

Crothers Woods and Evergreen Brick Works

CUHK Alumni Association (Ontario) Hiking Group



NOTICE OF CHANGE OF VENUE FOR THE OCTOBER HIKE

The venue for the hike on 26 October 2024 (Saturday) was original intended to be at Erindale Park in Mississauga. However, the rain 2 months ago caused a lot of damage to the Erindale Park Trail. At this time, the repair of the trail is not completed and the rugged terrain of the trail is not suitable for hiking. In view of this, the leaders of the hiking group have decided to change the venue of this hike to Crothers Woods and the Evergreen Brick Works.

Crothers Woods is a 52-hectare mature maple-beech-oak woodland located in the Don River valley. Many trees in Crothers Woods are more than a century old. The forest also has many plant species that are rare in this region. As a result the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) designated this site as an Environmentally Significant Area in 1995. The trails in Crothers Wood are used for mountain biking and hiking. Some sections of Crothers Woods Trails are quite rugged and are rated as moderately difficult. After rain, it could be muddy and slippery. However, whenever possible, we will try to avoid the more difficult terrain.

We will hike from Crothers Woods to the nearby Evergreen Brick Works, which had operated for nearly a century and was the source of bricks for building many Toronto landmarks. After the closing of the brick works in the 1980s, the quarry was converted to a park with naturalized ponds and was officially opened in 1997. The brick works and the adjoining Beltline Trail is a popular place for watching fall colours.

There is no limit to the number of hikers for this hiking event. However, **hiking participants are limited to CUHK alumni and their immediate family members.**

All first time participants of our hikes are asked to fill out the attached **WAIVER FORM**. **Please sign and return the completed form** (either in pdf or jpg format), together with your Chinese name, College attended and year of graduation, to cuaaohiking@gmail.com, **at the time of registration**. The waiver form will remain valid in future hiking events organized by the CUHKAAO. **Any hiker who had submitted a waiver previously needs not submit one again.**

Please note that waiver form, 2024 hiking schedule and hiking announcements can be downloaded from the CUHKAAO website (<http://oaacu.com/index.php>). **If you have any further questions regarding the hiking group, please contact Peter Li (cuaaohiking@gmail.com) for more information.**

- Date:** 26th October 2024 (Saturday)
- Starting time:** 9:30 am
- Duration of hike:** approximately 3.0 h
- Assembly point:** Thomas Hauser Memorial Trailhead, **Crothers Woods Trails (Loblaws parking lot, 11 Redway Rd, East York, ON M4H 1P6)**
- Registration:** Please e-mail Peter Li (李斌) at cuaaohiking@gmail.com and provide him with the names, e-mail address, and cell phone number of the participant(s).
If you had not done so in previous years, please also submit, electronically, a completed and signed waiver form for each participant.
- What to wear:** hiking boots, hat, warm comfortable clothes, long pants, rain gears (if necessary),
- What to bring:** sun screen, water, energy bar and snacks, sunglasses, insect repellent, walking stick (optional)

The hike will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. Please arrive at the assembly point 15 minutes before start time.

Directions to Thomas Hauser Memorial Trailhead, Crothers Woods Trails at Loblaws Parking Lot

The Thomas Hauser Memorial trailhead of Crothers Woods Trails is located at the Northeast corner of the Loblaws Parking Lot. The address of the Loblaws store is: **11 Redway Rd, East York, ON M4H 1P6.**

Please park your car close to the trailhead as shown in the following pictures. It is important to avoid parking in area close to the Loblaws store entrance. Please do not occupy the prime parking spots of the store



These pictures show where the trail head is relative to Loblaws.



Please park in the area close to the trail head if spaces are available.

Via Don Valley Parkway and Don Mills Road

(a) Exiting at Don Mills Road South

Take Don Valley Parkway South and exit at the Don Mills Road South; turn right onto O'Connor Drive and then turn right onto Donland Avenue, which turns slightly right and becomes Millwood Road. After passing Overlea Boulevard, turn left onto Redway Road. The trailhead is located at the Northeast corner of the Loblaw parking lot. Drive to the parking lot facing the store entrance.

(b) Exiting at Don Mills Road North

Alternately, one can exit at Don Mills Road North and turn left at Overlea Boulevard. At the end of Overlea Boulevard, turn right onto Millwood Road and then immediately turn left onto Redway Road. Drive to the parking lot facing the store entrance. The trailhead is located at the Northeast corner of the Loblaw parking lot.

Note: The speed limit on Donland Avenue and a few other roads in the Crothers Woods area is 40 km/h. Please watch your speed. Speed traps are common.

Road map

The following link has a road map to the Loblaws store at Redway Road. Please zoom out to see connecting roads.

<https://www.google.ca/maps/dir//11+Redway+Rd,+Toronto,+ON+M4H1P6/@43.696498,-79.3606357,16.17z/data=!4m8!4m7!1m0!1m5!1m1!1s0x89d4ccc261d1a027:0x7f288906b5fb87be!2m2!1d-79.3597036!2d43.6991703>



Thomas Hauser Memorial Trailhead plaque



Trail head