

Ellice Swamp Hike

Hike Title: Ellice Swamp

Date & Time: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.

Contact: To join the hike or for more information, you must contact the Hike Leader, Geoff Williams at gwilliams125@gmail.com; 519-301-2613. Registration is required as a limited number of spaces are available.

Distance: Approx 6 km

Pace: Leisurely – bring your binoculars and cameras

Terrain: Easy – old railbed

Duration: Travel: 25 min one way Hike: 2 – 3 hours

Meeting Place and Time:

Meet at Allman Arena at 8:00 am for 8:15 am sharp departure. Carpooling will be used, but space not guaranteed. Return to Stratford by 11:30 am. Masks required when carpooling, at driver's discretion.

Hike Route Overview:

The Ellice Swamp is only available for walkers on Wednesdays and Sundays. This is an in and out walk. Leaving from the trailhead on Line 52 the trail starts with an often wet section, then climbs on to an old railbed. Depending on what stage of migration we are at, there should be lots of opportunities for seeing water birds and warblers. Time permitting we will also visit the dump next to the trail, where it is often possible to see sandhill cranes.

Recommendations: In the event of rain this walk will be cancelled. Pack lots of water & a snack. Wear appropriate comfortable footwear (hiking shoes or boots). Dress according to the weather. Long sleeve shirts and long pants are recommended to prevent tick and mosquito access. Insect repellent and sun protection advisable. Bug nets / shirts may increase enjoyment.

Check: <https://avontrail.ca> prior to hike for possible changes/updates.