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It starts with Scouts.

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# Australia CBR Moot 2020



What was supposed to be 12 days of adventure, high energy, exploration, international friendships, and a serious new year's party, turned into something very different. 19 Canadian rovers and advisors left from all corners of Canada to attend the Australian National Moot, held from December 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 – January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We signed up for everything rovers do, from mountain biking, to service projects, to playing the Amazing Race. And to end it all off, the camp was going to end with all 500 people gathering at Camp Cottermouth to party, and ensure life long friends.



However, mother nature had other plans. The bush fires that were ravaging over much of the country finally caught up with the scouts. While no one was in danger, everything about the camp changed. Expeditions had to resort to plan G after all other options were burnt, and such, many expeditions had to significantly change their plans. The moot

organizers went through every single page of their contingency plans, as everything seemed to go wrong. Eventually the camp was canceled halfway through, so the Australians went

home and the internationals were hosted by extremely generous rovers from Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra.



Despite all this, the camp was fantastically run and I would personally return to any moot run in Australia. Meeting Canadian, and international scouts from all over the world is something that every scout should experience at least once, even if your camp turns into a smoking BBQ.

John Wettstone

# Out & About from the Vault

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## Tunnel Mountain and Parks Canada's Red Chair Program

In the October – November issue of **Ro Vent Mag**, I recommended to schedule time for local trails when travelling to Canmore or Banff. While in Banff make your way east to St. Julien Road to begin a 4.3 km hike to the top of Tunnel Mountain for the view of the town. Though it is a 300m climb, the switch backs and hard packed trail make the walk easy. For many of those living in Banff like my nephew, it's their Grouse Mountain, the hike is taken for the view and part of a regular exercise routine. Not as grueling as the Grouse Grind, but a pleasant walk close at hand.



Part of the current hike “experience” is taking part in Parks Canada’s Red Chair Experience Program, and sitting in one of the Muskoka or Adirondack chairs (depending on where you’re from). Initially a Gros Morne National Park initiative in 2014, it has spread to other National Parks across Canada. The Park’s Department has setup Red Chairs at various scenic views across our National Parks with the intent to get Canadians and other visitors out walking/hiking to find them. In my travels around Banff I was able to find two: one on top of Tunnel Mountain and another along the Rocky Mountain Legacy Trail between Banff and Canmore.

A new family tradition for my family is taking a photo with a Canadian Flag at the summit of a hike. In this case we were short of Canadian Flags and the Rover Flag was substituted, but more importantly in

this photo is the gentlemen in red in the upper left corner. The lady who graciously volunteered to take our photos, was the leader of a Visually Impaired group of hikers. After our photos were taken, the hike volunteers began to describe the view to those with a visual impairment. Scouting aims to be inclusive of everyone and I'm reminded that sometimes it takes someone else to show you just what is actually possible. You just have to know it when you see it. It just may take better planning to include everyone.

If you or your group have participated in the Parks Canada's Red Chair Experience Program send us your photos and a short description of the trip. If you are planning a trip and may encounter the Red Chairs, wear your scarf, bring a flag, or maybe even a mascot and have your photo taken by someone who is also in enjoying the view. Let the public know we are putting the "**Out**" back into **Scouts!**

What better than a hike, a view and a comfortable chair! Now put down the magazine and start planning your next **HIKE!**



**"Keep the Shiny Side of the Canoe Down"**

**John Kirby McCuaig**  
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*Editor's Note: Since this article, Tessa and I have been using the Rover Flag, seemed appropriate for the magazine. Feel free to use your section's or group's flag and let the public know about the "**Out**" in Scouts!*

## What's the difference between Moths and Butterflies you ask??

By: Tessa Shelvey, 6<sup>th</sup> Willowdale Rovers

In June of this year I was staying at Kirby's cottage on Stormy Lake near Haliburton. After a long day I was getting ready to hit the sack when Kirby's nephew Josh shouted "come out and take a look at this". I was hoping for an owl sighting but instead he pointed to the window ledge of the cottage. On it sat the most beautiful moth I had ever seen. It was a Polyphemus Moth, also known as the night butterfly because of its beautiful colours. I had never seen a moth this big, about the size of a monarch butterfly! Moths are from a family called Lepidoptera which means scaled winged. That's because if you were to touch a moth a powdery scale would come off. Much to my surprise the moth was not frightened by me and stayed very still even when my flash went off. I was able to get several nice shots. Butterflies on the other hand can't seem to stop moving. Moths and butterflies have many similarities and also some differences. The major one is that moths are active at night while butterflies are active during the daytime. You won't see a butterfly buzzing around a candle at nighttime. Moths and butterflies both start their lives as caterpillars and eat similar foods such as nectar from flowers or the juice from fruits like oranges.



Polyphemus Moth

Butterflies and moths hold their wings differently when they are resting. Moths will have their wings draped down their backs or spread out to the side. Butterflies hold their wings upright and folded together unless they are sunning themselves. Moths and butterflies also develop from larva into a pupa differently.

Butterflies and moths both go through their metamorphosis in a chrysalis or protective shell. Moths spin a silk cocoon around their chrysalis, sometimes camouflaging it with leaves or debris. (Wilson, T., 2008).

Butterfly antennae are wider at the tips, their ends look like little clubs. Moth antennae are often feathery (see the feathery antennae of the moth photo above). Moth antennae are sometimes thin but they do not have the clubs at the ends.

Moths use a series of loops called a retinaculum and a fringe called a frenulum to connect their front and rear wings. Butterflies don't have these loops. Moths are usually plumper and fuzzier than butterfly bodies. (Wilson, T., 2008).

If you want to attract butterflies to your garden plant colourful flowers like lilacs, lantanas, black eyed Susie or coneflowers. If you can spare an orange, cut one open and lay it outside on a flat surface. If there are butterflies around it won't be long before they show up at that piece of tasty fruit.

Kirby and I were able to watch these Tiger Swallowtail butterflies (spot them in the photo below) for a long time which had landed on a pretty lilac bush at his cottage. They were so busy eating the tasty nectar they weren't even aware that we were there. If you see a butterfly when you are in an open field stay still and let the butterfly come to you. If you are wearing bright colours it won't take long. Wherever you are this summer put away your phone for a few minutes and take time to absorb your surroundings. There are so many beautiful small creatures out there that are often missed because we are too busy looking for the big attractions!



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My name is Anne Clock, and I'm a Scout with 3rd Waterdown working on an environmental, citizenship, leadership, and personal development award called the Chief Scout's Award.

On a hike with my mom and sister last September, we stopped to talk to people planting milkweed along the Bruce Trail near Limehouse. They were planting wildflowers in an open field to help monarchs and pollinators. Nine months later, my scout troop and I were planting milkweed in the same spot.

Monarchs depend on milkweed to survive because their caterpillars only feed on milkweed. Their migratory journey is being hindered by the lack of natural spaces from Southern Ontario to Mexico. Along with pesticides and herbicides, it's difficult for Monarchs to make it all the way south, then back north again. I soon found this out. Many organizations help the endangered Monarchs. There are Monarch Waystations, and **David Suzuki's #gotmilkweed campaign** to name a few. They and many other organizations like them, plant milkweed in key areas along the migratory path. I decided that I wanted to help monarchs too. It's hard not to be inspired by their long journey. With the help of Mr. Warburton, a member of the Toronto Bruce Trail club, I organized a day to plant milkweed with my Scout troop. Through the wind and cold, (and even hail!), we planted about 100 milkweed seedlings one Sunday in May, in the same field where I had originally met the Toronto Bruce Trail Club volunteers.

I hope to continue planting milkweed to further help monarchs and pollinators.

Anne Clock  
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*Editor's Note: This article was previously published in both Foot Notes of the Bruce Trail Magazine and the Dec. – Feb. 2017 Issue of **Ro Vent Mag**. Since its publication Anne was the youngest ever recipient of the Bruce Trail Conservancy's **Calypso Orchid Environmental Award** - 2017*



# Out & About

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## Amherstburg: Fort Malden and King's Ship Yard of Upper Canada



For many when considering War 1812 historical sites they think of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Fort York or Kingston, while others would add Chrysler's Farm or Queenston's Heights, but a small town on the far western end of Lake Erie had a major historical significance during the war.

Amherstburg is a short drive south of Windsor, located where the Detroit River empties into Lake Erie.

In terms of historical first meetings its where General Sir Isaac Brock first met Shawnee Chief Tecumseh. Two central figures in the defense of Upper Canada (Ontario) during the war. It's where they would plan their attack on Fort Detroit.

The British developed the fort and ship yard to guard the entrance to the Detroit River and to limit access to the upper Great Lakes. It also saw service as a gather point for negotiations between the British and indigenous leaders of the Michigan and Ohio area.



While the site of the Fort is largely restored to a park, monument and historical buildings moved to the site of the King's Navy Yard remain. After the loss the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813, the British and Canadian Militia destroyed the fort and ship yard and retreated eastward towards modern day London. Before the retreat Tecumseh gave his last reported speech to the British Military imploring them to leave their arms to his care so the area could be defended from the advancing American forces. The stone to the left is refutably the very stone he stood on to made his impassioned speech to the British Forces.

Major-General Henry Proctor never the less abandoned Fort Malden and trekked eastward where the American forces again defeated the British, Canadian and Indigenous Allies at the Battle of the Thames in October. Tecumseh was killed in action, thus by October of 1813, we had lost two great leaders, (Brock dying earlier at Queenston Heights).

Fort Malden would be returned to Upper Canada after the war, but would see additional skirmishes during the Patriot Raids, when American and Canadian members of the Hunter's Lodges, attempted to take over southern Ontario, and erect a republic. The fort's troops saw action during the Battle of Fighting Island in the Detroit River and the Landing of Patriot Hunters forces on Pelee Island 1838. Attacks that coincided with internal strife during the Rebellions of 1837 – 1838 in Upper and Lower Canada.

For those Red Chair enthusiasts, the fort has two which have a view of the Detroit river. While you may not be able to see Russia as past Vice President candidate Sarah Palin said from her window, you can see the United States or at least I could with my binoculars.

Many of the town buildings date back to prior to confederation. Post-Pandemic it will make a nice stroll and meal at the many restaurants or lunch in the Ship Yard Park.

Tessa's photo below was taken at King's Navy Yard Park of the Provincial Marine Monument.



In the past two years I've been quite surprised at how many historical sites we have in southern Ontario of events prior to Confederation. In the tiny hamlet of Lloydtown, near Schomberg with its monument to Jesse Lloyd, a Rebel Leader of the 1837 Rebellion. Check out the corner of Rebellion Way and Little Rebel Road for the statute and monument, testament to Canada's stormy past. Proof that the birth of our country did not occur with simply the signing of the British North American Act in the British Parliament. To the surprise of many of us, it also included a march down Yonge Street from a Tavern at Yonge and Eglinton Streets.

The U.S. had its Revolutionary War, and Quebec had its Quiet Revolution in the

1960's shaping their culture and self image, events such as the War of 1812 and the Rebellion of 1837 shaped the birth of our country.

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## Elora Cataract Trailway



The country cousin to the Caledon Trailway is the Elora Cataract Trailway, in fact it is just north west of the former. It is also the result of a closed railway line, one which connected the Grand River and Credit River Watersheds. Like the Caledon Trailway it connects major long trails in southern Ontario. In the west it connects the Grand River Trail and the east the Bruce Trail. If you were really ambitious, you could circle south central Ontario by including the Waterfront Trail (which now includes Lake Erie and a portion of Lake Huron). The four trails could be done as a major loop, a little too ambitious for me, but go for it!

The trailway like the Caledon Trailway is part the Trans Canada Trail or now the Great Trail and is owned by the Grand River and the Credit River Conservation Authorities and managed by them in cooperation with the Elora Cataract Trailway Association. The trail its self is largely a stone dust surface (see above).

Tessa and I have set a goal of completing the 45 km trail as part of our summer bucket list. Partly because I injured my left knee playing Broomball in February and has put continuing the Bruce Trail on hold. Cycling being non-load

bearing exercise allowed me to get back on the trail earlier. For those who love hockey, but find their skating a liability, try Broomball. Think of it as running on ice in Broomball Shoes, and firing a ball past a goalie to the cheer of the fans. But fear not, after some amazing physio therapy in June, we are back hiking and pursuing the **Wilderness Rendezvous 2020 Hiking Challenge** (see flyer, and register!)

The railway allows you to visit towns or villages that grew up prior to the road developed for cars. The stations were the connections to the outside world. Imagine getting on a train and arriving in Toronto on the same day, amazing for those 100 years ago. We found that due the recent heat wave in Ontario, that riding up to the local convenient store, donning a mask and buying a cold drink, a welcome relief from the heat.



At the time of this article we have ridden from Cataract to Hillsburgh. We've been doing short out and backs to rehab my knee, but it could be all done in a day or you could camp at a private camp (Highlands Pine Campground) on Belwood Lake, roughly at kilometre 15. For those who would like an opportunity to practice a loaded cycling trip (carrying all your camping gear on your bike) or a short beginner's or introductory trip. I would suggest starting at Cataract on the Saturday morning, ride 30 km to the campground, and then finish with a short ride to Elora on the Sunday and spend sometime exploring the beautiful town.

For maps and more information checkout the website: [www.trailway.org](http://www.trailway.org)

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# Photo Journal – Turtle Crossing on the Elora Cataract Trailway



Photo by Tessa Shelvey, 6<sup>th</sup> Willowdale Rovers

## Wilderness Rendezvous 2020 Hiking Challenge

The Wilderness Rendezvous Scout Camp is proud to introduce the Wilderness Rendezvous 2020 Hiking Challenge! Covid-19 may prevent us from camping in beautiful Cypress Hills this July, but it won't stop us from hiking, and we want you to join us! The objective of the challenge is to encourage everyone to get outside and get hiking. Check out the information below to get registered and get walking:

**Who:** The challenge is geared towards current registered members, particularly 3<sup>rd</sup> year Cubs, Scouts, Venturer, and Rover age youth however, we do not want anyone to be left out, even Beavers! Therefore, we want everyone to find and develop a love of Scouting so any person, any age, any family can sign up and join in the adventure. Grab your sneakers, grab your pet, grab your water and let us get walking!

**What:** Hike 25km in total but you must walk at least 2 km during a hike.

**Where:** Anywhere!! City, Regional, Provincial, or National Parks Hiking and Walking Trails. We want you to explore and experience new pathways but go wherever you can in a safe and fun environment. Please remember that it must be legally open- no trespassing! And please, remember to follow all health and safety guidelines in your local community. Be safe while you are having fun.

**When:** You must hike the 25km between July 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**How to Participate:** Register by sending \$5.00 per participant (to help offset the cost of the badge and postage) via e-transfer to: [wildernessrendezvous.hike@scouts.ca](mailto:wildernessrendezvous.hike@scouts.ca).

Once paid and registered, keep a log of your travels. Include a few notes (if possible) about:

- Location and length of hike
- Map of hike
- Photos or sketches from the hike
- Weather
- Date, start and end time
- Include a few sentences about what was it like and what happened.

Once the challenge is completed, please send your hike log and any sketches, pictures or information you would like included to [wildernessrendezvous.hike@scouts.ca](mailto:wildernessrendezvous.hike@scouts.ca). Follow us on Facebook at Wilderness Rendezvous Hiking Challenge and look for the hashtag #WRHike on Twitter and Instagram! Share your photos using that hashtag!

Once we receive your log, badges will be in the mail after the completion of the challenge (after Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.)

**What do you earn:** Bragging rights! Health and Fitness! Quality Family Time! And best of all, a fabulous commemorative badge!

**\*\*Please note:** We would like to post pictures of our adventures to our Wilderness Rendezvous social media sites. If you do not want these images to be used on our social media sites, please do not send them in. Any images sent in to the challenge may be published to our social media sites. \*\*

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, send an email to:

[wildernessrendezvous.hike@scouts.ca](mailto:wildernessrendezvous.hike@scouts.ca)

Be safe and strong! Happy hiking!



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