



# View of Land Conservation:

# Walk With Us in Nature

By Bob Barnett Photos courtesy of Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy

Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) invites you to "Walk with Us" at 16 places that are open to the public. They are on the Bruce Trail, the Ganaraska Trail or on Manitoulin Trail properties. Here we share the locations and features of eight of these walks.



▲ The Mad River winds through mixed forest.



▲ A quiet stretch of the Saugeen River.

## At EBC's reserves on the Bruce Trail

**4 Nottawasaga Bluffs above Duntroon:** Park in EBC's lot at Blue Mountain km 35.9 on County Road 91 west

of Duntroon and just east of the proposed new quarry. The trail winds north around our reserve before you reach Nottawasaga Lookout Park. On the south side of the road, make sure you see the Bruce Trail's Duntroon View side trail.

**5 Beaver Valley at Graham Hill Road:** Park at km 72.8 and walk south over Walter Ten Cate's trail easement with EBC. There are Escarpment outcrops and several Beaver River tributaries through this deep maple forest.

**6 Rural Roots west of Wiarton:** Tom Ashman and Dee Cherrie welcome you to this Bruce Trail side trail on County Road 13. This beautiful property has been saved from the quarries through an EBC conservation agreement and trail easement. After visiting their dramatic Escarpment outcrops and the wetland above, you may wish to look at the big holes next door where decorative stone is shipped off to Toronto.

**7 Cape Chin via the Martin Reserve:** Park on the Cape Chin North Road at the turn at km 104.6 and walk 800 metres south until you reach EBC's reserve. After

the hardwoods you enter the cedar forest around the big beaver dam which you follow on the south side before leaving our property about 1 1/2 km later. The trail then heads out to Cape Chin.

**8 Cape Chin via the Schulz Reserve:** Park at km 105.2 on the North Cape Chin Road and follow the trail north past our Schulz Reserve donated to honour the memory of Benjamin Schulz. This cliffside trail has several

vistas over the scree and Georgian Bay. You can loop back to your car on the Bard Side Trail. **NEV**

Next time we'll describe the other eight walks. Or contact us for more information about all 16 walks.

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▲ A deep maple forest with great views of Beaver Valley.



▲ The Martin Reserve has cedars around a big beaver dam.

## At EBC's nature reserves

**1 Glencairn Conservation Area and the Mad River:** From the Conservation area right in Glencairn on Webster Road, you can follow the River east about two km to the Third Concession along the Ganaraska Trail. The River oxbows its way through mixed forest and seems miles away from civilization.

**2 Saugeen River Trail, Hanover:** Just west of town the South Saugeen joins the main River at a big island included in our nature reserve. Follow the old train route south of Highway 4 beside our reserve and see families out for a stroll and paddlers enjoying a quiet stretch of river.

**3 Pottawatomi River in Owen Sound:** You can follow the River west of Nichol's Gully Road past the rapids on our reserve about a km to the bowling alley. Further upstream is Jones Falls on the Bruce Trail, which is pretty spectacular in the spring. There is no marked trail on our property, so you're really off in the giant hemlocks.



▲ View from the Bruce Trail's Duntroon View Side Trail

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