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WAYPOINT INTERVAL	WAYPOINT-TO-WAYPOINT TRAIL DIRECTIONS
001 -002	From the subway station, walk to the corner of Bloor West and High Park Ave and cross the street at the stoplight to enter the park. At the Discovery sign take the path to the right. The trail passes a parking lot on the left and passes a maintenance shed and a playground before arriving at another Discovery sign. Take the earth path curving to the right down into the ravine. At the bottom the trail swings to the left and follows the edge of the ravine where houses can be seen down below. Soon the trail arrives at Grenadier Pond on the right and a small concrete bridge with a metal railing (002) .
002 - 003	Continue straight ahead without crossing the bridge and soon a second bridge appears. Continue to the left not crossing this bridge as well. The trail arrives at the top of Grenadier Pond where Mallards and Geese can be seen in the water as the trail continues along the edge of the pond. Crossing a small bridge the trail keeps to the side of the pond. To your left take a small detour to see the large Floral Clock . Ahead a small observation area extends a bit into the pond. The trail curves to the right around the bottom of the pond. Take either the paved path or the dirt path along the edge of the pond. The trail swings to the left away from the pond and arrives at Lakeshore Road and the crossing at the stoplights (003) .
003 - 004	After a few underpasses the trail reaches Lakeshore Blvd where you cross at the lights and head straight down to the waterfront. Turn right past geese and swans (or do a small detour to the left to Sunnyside Pavilion and Park). At the playground turn right (004) . [Optional: You could walk further to the beautiful Humber Bay pedestrian/bike bridge and return.]
004 - 005	Pass under the Gardiner Expressway back to the park area. On Ellis Avenue you will see another Discovery Walk map. Cross the road for a rest or lunch at the picnic bench. Then continue to follow Ellis Ave which begins to climb slightly. The trail passes Grenadier Heights St and a sign on a light pole indicates a street crossing is in order. A set of steps heads down the incline (005) with a path along the pond.
005 - 002	Pass between the outdoor ice rink and the adjacent building and pass the water fountain and tennis courts. Continue past the circle and the playground and a path leads back out to the street. Turn right onto Morningside Ave and head up the hill. Continue on Morningside past Ellis Ave where Morningside begins to head downhill. The path leaves Morningside just past the power substation and heads across a bridge over Indigo Pond back to (002) .

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Continue back along the path. At the intersection where the trail goes up the hill with a drainage ditch down the centre, head left up the trail with the wooden berms. The trail takes you to **Bloor West** where you can cross the street to **Quebec Avenue** and the TTC subway station where you began the walk **(006)**.

Enjoy the walk and the day!