



Society for Ecological Restoration Ontario Chapter 2013 Field Trips

Providing ecological restoration educational opportunities

The Society for Ecological Restoration, Ontario Chapter is pleased to offer two field trip opportunities this summer to view two new large scale restoration projects in progress.

Registration: Online at Eventbrite. See links below.

Cost: \$15 for SERO members and \$20 for non-SERO members.

Questions: Contact Nigel Finney, Field Trip Coordinator at fieldtrips@serontario.org

Windermere Basin, Hamilton

Monday, July 8 (9:30 am)

Leader: Mary Gartshore



The Windermere Basin is a newly reclaimed 13 hectare Great Lakes coastal wetland located in the City of Hamilton. The Hamilton Waterfront Trust with assistance from the City of Hamilton and other provincial and federal agencies facilitated the restoration project to restore an estuarine ecosystem, a sanctuary for wildlife and additional parkland for passive recreation.

Since 2007 restoration efforts have been underway on reclaimed lands at the mouth of the Red Hill Creek. St. Williams Nursery and Ecology Center has worked on the restoration as well as Quiet Nature and Kayanese. The project is part of work to help in the eventual delisting of the Hamilton Harbour as a Great Lakes area of concern. Participants will learn about the various seed mixes utilized, vegetation targets and wildlife habitat creation elements of the project.

Capacity: 20 people

www.SEROWindermere.eventbrite.com

Glenorchy Conservation Area, Oakville

Saturday, August 17 (9:50 am)

Leader: Nigel Finney and Ash Baron



Not yet open to the public, Conservation Halton's newly formed Glenorchy Conservation Area (2008) is comprised of 990 acres of tableland and valleys associated with Sixteen Mile Creek in North Oakville. In conjunction with the Society of Ecological Restoration of Ontario, this trip will showcase recent ecological restoration efforts as well as tableland and valley flora. In 2012, the pit and mound restoration technique was applied to 17 hectares of tableland fields and additional 13 hectares of grassland were planted. A walking tour will discuss the applied restoration techniques and further enhancement opportunities.

Adjacent to restoration areas, Oak woodlands and prairie bluffs rim the edge of the spectacular gorge providing a suite of locally uncommon and rare species such as *Polygala senega*, *Solidago arguta*, *Ceanothus americanus*, *Vaccinium pallidum*, *Comandra umbellata*, and *Taenidia integerrima*. A short circuit of the floodplain forests will also provide examples of both native and restored floodplain communities such as terraced forests and oxbow channels.

Capacity: 12 people

**** Joint field trip with the Field Botanists of Ontario ****

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