

Bruce Trail



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon?

The Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon is a fundraising event hosted by the Toronto Bruce Trail Club for the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC). Participating hikers collect donations from family and friends and then spend the month of August 2014 hiking the Bruce Trail. Registration for the event begins June 1, 2014. Click here to proceed to website: [Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon](#)

The Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon is a fun way to benefit the BTC. The Hike-a-thon gives you the opportunity to help preserve and protect the Bruce Trail while hiking and earning great prizes from generous Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon sponsors.

You register for the event online and then create your own Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon fundraising webpage. It's easy! By collecting donations from your friends and family, your efforts will add up fast! You'll even get a webpage link that you can e-mail to your friends and family asking for their support.

2. What is The Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC)?

[The Bruce Trail Conservancy \(BTC\)](#) is a charitable organization committed to establishing a conservation corridor containing a public footpath along the Niagara Escarpment, in order to protect its natural ecosystems and to promote environmentally responsible public access to this UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. The BTC is a charitable, membership based, volunteer organization.

Nine regional [Bruce Trail Clubs](#) are part of the Bruce Trail Conservancy. Each Club is volunteer-run and is responsible for maintaining, stewarding and promoting a section of the Bruce Trail.

3. When is the Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon taking place?

The Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon is a month long event for August 2014, but participants can register and begin fundraising as early as June 1, 2014.

4. Where will the Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon take place?

You can hike anywhere on the Bruce Trail from [Tobermory to Niagara](#) including any of blue-blazed Bruce Trail side trails. Please observe the Bruce Trail Users' Code and abide by any rules when accessing the Bruce Trail through Conservation Areas. Click here for: [Conservation Area Access Rules](#).

5. Who can hike for the Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon?

Everyone! Young and old, newbie or experienced hiker – anyone who loves hiking and hiking trails can participate. Hike as an individual or a team.

6. Can I hike as part of a team for Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon?

Yes! Teams are allowed in the event (maximum of 6 members per team). It can be a team of your friends, your family, your schoolmates or your co-workers! You can even create a Team Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon webpage which reflects your team's fundraising goal. When you register, simply follow the directions to register as a team. Teams compete for their own special prizes, but all Bruce Trail Hike-a-thoners are eligible for special prizes.

7. How much hiking is involved in the Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon?

Hike as little or as much as you like during the month of August 2014. All kilometres on the Bruce Trail will count toward your Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon goals. Keep track of the kilometres you hike in August to compete for the coveted “Most Kilometres Hiked” award.

8. Are there Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon hiking outings?

Yes! We have Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon hiking outings planned. The Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon will kick off on **Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 9:45 a.m.** with opening remarks and featured hikes planned for experienced and new hikers. Please check the BTC website (www.brucetrail.org) for details of the kick-off. Organized hikes offered by the nine regional [Bruce Trail Clubs](#) qualify as part of the Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon.

9. What interesting sights can I see on the Bruce Trail during my hikes?

The Bruce Trail is an 890km hiking trail that follows the Niagara Escarpment from Queenston (on the Niagara Peninsula) to Tobermory (on the Bruce Peninsula). There are also about over 400 km of additional side trails. The Bruce Trail offers a myriad of ways to explore the natural beauty of the Niagara Escarpment on foot. Accessible to explorers of all ages, the Bruce Trail connects you to the wonders of the Escarpment – cobble beaches, open meadows, waterfalls, rocky crevices, old-growth forests, and awe-inspiring views. Whether you explore the Trail in an afternoon or challenge yourself with an end-to-end journey, you are sure to find a Bruce Trail experience that will rejuvenate, inspire or even surprise you. Hike the [Bruce Trail](#) and explore!

10. Is there a registration fee?

No. There is no registration fee to participate in the Hike-a-thon. Click here to register: [Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon](#)

11. Is there a minimum donation to participate in the Hike-a-thon?

We appreciate whatever amount participants are able to raise but would be recommending the following fundraising goals:

- \$100 per individual
- \$300 per team

Registered participants who meet these fundraising goals will be entered in a draw for special prizes.

12. Do I get a tax receipt for my donation?

Yes, the Bruce Trail Conservancy is a charitable organization (Charitable Registration #11921 7578 RR0001) and issues tax receipts for all donations of \$10 or more. These receipts will be sent by email to all who provide an email address during their online donation through the Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon webpages. Otherwise the receipts will be sent by mail.

13. Where does the money raised at the Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon go?

This is a fundraising event supporting the BTC’s 50th Anniversary Milestones Project. Supporters of the BTC believe in the importance of securing a conservation corridor to help preserve the vitality of the Niagara Escarpment, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve and making it accessible via the Bruce Trail.

Our goal is to raise funds to prevent the loss of private lands currently for sale along the Bruce Trail’s conservation corridor, and to protect and maintain in perpetuity the unique natural diversity of the Niagara Escarpment on behalf of everyone in Ontario. For more information about the Bruce Trail Conservancy and its work, visit www.brucetrail.org.

14. Will my participation be matched by my employer?

Many companies will match participation in cause-related events. Check with your HR department to see if your company would consider matching the funds you raise in the Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon with a donation to the BTC.. If so, your company’s matching gift will count towards your Bruce Trail Hike-a-Thon fundraising goal.

15. Can my company sponsor the Bruce Trail Hike-a-thon?

Yes! Sponsorship opportunities are still available for outdoor gear companies and other businesses who want to support the event and reach a large community of Bruce Trail enthusiasts. Contact Emma Rosal at lets.hikeathon@gmail.com or call (416) 879-7493 for more information.