

**Join Charles and Jim for a 275-kilometre trek on the Grand Valley Trail
(...in the two years beginning in the spring of 2015)**

We will lead a series of weekend hikes commencing at the southern end of the Grand Valley hiking trail near the mouth of the Grand River south of Dunnville and finishing nine weekend hikes later on top of Pinnacle Hill near the Caledon hamlet of Alton. This series of hikes will consist of nine weekend hikes in the Spring and Fall of 2015 and 2016 and will allow hikers the opportunity to get away for the weekend and explore the Grand River Valley for much of its length as it drains one of the larger river basins in South-Central Ontario. The hikes will be approximately 15 to 20 kilometres each, which will allow time for socializing, photography and general good fellowship. Please feel free to join us for any or all of these hikes and be prepared to have a great time. And Yes! We will assist you in maintaining a log-file of your walks in order to receive your end-to-end badges and chevrons.

Saturday, May 23, 2015: End-to-End #1 of 18. Grand Valley Trail, Dunnville, Map 1, (6th edition). Meet at km 18.8. Level 2 intermediate. Distance: 19 kms. Pace 4.5km/hr.

Terrain: Variable.

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Depart 9 am, Meet at GVTA Map 1, Km18.8 at the intersection Haldimand Rd 20 and Old Hines Rd, 600 m east of Aikens Road, near Dunnville.

No dropout, End to End #1 of 18, No dogs, Refreshments afterwards. We welcome hike leaders in training. Car shuttle to start of hike.

Directions: Go to the town of Dunnville. From Main Street and Dover Road in Dunnville, go south on Dover Road over the Grand River. Dover Road becomes Rainham Road. Go west on Rainham Road 700 metres to Regional Road 20. Go northwest on RR 20 3.1 km to meeting place at RR 20 & Old Hines Road (600 metres east of Aikens Rd).

Sunday, May 24 2015: End-to-End #2 of 18. Grand Valley Trail, Cayuga, Map 3 (6th edition) Meet at km 39.4. Level 2 Intermediate. 20 kms. Pace 4.5km/hr. Terrain: Variable.

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Depart 9 am, Meet at km 39.4, Map 3, 6th edition at intersection of Hwy 3 (Talbot Rd) and River Rd, Cayuga. Directions: Go to the town of Cayuga. From the junction of Hwy 3 and Hwy 54 in Cayuga, go west on Hwy 3 over the Grand River 1.1 kms to meeting place at the junction of Hwy 3 (Talbot Rd) and River Road.

No dropout. No dogs. Refreshments afterwards. We welcome hike leaders in training. Car shuttle to start of hike.

Join Jim and Charles as they walk the 275 km length of the Grand Valley Trail from Port Maitland in the southern terminus of the GVTA to Alton, near Orangeville.

Saturday, June 20 2015, End-to End #3 of 18. Grand Valley Trail, York. Map 4 (6th edition) Meet at km 57.4 Level 2. Intermediate. 18 kms Pace 4.5km/hr. Terrain: Variable.

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Depart 9 am, GVTA Map 4, 6th edition at KM 57.4 in Caledonia. Haldimand Rd 54 and McClung (RR22). Directions: Go to the town of Caledonia. From the junction of Argyle and Hwy 54 (Caithness St.) in Caledonia, go southeast on Hwy54 along the north side of the Grand River 2.0 km to meeting place at the junction of Hwy 54 & McClung (Delaware Street)

No dropout, End to End #3 of 18, No dogs, Refreshments afterwards. We welcome hike leaders in training. Car shuttle to start of hike.

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Continue to join Jim and Charles as they walk the 275 km length of the Grand Valley Trail from Port Maitland in the southern terminus to Alton, near Orangeville. See a fuller description under May 23, 2015 above.

Sunday, June 21, 2015, End-to-End #4 of 18. Grand Valley Trail, Onondaga. Map 6 (6th edition). Meet at KM 14.7. Level 2 Intermediate. 19 kms. Pace 4.5km/hr. Terrain: Variable.

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Depart 9 am. Meet at Km14.7 GVTA Map 6 sixth edition. Front St & Painter Rd (Brant 8). Located south of Brant 54, close to the banks of the Grand River

No dropout, End to End #4 of 18, No dogs, Refreshments afterwards. We welcome hike leaders in training. Car shuttle to start of hike.

Come celebrate the 1st day of summer in walking a portion of the Grand Valley Trail. Join Jim and Charles as they continue to lead an end-to-end of the Grand Valley Trail. Seeing that it is Father's Day bring dad along too! See the write up of May 23, 2015 for more information.

Saturday, September 12, 2015, End-to End #5 of 18. Grand Valley Trail, Brantford. Map 7 (7th edition) Carolinian Section. Meet at km 31.7 Bell Homestead, Brant. Level 2. Intermediate. 15.8 kms Pace 4.5km/hr. Terrain: Variable.

Car shuffle.

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Depart: 9.00 am, KM 31.7 GVTA Map 7 (7th ed.) Bell Homestead, near 94 Tutela Heights, Brant, ON.

Directions: Along Hwy 403 exit 41 take ramp right for Garden Ave, towards Cainsville. Road name changes to CR18.

Passes Colborne Road. Stay on CR 18. Turn right on CR 4/Cockshutt Rd, turn left on Tutela Heights. Coordinates 43.106920, -80.269273

Parking fee may be in effect. Refreshments afterwards.

Continue to join Jim and Charles as they complete the 280 km length of the Grand Valley Trail from Port Maitland in the southern terminus to Alton, near Orangeville. We welcome hike leaders in training.

Sunday, September 13, 2015, End-to End #6 of 18. Grand Valley Trail, Paris. Map 8 (7th edition) Carolinian Crest Section. Meet at km 53.3 Powerline Road (end of road on east side of river) Level 2. Intermediate. 21.6 kms Pace 4.5km/hr. Terrain: Variable.

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Depart 9.00 am, KM 53.3 at the end of Powerline Road (end of road on east side of the river).

Directions: From Cambridge 401 & Hwy 24 Hespeler Road, travel south on Hwy 24. Drive for about 4.5 kms toward the major intersection of Coronation Blvd & Dundas street. Drive towards Water Street still on Hwy 24 for a distance of about 21 kms to CR 23, Powerline Road turn right. Drive to the end of Powerline Road. Coordinates 43.174480, -80.351000

Join Jim and Charles on their quest to walk the Grand River Watershed of the 280 kilometer Grand Valley Trail. The Grand River is the largest river that is entirely within the boundaries of Southern Ontario.

Saturday, October 17, 2015, End-to End #7 of 18. Grand Valley Trail, Glen Morris. Map 9, (7th edition) Carolinian Crest section. Meet at km 69.1 Glen Morris. Level 2. Intermediate. 16kms Pace 4.5km/hr. Terrain: Variable.

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Depart 9.00 am, km 69.1 GVTA Map 9 (7ed.) Glen Morris. Directions. In Glen Morris drive along East River Road (Rd 14). Turn on Forbes Street going down a steep hill to the Paris-Cambridge Rail parking lot on right. Coordinates 43.276391, -80.346245

Continue to join Jim and Charles on their quest to walk the length of the 280 km Grand Valley Trail along the Grand River Watershed. GVTA trails go through some of Ontario's most productive farmlands, and century old homesteads. Refreshments afterwards.

Sunday, October 18, 2015, End-to End #8 of 18. Grand Valley Trail, Kitchener. Map 10 (7th edition) Black Walnut. Meet at km 19.7 Kitchener. Level 2/3. Intermediate. 22 kms Pace 4.5km/hr. Terrain: Variable.

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Depart 9.00 am, km 19.7 GVTA Map 10 (7ed) Kitchener.

Meet at Doon Public School located at 1401 Doon Village Road, Kitchener. Directions. Drive Hwy 401 towards Kitchener. Take exit 275- towards Homer Watson Blvd. Bearing right travel north on Homer Watson. Turn south (left) on Doon South Rd. Turn left on Doon Village Road following the GVTA white blazes to the school. Coordinates: 43.387437, -80.419780

Come and join Jim and Charles for the last walk in 2015 on their quest to complete the 280 kms Grand Valley Trail. Today's walk travels through some of the better preserved wooded areas of both the Sudden and Dryden Tract. We resume our quest in Spring 2016.