

Beaver Bites Challenge

The Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club has 29 km of side trails. These trails, when combined with parts of the main trail, make for some interesting, less travelled excursions. These hikes have been grouped below by proximity on the main trail, however they may be completed in whatever order or combination you choose.

The "Beaver Bites" badge will be awarded on the completion of all the loops listed below, including both side trails and main trail sections.

To receive a badge once you have completed the trails, send your hike log, a self-addressed envelope with your name and address, along with a cheque in the amount of \$5.00, payable to the Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club, P.O. Box 3251 Meaford, ON N4L 1A5.

All km references using Edition 29 of **The Bruce Trail Reference: Maps and Trail Guide**. Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) charges a parking fee at Eugenia Falls Conservation Area. Check the GSCA website for fees and payment methods at www1.greysauble.on.ca/conservation-areas/.

Happy hiking!

Group 1: Map 24

Intercept, Loree, Len Gertler

Park at km 2.3, (on the shoulder of the 21st Sideroad and the 4th Line). Hike the short Intercept Side Trail to the main trail (turn left) Hike to the Loree Side Trail (turn left). Hike this trail to the main trail (turn right). Hike the main trail to the Len Gertler Side Trail (turn right). Hike this trail to the main trail (turn right) and follow the main trail back to the Intercept Side Trail and your car. Total: 8.5 km

Margaret Paull

Park west of km 10.6 (on the north side of 18th Sideroad 450 m west of the 5th Line). Follow the main trail west to the Margaret Paull Side Trail (straight ahead). Hike this trail to the main trail. (Turn left) and follow the main trail back to your car. Total: 3.7 km

Group 2: Map 25

Metcalf Crevice, Chuck Grant, Pinnacle Rock

Park in the Metcalfe Rock parking area just south of km 27.9 (10th Line). Follow the main trail east to the Metcalfe Rock Side Trail. Take time to explore this imposing area of rock formations and crevices, then continue north on the main trail to the Chuck Grant Side Trail (turn left). Hike this trail to the main trail (turn left) and follow it back to your car, stopping along the way at Pinnacle Rock to look at this interesting feature. Total: 9.2 km

Group 3: Maps 25, 26

Ken Young, Mac Kirk

Park at km 41.7 (on the shoulder of Sideroad 7B). Follow the main trail north to the Ken Young Side Trail (turn right) Hike this trail to the road then walk back to your car. Move your car to the roadside parking on County Rd. 13, village of Kimberley, (blue steel gate on east side of the road, approx. km 44). Hike the main trail east to the top of the escarpment, then turn left to hike the Mac Kirk Side Trail loop. Then hike back down to your car. Total: 4 km. **This is a reroute not in Ed. 29. See the BTC website** http://brucetrail.org/trail_changes/259

Wodehouse Karst

During March and April, passage on Wodehouse Karst Side Trail is not possible due to the ephemeral lake created by the melt waters of Wodehouse Creek. Park your car on Grey Rd. 7 between Side Road 7A & Sideroad 4A at the Wodehouse Karst Side Trail sign. Hike down the escarpment on Wodehouse Karst Side Trail to the main trail, then hike back up the side trail to your car. Alternately, on a day when you are already on the main trail you can hike in and out this short side trail. Total: 3 km

Valley Crossover, Campbell's/Graham's Hill

Park at km 74.8 in the Bruce Trail parking lot on Grey County Rd. 30. Follow the main trail south to the Campbell's/Graham's Hill Side Trail. (Turn left) Hike this trail to the main trail. (Turn left) and follow the main trail to the Valley Crossover Trail. (Turn left) Hike this trail to the main trail. (Turn left) and follow the main trail back to your car. Total: 13.3 km

Group 4: Map 26

Eugenia Falls

Park at Eugenia Falls Conservation Area, in Eugenia, located west off County Rd. 13 on Pellisier St. Walk the paved path to the falls. Follow the main trail south for a few metres, then turn left onto the Eugenia Falls Side Trail. This short trail rejoins the main trail where you turn right and hike north back to your car. Total: 730 m

Hogg's Falls Upper, Hogg's Falls Lower

Park at km 63.2 (Hogg's Falls parking lot, on the west side of Lower Valley Road, about 750 m north of East Back Line). From the parking hike on the main trail to the Hogg's Falls Lower Side Trail (turn left). Hike this trail to the main trail (turn right). Hike the main trail to the Hogg's Falls Upper Side Trail (turn left). Hike this trail to the main trail (turn right) and follow the main trail back to your car. Total: 4.6 km

Group 5: Maps 27, 28

Sligo, Beaver Pond Lookout, Epping Lookout

This is a linear hike which includes the three side trails. It may be completed by hiking in and out or by placing a car at each end for a shuttle. (To shuttle, park one car at the John Muir Lookout parking lot on Grey Road 7, near km 92.8) .

Park at km 87.9 on Sideroad 16C. Hike west on the on the road on the main trail for a short distance, then continue on the Sligo Side Trail on the road until it turns right, off the road, then continue north. Hike this trail to the main trail (turn left). Hike the main trail to the Beaver Pond Lookout Side Trail (turn left). Walk in for a short way to view this wetland area, then back out. Continue north on the main trail to Grey Road 7. Cross the road to the Epping Lookout Trail and hike this trail to the John Muir Lookout area. Total: 7.5 km

Fairmount, Siegeman

Park at km 94.3 on Sideroad 22B. Hike the Fairmount Side Trail (enters off north side of road) to the main trail. (Turn right) Hike the main trail to the Siegeman Side Trail (turn right). Hike this trail to the main trail (turn right) and follow the main trail back to your car. Total: 11.2 km