

JANE'S WALKS in Etobicoke Lakeshore

Jane's Walk celebrates the ideas and legacy of urbanist Jane Jacobs by getting people out exploring their neighbourhoods and meeting their neighbours.

Free walking tours held on the first weekend of May each year are led by locals who want to create a space for residents to talk about what matters to them in the places they live and work. Since its inception in Toronto in 2007, Jane's Walk has expanded rapidly. In May of 2011, 511 walks were held in 75 cities in 15 countries worldwide

New Toronto

Guided by Anna Lafoyiannis

Date: Sunday, May 6, 2012 , Start Time 12:30 pm, Est. Duration 1.5 hours

Meeting Place: Assembly Hall, 1 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, M8V 4B6

End Location: LAMP Community Health Centre 185 Fifth Street, Toronto ON

New Toronto was recently described by the Grid as "one of Toronto's most underrated neighbourhoods." What's so great about this neighbourhood and why is it often underappreciated? Join in our walking conversation as we discuss the history, the people and the changes that characterize New Toronto.



Mimico-by-the-Lake

Guided by Ward 6 Community Action Team

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2012 Start Time: 11:00 am Est. Duration: 2 hours

Meeting Place: Norris Crescent Parkette

End Location: Wesley United Church, Mimico Avenue

The walk will begin at Norris Crescent Parkette and will end at the Wesley United Church on Mimico Avenue. We will discover historical treasures, have living stories and a discussion about Mimico 20/20.



Long Branch to the Lakeshore Hospital Grounds

Guided by Jaan Pill & Mike James

Date: Sunday, May 6, 2012, Start Time 10:30 am

Est. Duration: 1.5 hours

Meeting Place: East Parking Lot at Marie Curtis Park

End Location: Lakeshore Hospital Grounds (Thirteenth Street to Twenty Third Street) in New Toronto.

This tour explores the prehistory and history of Long Branch, 'Long Branch: a lost beach resort area, with turrets, verandas, and porches,' says local resident David Switzer. 'Here you still have buildings that look like there is sand in front of them, not lawns.'

This walk begins at Marie Curtis Park at the mouth of Etobicoke Creek, proceeds along Lake Promenade by the shore of Lake Ontario, and concludes in New Toronto on the spacious grounds of the Lakeshore Hospital Grounds. The hospital was known as Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital when it closed down in 1979.



Long Branch: A walk along the 'Main Street'

Guided by Tim Dobson

Date: Sunday, May 6, 2012 Start Time: 10:30 am Est. Duration 1.5 hours

This year we're having two Jane's Walks in Long Branch, one along South Long Branch and the other) along our 'Main Street.'. At noon on Sunday, May 6, the two walks will converge at the Lakeshore Hospital Grounds in New Toronto.

The 'Main Street' walk will focus on the evolution of what is now Lake Shore Blvd. West—a street that's gone through its ups and downs. Once it was a busy street with thriving businesses. The building of the Gardiner Expressway led people to bypass the street and many businesses closed.

Now as the Gardiner gets clogged with traffic, people try to use Lake Shore to get to where they're going. For these and other reasons, we are seeing rejuvenation along the street.

To support local business, you need to shop locally. You need to be able to walk to local shops instead of always relying on a car. How can Long Branch build a viable local community that does not rely on the car to get to where you want to go? The 'Main Street' Jane's Walk will seek to answer this question. The walk begins at Long Branch Ave. and ends at the Lakeshore Hospital Grounds in New Toronto.

