

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Purple Woods Maple Syrup Festival

Date and Time: Sunday, March 23 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Address: 38 Coates Road East, Oshawa, L1H 7K4

Come out and experience a Canadian spring in our sugarbush where sap is collected from hundreds of sugar maple trees and boiled on-site into delicious maple syrup. On a self-guided tour, you can visit our modern evaporator, enjoy games, activities, horse-drawn wagon rides, and of course, pancakes with real maple syrup. This year marks a milestone for CLOCA: 50 years of tapping and making delicious maple syrup from our sugarbush at Purple Woods Conservation Area!

Monday, March 24, 2025

Guided Forest Hike - Goodwood and Secord Tracts

Date and Time: Monday, March 24 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: Rouge Urban Park (Glasgow Parks Canada) parking lot on the east side of Concession 2, 200m south of Webb Road.

Come join the **Oak Ridges Trail Association (ORTA)** on guided hikes / walks through various trails across the top of the GTA from Palgrave to Ganaraska. ORTA offers multiple group hikes and walks each week which continue throughout all four seasons. Our group hikes are available in varying levels of difficulty, speed, distance and terrain. All are led by experienced volunteer hike leaders, each certified in hike leader training and first aid. Visit our website, oakridgestrail.org, to see details of all hikes available to non-members together with hike leader contacts, locations, and descriptions of each hike.

Upcoming hikes in the Uxbridge area available to the public are listed below.

Monday Mar 24, 2025: Goodwood & Secord Forest Tract, Hike Leaders Brian & Wilma: ORTA Map 5; 2 hours; slow-moderate pace. Join us and collect two more side trails for your new ORTA Side Trail badge. There will be a short car shuttle to Secord Forest for a one-way hike back to the cars. There are a few moderate hills on this route. Depending on temperature, there may be a little ice, but most likely more wet or short muddy segments - spring conditions. Social time and a good meal in a local restaurant will follow the hike.

Hike Leaders: Brian and Wilma- 905-853-2407 c- 416-722-6512 Non ORTA members are required to contact the hike leader before 6 pm the previous day to discuss if this hike is suitable for you.

Arrive at 9:15 am for a 9:30 am start. There is no fee to park at this location.

LOCATION/DIRECTION: Meet (9:15AM) at the Rouge Urban Park (Glasgow Parks Canada) parking lot on th

e east side of Concession 2, 200m south of Webb Road. We will car shuttle to Secord to begin our one-way hike southwards.

BIA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date and Time: Monday, March 24 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: Wixan's Bridge Restaurant

The BIA's AGM is open to all BIA members. Food will be provided and drink available for purchase.

Friday, March 28, 2025

HIKE Uxbridge trails with Oak Ridges Trail Assocn

Date and Time: Friday, March 28 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Address: See website for locations in and around Uxbridge

Join the Oak Ridges Trail Association (ORTA) on their guided walks and hikes across the top end of the GTA from Palgrave to Ganaraska and beyond. Enjoy fresh air, meet new friends, energize your body all while getting your steps in! ORTA offers multiple group hikes and walks each week which continue throughout all four seasons. Our group hikes are available in varying levels of difficulty, speed, distance and terrain. All are led by experienced volunteer hike leaders, each certified in hike leader training and first aid.

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Non ORTA members may join a limited number of hikes as a guest, with the permission of the hiker leader and upon signing the required waivers. Visit our website, oakridgestrail.org, to see the FAQ section for more information regarding guest registration.

Whether joining us on a group hike or venturing out on your own or with friends, we hope to see you on the trail!

CURRENT HIKES:

Fri Mar 28, 2025: Hike Glen Major West, mod-fast speed.

Fri Apr 4, 2025: Hike Durham Forest Tracts, mod-fast speed.

Thurs Apr 17, 2025: Hike York Region Forest Tracts, mod-fast speed.

Mon Apr 28, 2025: Hike Countryside Preserve, slow-mod speed.

Thurs May 1, 2025: Birdwatching Thickson Wood, slow speed.

Fri May 2, 2025: Hike Durham Forest Tracts, mod-fast speed.

Saturday, March 29, 2025

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