

# Halton Outdoor Club Rhododendron Walks Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> 2022

## Information Sheet

Hancock Woodlands is a beautiful wood, with maturing rhododendron, azalea and mountain laurel ecologically sharing space with native trillium, trout lily and mayapple, beneath a tall canopy of ancient white pine, oak, beech and hemlock. Amongst the trees, it is easy to forget that this ten-acre parcel sits in the heart of Mississauga.

Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens, Port Credit.

One of Canada's largest public rhododendron gardens. Enjoy the azaleas and rhododendrons surrounded by white pines, perennials, and shrubs. The rhododendrons were donated by the late Dr. Joseph Brueckner.

### The Hiking day Trip

We'll visit these places by public transit to avoid parking and other issues.

Catch the Go Train: at 9:13am from West Harbour, 9:25 from Aldershot, 9:31 from Burlington or 9:48 from Oakville. Meet on the upper deck of the accessible car.

I will be wearing a tall green hat for purposes of easy Identification if you don't already know me. You can also reach me on my cell phone, number below.

We transfer to the Mississauga Transit bus number 2N at Port Credit station at 10:01 for the short ride to Hurontario and Sherobee Rd. Cash fare is \$4 exact on the bus or a loonie if you are a senior (No change is given). It's all integrated if you are using a Presto card.

Take advantage of the very good washrooms on the train, the transfer time at Port Credit Go station is too short to allow for a washroom stop.

It's an 8-minute walk from the bus stop through Camilla Park to Hancock Park. We stroll the trails at leisure Hancock Park for about an hour. The shrubs and flowers should be at their best and there are plenty of places to sit and enjoy them. There is also interesting historical information about the nursery and the Hancock family.

We retrace our walk and bus back to Port credit and transfer to the Lakeshore bus to get to Brueckner Gardens. There are good washrooms in this popular park.

Bring a lunch, drinks and something to sit upon for a picnic among the rhododendrons and azaleas.

After our visit to Brueckner Park we will walk the Lakeshore trail to Port credit about 4 km. We will probably get back to Port Credit around 2:30 pm. Trains are every half hour or better. You should be back at your start point around 4 pm, earlier if it's Oakville or Clarkson, later if it's Aldershot or Hamilton.

You may prefer to enjoy a pub stop with us in Port Credit or look around the village and shops and come back on a later train.

**Hike Leader Phill Armstrong cell phone 416 895 3937**