Probus Club of Pelham – Hiking Interest Group (Updated May 2026)
Hike Operating Procedure and Schedule May 6, 2026 to September 30, 2026

- **Dates** - Hikes are listed by date, occur once a week. Wednesday May 6, 2026 to September,2026
- **Start time** - 10:00am. Try to arrive 10 or 15 min. early to discuss the hike conditions.
- Hike Description & Start Location - A brief hike description is provided. Highlighted link for start location. Hikes numbered 1 to 21.
- Hike difficulty – Estimated using the Bruce Trail 3 point rating system of Easy, Moderate and Strenuous.
- Duration - Hikes are usually about or just under 2 hours, with exceptions noted.
- Hike Leader - There is no official hike leader. Decide at the hike start. Previous hikers will have knowledge of the routes.
- Break/lunch locations – To be decided by the group. Some options are provided. Large groups may need reservations
- Cancellations - There will be no official e-mail signup or cancellation for individual hikes. Everyone decides for themselves.
- Reasons for not Hiking - Bad weather, rain, high winds, blizzards.
- Rescheduled Hikes - If desired, cancelled hikes can be rescheduled and conveyed to the group through a membership e-mail list.
- Pace - The group will aim for a recreational pace with collection points bringing everyone back together with no one left behind.
- Guests - Will always be welcomed with the expectation that Probus Club of Pelham membership will be obtained after 3 hikes.

Date	Day	Hike #	Difficulty	Hike Name	Start Location *(Hyperlink)*	Hike Description
May 6/26	Wednesday	1	Easy	Lathorps Nature Reserve	Behind Fonthill Beer Store	Park behind the Fonthill beer store and enter the conservation area via Marlene Stewart Park. Following the trails, many of which have been upgraded, to exit on Pelham Street, and return on a section of the Steve Bauer Trail. Lunch in town.
May 13/26	Wednesday	2	Easy	Decew Falls	First Nations Peace Monument	Park at the First Nations Peace Monument, on Decew Road, and follow the trail around Lake Moodie to the hydro dam. The Bruce Trail leads to Decew Falls, and loops behind the water treatment plant to return on the Lake Moodie trail.
May 20/26	Wednesday	3	Moderate	Woodend Conservation Area	Woodend Conservation - Walker Living Campus	Enter off Taylor Road and drive for about 1.3km to the far end of the access road to a parking lot near the Walker Living Campus Buildings. Hike along the Niagara Escarpment and down to the Niagara College ponds and back again. Lunch/break location after hike at the Outlet Mall food court
May 27/26	Wednesday	4	Moderate	Louth Conservation Area	Louth Conservation Area	Louth Conservation Area - 3193 Staff Ave Jordon. Start at a small parking lot and hike the Bruce Trail. The 13th Street Winery offers a lunch location about 8km away, with delicious sour cherry tarts.
Jun 3/26	Wednesday	5	Moderate	Boos Restaurant in Jordan	Boos Restaurant in Jordan	Boos restaurant in Jordon - on King Street (2980 King Street). Meet in parking lot across from Boos Restaurant, by the Jordan Hollow Park. The trail goes north, using an underpass beneath King Street and at the fork to Balls Falls, go east on the Bruce Trail, crossing Glen Rd. and Nineteenth St. before circling back for about 5km and 1.5hrs. Our break options can be at the Jordan House Tavern or Boos Restaurant
Jun 10/26	Wednesday	6	Moderate	Quarry Road	Quarry Road	West on Hwy 20 right on Victoria Road. Left on Fly Road. Quarry Road is on the right off of Fly Road. Parking half way down hill called “Parking for Cave Springs Conservation” on google maps. One hike is known as the Caves Springs Witch Hunt.

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Jun 17/26	Wednesday	7	Moderate	Glenridge Quarry	Glenridge Quarry	From Fonthill go east on Hwy. 20, left on Merrittville Rd., make a right at St. David's Rd. by the Niagara Regional municipal buildings, just past McDonald's turn left into the Quarry parking. The Quarry area has well groomed trails with one good hill climb to the summit. The Bruce trail is available in another section with two other hills.
Jun 24/26	Wednesday	8	Strenuous	Short Hills Park (Roland)	Short Hills Park (Roland)	Begin at the Roland Road parking lot near White Meadows Farm. Take the Swayze Falls Trail for 6.2 kms., about 2 hrs. Visit the Friends of Short Hills Park website for more details. Note any trail closures.
Jul 1/26	Wednesday					CANADA DAY - NO HIKE SCHEDULED
Jul 8/26	Wednesday	9	Easy	Merritt Island Hike	Merritt Island Parking Lot	Merritt Island Hike – In Welland meet at the Merritt Island Parking lot, south of Welland City Hall. Hike north on the Island, then cross over on a railway embankment to the west side and return on the Welland Canal Trail. Almost all flat with multiple options for hikes from 4 km - 10 km based around turover point selected.
Jul 15/26	Wednesday	10	Strenuous	Rotary Park - St.C	Rotary Park - St.C	Rotary Park-St. Catharines, off Pelham Road. The St. Catherines Museum has produced a History of Power Glen, through which the hike will pass along Twelve Mile Creek, and traverse a section of Short Hills Prov. Park on our way up the Escarpment to Decew Falls. Return distance is about 7km.
Jul 22/26	Wednesday	11	Moderate	Llama Walk	Behind Fonthill Beer Store	Meet behind the Beer store in Fonthill to coordinate transportation. This walk is in a beautiful area just off Hollow Rd. The walk is on lightly travelled road and passes by a farm which has llamas. This a 5 km walk with some steep hills.
Jul 29/26	Wednesday	12	Moderate	Kinsmen Park	Kinsmen Park, Beamsville	Kinsmen Park - Beamsville. Here is the google map location . Take Frost Rd. off Fly Rd. to get to the park. Hike the Bruce Trail. Lunch option includes Conversations Café in Beamsville.
Aug 5/26	Wednesday	13	Moderate	Short Hills Park (Wiley)	Short Hills Park (off Wiley)	Short Hills Park -Starting at Wiley Road parking lot off of Cataract. This hike takes the west section of the Terrace Creek Trail. Approximately 2 hr hike and 4.6 km distance. Visit the Friends of Short Hills Park website for more details. Note any trail closures
Aug 12/26	Wednesday	14	Strenuous	Beamers Conservation	Lions Community Centre @ Coronation Park, Grimsby	Park in the Lions Community parking lot in Coronation Park off Elm St. Hike up Gibson Street to the start of the Bruce Trail which will lead to the top of the escapement at Beamers Conservation Area.
Aug 19/26	Wednesday	15	Easy	Happy Rolphs	Happy Rolphs, NOTL	Hike starts at the parking lot for Happy Rolph's. The goes along Lake Ontario, through a residential area then out to another trail which leads into a Lake Ontario slit on the George Nicholson Trail to the Port Weller Light House. Approximately 8 km return trip. Flat terrain
Aug 26/26	Wednesday	16	Easy	Welland Canal - Lock 3 to 7	Lock 3 Visitor Centre	Welland Canal Lock 3 to Lock 7 - Departing from the parking Lot at the Lock 3 Visitors Centre heading to Lock 7 and return. This is a well maintained easy trail.

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Sep 2/26	Wednesday	17	Strenuous	Blue Ghost Tunnel Hike	Woodend Conservation in NOTL	Start at WOODEND CONSERVATION in NOTL, just off the entrance from Taylor Rd. The hike proceeds west across Taylor Rd., beside Royal Niagara Golf Course. At the old canal turn left (south) to cross over an active railway bridge. OR, to avoid walking along the active railway bridge, turn right as you reach the old canal and go north to Glendale Ave. Then cross over the canal and come back south on a wide paved Seaway Haulage road on the west side of the old canal. The entrance path to the tunnel is off this road on the west side, marked on a guard rail, south of the railway bridge overpass,. Vere to the right on a short, steep earthen path that then goes down to the tunnel entrance. The steep path can be avoided on a trail near the pump house. This is a 9km hike well over 2 hrs. Here is one and a second history of the tunnel. Lunch/break location after hike at the Outlet Mall food court
Sep 9/26	Wednesday	18	Easy	Gary Burkhout Trail	Centennial Park in Fenwick	Meet at Centennial Park in Fenwick and traverse a rail trail, there and back for 6km at Centre St. turnaround, or 7km at Poth St. turnaround.
Sep 16/26	Wednesday	19	Easy	Queenston Heights - NOTL	Queenston Heights - NOTL	Queenston Heights - NOTL. Meet at the parking lot on the corner of York Road and the Parkway. Hike up to Queenston and then the Bruce Trail part of the hike will be flat. Hike duration 1.5 hours
Sep 23/26	Wednesday	20	Moderate	Firemans Park	Firemans Park	Firemen's Park, - Niagara Falls, Upper Parking Lot. This one goes to the Screaming Tunnel. Take Thorold Tunnel, second stop light turn left(Taylor Road) about 2kms turn right on Mountain Road take Mountain Road to Firemen's Park (you will go through a roundabout). Park is on the left off Dorchester Rd. (make a quick turn left after you enter Dorchester). Here is a link to a tunnel website https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/screaming-tunnel
Sep 30/26	Wednesday	21	Moderate	Kinsmen Park	Kinsmen Park, Beamsville	Kinsmen Park - Beamsville. Here is the google map location . Take Frost Rd. off Fly Rd. to get to the park. Hike the Bruce Trail. Lunch option includes Conversations Café in Beamsville.
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