



Woolwich Trails Group

Fall 2017

Hike Schedule

Note: All hikes count towards your Woolwich Healthy Hike Badge. For more information about the Healthy Hike program and fall hikes log onto www.healthywoolwich.org

The Woolwich Trails Group REGIONAL FORESTS HIKE SERIES: All Welcome!

The Region of Waterloo owns and maintains 16 Regional Forests and other woodland properties scattered across the region ranging in size from 5 to 50 hectares. In 2006, the Region developed a 25-year plan to maintain the ecological health and integrity of these woodlands, and to ensure they continue to provide a natural resource for the enjoyment of the residents of the region as well as visitors. Woolwich Trails Group is sponsoring a hike series exploring these forests over the next few seasons. Explore with us and receive a passport that will be stamped at each group hike. This special memento, brought to each hike, will record your efforts and remind you of your regional forests excursions.

REGIONAL FOREST SERIES Hike # 3

Petersburg Regional Forest

The Regional Hike Series continues on Sunday, September 17th from 2 to 4 pm at the Petersburg Regional Forest, a 40.5 ha recreational area, which is part of the Waterloo Sandhills and outwash plains at 1974 Snyder's Road East in Wilmot Township.

This popular forest is used by nearby residents for walking, skiing, and cycling. Petersburg Regional Forest contains approximately 12 km of the 25 km of single track mountain biking/hiking trails known as the Hydrocut with the remainder of the trails located on the west side of the Waterloo Regional landfill. These trails are maintained by the Waterloo Cycling Club through an agreement with the Region of Waterloo. The northern region of the tract contains some high quality hard maples that serve as a natural seed source for conversion of conifer plantations to hardwoods and is a valuable corridor for the movement of wildlife in the Region of Waterloo.

Be sure to bring your stamp-collecting book for another unique and original stamp. First time hikers will receive one as well!

Come join the Woolwich Trails Group for our third hike in the Regional Forest Hike Series. We will meet in the small parking lot at the southern entrance via the right-of-way at 1974 Snyders Road East, Petersburg. All hikers are reminded to be cautious when crossing the non-signalized railway tracks on the right-of-way by coming to a complete stop before crossing the tracks, which are not heavily used, but the trains are moving at a pretty good speed when they come by and the sight lines can be an issue.

Note: Please contact Nancy at nancy.stayzer@gmail.com or 519 241-4926 to confirm meeting time and location. There is no rain date.

