Hike Title: LAMBTON SHORES

Date & Time: Saturday, November 23, 2024, 8:45 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Contact: To join the hike please contact Roland Plum (rolandplum504@gmail.com). Registration is required because only a limited number of spaces is available.

Duration: about 6 hours. 195 km, 2 ½ h travel, 2 ½ h hiking, 1 h other activity. All times are approximate.

Meeting Place & Time: Meet at the northwest corner of the Giant Tiger parking lot on Huron Street at 8:45 a.m. for an 9 a.m. sharp departure.

1st Hike: Ausable River Cut Conservation Area

Distance: about 2 km

Terrain: moderate, because of one steep incline

Hike route overview: Take highway 21 south from Grand Bend. Take the first right after the bridge over the Ausable River onto Northville Crescent. Turn immediately right again into the parking lot. The hike will start around 10:10 A.M.

The trail goes along the Ausable River, up a dune and then turns back through the forest. There is one public toilet near the parking lot.

2nd Hike: Ipperwash Dunes & Swales

Distance: about 5.5 km (includes Cedar Trail)

Terrain: easy

Hike route overview: The parking lot is at the end of Richardson Drive in Ipperwash. The trail goes through mixed woodland and boardwalks over wetland (the swales). The northern part of the loop on the Cedar Trail is impassable due to flooding, so we just go to the eastern end and back. After the hike we drive to the beach parking lot. There are tables with a view of Lake Huron for the lunch break. There were portapotties but they may be gone in November.

On the way back we could stop at Twin Pines Orchards if there is interest. They make really good cider.

Recommendations: Rain or shine. Pack water and snacks. Wear hiking boots and dress according to the weather.