	799 (288)
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