

The Giant's Rib

Dedicated to increasing awareness and protection of the
Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



FROM ALL OF US AT
THE GIANT'S RIB

The Bruce Duncan Memorial Lecture Series

Rib Happenings

The Literal Rib

Teachers' Corner

... will all return in January 2014 better than ever!

Art and Photography of the Heritage of the Niagara Escarpment

The Discovery Centre is now closed for the holidays and will re-open in the New Year.
You can still view the photography of Paul Wright on weekends in the Trail Centre.

This is a sample of Paul Wright's photography.
Paul's work will be on display weekends during the month of December.



Paul Wright has been taking photos for over 30 years and just started working with digital images in June 2010.

His professional experience includes commercial work for insurance companies and sporting event photography, including boat and bicycle races. He takes most of his photographs within fifteen kilometers of the Dundas Valley.

Paul has a Fine Arts diploma from Mohawk College and has been employed for over 35 years as an Assistant Superintendent for the Dundas Valley.

Waterfalls along the Niagara Escarpment

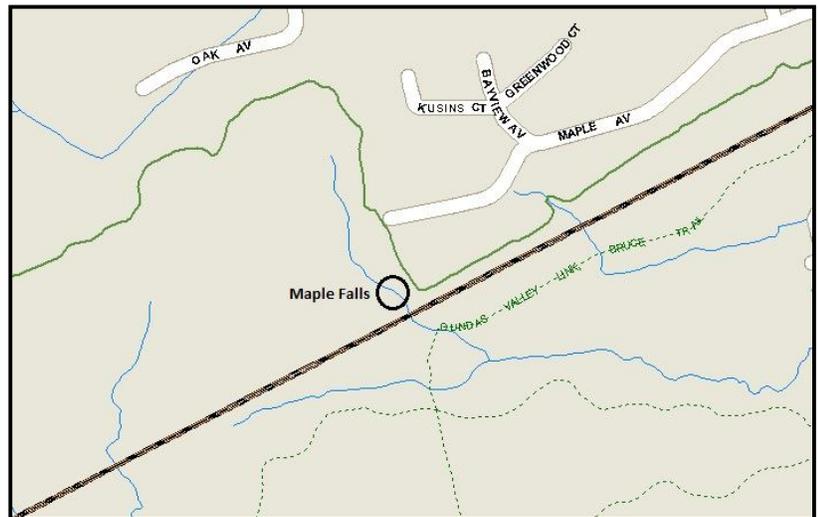
by Joe Hollick



Maple Falls (also called Upper Maple Falls) is located in the Greensville section of Hamilton on private property, however there is public access to it by way of a trail at the west end of Maple Avenue as described in more detail below.

Maple Falls is considered a Cascade type waterfall with flow only after heavy rainfalls or during the winter snow melt. Its height is 3.3 m (11 ft.) and its width is 1m (3 ft.). This waterfall originates from a stream at the west end of Maple Avenue. As the water flows over Maple Falls, it then is channeled into a manmade concrete structure on the north side of the railway tracks allowing the water to flow into a culvert under the tracks.

Its Latitude and Longitude Coordinates are 43° 15' 48.23" N, 80° 0' 1.36" W.



To reach Maple Falls from Dundas, follow King Street West (Hwy #8) westward up the Niagara Escarpment into Greensville.

Turn left at the first street, Hillcrest Avenue, then left again onto Park Avenue, which then turns 90 degrees to the right and becomes Maple Avenue. Follow Maple Avenue to the very end and there is parking for a couple cars on gravel beyond the paved roadway and last house.

Follow the pathway to the south going down the escarpment, and on the right side just before you reach the railway tracks is Maple Falls.

Happy Waterfalling!

Giant's Rib Photo of the Month



This is a breath-taking view of the Spencer Gorge as viewed from the Dundas Peak after a recent dusting of snow!

This Gorge and the Creek that thousands of years ago carved out this magnificent Gorge are named after Joseph Spencer, Jr., an early and prominent industrialist who arrived in Dundas in 1828.

He built the Gore Grist Mill in 1834, close to the site of the former Dundas District High School. The mills were gradually improved and expanded in 1851 by the construction of the Gore Paper Mill.

On July 19, 1851, Joseph died when he fell from the roof of one of the mills while trying to close a skylight during a thunderstorm. He was 45 years of age.

Remnants of Joseph's old mill can still be seen west of the former School just north off of King Street West in Dundas near the Dundas Falls.

Photo Source: Giant's Rib Discovery Centre's Facebook site.

Come Join the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre!



**Do you love the
Escarpment too ?**

The Discovery Centre Needs Your Help!

Are you interested in the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve? Do you want to learn more about it and contribute to its protection?

Volunteering with the Giant's Rib is one way you can do that. We have positions available for volunteers on weekends at the Centre, and Director openings as well. We're growing and expanding, so if you're excited about the Niagara Escarpment, this is the place to be.

Please visit www.giantsrib.ca to learn about available positions.

About the GRDC

The Giant's Rib Discovery Centre tells the story of the Niagara Escarpment through interpretation at the Centre on weekends and through our public outreach programs. These include a weekend Arts and Photography Series featuring a local artist each month, guided interpretive hikes, the Bruce Duncan Memorial Lecture Series, and we offer a Grade 4 curriculum-based Rocks and Minerals unit to elementary schools free of charge.

We require interpretive volunteers to work half-days on weekends at the Centre (located within the Dundas Valley Conservation Area at 650 Governor's Road in Dundas) and co-ordinators to manage public programs and support our annual fundraiser in June.

For detailed descriptions, please visit www.giantsrib.ca



If you are interested in any of these positions, or if you have a specific skill set you feel may assist us, please contact Chris Hamilton at chamilton@giantsrib.ca



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