

Join Charles and Jim as they continue in year 2, on their 275-kilometre trek on the Grand Valley Trail that began in the spring of 2015.

**Saturday May 14, 2016: End-to-End #9 of 14. Grand Valley Trail, Kitchener. Black Walnut Section. Map 10 (7<sup>th</sup> ed.). Meet close to km 39.9 Otterbein Road, Kitchener. Level 2 intermediate. Distance 21 kms. Pace 4.5/5km/hr. Terrain is variable. No dropouts. Car shuttle.**



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Depart at 9 am. Meet at GVTA map 10, 39.9 close to the intersections of Otterbein Rd & Forwell Road (GPS 43.60237,-80.420112)

Join Jim and Charles for the continued 280 kilometer trek on the Grand Valley Trail. Please feel free to join us for any or all of these hikes. Be prepared to have a great time. We welcome hike leaders in training. Refreshments after.

Directions: To access this parking area from Highway # 7 (Victoria Street North, Kitchener) you should drive south from Highway 7 on either Lackner Road or Forwell Road. If you are using Lackner Road follow it south to its intersection with Ottawa Street North and turn left (east) onto Ottawa Street North. Follow east to its intersection with Forwell Road/ Otterbein Road (Forwell is to your left and Otterbein to your right). Turn right onto Otterbein and follow to parking area. If you are using Forwell Road, follow it south from Highway 7 through its intersection with Ottawa



Street North and continue on Otterbein Road to the parking area.

**Sunday May 15, 2016: End-to-End  
#10 of 14. Grand Valley Trail,  
Kitchener. Black Walnut Section.  
Map 11 (7<sup>th</sup> ed.) Level 2 intermediate.  
Distance 15 to 22 kms. Pace  
4.5/5km/hr. Terrain is variable. No  
dropouts. Car shuttle.**

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Continue to join Jim and Charles and others hardy walkers in their quest to walk the 280 kilometer trail along the Grand River. Please feel free to join us for any or all of these hikes. Be prepared to have a great time. We welcome hike leaders in training.  
Refreshments after.

Directions: Meet at George Priddle Park at 40 Golf Course Road, Conestogo off Sawmill Road (43.541594-80.492750). This parking area is near mile marker 61.3 on Map # 11

To reach this parking area from Highway #7 you should turn north onto Ebycrest Road North to the north of Breslau. Follow Ebycrest Road north passing Rosendale where the road changes name to Sawmill Road. Continue north on Sawmill Road until you reach the intersection of Golf Course Road to your right. Parking is to the north of Sawmill Road.



The main trail mileage for today is approximately 15 kilometres due to the loss of approximately 7 kilometres of main trail in the Snyder's Flats area.

If the weather permits and the hikers are enthusiastic we can add mileage on the side trails and conservation area trails in Snyder's Flats not affected by the closure.

**Saturday, May 28, 2016: End-to-End #11 of 14. Grand Valley Trail, Kitchener. Black Walnut Section. Map 11 & 12 (7<sup>th</sup> ed.) Level 2 intermediate. Distance 19kms. Pace 4.5/5km/hr. Terrain is variable. No dropouts. Car shuttle.**

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Depart at 9 am. Meet at GVTA map 12, West Montrose, Pinnacle Section close to km 3.00 on 8<sup>th</sup> Line West, Centre Wellington (GPS 43.627093, -80.450910). Roadside parking. Watch for a series of trail signs for Elmira, Fergus, Elora.

Slowly and with every step of the way we are nearing the completion of our GVTA end-to-end walk. Distance is 19kms. During this hike we will hike north along the Grand River from Conestogo through the Village of West Montrose with its renowned Kissing Bridge, Ontario's last remaining covered bridge.



Please feel free to join us for any or all of these end-to-end hikes. Be prepared to have a great time.

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Directions: From West Montrose travel west on Line 86 (old Highway 86) across the Grand River to its intersection with Middlebrook Road. Turn right (north) onto Middlebrook Road and follow towards Elora.

When you reach 8th Line West turn right and follow to meeting place near the old tree nursery where the trail leaves the road to the left and enters the fields.



**Sunday, May 29, 2016: End-to-End #12 of 14. Grand Valley Trail, Elora/Fergus, Pinnacle Section. Map 13 (7<sup>th</sup> ed.) Level 2 intermediate. Distance 19kms. Pace 4.5/5km/hr. Terrain is variable. No dropouts. Car shuttle.**

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Depart at 9 am. Meet at Km 22.3 on GVTA Map 13 (Elora /Fergus) near the intersection of 2nd Line and Wellington Road 19 (Belwood Road). This parking area is near the hamlet of Spier (43.738622, -80.363598).

Every pace draws us closer towards the completion of our 280 km walk along the Grand River. Today's walk will continue north along the Grand River and through the picturesque villages of Elora and Fergus.

Directions: To access this parking area you should follow Belwood Road north from Fergus to its intersection with 2nd Line where the Elora Cataract Trailway crosses the road. This point is to the west of Belwood Lake near the Shand Dam.

We will resume the completion of the end-to-end on October 29 & 30, 2016.

