



GUELPH HIKING TRAIL CLUB  
**eNEWSLETTER**

## PRESENTING SPONSOR

If you have solutions for protecting the environment, **why not work with someone who gets your mission and vision.**

It could feel like hanging out with a good tree-hugging friend, all while improving your website, leveling up your social media, and showing your core values more effectively to **make your impact even greater!**

Plus, **GHTC members will receive 15% off until April 30th!\***


Get in touch, I'd love to connect with you!  
~ Julianna



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## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### Pathways to Community



As you may have noticed, this month's club newsletter kicked off with a presenting sponsor! If you are interested in being our newsletter sponsor for one of these months, fill out [this form](#). Cost to sponsor is based on a sliding scale donation between \$25 and \$250. Email club President, [Colin McCusker](#), if you have any questions.

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## CERTIFIED HIKE LEADER TRAINING

Certified Hike Leader Training on March 24<sup>th</sup> is SOLD OUT!

Thank you to Bill Mungall and Wally Vandervaart for coordinating this event. We are looking forward to having a whole new cohort of hike leaders ready to be of service to our club.

Due to popular demand, we will announce another Certified Hike Leader Training in the near future! Stay tuned.



## UPCOMING HIKES & CLUB EVENTS



**Check out the GHTC [calendar](#) regularly for updates on all hikes!**

March 13 Victoria Rd to Guelph Lake\*

March 13 Arboretum noon hike\*\*

March 16 RLT Section 1 and Smith Property hike

March 17 Spencer Gorge hike

March 23 Section 5 and 6 of the RLT hike - posting on calendar coming soon!

March 24 Hike leader training - SOLD OUT

April 6 & 7 Parts 1 & 2 of the Caledon Bruce Trail end to end hike

*\*Level 3 hike due to terrain and distance - challenging)*

April 7 Scottsdale Farm hike, level 2

April 13 & 14 Parts 3 & 4 of the Caledon Bruce Trail end to end hike

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April 17 GHTC Hike Leaders meeting at Royal City Brewery 6:45-8:30 pm

April 27 The Rapids Sidetrail hike (as part of Doors Open Guelph - see below)

April 28 Breithaupt Park Wildflower Photo Hike

May 5 Speed River end to end hike, level 2

\*Wednesday morning hikes are posted on our calendar the Monday before the Wednesday Hikes

\*\*Arboretum noon hikes are offered every Wednesday and are led by an Arboretum Naturalist

**Thanks to our hike leaders for building these hikes.  
We appreciate your time and efforts!**

## Coming soon!

- End to end, Bridge to Bridge. Earn a badge for completing the whole trail.
- International Trails Day June 1st
- End to end in the Fall, RLT

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## TRAILS OPEN



For a 12th year, GHTC is offering a series of half hour long fun hikes as a part of Doors Open Guelph, on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm. This year, the hike will feature the Rapids Sidetrail. This attraction will be located close to, and in between, other Doors Open sites, so it may be busy for us. Anyone can volunteer to lead a hike or two (leader certification is not necessary for this hike!). A script detailing the points of interest and a "practice run" will both be provided to anyone offering to lead. We also need a few volunteers to staff the registration desk on the day to collect waivers from participants.

Anyone interested in volunteering for a 2-3 hour time slot, please contact [Bill Mungall](#).

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## CLUB EXEC NEWS



A call for

- Trail Captains
- Communications Coordinator

Are you a member of GHTC and looking to be more involved?

Right now, we are accepting applications for **Trail Captains** (trail maintenance steward) and our club executive role of **Communications Coordinator** (social media manager).

If you are interested in either of these positions, email club President, [Colin McCusker](#). Share in your email the position you would like to fill and why you think you'd be a great fit.

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## COMMUNITY CAUSES

### Guelph Outdoors Club

### Outdoor Access Fund

The University of Guelph Outdoors Club is a not-for-profit, student-led organization. Established in 1976, their mission is to provide safe and accessible opportunities for members of the university and the larger Guelph community to have positive experiences outdoors. As a club, they offer fully outfitted trips as well as a no-cost gear library service for their 500 members. Their Outdoor Access Fund, established in 2023, seeks to remove financial barriers to the Outdoors by fully or partially funding trip opportunities for students with financial need. They believe that everyone should have the opportunity to explore the great outdoors and recognize that financial barriers exist for many students. They are currently accepting donations for the Outdoor Access Fund that will go directly towards funding outdoor opportunities to help make the outdoors accessible for all.



Click the logo to learn how to donate!

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### *Picture This with Bob Fanning*



Bob Fanning will be familiar to GHTC hikers, volunteers, and photography lovers. Did you know Bob has been involved with our club since the beginning, Starkey Hill is his favourite local trail, and he is an avid community volunteer?

Read all about Bob on our [website](#), and check out his upcoming photo hikes and GHTC photo event on our [club calendar](#)!

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## COMMON HELPFUL LINKS

Visit our [Calendar of All Events](#) often as hikes are posted on an ongoing basis.

Check our website's Home page to see announcements and short articles about initiatives that are in progress: [GHTC News](#).

Always be mindful of [Trail Closures and Cautions](#) while hiking our trail system.

If you ever have comments or questions for your [Executive Committee](#) use the website to send us an email; we are always open to hearing from you.







## OTHER HIKING & OUTDOOR NEWS

[Bruce Trail Aiming to be Thru-hikable by 2030: CEO](#) - Guelph Today

[Avon Trail Extends Four-kilometres Through Ontario's Countryside](#) - Stratford Today

[Here is everything you need to know about the April 8 solar eclipse in eastern Ontario](#) - CTV

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