

Yellow Bus Hike to Backus Woods and Backus Heritage Conservation Area

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Hikes: **Long:** 17km **Medium:** 11km **Short:** 8km

At 260 hectares, Backus Woods is one of the largest Carolinian forest areas in Canada with mature forest making up three-quarters of the woods. Backus Woods boasts a variety of tree species including black oak, beech, sugar maple, red maple, silver maple and yellow birch. Samples of American sweet chestnut, black gum and tulip trees can also be seen. There is a variety of bird species, snakes (Garter & the rare Eastern Hognose), plus the usual squirrels and chipmunks. The Backus Heritage Village is also on site where more than 15 reconstructed heritage buildings can be seen.

Itinerary:

8-00 a.m. Our bus leaves from Guelph Line Burlington Carpool Lot [Guelph Line Carpool Parking - Google Maps](#)

9:45 a.m. Arrival at Backus Heritage Conservation Area

Hike at Backus Woods. You may choose the long, medium or short hike. (see hike template). After you finish your hike you can spend the rest of the day exploring the Heritage Village Area.

4:30 p.m. Depart Heritage Conservation Area. (may depart earlier depending on completion of hikes).

6:00 p.m. arrive Burlington

Bring:

- Lunch, snacks and **lots** of water or drinks to carry with you as there are no facilities to purchase food or water.
- Backpack
- Hiking boots with good tread, poles optional
- Dress in layers according to weather
- Rainwear
- Bug and sun protection

Cost:

The cost of the trip is **\$35.00**. Fees include bus transportation by yellow school bus, entrance to Backus Woods and 3 levels of hikes led by experienced leaders.

Registration: Don't be disappointed, book your seat asap, as we expect this trip to fill up quickly. Be sure to join the waitlist if the trip is already full.

Cancellation:

- This is a rain or shine event.
- The club may cancel due to weather that may impact the safety of participants in which a case a refund will be issued.
- There is no self cancellation. Please contact the Club Manager: 905 634 2012 info@haltonoutdoorclub.ca
- **No refund will be issued unless your spot can be filled from the waitlist.**