

2024-2025

Annual Impact Report

Time in Nature



Bruce Trail
CONSERVANCY

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The Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) is one of Ontario's largest land trusts and the steward of Canada's oldest and longest marked footpath.

We actively preserve and care for land within the UNESCO-designated Niagara Escarpment Biosphere to protect its ecosystems for the benefit of all. We responsibly connect people to nature through the Bruce Trail and our protected natural areas.

We are a member-driven, volunteer-based, charitable organization, governed by a 19-member Board of Directors. Working with each of the nine Bruce Trail Clubs, we are committed to caring for the Bruce Trail and to preserving land along its route.

MISSION

Preserving a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever.

VISION

The Bruce Trail secured within a permanently protected natural corridor along the Niagara Escarpment.

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The Bruce Trail Conservancy wishes to acknowledge and honour the lands of the Niagara Escarpment as the traditional territory of Indigenous peoples. In both spirit and partnership, we recognize and thank the Anishinaabek, Huron-Wendat, Tionontati, Attawandaron, Haudenosaunee, Métis, and all who provided stewardship of these lands over millennia.

Recognition of the contributions of Indigenous peoples is consistent with our commitment to making the promise of Truth and Reconciliation real in our communities. We are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, and play here and thank all those who have served and continue to serve as caretakers of this special place.

We are also mindful of broken covenants and the need to reconcile with all our allies and relations. Together, may we care for this land and each other, drawing upon the strength of our mutual history through peace and friendship, to create a legacy of conservation for generations to come.

In 2024, the Bruce Trail facilitated 1.4 million hours in nature.

To improve the Bruce Trail experience, understand its value to the public and serve our community better, we set out to discover how many people explore our ribbon of wilderness in a year. We learned that – across 1,395 km of main and side trails – over one million individuals visited the Bruce Trail in 2024. Many people made multiple trips to the Bruce Trail, and by looking at the average length of those visits, we came upon a remarkable new metric: time in nature.



OUR GROWTH

OUR IMPACT



72.1% of the Bruce Trail is now on permanently protected land

4.7 km of the Bruce Trail's Optimum Route was secured this year, and 44 km of Trail was created or rerouted



1,395 km of Trail maintained and ready to be explored

The iconic Bruce Trail continues to offer free, environmentally responsible public access to nature to visitors from near and far.



18 Signed agreements to protect land within the Bruce Trail Conservation Corridor

Of our 18 signed agreements with landowners, 11 closed this fiscal year, with the remaining seven expected to close in our next fiscal year due, in part, to systemic delays in the land severance process.



93 Species of Conservation Concern recorded on BTC-managed land

BTC ecologists made 98 observations of 20 rare and at-risk species this year.



1,485 New Canadians became BTC Members with the Canoo app

Newcomers to Canada were introduced to the Bruce Trail and the iconic landscapes of the Niagara Escarpment with a free one-year membership to the BTC.



1,541 Hikes led by BTC Clubs across our trail system

Guided by our dedicated hike leaders, thousands of people explored the Bruce Trail Conservation Corridor on organized hikes.



12,103 Members across our nine Bruce Trail Clubs

Our community of BTC members supported trail maintenance, habitat restoration, and community outreach, all core areas of our mission.



685 Trail maintenance notifications were sent to Bruce Trail Clubs

Explorers used the Bruce Trail app to inform Clubs about hazards and debris along the Trail, leading to 685 maintenance actions.



54 Legacy gifts confirmed

The meaningful gifts left to the BTC this year have supported a variety of stewardship and securement projects that will leave a natural legacy for future generations.

BOARD CHAIR'S MESSAGE



The Bruce Trail is more than a world-class footpath; it is a call for connection.

As I reflect on my years serving on the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) Board, I am struck by the momentum we have created to bring people into greater connection with nature. As hikers explore the Bruce Trail together with friends or family, find moments of solitude among the trees, or learn about the species we are working to protect, they become BTC supporters - as members, volunteers and donors. This ever-growing BTC community emboldens us all to move forward with determination, confident in our purpose and the value of our vision.

As you read through our *2024-2025 Annual Impact Report*, you will see this momentum in all its verdant beauty. From the expansion of ecological restoration projects to the hundreds of acres preserved over the course of the year, the health of our conservation corridor and the experience of those who explore it continue to improve. You will also see that it was – once again! – a record-breaking year for fundraising with the support of our \$60 Million Challenge champions, generous donors, foundation partners and BTC members.

Over the past year and throughout my tenure as Board Chair, it has been a great pleasure to work with Michael McDonald and the BTC team. Michael's thoughtful leadership as CEO and his infectious love of nature are invaluable assets to this organization and our community. Under his leadership and together with expert BTC staff, dedicated volunteers, and a community of landowners and partners, the BTC is working towards the achievement of our mission with increasing tenacity.

Throughout it all, my colleagues on the Board of Directors past and present have demonstrated their unshakeable commitment to the BTC and the quality of the Bruce Trail experience. It has been a privilege to work with each one of them in the service of *preserving a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever.*

The stories documented in this report are a testament to our collective appreciation for time spent in the rich biodiversity of our conservation corridor and the power of our connection with the Bruce Trail – to better the environment, ourselves and our relationships with each other. It is a legacy we can all be proud of.

Leah Myers

Leah Myers
BOARD CHAIR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE



Our beloved Bruce Trail gives us an opportunity to heal ourselves and the land, together.

In the span of a generation, our lives have moved indoors and online. People of all ages and backgrounds are struggling with their mental health. Our planet is threatened by rising temperatures and extreme weather, and diminishing habitats mean the biodiversity crash is imminent. These challenges are daunting, but, in our view, part of the remedy for each is within an hour's drive of more than eight million Ontarians.

From its inception, the purpose of the Bruce Trail was to connect people with nature so they would want to help protect it. Ever since, and for the generations that followed, the Bruce Trail has been a cherished way for people to spend time in nature, while the ecosystems preserved along its route help mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Science has now proven what nature lovers have always known: time in nature benefits us in a myriad of ways. It can help improve our mood, energy, and immune responses. It supports cognitive function and both physical and mental health. Time in nature is real medicine.

This year we set out to quantify how many people have been enjoying our iconic Bruce Trail, which ultimately led to a ground-breaking new measurement we are very proud of: time in nature. In our *2024-2025 Annual Impact Report*, you will read more about this and all the ways the BTC has protected more vulnerable Niagara Escarpment lands while enhancing how the communities we serve access these special places. This critical work could not have been accomplished without the support of our inspiring volunteers, generous donors and landowners, dedicated members, partners and staff.

Integral to our success were the efforts of our talented Board, led by Leah Myers in the final year of her tenure as Chair. I am deeply grateful for her years of expertise and thoughtful leadership which have helped us achieve the remarkable results you will read about in these pages.

As a son, husband, father, brother and friend, my most treasured memories all happened while spending time together in nature. I invite you to celebrate what we have accomplished together, and to pledge to yourself to spend more time within our ribbon of wilderness. The gift of spending time in nature is irreplaceable.

Michael McDonald

Michael McDonald
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Urgently Protect Land

As we permanently protect land within the Niagara Escarpment UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve, we continue to piece together the puzzle that is the Bruce Trail Conservation Corridor. The size of our newly secured areas varies, but each is critically important: connected corridors provide healthier, more secure habitats for species to migrate safely with necessary food sources and shelter. What makes the Bruce Trail corridor even more special is the footpath that winds through it, giving free public access to one of the most biodiverse and geologically significant regions in North America.

We maximize every opportunity to secure the sensitive Escarpment lands the Bruce Trail crosses, navigating an often-unpredictable market. Not all lands we aim to protect become part of our conservation corridor, but with strong landowner relations championed by Club volunteers, expert staff and a community of generous donors and grantors, we are getting closer to our vision of the Bruce Trail secured within a permanently protected natural corridor along the Niagara Escarpment.

In November, Bruce Trail Conservancy supporters gathered with Adam van Koeverden, then Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, and the Hon. Karina Gould, then Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, to announce a grant of \$2.4 million to the Bruce Trail Conservancy, in addition to a previous grant of \$5 million, from Environment and Climate Change Canada through the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund. These funds supported the securement of 497.4 acres of sensitive Escarpment lands and the permanence of Canada's oldest and longest marked footpath.



Photo: Brooke Henry



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On June 9, the Bruce Trail Conservancy hosted the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Ontario Land Trust Alliance at Hollow Oak Nature Reserve to announce \$20 million over four years in Greenlands funding to support land trusts in protecting nature. The BTC was the recipient of a \$280,000 grant, which helped permanently protect 18 acres at Hollow Oak and secure 475 metres of the Bruce Trail, avoiding a reroute of over 3.5 km onto busy roads in the city of Burlington.

This year we kept 865 acres of agricultural land within our conservation corridor protected and in operation through leases with local farmers. This includes the centuries-old farmland at Meltwater Moraine in the Caledon Hills section and a hay field at Hollow Oak Nature Reserve in the Iroquoia section, which supports at-risk grassland nesting birds such as Bobolink. By working with local farmers to keep agricultural lands in operation, we are supporting both the economies of Escarpment communities and essential habitats.

Photo: Gary Hall



CONSERVATION CORRIDOR GROWTH	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
Acres of Niagara Escarpment preserved in the year	613.5 acres	942 acres	445 acres
Number of new protected natural areas established	11	17	6
Total acres stewarded by the Bruce Trail Conservancy	15,852 acres	15,212 acres	14,304 acres
Total acres the Bruce Trail Conservancy has been involved in preserving	21,186 acres	20,460 acres	19,637 acres
Length of Bruce Trail's Optimum Route secured in the year	4.7 km	10.5 km	3.6 km
Percentage of Bruce Trail's Optimum Route on permanently protected land	72.1%	71.9%	70.6%

Our Newly Protected Natural Areas 2024-2025



FIELDVIEW CONNECTION
78 acres | 337.9 m of trail



FORGOTTEN FIELDS NATURE RESERVE
100 acres | 169.7 m of trail



EAGLE'S SUMMIT NATURE RESERVE (Part 1)
115.4 acres | 913.3 m of trail



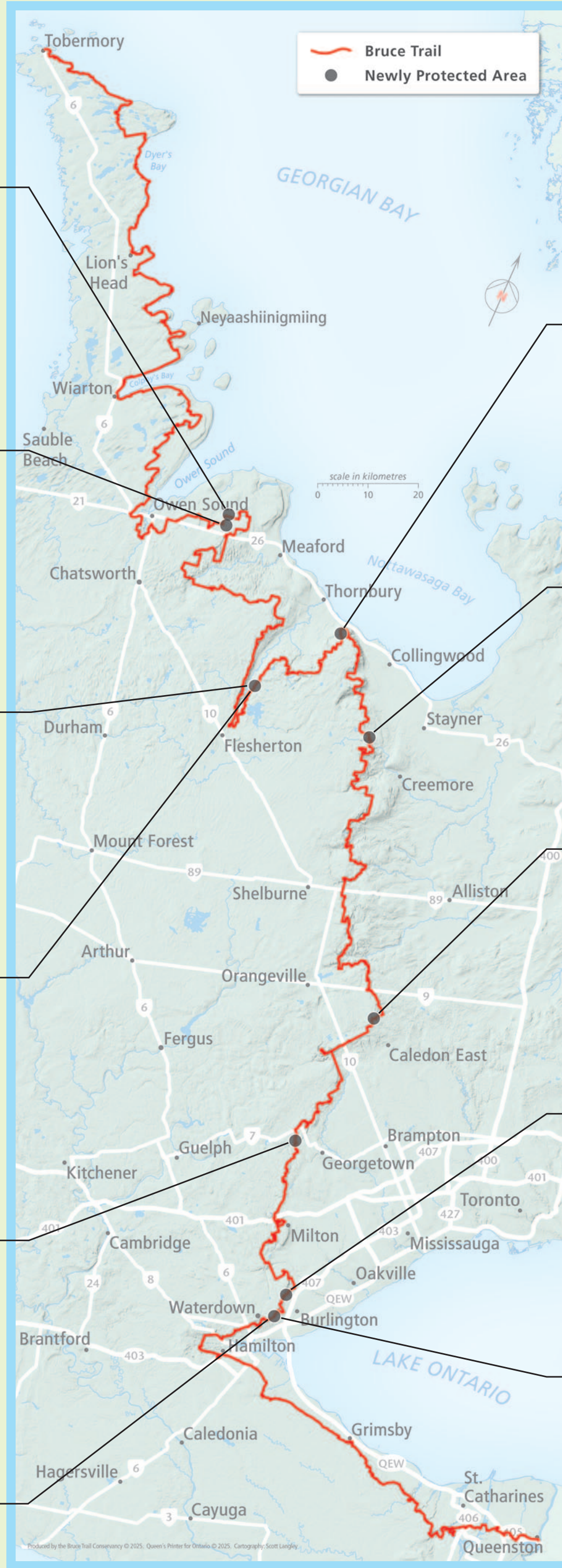
EAGLE'S SUMMIT NATURE RESERVE (Part 2)
7.4 acres | 356.2 m of trail



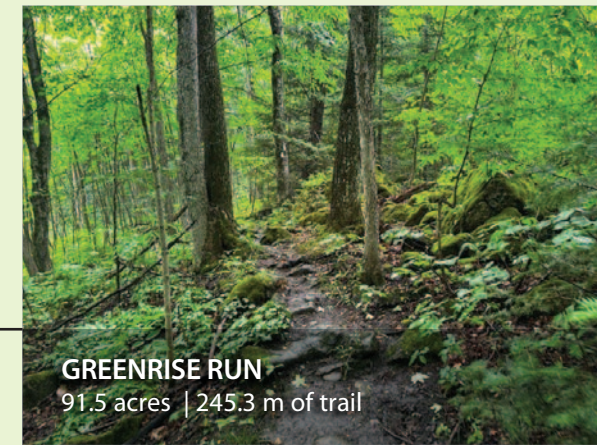
MAPLECROSS NATURE RESERVE AT LIMESTONE ROOST
20.7 acres | 401.2 m of trail



SHAGBARK HAVEN (Part 1)
14.6 acres | 434.4 m of trail



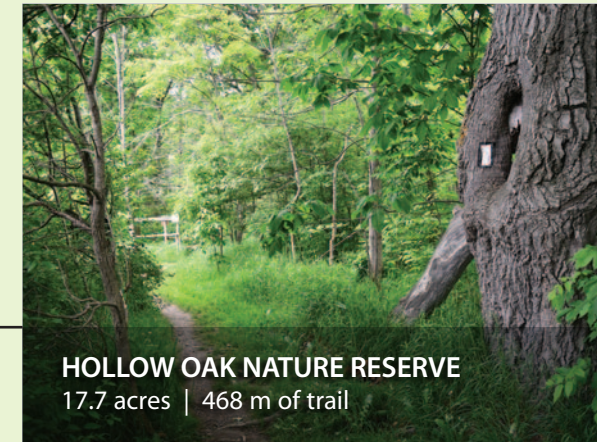
MCCULLAM PROPERTY
29.4 acres | 528.2 m of trail



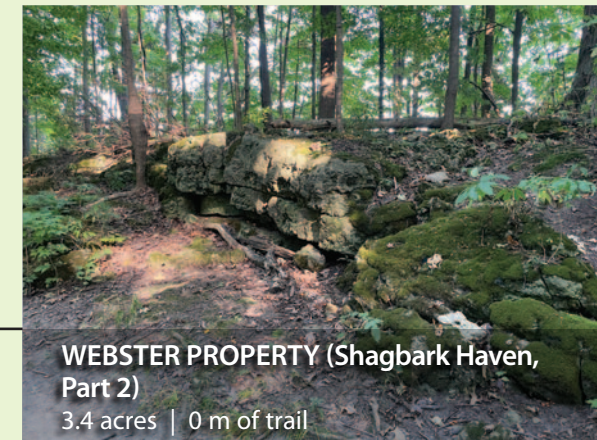
GREENRISE RUN
91.5 acres | 245.3 m of trail



MELTWATER MORAINE
137.2 acres | 852.6 m of trail



HOLLOW OAK NATURE RESERVE
17.7 acres | 468 m of trail



WEBSTER PROPERTY (Shagbark Haven, Part 2)
3.4 acres | 0 m of trail

Establishing New Protected Areas



Photo: Mara McEliffie

AREAS PROTECTED BY THE BRUCE TRAIL CONSERVANCY IN 2024-2025

PROTECTED NATURAL AREA	CLUB SECTION	AREA PRESERVED (Acres)	OPTIMUM ROUTE SECURED (Metres)	FUNDING (See Legend)
Shagbark Haven (Part 1)	Iroquoia	14.6	434.4	1, 3, 4
Webster Property (Shagbark Haven, Part 2)	Iroquoia	3.4	0.0	2
Hollow Oak Nature Reserve	Iroquoia	17.7	468.0	3, 4
MapleCross Nature Reserve at Limestone Roost	Toronto	20.7	401.2	1, 4
Meltwater Moraine	Caledon Hills	137.2	852.6	1
Greenrise Run	Blue Mountains	91.5	245.3	1
McCullam Property	Beaver Valley	29.4	528.2	2
Eagle's Summit Nature Reserve (Part 1)	Beaver Valley	115.4	913.3	1, 3, 4
Eagle's Summit Nature Reserve (Part 2)	Beaver Valley	7.4	356.2	1, 3, 4
Fieldview Connection	Sydenham	78.0	337.9	1
Forgotten Fields Nature Reserve	Sydenham	100.0	169.7	1, 4
TOTAL 11 Protected Natural Areas		613.5 acres	4,706.8 m	

LEGEND FOR FUNDING

1-BTC donors 2-Donation of Land 3-Ontario Land Trust Alliance and Government of Ontario 4-Environment and Climate Change Canada

Property Highlight: Meltwater Moraine

Off the road and into a birder's paradise in the Caledon Hills section.

This year we welcomed 137 acres in the Town of Caledon into the Bruce Trail Conservation Corridor with the addition of Meltwater Moraine. The property is part of the provincially significant Mono Mills-Caledon Meltwater Channels Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI), and boasts four acres of forested land, three ponds, and a small creek. It also includes farmland which has been part of the community's agricultural heritage for over two centuries and will remain in operation.

Critically, this new natural area secures 640 metres of the Bruce Trail Optimum Route enabling 3.3 km of the Main Trail to be removed from the high-traffic areas of Airport Road and Escarpment Side Road. In addition to blazing this new section of Main Trail, which spans a total of 4 km through adjacent properties, Trail Development and Maintenance volunteers from the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club have extended the Songbird Side Trail, which leads to the Songbird Nature Reserve, secured by the BTC in 2012.

Club volunteers worked quickly to blaze the reroute and host a grand opening to celebrate the new path for the Main Trail through this dynamic property. Over 70 community members attended the event where they joined hikes led by Bruce Trail Conservancy ecologists to explore an integral part of Caledon's natural heritage.

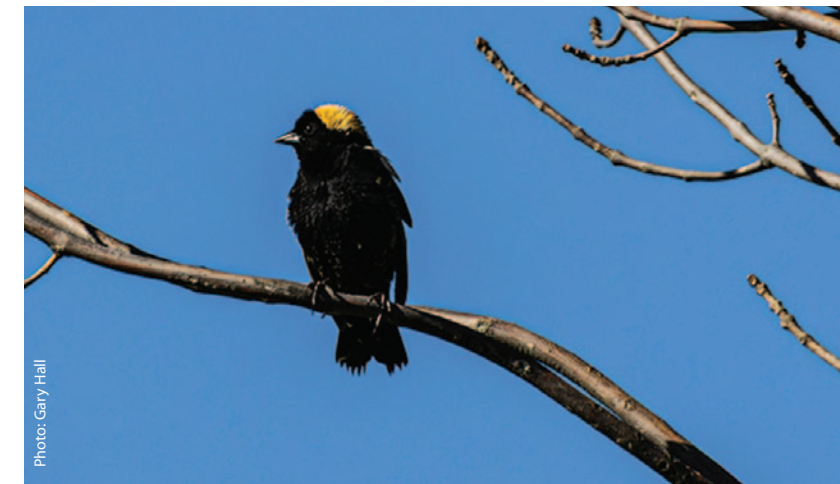


Photo: Gary Hall



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Meltwater Moraine gets its name from the geological features it protects. The rolling line of hills on the property are the eastern boundary of the Paris Moraine, created at the leading edge of glacial ice as it pushed northwest out of the Lake Ontario Basin roughly 12,000 years ago. The property is also home to endangered Butternut trees and many birds, including at-risk species such as Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark. Visitors may also spot Barn Swallows, Indigo Bunting, Nashville Warbler and several types of Sparrows while walking the property. Recently, Trail Captains in the area have also noticed signs of Black Bear, which are more often found in the northern parts of the Trail.

Securement of this land was made possible by donors who are committed to getting the Bruce Trail off roads and into nature as quickly as possible. We are deeply grateful to them, the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club and the Bruce Trail community, who are helping improve the Bruce Trail experience, provide better access to nature, and protect sensitive Escarpment lands forever.

Restore and Care for Escarpment Lands

Protecting sensitive lands along the Bruce Trail is more than preventing development, it is about responsible stewardship that will lead to long-term ecological health. When properties are added to our conservation corridor, our expert ecologists conduct three-season inventories to understand the land, observe species, and determine what will foster vibrant, healthy ecosystems.

Over the last year, we worked together with Club stewardship teams and biodiversity committees to care for over 15,852 acres. We continued restoring Tallgrass Prairies across the Niagara Escarpment, working to bring back a critical ecosystem that we hope will one day help grass-loving species at risk, such as Bobolink, thrive. We worked with three Bruce Trail Clubs to expand our celebrated seed orchard program, planted thousands of trees and shrubs, and managed the spread of invasive species through controlled burns and countless hours of manual removal. It takes a lot of collective effort to steward these lands, and we are grateful that the Bruce Trail Clubs, our donors and supporters come together to care for our ribbon of wilderness.

With leadership support from our partners at Baffin, there are now 100 boot brush stations at trailheads across our conservation corridor to help mitigate the spread of invasive species. This spring Baffin invited BTC staff and volunteers to their headquarters in Stoney Creek to build the last 40 boot brush stations together in celebration of Earth Day. This completed a three-year conservation project, which now offers hikers the ability to clear the treads in their boots of invasive seeds while learning about the non-native species commonly found in the area.



Photo: Brooke Henry



Photo: Lyndsey Wilkerson

Across the Bruce Trail, Trail Development and Maintenance volunteers and Trail Captains from each Club worked with BTC ecologists and Conservation Ambassadors to remove invasive species. Through Club-led work parties, volunteers pulled Periwinkle, tackled Dog-strangling Vine and, with particular effort, removed stubborn Buckthorn along the Bruce Trail. At our Fisher's Pond property in the Iroquoia section, a significant amount of Phragmites were removed, which once surrounded 75% of the pond's edge.

TRAIL WORK BY THE NUMBERS

	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022
Trail maintained	1,395 km	1,379 km	1,375 km	1,377 km
Trail created or rerouted	44 km	32 km	35 km	27 km
Trail removed from roads	-6.3 km*	1.1 km	7.9 km	4.6 km

* For more on this metric, see page 21.

Rising from the Ashes

Efforts to revitalize the diminishing Tallgrass Prairie habitat continue.

For decades, the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) has worked to restore Niagara Escarpment lands through projects such as invasive species removal and the planting of native trees and shrubs. In recent years, this work has been expanded to include Tallgrass Prairie and meadow restoration across several BTC nature reserves. In 2025, with help from Club volunteers and dedicated funding from donors, the BTC

continued this important work by conducting controlled burns on two nature reserves and seeding over 30 acres of land with native grassland species.

Fisher's Pond Nature Reserve *Iroquoia Section, 11 acres*

Since Fisher's Pond was secured in 2018, BTC ecologists have aimed to restore this former farmland into a Tallgrass Prairie, an increasingly rare habitat. Following a

controlled burn in 2023, herbicide was applied to lingering thistle populations. The site was then planted with 250 native plugs, including Little Bluestem, False Sunflower, Common Milkweed, and seeded with seeds from the nearby BTC McNally Seed Orchard.

In 2025, a second burn was conducted with Lands & Forests Consulting Ltd. to further clear debris and invasive plants and stimulate the growth of the native species. In the weeks following this burn, staff and volunteers returned to spread more native seeds to help further encourage the growth of Tallgrass Prairie species. Though still in transition, the area is already attracting birds, including the at-risk Bobolink. The BTC will monitor the area and looks forward to continuing this important restoration work.

Akela and Scouters Heather and Ross Hamlin Nature Reserve at Riverside Woods

Caledon Hills Section, 14 acres

On April 4, 2025, the BTC conducted its first controlled burn at this site, targeting four fields. Prior to the burn, soil samples were taken to assess infiltration and compaction to gauge the impacts of the restoration work in the future. Unlike Fisher's Pond, this burn was intended to expose the soil, which was covered in thatch (dead grass), to allow native seeding to take place.

In May, the remaining invasive species were treated, and the area was then seeded with 24 different species, including Little Blue Stem, Big Blue Stem, and Switchgrass. Bird surveys were also conducted to monitor whether the restoration work leads to an increase in nesting.

The work done on this nature reserve has been in partnership with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) and a generous donation from the Weston Family Foundation. The BTC appreciates this collective support as we work to restore habitat in the area.

Whitetail Refuge Nature Reserve *Caledon Hills Section, 4.6 acres*

Also in partnership with NVCA, 4.6 acres of grassland are being restored on the Whitetail Refuge Nature Reserve. The restoration began with invasive species on the property being treated with herbicide in the fall, followed by the seeding of native meadow species in May. BTC staff ecologists will conduct three-season inventories, bird surveys and soil monitoring to determine next steps.

Smokey Hollow Nature Reserve *Iroquoia Section, 1.5 acres*

This small grassland site was mowed to make room for native seeding. Any remaining non-native species then received a round of herbicide treatment last year. This past June, it was seeded once again with native species. This site will feature more wildflowers than grasses, as it is too small to support many grassland birds.



Photo: Brooke Henry

Growing Hope

New seed orchards are increasing biodiversity and supporting more ecosystems across the Bruce Trail.

Since the opening of our first seed orchard in the Iroquoia section in the fall of 2022, our sustainable seed cultivation project has continued to grow. There are now six seed orchards in operation along the Bruce Trail that are crucial to our restoration projects, half of which were opened in the last year.

Working with the Toronto, Dufferin Hi-Land, and Blue Mountains Clubs, BTC staff and volunteers have created the new seed orchards to help us raise plants for a variety of ecosystems. Each of the new seed orchards has distinct features highlighting the unique beauty and special habitats in their section.



Photo: Lyndsey Wilkerson

Our latest additions

Located at our Springle property, the Toronto Club seed orchard is a seasonal wetland space where species thrive with occasional flooding. The seed orchard looks like rays of sunshine, with wetland species grouped in each ray. There are 17 different species here with 267 plants in the ground, including Boneset, Buttonbush, Swamp Milkweed and Michigan Lily.

A forest seed orchard at Splitrock Narrows in the Dufferin Hi-Land Club section is cultivating a collection of tree species that are slower to grow but will support long-term restoration efforts. This orchard also includes small forest

understory space where berries and nuts are easy to collect. There are 34 different species of trees and shrubs among the 346 plants, including Paper Birch, Eastern White Cedar and Balsam Fir, in addition to numerous understory plants such as Jack-in-the-Pulpit, White Snakeroot, and Wild Columbine.

The design of the Blue Mountains Seed Orchard at Avalon Meadow is also inspired by sunshine with each ray of the garden containing a different species. This former farm field features prairie species such as Big Bluestem, Canada Wild Rye, and Black-eyed Susan, with 176 plants in the ground.

A thriving program

Typically, when seeds are collected from a seed orchard, they go back into that same Club's section to help with restoration efforts. From only two seed orchards, 2.6 kilograms of seeds were collected, a figure we expect to double in the coming year. In the past year, seeds in the Iroquoia section were used at McNally Nature Reserve, Millen Road Side Trail and Fisher's Pond Nature Reserve. In the Caledon Hills section, seeds were used at Twin Waters Nature Reserve, Mathilda's Way, and Riverside Woods Nature Reserve.

Our newest seed orchards were not the only ones to grow this year. With a grant from World Wildlife Fund Canada, our first three seed orchards have been expanded: Niagara added 91 plants, Iroquoia added 383 plants, and Caledon Hills added 63 plants.

The seed orchards of tomorrow

Using plants grown and cared for on our own land eliminates potential supply chain challenges and supports native biodiversity within our conservation corridor. BTC staff and volunteers are already planning to create two new seed orchards in the Sydenham and Peninsula sections next year. Gradually, we are getting closer to achieving our goal of having one seed orchard in every section of the Bruce Trail.



Photo: Lyndsey Wilkerson

Trees of Tomorrow

New trees and shrubs are supporting the long-term ecological health of our conservation corridor.

Over the last year, more than 2,800 individual trees and shrubs representing 47 native species have been added to the Bruce Trail Conservation Corridor. Planted with help from volunteers from all nine Bruce Trail Clubs, corporate members, conservation authorities, and local Scout troops, these saplings will support long-term restoration projects and help mitigate the spread of invasive species across 18 protected natural areas.

BTC staff ecologists thoughtfully chose each plant species based on the conditions and stewardship goals at each site. These often included native species chosen for their adaptability and resilience such as Bur Oak, Eastern White Cedar, and Sugar Maple.

Other varieties were chosen to support specific ecological objectives and foster lively habitats. At Whitetail Refuge Nature Reserve in the Caledon Hills section, a grouping of Red-osier Dogwood was planted through a partnership with Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority to function as a riparian buffer along a cold-water stream. As the Dogwood shrubs grow over time, they will help maintain water quality by acting as a filter while providing valuable shade for aquatic ecosystems.

Caring for the canopy

Last fall, we continued our partnership with the Canadian Chestnut Council adding 210 American Chestnut trees to three BTC properties: Russel (Dufferin Hi-Land section), Pollock (Dufferin Hi-Land section) and Vanishing Stream (Peninsula section). Revisiting the previous years' plantings, ecologists noted the impact taken by saplings during the ice storm that struck central Ontario this spring. Although there was evidence of breakage on some chestnut stems, the trees have shown their resilience and displayed growth through the environmental stress.

Our ecologists also strategized how best to support ecosystems where the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle caused the death of Ash trees. A variety of species, such as Paper Birch and Blue Beech, were planted to help fill the gaps in the canopy, an effort that is critical to protecting animal species that depend on interior forest cover, such as the Wood Thrush, a species at risk.

BTC staff and diligent volunteers will continue to monitor these trees over the coming years. As these trees grow, they will revitalize diminishing habitats by creating the conditions needed for Ontario species to thrive. With each sapling planted, we are not just growing trees, we are cultivating a future with healthier ecosystems and stronger natural communities.



Photo: Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club



Photo: Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club

Enhance the Bruce Trail Experience

Over the last year, we didn't just enhance the Bruce Trail experience, our volunteers worked tirelessly to restore it. In the wake of an ice storm that rocked central Ontario and closed over 400 kilometres of the Bruce Trail, Club volunteers put in thousands of hours to remove hazards and restore access to the entirety of Canada's oldest and longest marked footpath.

The Bruce Trail experience was not only restored in these affected areas; it was improved across the Trail. Thanks to the hard work of talented volunteers and the inspiring generosity of our donors, new infrastructure was designed and built, safe parking areas were added, reroutes were created to remove Trail from the road and freshly blazed side trails gave visitors new areas to explore and easier points of access. Maintaining and improving the Bruce Trail experience is possible because of these dedicated individuals and the steadfast support of our members, who believe in the power of spending time in nature on the Bruce Trail.

Ensuring Continuity: Landowners and Partners

Without the gracious cooperation of allied organizations, agencies, and hundreds of landholders across the Niagara Escarpment, the continuity of Canada's oldest and longest marked footpath would be in jeopardy. The support of these individuals, families and organizations enables visitors from across Ontario and beyond to experience the wonders of the Niagara Escarpment UNESCO World Biosphere, improve their wellbeing, set off on adventure, and learn to love the land we aim to protect. We are grateful for their belief in our mission, which preserves sensitive ecosystems and a critical recreational resource to all.

The Bruce Trail Conservancy is honoured to work in the territories of the Anishinaabek, Huron-Wendat, Tionontati, Attawandaron, Haudenosaunee, and Métis, and on land held and cared for by:

- 23 municipalities
- Seven Conservation Authorities (representing 46 conservation areas along the Bruce Trail)
- Six Nations of the Grand River
- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- Saugeen Ojibway Nation
- Parks Canada
- Ontario Parks
- Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- Ontario Ministry of Northern Development
- Ontario Heritage Trust
- Royal Botanical Gardens
- Private landowners of over 600 properties

Together with our partners at the APGO Foundation, we celebrated the launch of the Bruce Trail GeoHikes Hub: a digital companion to geologically significant areas along the Bruce Trail. An exciting educational resource for anyone interested in the land formations and fossils found across the Niagara Escarpment, Bruce Trail GeoHikes offer interactive resources such as audio commentaries from geologists at McMaster University for ten sites along the Trail. These are the first of 21 planned GeoHikes which will be launched over the coming year.

This year we gained new insight into nighttime animal activity on the Bruce Trail with footage from night-vision trail cams on landowner properties. These cameras picked up the nocturnal wanderings of White-tailed Deer, Flying Squirrel, Coyote, Fisher and more, and were shared on our Facebook and Instagram accounts for "Trail Cam Tuesday" whenever new footage became available. We are grateful to all our trail cam partners for sharing their recordings and "shedding light" on nightlife along the Bruce Trail.



Photo: Erik Karits



Photo: Dan Dick

After the Storm

Bruce Trail Clubs worked diligently to restore several hundred kilometres of trail following extreme weather.

In March of this year, a severe ice storm ripped through central Ontario. Reports soon started to come in from Trail Directors in the Peninsula, Sydenham, Beaver Valley, Blue Mountains, and Dufferin Hi-Land Clubs. The weight of the ice weakened branches, winds scattered debris, and hazardous trees needed to be addressed. For the safety of Bruce Trail explorers and Trail volunteers, over 400 km of the Main Trail and 175 km of side trails needed to be closed to visitors.

In some areas it took time for volunteers to survey the damage to the Trail as debris closed roads to access points. Many volunteers also sustained damage to their own properties and experienced days-long power outages.

Our volunteers, our heroes

Undeterred, the Clubs set to the task of surveying damage and organizing work parties to clear the hazards. Our intrepid volunteers carefully restored access to the

contiguous 900 km of the Bruce Trail, putting in long hours to get the job done. Trained sawyers removed unsafe branches and hundreds of people gave their time to remove debris. We also saw volunteers from southern Clubs go north to support clean up in the affected sections.

By working together, they were able to safely open the Bruce Trail in six weeks. In some places the canopy may look a little different, but our Clubs and staff ecologists are already considering how to restore damaged ecosystems and support the species that call these sections home.

Again, this effort comes back to providing public access to time in nature. Many Clubs were motivated to recover their sections in time for scheduled end-to-end hikes and restore access to the thousands of Trail users who rely on the Trail to connect with others, get daily exercise, or feel the pull of the wilderness when they need a moment to reflect.

Thanks to our donors we will be ready

After the closures we called on our community for support, which inspired an anonymous donor to commit \$45,000 over three years to assist our Trail Development and Maintenance volunteers the next time extreme weather impacts the safety of the Bruce Trail. We know that it's not a matter of 'if' another storm will impact the Trail, but 'when'. With our caring community of volunteers, donors and staff, we will be ready.



The Path to Nature

When founding member Dr. Philip Gosling first set out to blaze the Bruce Trail in the 1960s, he knocked on a lot of doors. Up and down the Niagara Escarpment, Philip met with landowners and explained the aim of this new project: to establish a footpath that would protect sensitive Escarpment lands and help people establish a greater connection with nature.

This is still our practice today. Dedicated volunteers and staff work with hundreds of private landowners who graciously host the Bruce Trail on their property and ensure the continuity of Canada's oldest and longest marked footpath. Through our landowner relations program, we foster strong connections with our hosts while providing ecological stewardship of the land the Bruce Trail crosses.

These relationships can also lead to permanent land securement. Our new Greenrise Run property was secured after a 20-year handshake agreement with the previous owner, which avoided a reroute onto busy nearby roads. We also received a generous donation of 29 acres containing 528 m of the Bruce Trail from John and Elizabeth McCullam, who wanted to ensure that their property – and the Bruce Trail that has been blazed through it – would be preserved forever.

A more natural Bruce Trail experience

Last year, we made significant progress in bringing sensitive Niagara Escarpment lands into our ribbon of wilderness, adding 613.5 acres to the permanent protection of the Bruce Trail Conservation Corridor. Within these 11 new natural areas, we secured 4.7 km of the Trail's Optimum Route and provided a safer and more natural hiking experience by permanently removing 7.2 km of Trail from local roads.

These new properties brought some big wins. With the addition of Meltwater Moraine, we were able to fulfill a long-time goal of the Caledon Hills Club and remove 3.3 km of road walking through the area. In the Iroquoia section, the securement of Hollow Oak Nature Reserve avoided a potential 3.5 km reroute onto busy streets in the growing city of Burlington. Whether we are securing new areas for the Trail to be blazed or ensuring that the vulnerable land where the Trail currently exists stays within our conservation corridor, each property is an important piece of the puzzle.



Navigating Trail changes

With skillful planning, strong landowner relations, steadfast donors, and dedicated staff and volunteers, we have a high success rate in securing the Bruce Trail. Our team works diligently to protect the land the Trail crosses, balancing the need to be competitive in an unpredictable real estate market with the responsibility we have to the investments of our donors. This work is important, and not without challenges.

Last year, we also experienced the loss of handshake agreements due to the wishes of new and existing landowners, which unfortunately interrupted the Bruce Trail in some areas with temporary reroutes onto nearby roads. Measured against our successful securement of the Optimum Route, the loss of these handshakes resulted in -6.3 km being removed from roads along our 900 km Main Trail. In one case, the loss of a single agreement with a new landowner resulted in an 8.5 km temporary road reroute in the Sydenham section.

Working toward a permanently protected Bruce Trail

As we continue to add vulnerable land to the Bruce Trail Conservation Corridor, it will take the collaboration of our whole community, from the continued efforts of our talented team and the generous support of our donors and landowners to the cooperation of Bruce Trail users to stay on the marked path. Thanks to the hard work of our staff and volunteers, we are already fostering positive relationships with new landowners and have seven land securement agreements in place going into our next fiscal year. Working together, we will continue bringing our beloved Bruce Trail off the road and into nature.

Craftsmanship Underfoot

Bruce Trail Clubs constructed critical infrastructure to improve access to nature.

When it comes to facilitating a great Bruce Trail experience, the work of Trail Development and Maintenance teams across our nine Bruce Trail Clubs is critical. From choosing routes to constructing the infrastructure that enables time in nature and safer access to the Trail, trail-building takes vision, planning and persistence.

Stairs at Hope Bay, Peninsula Bruce Trail Club

This spring, Peninsula Club volunteers embarked on a project that was proposed shortly after the BTC secured the MapleCross Nature Reserve at Hope Bay in December 2023. The Club aimed to replace a ladder and a steep staircase that led to the Bruce Trail. The existing infrastructure was slippery and caused difficulties for visitors who like to walk their dog on the Trail.

Volunteers had to flag a temporary reroute during construction as a work party of 16 Club volunteers brought 245 pieces of lumber and their tools by hand 200 metres uphill over rocky terrain. The formation of a 'bucket parade' helped make the process a little easier.

Volunteer Doug Hill designed the stairs and directed the project as lead builder. The stairs consist of four platforms, 60 steps and a bench and are approximately 40 feet in elevation. It took a team of five volunteers six days to remove the old ladder and complete construction. After finishing the build, another work party of nine volunteers



cleaned up the site by carrying out the leftover lumber and materials. It took a total of 279 volunteer hours to complete the project just in time for the hiking season to pick up with the warmer weather.

“Numerous positive comments from hikers have been noted on social media and received in person, including from the locals. People are particularly pleased that the new stairs are dog friendly.”

– Tom Hall, Trail Director
Peninsula Bruce Trail Club

MapleCross Nature Reserve at Limestone Roost Bridge, Toronto Bruce Trail Club

Once the MapleCross Nature Reserve at Limestone Roost Nature Reserve was secured, the Toronto Bruce Trail Club mapped a route that would create an all new part of the Main Trail through a forest and over a substantial creek. They knew a bridge would be needed and it was important to pick the right place to build it.

With a span of 36 feet, the Club needed red cedar beams from British Columbia; wood that will stand up to water contact when the creek floods in the spring. When the beams arrived, they took them to a neighbouring farm and asked for help to drag them as close to the site as they could reasonably get. Then volunteers handled the beams over several hundred metres of bush and devised a way to support them across the creek. The Club had already constructed two foundations and made sure they were settled and level before nailing down the boards.

The reroute of the Main Trail north of Limehouse took place over the course of two years. It involved 20 work parties with more than 30 volunteers at various points. The Club had six work parties over the summer to complete the bridge, which is a beautiful new route that takes the Trail off the road.

Over 1,000 volunteer hours were needed to design and build the bridge. Longtime volunteer Paul Vanhanen provided the parameters for the build. Paul has built several bridges with the Club over many years, including the bridge constructed south of Scotsdale last year. Club Land Management Committee Chair Neal Stein led the project.



“We had a ceremony to open the bridge where we celebrated some of our retiring Trail Captains.” said Laurent Thibault, Trail Director for the Toronto Club. “I think people are pretty amazed coming across this bridge.”

The Bill & Cecilie Moses Family Property Boardwalk, Sydenham Section

For the Sydenham Bruce Trail Club, the construction of the boardwalk at the Bill & Cecilie Moses Family Property was special.

In June 2024, the Moses family donated 38 acres of land along the Bruce Trail Optimum Route. Bill and Cecilie Moses have been long-time supporters of the Bruce Trail, and when they made the decision to donate this land, the Club was quick to envision a loop trail through its beautiful marsh.

To do this, an elevated boardwalk needed to be constructed. The boardwalk extends 100 metres to take hikers over the wetland at the entrance to the property, which sees water rise to 1.3 metres during spring floods. Funds from the BTC helped the Club purchase the cedar necessary to increase the longevity of the boardwalk.

Last fall, the Club was favoured with exceptional weather, which made for more pleasant work over the two months it took to complete the project. The team of 10 volunteers took a trailer into the field where young trees planted by the Club as part of our landowner stewardship program are already growing. Over seven work parties, volunteers trudged through 12 inches of mud to erect 15 columns with cedar posts through the marsh.

Currently, the boardwalk acts as a lookout across the wetland where visitors can watch for waterfowl from a bench built by the Club. Future plans include the construction of a similar 30-metre boardwalk at the other end of the property to complete a loop with the Main Trail.



Support People and Culture

This spring, accessibility consultant Julie Sawchuk spoke to BTC staff about how to make the outdoors more accessible for people with varying degrees of mobility. As someone who uses a manual wheelchair, Julie shared special considerations that are important when designing outdoor spaces to make navigating in nature easier for more people. The Bruce Trail is for everyone, and with Julie's insights, we are already working to compile resources about low-barrier areas within our ribbon of wilderness.



The Bruce Trail is more than a refuge for the countless species that rely on its habitats to live; it is a refuge for people in towns and cities across the Niagara Escarpment. It's a place to escape the bustle of daily life, to feel curious, to connect with other nature lovers and with ourselves.

We want everyone to feel welcome on the Bruce Trail and derive the benefits of spending time in nature. This year the BTC attended 60 engagement events including pride festivals, multicultural days, and local celebrations to encourage people to explore our iconic footpath. Our reach extended beyond the Niagara Escarpment as we established new Friendship Trails which introduce Bruce Trail users to other footpaths around the world – and hikers around the world to the Bruce Trail. A little more Bruce Trail in the world? We can't think of anything better.

As communities dedicated to caring for Niagara Escarpment lands for millennia, it is important to have strong relationships with our indigenous neighbours. This spring, Peninsula Bruce Trail Club Board Director and member of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation Caley Doran spoke with the BTC Board about the realities facing indigenous communities and what the BTC can do to be respectful collaborators in our conservation efforts.



In February, the Niagara Bruce Trail Club offered a series of hikes to celebrate Black History Month. The hikes explored Niagara on the Lake, noting the history of diversity in the region dating back to the early nineteenth century when Black Loyalists and freedom seekers settled in the area and helped build Niagara communities.

Steps Towards an Inclusive Outdoors

Making everyone feel welcome in our ribbon of wilderness.

We are working hard to ensure that the Bruce Trail is a welcoming and inclusive space for all. Since 2022, The Bruce Trail Conservancy has participated in Pride-related events such as Pride Toronto, Pride Halton, and Pride Hamilton. These community events provide the opportunity to have conversations with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Staff and volunteers are often asked whether the BTC hosts LGBTQ-friendly hikes. We do. In fact, Rainbow hikes have been part of our hike program for a few years, and this year saw an increase in both interest

and attendance. BTC Clubs along the Trail organized a variety of hikes and events to celebrate and support the community, including:

- A Fall Solstice Rainbow Hike in the Peninsula section
- A Rainbow Hike in Woodford hosted by the Sydenham Bruce Trail Club
- An urban hike hosted by the Toronto Bruce Trail Club
- A Pride in Nature event hosted by the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club
- And twice-monthly LGBTQ-inclusive hikes run by the Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club

While all BTC hikes welcome everyone, 2SLGBTQIA+ events can offer a safe space for folks who may feel less comfortable in traditional outdoor activities. These hikes reflect the BTC's ongoing commitment to fostering a community where everyone feels welcome to spend time in nature along the Bruce Trail.

Looking ahead, many Clubs are already planning 2SLGBTQIA+ events for the upcoming year. The Iroquoia Club in particular has seen a significant increase in LGBTQ-friendly hikes, thanks to Hike Leader Doug O'Neill.

"As a proud member of the LGBTQ community, connections matter. By connecting, we belong. When this small-town lad joined the BTC in 1987, I never imagined I'd one day lead 2SLGBTQIA+ Rainbow Hikes along the Bruce Trail. In 2025, our Rainbow Hikes welcomed gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, non-binary, 2-spirited and queer hikers—people who haven't always felt welcome in the outdoor space. In addition to time in nature, Rainbow hikes offer a sense of belonging. And really—who wouldn't lace up their hiking boots for that?"

– Doug O'Neill,
Iroquoia Club Hike Leader



Photo: Doug O'Neill

World Leaders

The Bruce Trail Conservancy goes to the World Trails Conference.

For three days in September, trail organizations from around the world gathered in Ottawa for the 2024 World Trails Conference. Over 600 attendees representing trail organizations from six continents met to share best practices, learn from each other and compare experiences.

Twenty-six Bruce Trail Conservancy staff and volunteers attended the conference. Together with attendees from as far as Australia, Korea, and Lebanon, they explored the trails around Ottawa and Gatineau, and joined seminars on community engagement, ecological stewardship, accessibility in nature, and trail-building.

A world leader in connecting people with nature

At the conference, BTC staff and volunteers shared some of the magic of the Bruce Trail with attendees.

- Michael McDonald, Chief Executive Officer, and Adam Brylowski, Director of Conservation and Trail, presented the BTC's best practices for balancing ecology and trail-building in rural and urban areas.
- Laura Tuohy, Manager of Community Engagement, spoke to the BTC's model for working with volunteers and reaching out to local communities.



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- Peninsula Bruce Trail Club Board members Julie Bennett and Caley Doran delivered a presentation on strengthening relationships between trail organizations and indigenous communities by taking a considerate and collaborative approach to work together.

The global headquarters for the World Trails Network

Last year the Bruce Trail Conservancy office in Dundas was officially named the headquarters of the World Trails Network. BTC Vice President of Operations, Jackie Randle, is Chair of the World Trails Network, a coalition with over 200 member organizations representing trails from across the globe.



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Making Friends

The BTC partners with two international organizations to open new Friendship Trails.

Last year, the BTC proudly welcomed two new additions to our International Friendship Trails program, bringing the total number of partnerships to ten. Much like the Twin Towns concept, International Friendship Trails link trail organizations around the globe in the spirit of mutual awareness, cooperation, and cultural exchange.

Our two new partners, the South West Coast Path and the Taiwan Thousand Miles Trail Association, were both visiting Canada for the World Trails Conference held in Ottawa in October, giving us the unique opportunity to host delegates in person to celebrate these new partnerships with official opening ceremonies in September.

Welcoming the South West Coast Path

The South West Coast Path may already be familiar to some as it was recently featured in *The Salt Path* starring Gillian Anderson and Jason Isaacs. Stretching over 1,000 km, it follows the English coastline from Somerset through Cornwall into Devon and Dorset, before ending at Poole Harbour, making it the longest National Trail in the United Kingdom.

Now, a section of the South West Coast Path from the old fishing village of Cawsand in Cornwall, along the Plymouth waterfront and the Devon coast to Wembury, has officially been paired with a section of the Bruce Trail at Cape Chin in the Peninsula section.

On a sunny morning in September, Julian Gray and Lorna Sherriff from the South West Coast Path, along with Jackie Randle from the BTC and Tamara Wilson from the Peninsula Bruce Trail Club, marked the occasion with speeches and the unveiling of new signage along the Bruce Trail. Following the ceremony, a group of hikers had the chance to explore Cape Chin's stunning landscape that includes 180-degree views of Georgian Bay and limestone cliffs appearing from a dense forest.

An official opening on the English side will follow soon. Meanwhile, hikers who complete both the section at Cape Chin and the paired portion of the South West Coast Path can now earn a new International Friendship Badge in honour of the partnership.



“When we first talked about creating a Friendship Trail with the Bruce Trail Conservancy it was clear that the opportunity to share knowledge and experience with another similar scale trail would be beneficial. However, the warm welcome, meeting the team and volunteers, and seeing the amazing work out on the Bruce Trail exceeded our expectations, showing what a powerful connector trails are.”

– Julian Gray,
South West Coast Path



Taiwan Thousand Miles Trail Association – Mountains to Sea Greenway

Just a few days later, the BTC celebrated another International Friendship Trail opening, this time in the Iroquoia section. A large group of hikers gathered at City View Park in Waterdown to officially open the Friendship Trail between the BTC and the Tefuye Historical Trail of the Mountains to Sea Greenway (MSTW) in Taiwan.

Managed by the Taiwan Thousand Miles Trail Association, the Mountains to Sea Greenway is a 177 km route from Yanshuei River estuary to Mt. Jade. The 6.4 km Tefuye Historical Trail section, now paired with the Bruce Trail, illustrates the fascinating history of the area and its people.

On the Canadian side, the paired section winds along the edge of the Niagara Escarpment in Waterdown, a densely populated area that is becoming one of the most travelled stretches of the Bruce Trail. The Friendship Trail passes the McNally Seed Orchard before ending at the iconic Great Falls at Smokey Hollow, an area beloved by locals and visitors alike.

“For us, Friendship Trails are the perfect way to connect with the world—proof that trails can bring people together across cultures, history, and even borders. When we hiked the Bruce Trail in 2024, we were struck by how thoughtfully it cares for nature and communities. We can’t wait to keep the conversation going.”

– Yen-Ju, Taiwan Thousand Miles Trail Association

The Friendship Trail in Taiwan officially opened in 2022, and hikers can complete both the Bruce Trail and the Taiwanese section to earn another International Friendship Trail badge.

These new partnerships strengthen the BTC's international bonds and celebrate a shared vision of connecting people with nature, culture, and one another. Together with trails around the world, the BTC continues to inspire, protect, and promote the benefits of trails.

Inspire Generosity

Our supporters are the engine behind everything we do. This community wholeheartedly believes in the importance of our mission and is helping us secure more land, improve the Bruce Trail experience, and find new ways to connect people with nature. Protecting a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever, is possible because of their deeply meaningful generosity.

This was another record-breaking year for fundraising because of the support of major donors, foundations, legacy gifts, corporate partners and individual donors at all levels. We launched a new landmark fundraising challenge that has accelerated our ability to secure the entirety of the Bruce Trail, an effort that is estimated to cost \$109 million. We were hosted by gracious conservation champions who invited us to share the BTC's incredible impact with their communities. We received thoughtful donations of land that brought additional acres under the protection of the Bruce Trail Conservation Corridor. Every year we are amazed by the support of our community, and this year was no different.

After reaching our initial \$1 million goal in support of our Trail Development and Maintenance Fund, our anonymous donors increased their commitment to the long-term support of the Bruce Trail by doubling their initial matching commitment with an additional \$500,000, bringing the total fund value up to \$2 million. We are so grateful to these Bruce Trail champions and all who have had their contributions matched by supporting this campaign to date.



Photo: Kristine Hudocki

This year we celebrated the generosity of our donors and showed them the impact of their gifts during donor tours held this spring at Eagle's Summit Nature Reserve (Beaver Valley section) and Meltwater Moraine (Caledon Hills section) Donors also joined us for events last fall at Inn on the Twenty in Jordan Station and Hockley Valley Resort in Mono to hear about their impact and the future of the Bruce Trail.



Photo: Michael McDonald

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DONATIONS			
	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
Number of unique donations	11,830	11,214	11,015
Total dollars donated	\$29.85 M	\$18.58 M	\$15.87 M

The Hike-a-thon Returns

Hikers explored the Bruce Trail to support the Trail Development and Maintenance Fund.

After a five-year hiatus, the Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon officially returned in May 2025. This self-led fundraising event invited participants to set personal hiking goals for one month, and spend time in nature while supporting the Trail they love.

This year, all funds raised went towards the *Trail Development and Maintenance Endowment Fund 1182 & 1183*. This fund supports the building and upkeep of essential Trail structures, including bridges, stiles, boardwalks, and more. As an endowment fund, it ensures that these structures will be maintained well into the future as a sustainable long-term strategy.



Prizes were awarded to the individual and team who raised the most funds during the month of May. Weekly draws encouraged hikers to submit photos of different structures along the Trail, showcasing the features their efforts were supporting.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of 87 participants, this year's Hike-a-thon raised over \$41,000. That amount was matched by two anonymous donors, bringing the total raised by this event to over \$82,000. All of which will ensure that future generations can explore the Trail and continue to connect with nature along the Niagara Escarpment.

We are grateful to all participants and donors for their dedication to the Bruce Trail. Their commitment was truly inspiring as they spent time this spring immersed in nature actively supporting the future of the iconic Bruce Trail.

Rising to the Challenge

An update on our progress in the \$60 Million Challenge.

Each year we secure more of the Bruce Trail and add hundreds of acres of vulnerable Niagara Escarpment lands to our conservation corridor. Currently, the Bruce Trail is 72.1% secure. To forever protect the remaining kilometres of the Optimum Route will cost an estimated \$109 million.

Last year, a generous couple who are lifetime BTC members and long-time donors offered us a challenge to help secure the remainder of the Bruce Trail. Over the next three years, they have committed to unlocking funding as the BTC's hits major milestones in our \$60 million goal. This fiscal their first installment of \$5 million was received.

We are thrilled to report that at the close of our fiscal year, we secured a total of \$20 million to add more sensitive land to our conservation corridor. Meeting this challenge involves the support of every donor who designates a gift for land securement and helps us leverage other opportunities, such as matching funds from Environment

and Climate Change Canada directed towards newly secured properties; donations of land are also matched. To date thousands of donors have helped us unlock this challenge funding and get even closer to a permanently protected conservation corridor containing the iconic Bruce Trail. It's not a matter of 'if', but 'when'; we will work together to ensure future generations connect with nature along the Niagara Escarpment just as we do today.

"Permanently protecting our ribbon of wilderness is truly a community effort," said Marsha Russell, Vice President of Fund Development. "The momentum we have just a year after embarking on this fundraising challenge is truly awe-inspiring. We are so grateful to our challenge champions, the major donors dedicated to getting the Trail off the road and into nature, our grantors and community members who have all made meaningful contributions to this effort."



Thank you to our 2024-2025 Bruce Trail Conservancy Donors

The meaningful commitment of our generous community of donors enables the BTC to protect vulnerable lands, restore diminishing ecosystems, and share a free recreational resource with people from across Ontario and around the world.

We are deeply grateful to the following donors who made gifts between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025.

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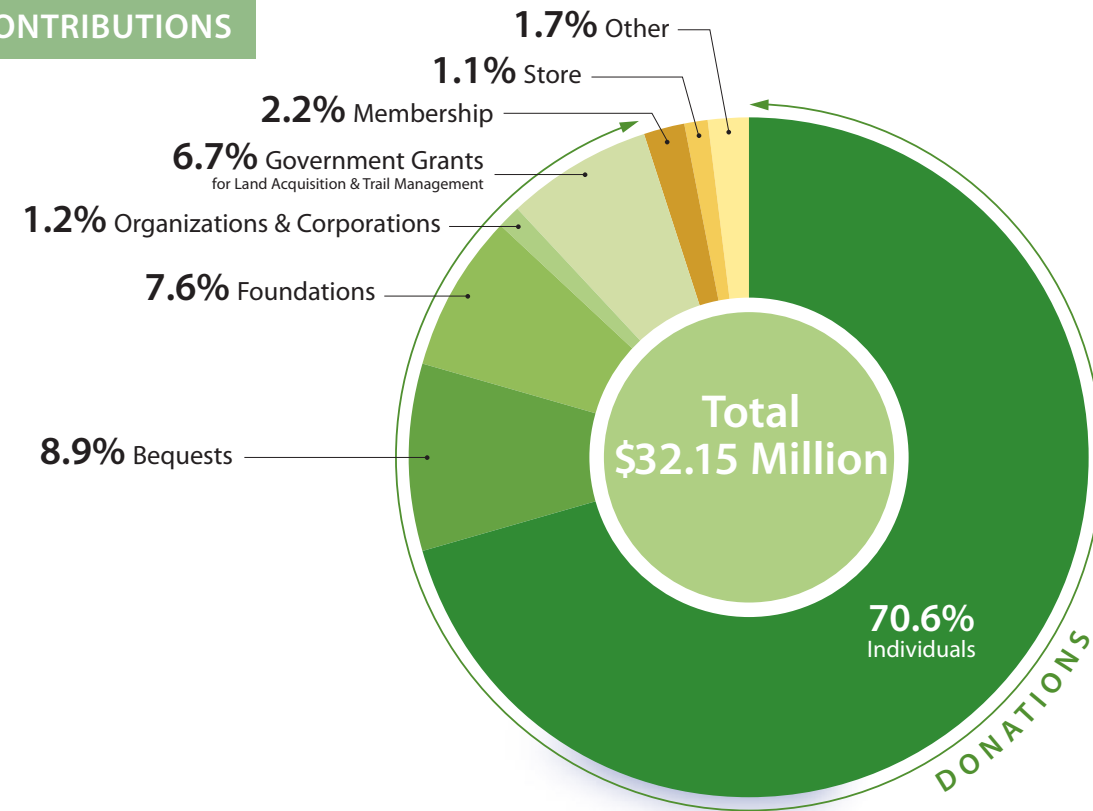
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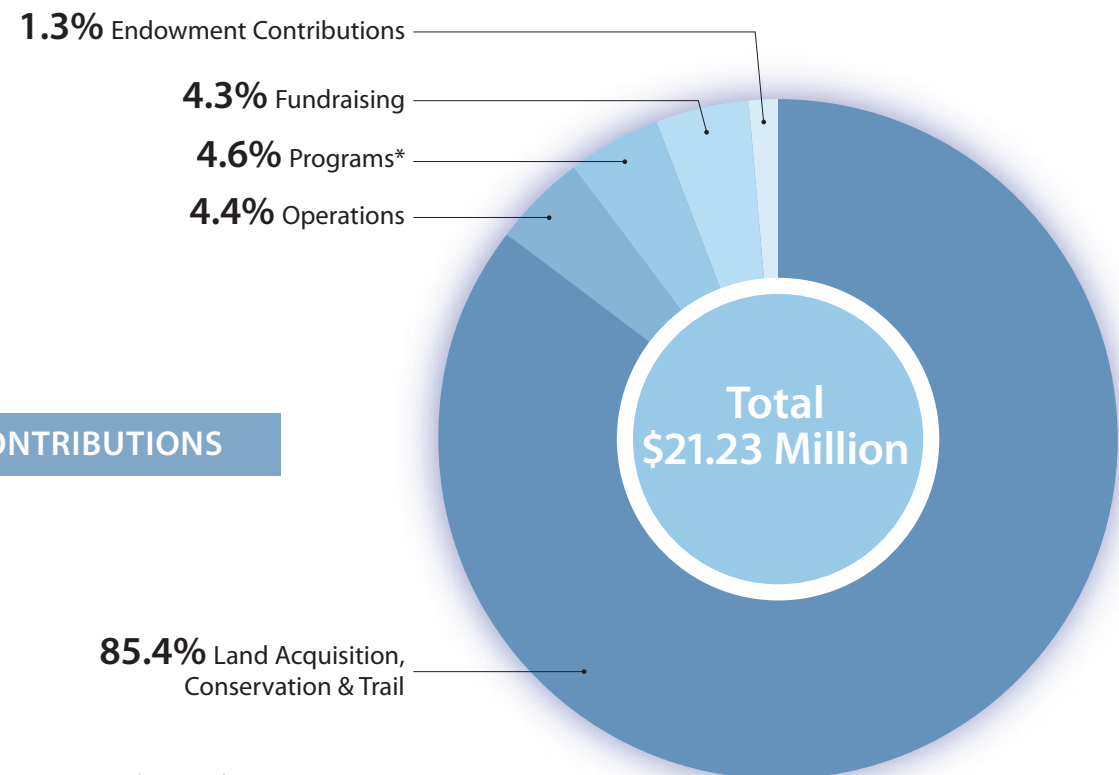
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Robert Gordon Webster & Estate of John R. Webster
John & Elizabeth McCullam

Financial Summary 2024-2025

SOURCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS



USE OF CONTRIBUTIONS



* Includes: Membership, Communications and Bruce Trail Enterprises

Thanks to the generosity and commitment of our members, donors and other supporters, the Bruce Trail Conservancy ended Fiscal Year 2025 in a financially healthy position.

CONNECTING TO OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Here's how to find information from our Annual Report Financial Summary in our audited financial statements:

SOURCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Comprised of:	Found in Statement of:	\$ in millions
Total Revenue	Operations	7.17
Interest/investment income in reserves	Operations	-0.46
Restricted Donations	Changes in Fund Balances	25.17
Net Change in working capital	Cash Flows	
Deferred membership revenue		0.04
Deferred contribution		0.03
Endowment contribution and grants		0.27
Accounts Receivable*		-0.07
TOTAL		32.15

* Excluding Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) grant received Fall 2025.

DONATIONS

Comprised of:	Found in Statement of:	\$ in millions
Donations of Cash and Securities	Operations	4.98
Donations and Grants Restricted for Land Purchase	Changes in Fund Balances	24.50
Donations of Land (in-kind)	Changes in Fund Balances	0.67
Donations Contributed to Endowment	Cash Flows	0.28
Grants	Operations	0.09
TOTAL		30.52

OTHER SOURCES OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Comprised of:	Found in Statement of:	\$ in millions
Membership Dues – Conservancy	Operations	0.57
Membership Dues – Club	Operations	0.11
Deferred Membership Revenue	Cash Flows	0.04
Bruce Trail Enterprises (Store)	Operations	0.36
Interest and Realized Investment Income	Operations	0.96
Interest and Realized Investment Income (Reserves)	Operations	-0.46
Rental Income	Operations	0.07
Accounts Receivable (excludes ECCC Grant)	Cash Flows	-0.07
Deferred Contributions and Grants	Cash Flows	0.03
Misc Income	Cash Flows	0.02
TOTAL		1.63

USE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Comprised of:	Found in Statement of:	\$ in millions
Total Expenses	Operations	6.17
Less: Amortization		-0.12
Insurance premiums		-0.01
Purchase of land and easements	Cash Flows	17.12
Less: Proceeds on sale of land assets	Cash Flows	-1.27
Add: Donation of land	Changes in Fund Balances	0.67
Interfund Transfer: Internal restriction to Land Stewardship	Changes in Fund Balances	0.67
Interfund Transfer: Internal restriction to other reserves	Changes in Fund Balances	0.13
Endowment contributions	Cash Flows	0.28
Net Change in working capital		
Loss on sale of capital assets (land)	Operations	-0.18
Accounts Receivable	Cash Flows	-2.16
Purchase of other capital assets	Cash Flows	0.09
Merchandise Inventory	Cash Flows	-0.02
Prepaid Expenses and Deposits	Cash Flows	-0.02
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	Cash Flows	-0.12
TOTAL		21.23

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fiscal Year 2025

Opening Cash Position:	\$12.71 M
Contributions Received:	\$32.15 M
Contributions Used:	\$21.23 M
Closing Cash Position:	\$23.63 M

The Bruce Trail Conservancy audited financial statements are available online at bruce-trail.org (About Us > Financial Statements)

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Looking Ahead

A message from our new Board Chair, Jaclyn Moody



Photo: Priyanka Amarsinghe

For more about our Board of Directors visit brucetrail.org (About Us > Board of Directors).



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The benefits of spending time on the Bruce Trail go beyond our personal experiences to support communities along the Niagara Escarpment and across Ontario. As we protect nature, we invest in the wellbeing of our neighbours. As we travel to different parts of the Trail, we bolster local economies. As we conserve and restore more land, we provide ecosystem services that mitigate the effects of climate change. Thanks to our growing community of donors, volunteers, members and partners, the far-reaching impact of the Bruce Trail continues to expand and make a tangible difference in people's lives.

It is a great privilege to be the new Chair of the Bruce Trail Conservancy Board of Directors. As one of the largest land trusts in Ontario, the BTC has become a Canadian leader in

conservation, widely respected for our approach to trail building and providing free public access to nature. Looking to next year and beyond, our focus falls on all the ways we are working to improve access to nature while bringing more vulnerable land under the permanent protection of the Bruce Trail Conservation Corridor. As we identify low-barrier trail areas and expand our community outreach, we will continue to enhance the way the Bruce Trail is experienced by daily wanderers and long-distance trekkers alike. I look forward to sharing our progress on these and many more projects with you over the months and years to come. Together we will create a thriving future for nature, for the Bruce Trail, and for all.



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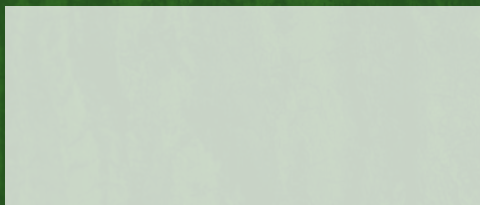
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For all of the work we have accomplished and the many kilometres that have been blazed, we thank our dedicated members, donors, and volunteers. We are emboldened by their love of the Bruce Trail and their confidence in our shared mission: to create a conservation corridor that permanently protects critical ecosystems and the route of the Bruce Trail. Together, we will *preserve a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever.*



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