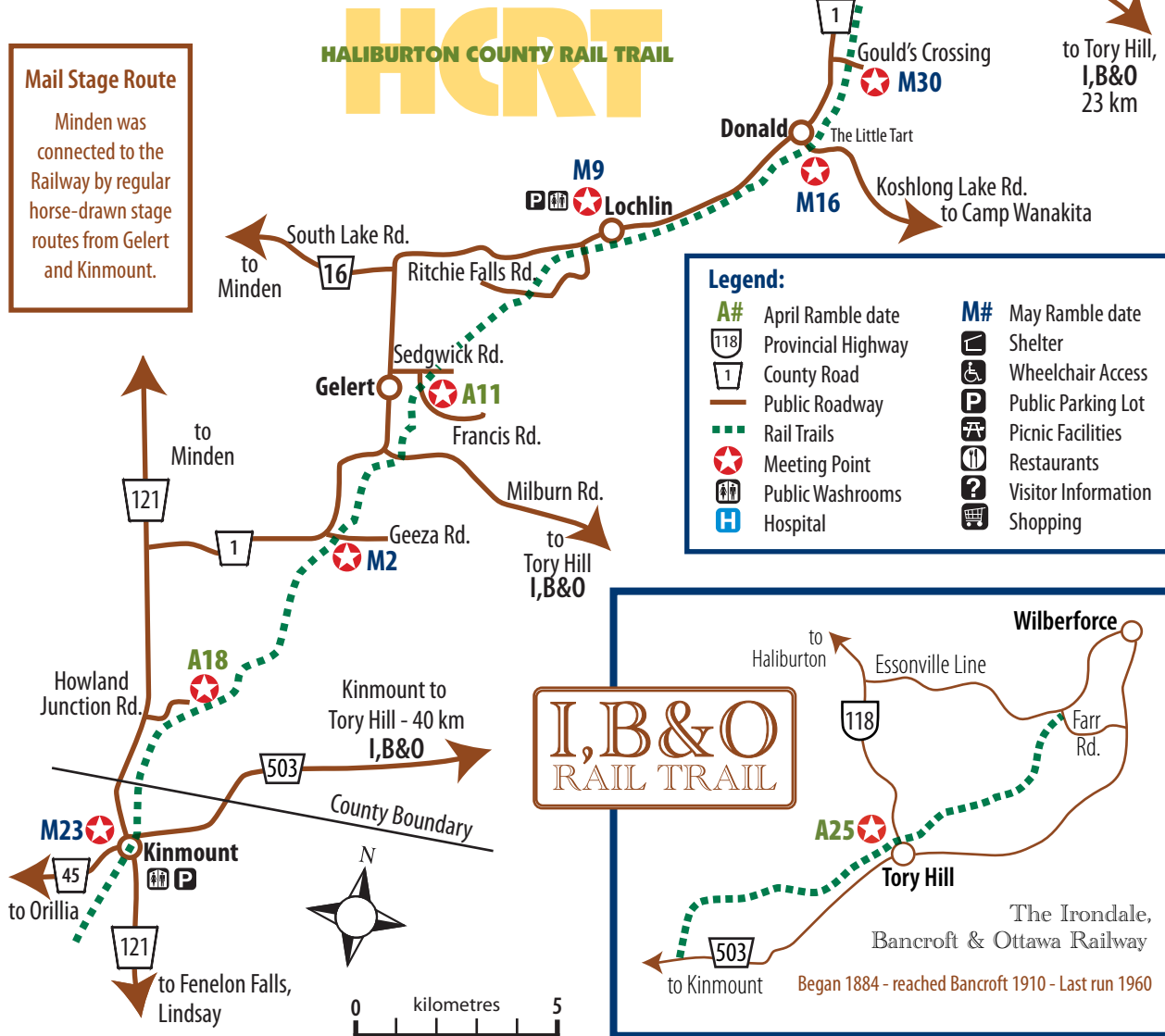


Rambles ■ 2010 ■ Map



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- telling the story of our railway past
- promoting appreciation for the natural ecology of the corridor
- encouraging accessibility of public greenspace for all ages and abilities

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- Go to: www.friendsoftherailtrail.ca
- Friends of the Rail Trail is a member of Rails to Trails Conservancy. www.railstotrails.org is a great place to learn more about rail trails.
- Haliburton Info: www.fyihaliburton.com

Sunday Rambles

April & May, 2010
 On Haliburton's Rail Trails

- Explore
- Discover
- Socialize



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Rambles are family-friendly, casually paced outings exploring two historic abandoned railway lines. Dogs are welcome. Après, socialize with fellow ramblers over lunch.



Get Ramble - Ready...

- Double check date, time, location of Ramble and type of Après gathering.
- **L** = pack a lunch, **PL** = bring pot-luck, **\$** = remember your wallet.
- Dress in layers and carry a back-pack.
- Expect anything – snow, sun, rain, wind – it's all good if you're prepared.
- Some reminders: camera, binoculars, sunglasses, hat, gloves, boots, raingear, sunscreen, bug spray and/or bug jacket, water, snacks, your dog's leash.
- Note there are no facilities on the trails



Sundays in April: 4, 11, 18, 25

A4 ■ Haliburton Railway Days

Meet at Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre 11:30*

Here's an opportunity to visit with family, friends and guests while working up an appetite for Easter supper. *Note departure time 1/2 hour later this week only. The Gallery is situated in the original 1878 Railway Station. The Ramble passes spruce bog flora such as cotton grass, leather leaf and round leaf sundew.

Après: \$ We'll convene at McKecks - The Blue Line, a newly renovated family-style pub sporting a Haliburton history theme.

A11 ■ Sedgwick Pioneer Farm

Meet at Francis Rd and the HCRT 11:00

See one of the few hardscrabble farms that survived. Proud stone fencelines, functional barns and a busy gravel operation link past to present.

Après: \$ A two-minute drive away, lunch at Wintergreen Pancake Barn, the only local maple syrup producer with dining facilities.

A18 ■ Turntable & Trestle

Meet at the end of Howland Junction Rd 11:00

Sadly, the engine turntable is long gone, but foundations remain. Crossing the high trestle bridge, watch for a glimpse of the stone bridge abutments of the County's other former railway, the I,B&O. See: A.25

Après: \$ Imagine you're riding the stage coach to Minden for lunch at the Dominion Hotel – in operation since 1865 – older than Canada, but newly renovated. A full Sunday brunch awaits.

A25 ■ Story of Frogs' Hollow

Meet at Tory Hill crossroads 11:00

Pick up some intriguing oral history as we stroll the old I,B&O rail line. The Ramble skirts the shore of McCue Lake, enters closed forest, then emerges to open marshlands. Easy or Energetic options are available — your choice.

Après: L Brown-bag lunch at the (k)nave, a unique church - turned home/studio/gallery. Tea or coffee provided. Bring your own lunch.



Sundays in May: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

M2 ■ Wilderness Habitat Walk

Meet at Geeza Rd and the HCRT 11:00

This is one of the longest Rambles – a treat for the nature enthusiast. Explore a variety of Haliburton features such as marsh sedges, granite outcrop, rushing creek and beaver pond.

Après: L Brown-bag lunch at the Gelert Community Centre just up the road.

M9 ■ Ritchie Falls Wetlands

Meet at the Lochlin Community Centre 11:00

Less remote than Geeza Rd, this 4km ramble passes through meandering open marshland, rich habitat for critters from otters to osprey.

Après: L Brown-bag lunch at the Lochlin Community Centre, a former 'modern' one-room schoolhouse. FoRT volunteers will provide Mother's Day treats for dessert.

M16 ■ History of Donald 101

Meet at 'The Little Tart' 11:00

This former factory town boasted an Opera House, school, general store and post office.

Après: \$ Camp Wanakita, a year-round outdoor centre, will prepare one of their famous buffets. The whole community is invited to share oral history, photos and documents from the old days of Donald, which was founded 101 years ago. RSVP to 457-4767 by May 10. Tickets \$15.

M23 ■ Historic Model Railway

Meet at Kinmount Railway Station 11:00

Victoria Day Weekend marks the seasonal re-opening of this model replica of the rail line from Kinmount to Haliburton. Don't miss it before heading north to Joe's Black Rock.

Après: \$ or L Bring your choice of takeout options or a bag lunch to the Kinmount Community Hall, above the Artisans' Marketplace.

M30 ■ Rambles Grand Finale

Meet at Gould Crossing Rd and HCRT 11:00

This was the first pioneer road in Haliburton. Thomas and Isabella Gould's descendants still maintain the original 1860's land grant nearby.

Après: PL Pot-luck social and Rambles Replay slide show at the Fish Hatchery, the home of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association. Bring your favourite dish, visit with new acquaintances and make plans to keep on rambling.

Friends of the Rail Trail's AGM and Members' Evening, "Jazz Cabaret at the Log House" is coming up Sunday, June 6th.

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