

INFORMATION SHEET
MONO CLIFFS YELLOW BUS HIKE
SATURDAY JUNE 10th, 2023

We will hike along the beautiful trails at Mono Cliffs Provincial Park and partially follow the Bruce Trail for a day in celebration of our 50th anniversary. Walk through a canyon on the spillway trail or past 30 metre cliffs on the cliff top trail, that will surely amaze you. Link to park's maps: https://www.ontarioparks.com/pdf/maps/monocliffs/park_map.pdf

This park expands for 750 ha. and contains some 450 plant species including rare ferns. Prime attractions include walks through mixed hardwood forests and above and below tall cliffs. The park also features the phenomenon called Jacob's Ladder and the fabulous views of McCarston's Lake and Lookout Point.

See some of the oldest, intact, old growth White Cedar forests in eastern North America. Research has shown that some cedars have survived on the escarpment face for over 700 years and are now the oldest living trees in Ontario. Despite their age, they may be no more than five centimetres thick and a metre high. The cedars have endured the worst elements of cold and constant winds that rob the shallow soil of moisture, carry away nutrients and leave the roots exposed. Their twisted shapes are testimony to their struggle.

The yellow bus will pick up hikers in the parking lot of the Guelph Line Carpool Parking area on the north side of the QEW at Guelph Line. [Guelph Line Carpool Parking - Google Maps](#). **We depart promptly at 8:30 a.m. There will not be an Oakville pick up.**

On the way to Mono Centre village, there will be a short stop at Tim's in Orangeville for a coffee and restroom break. We will arrive at the community centre lot in the village of Mono Centre at approximately 10:30. At this point the bus will drop us off to start our hikes here. The bus will be available throughout the day in the parking lot of Mono Cliffs Community Centre. We have rented a room in the community centre, which will also provide us with access to the indoor washrooms, water and a gathering place to socialize as we wait for everyone to get back from the hikes.

You will have three hike options. You choose the one that will challenge you in distance, pace and duration. The choice is yours! Your leader will make sure you enjoy the views, have breaks and enjoy a picnic lunch on the trails.

Long Hike: about 15 km, 4 ½ hr at fast pace

Medium Hike: about 11 km, 3 hr, moderate pace

Short Hike: about 7 km, 2 hr at leisurely pace

The bus will leave from the Mono Community Centre parking lot at 4:00 PM at the latest. Early departure may be considered based on the completion of the hikes.

Book your seat on the bus as soon as the trip opens for registration on the event calendar of the HOC website.

The cost of the trip is \$32.00. Fees include bus transportation there and back (Burlington- Mono Community Centre), one stop in Orangeville, rental of the room inside the community centre and 3 hikes lead by experienced leaders.

No refund unless your spot can be filled from the waitlist. Contact the club manager at info@haltonoutdoorclub.ca or 905-634-2012 to cancel.

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