

Nature and History in Guelph

Sunday May 4th at 1 pm.

Saturday May 10th at 1 pm

Come walk with us down the historic Niska Road. Learn about how the land in this area has evolved from pre colonization until present times.

We will share what we know about how important citizen advocacy and involvement has been in protecting the Hanlon Creek Watershed. Learn about the history of the Kortright Waterfowl Park. Once a world class nature facility with 10,000 visitors a year it is now under threat of development. It was purchased with public money by the Grand River Conservation Authority and placed into the Hanlon Creek Conservation Area in order protect it and to provide nature based experiences as Guelph grew and urbanized. The conservation plan was never implemented.

Along our walk you can view this land and share your vision of how this special area could be utilized for public benefit.

Our walk will start on the north side of Niska Rd. At the public bus stop adjacent to the YMCA. We will travel down Niska Rd. To the Speed River along the public sidewalk which is wheelchair accessible all the way to the river.

On the way back, weather permitting, we will walk along the trail at the end off Ptarmigan Drive through the forest to Niska Rd, viewing the Hanlon Creek along the way. This portion of the walk is not wheelchair accessible, may be muddy and contains some rough terrain.

Well behaved dogs on leash are welcome. English will be spoken.

Our walk is sponsored by Get Involved Guelph and Environmental Defense.

Laura and Kathy will be the hosts on our walk