## **Hiking the Bruce Trail**

## **Scavenger Hunt**

The Bruce Trail is the oldest and longest marked footpath in Canada. It runs from Niagara to Tobermory and spans 900 kilometres. You may notice the Niagara Escarpment along the trail. The Escarpment is home to 36 species of reptiles and amphibians, 53 species of mammals, 90 species of fish, 350 species of birds and 1500 species of plants. The path crosses lands owned by the provincial government, the Bruce Trail Conservancy and private landowners. In the Region of Peel, the Bruce Trail runs through Caledon. Pictured here is a print of the *Badlands* from the PAMA Art Collection. The Cheltenham Badlands are in Caledon and visible from the Bruce Trail. The visible red hills are a result of the erosion of Queenston Shale. Erosion is the wearing away of land by natural elements like wind and water. Find out more about different Bruce Trail hiking trails in Caledon <a href="here">here</a>. You can do this scavenger hunt on the Bruce Trail or any of your favourite hiking trails.



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**Connect with your Community** Looking for trails close to home? Peel Region is home to many! Some notable trails include: Albion Hills Conservation Area in Caledon; Heart Lake Conservation Area, Chinguacousy Trail and Claireville Conservation Area in Brampton; Rattray Marsh Conservation Area and Riverwood Trail in Mississauga. These are just a handful of trails found throughout the area. (Note: please follow any applicable COVID-19 restrictions.)

Did you know that Canada is home to species that are at risk of extinction? Maybe you'll spot one on your hike. Learn more about at risk species like the Oregon Spotted Frog and Yellow-Banded Bumble Bee with Wildlife Preservation Canada.



## How many of the following can you find on your hike?

Pinecone



Birch Tree



Acorn



**Running Water** 



**Pebbles** 



Maple Tree



Squirrel



Moss



Chipmunk



Berries (don't eat them!)



Oak Leaf



Dragonfly



Feather



Wildflowers



Robin



**Fungus** 



Pine Tree



Rocks that are bigger than you









