

L39 Boyne to Pine Rivers Trail Guide - TorontoHiking.com

WAYPOINT INTERVAL	DISTANCE km	WAYPOINT-TO-WAYPOINT TRAIL DESCRIPTION
001 - 002	1.5	<p><u>See Trail updates for changes to L38 & L39 hikes.</u></p> <p>This hike from the Boyne to Pine Rivers begins in the same place as hike L38 (Boyne to Mulmur Hills) and follows the same trail but continues further to the Pine River area. From the two grassy parking areas at the bottom of Centre Road, continue ahead to some large boulders in the trail at a fence line. Leaving the boulders, the main Bruce Trail heads east to the left along the fence line through Boyne Valley Provincial Park. Ahead a “Provincial Park” sign indicates that you are now leaving public land and entering private land. Be sure to keep to the trail in this area as you move through the farm area with planted areas and hay fields. The path eventually turns right and follows a farm track through a regenerating meadow. You will pass some old farm buildings as the trail follows the edge of some fields. The path then enters a wooded area rich with ostrich ferns, wildflowers, and wild rhubarb. As you descend into a ravine look for a double blaze and turn left to descend some wooden steps into a marshy area with a boardwalk. Just past the boardwalk, the path enters another wooded area with huge old maples and a stream running to your right. You are now entering a lovely deep ravine dappled in sunlight and covered in ferns and wildflowers. Here the main Bruce Trail meets the Boyne Valley Side Trail (002).</p>
002 - 003	2.3	<p>Stay left on the main Bruce Trail which uses a number of switchbacks to climb the steep ravine slope. The trail then descends before climbing another steep ravine before once again descending to 1st Line E (003) and leaving the Boyne Valley Provincial Park.</p>
003 - 004	2.9	<p>The trail crosses the road and over a stile to head back into the woods. The trail now descends into a valley and crosses a small bridge over a creek and then climbs an extended switchback to the top of the steep ravine on the other side. Ahead an open meadow can be seen on the left. The trail arrives at a grassy T-intersection with a huge farm field straight ahead (004).</p>
004 - 005	4.6	<p>The trail heads right along the 2 m wide grassy mowed path along the edge of the farm field. At a Y-intersection, take the narrow path to the left. The trail continues along the field edge descending gradually downhill and curving around to reach a farm lane before reaching a Y-intersection where the trail goes left. Ahead posts can be seen with white blazes to mark the trail. At another Y-intersection, a pole with a very faded white blaze directs a right turn. The trail enters a cedar woods before descending and then climbing up to a more open area. The trail</p>

winds through the stunningly beautiful area of an old orchard before arriving at an old shanty with a chimney and a small picnic table near the door. The inside is in poor shape but has a colourful group of letters that spell out "MULMUR HUT" along the partial upper level **(005)**.

- 005 - 006 6.1 Continuing ahead, the trail presents some great lookouts over the valley and the farms in the distance. The trail continues through mixed brush and arrives at a long long gradual upward slope. Near the top, a gravel road (8th Sideroad) appears which leads up to **2nd Line E (006)**.
- 006 - 007 7.1 Turn right on **2nd Line E** and continue ahead to the end of the road where there is an intersection with the main Bruce trail and **2nd Line ECL Side Trail (007)**.
- 007 - 008 8.0 Keep right on the main Bruce Trail into the Boyne Valley Springs property. A map is posted at this location. Twenty metres past this intersection, look for two large Butternut trees on your right. Butternut trees are endangered in Ontario. The trail descends to a creek and follows the bank of the creek before crossing a bridge to follow an old farm lane. The trail leaves this lane after 100 m and turns right along the edge of the ravine to another old road. The trail now climbs a rocky outcrop to reach a great lookout over the Boyne Valley with a new long bench which offers a much deserved resting point **(008)**.
- 008 - 009 9.6 After entering the woods the trail makes a very long gradual winding climb up to the top of the ravine and follows the edge of the east ravine on the north side of the Boyne Valley Springs property before entering a tall hardwood forest. This area is named **Walker's Woods** , in memory of Chris Walker -a former BTC Trail Director. The trail winds past the Walker's Woods Lookout where the cliffs of Mono Cliffs Provincial Park are visible on the horizon. The trail continues west to meet the north end of the **2nd Line ECL Side Trail (009)** with another location map.
- 009 - 010 11.9 The trail descends a steep hill to a creek and follows it north crossing a boardwalk and three bridges. *A new and more pleasant route has taken place on this Bruce Trail managed land just past the creek between waypoints [009] and [010]. Opening sometime in May 2012.* The trail now turns west and climbs another long hill to a BTC property where it leaves the woods and crosses open meadows and old orchards to reach the parking lot at **1st Line E** where there are four long benches in the shade that invite you to stretch out for a brief nap **(010)**.
- 010 - 011 13.3 The trail turns to the right along **1st line E** for 120 m before turning left into a totally different landscape. The trail enters a wet forest of cedar and alder strewn with ferns and moss-covered rocks. The trail follows the base of a dolostone outcrop working its way uphill where crevices and caves abound. An interpretive sign, "**Rockhill Corner**" provides information about the geological

and biological features of the property that was acquired by the Bruce Trail Conservancy in 1993. The trail loops around through a mature hardwood bush to a pine woods before reaching **10th Sideroad (011)**.

- 011 -012 14.3 Turn left onto 10th Sideroad and walk uphill to the **Whitfield Church at Centre Road (012)**.
- 012 - 013 17.8 Turn right onto the gravel Centre Road for 1.3 km. At a road intersection, the trail heads left and follows a gravel road through a wooded area as the trail makes a long descent along a creek to reach the stop sign at River Road **(013)**.
- 013 - 014 18.9 The trail turns left on River Road for 200 m passing the old Kilgorie School before turning left off the road just before a bridge over the Pine River. The trail detours around the ruins of the old Dufferin Light and Power Company generating station along the banks of the Pine River. The trail leaves the river and climbs to a ravine top and then follows the river bank before reaching **River Road** again **(014)**.
- 014 - 015 19.4 The trail crosses a bridge on the road and turns left into the woods as it continues along an old bush trail. This is the old trail developed many years ago on the former Horning's Mills Fishing Preserve. At a picturesque viewpoint, a log bench is provided to view **Pine River** rushing past huge rocks. The trail climbs along a rough trail on a narrow ridge through dense cedar and descends to a sloping concrete ramp at the pond edge **(015)** which provides a great view of the fishing pond. To the left you can see Beaver Dam.
- 015 - 016 19.8 The trail turns right along the pond edge before swinging to the right and climbing a steep ravine. A "Lookout" sign on a tree directs you to the right and climbs to the Bell Lookout on the 90 m long **Bell Lookout Side Trail (016)**. The lookout provides a great view of the **Pine River Provincial Fishing pond**. A plaque honours Grant and Grace Bell, Dufferin county pioneers, with an adjacent bench in memory of volunteer Hilda Wison.
- 016 - 017 20.6 Returning to the Lookout sign, continue to the right as the trail heads north through the forest to reach **15th Sideroad (017)**.
- 017 - 018 21.0 The trail turns right onto 15th Sideroad and soon reaches an intersection with **Prince of Wales Road**. Parking is available on Prince of Wales Road at 15th Sideroad. Note that access to 15th Sideroad is from River Road.
For a shorter hike, see L38 Mulmur Hills.

Enjoy the hike and the day!