

Walking the Grand – October 2016

Join Charles and Jim as they complete their 2nd year of the 275-kilometre trek on the Grand Valley Trail which began in the Spring of 2015.

This series of hikes started with nine weekend hikes, which allowed 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 are approximately 15 to 20 kilometers each, which allowed time for socializing, photography and general good fellowship. Be prepared to have a great time. We welcome hike leaders in training. 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.



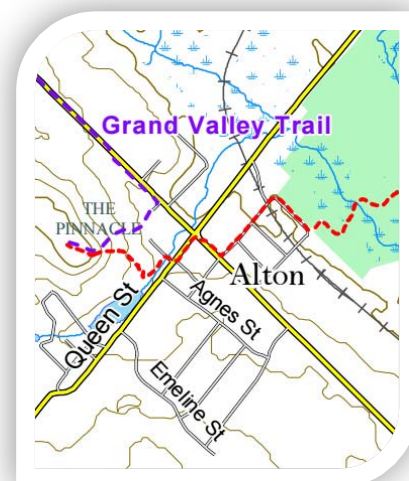
Saturday, October 29th, 2016-End-to-End # 13 of 14. Grand Valley Trail Belwood / Prices Corners, Pinnacle Section, Maps 14 & 15 (7th Edition). Level 2 intermediate. Distance 24 kilometers.

Pace 4.5/ 5 kms / Hr. Terrain is variable but primarily flat. No dropouts. Car shuttle.

Depart at 9:00 AM. Meet at Km 46.6 on the Erin Garafraxa Townline road where the trail crosses the road. Parking is alongside the road (43.804740-80.202690). This meeting point is on the Townline Road between the 5th and 6th Line of the Town of Erin and confusingly enough between the 12th and 13th Line of the adjacent Township of East Garafraxa. This is a somewhat longer hike but with enough generally level terrain and road walking to make it manageable. We will follow the Grand River northwards passing Belwood Lake and the hamlet of Belwood and then overland to the meeting place to the east of Prices Corners.

Sunday, October 30th, 2016. End-to-End 14 of 14 (The Grand Finale). Grand Valley Trail Prices Corners / Alton, Pinnacle Section. Maps 15 and 16 (7th Edition). Level 2 intermediate. Distance 19 kilometers. Pace 4.5 / 5 km / hr. Terrain is generally flat with significant road walking. A steep climb at the terminus of the trail to the top of the Pinnacle.

Depart at 9:00 AM. Meet at the parking lot for the Millcroft Inn and Spa at 55 John Street, Caledon (Hamlet of Alton). Access parking lot from Queen Street West & John Street (48.856309-80.076648). Unfortunately, lots of road walking to finish but the countryside is beautiful, you get to climb the Pinnacle at the end (the views are great) and you will have finished the trail. And we will have celebratory refreshments following this hike at a suitable place to be named at the appropriate time.



REGISTER TODAY!!!

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