

The Giant's Rib

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

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“Help Us Keep our Centre Open!”



“Hi folks! With the new fossils from the ROM and the launch of our guided hikes, the Discovery Centre is gearing up for the summer. Even though we had to postpone the re-opening event, by the end of July we expect to have new digital screens, new display cabinets for newly donated fossil, new interpretive panels and more!

As always, we appreciate your support and are also gearing up for our Summer Solstice Celebration and Fundraiser. It is this event which allows us to keep the Centre open and providing our programs. We hope you will buy a ticket and join us on the 17th.



If you can't make the fundraiser, please consider buying a ticket as a charitable donation. Perhaps you might consider also making a donation through our Canada Helps profile. Just click on the link and help us out with a donation of \$5, \$10 or whatever you can. Every donation helps us tell the story of the Niagara Escarpment and promote its preservation.

Thanks for your support and we hope you'll come visit us as we bring more new features to the Discovery Centre!”



<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-giants-rib-discovery-centre/>

Chris Hamilton
President
Giant's Rib Escarpment Education Network

**Early Bird
Special!**
Buy Your Tickets
by May 31 and get
10 free draw tickets!



GIANT'S RIB ESCARPMENT EDUCATION NETWORK

Summer Solstice Celebration

*In support of GREEN escarpment education programs
and Discovery Centre.*

"25 Years a Biosphere Reserve"

Wednesday June 17, 2015

**Dundas Valley Golf & Country Club
10 Woodleys Lane, Dundas, ON L9H 6Y6
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.**

*Cocktail reception • Draw prizes • Auction items
Live music • Cash bar • View from the Escarpment
Guest Speaker: David Rudkin of the Royal Ontario Museum.*



*Print by E. Robert Ross
for raffle. Custom framing
by McMaster Gallery.*

Tickets \$40
tickets@giantsrib.ca

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Art and Photography of the Heritage of the Niagara Escarpment

For the Month June 2015:

The Photographic Works of Stephen Landers

Stephen Landers is a professional Fine Art Photographer hailing from Dundas Ontario, Canada, a town rich in diverse landscapes. This close proximity to nature has given him an extensive array of natural backdrops to capture with his lens. Stephen embraced his artistic ambitions and left a 13 year career in Finance and launched a turning point in his life. The self taught photographer employs no digital manipulation to his photography, instead he prefers to use the artistry learned from years of shooting with film cameras for the composition of his images. The fourth generation artist is best known for his water and nature prints. He has the innate ability to capture breathtaking images of the beauty that surrounds him, and finds himself most at home in the beauty of nature. He has been featured in numerous Art Galleries and Exhibitions throughout Ontario and has built a reputation as an architect of fine art photography selling his craft to admirers around the globe. Stephen's clients include Municipal, Provincial and Federal governments in Canada, along with personal and corporate collections.



Stephen is a co-owner in McMaster Gallery, an art gallery in Downtown Dundas exhibiting some of the most talented artists of the area, and Canada. To compliment the gallery and his photography, Stephen also owns the Custom Picture Framing business offered at the McMaster Gallery.

Artist Statement:

"I use photography to navigate my way through this existence. It is the soul of my solitude; my solace of life; my essence translated into a visual presence. There is no place I feel more at home in the world than surrounded by the presence of nature. These are the feelings and perceptions I endeavour to capture through my photography and invite the viewer to experience. My decision to forgo the use of digital manipulation in my photographs comes from my comprehension of the world around me. My images contain all the elements of reality; both the beauty and imperfections of the world we inhabit."

Celebrating 'the art' of the natural and cultural heritage of the Niagara Escarpment regularly featuring a local artist at the Dundas Valley Trail Centre, Dundas Valley Conservation Area, 650 Governors Road in Dundas.

Saturdays and Sundays only from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Park Entrance is \$9.00 per car, but walk in and bike in is free.

Your parking fee supports the Dundas Valley Conservation Area and can be used towards visiting any other Hamilton conservation area that same day. There is no admission fee to view the exhibit, but donations are gratefully accepted.

Please check our website www.gantsrib.ca in the coming weeks for a complete schedule for all the artists for this season.

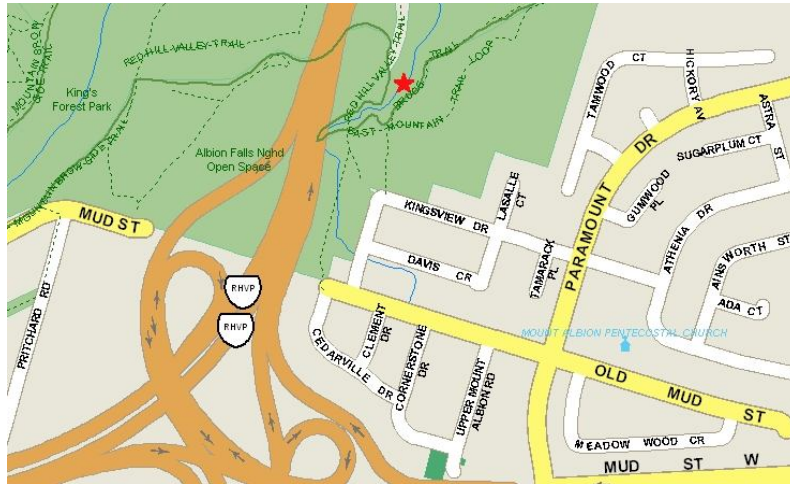
For more information: Stephen Landers info@landerscreativecollections.com

Waterfalls along the Niagara Escarpment

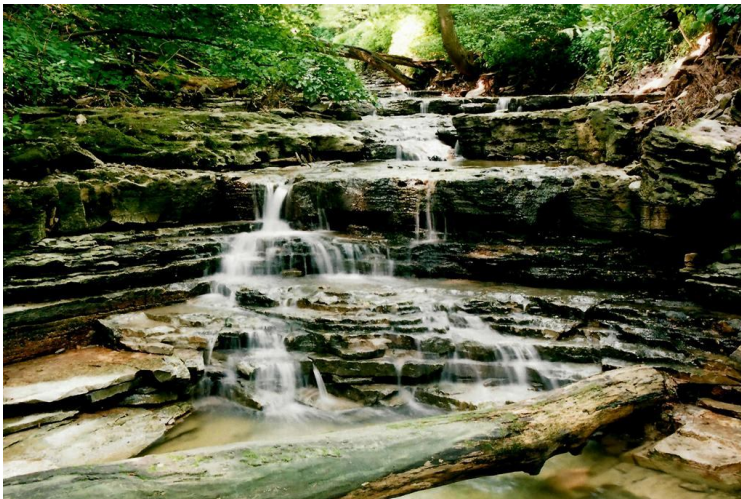
by Joe Hollick

Middle Glendale Falls is located on Montgomery Creek in the east end of Hamilton, between the Bruce Trail and the now closed section of Mount Albion Road. It is considered a Curtain Terraced Cascade type waterfall with a height of 10 feet (3m) and a width of 11 feet (3.3m). It often is dry, thus plan your visit after a rainfall or during the winter snow melt. Its coordinates are N 43.2025° / W 79.8094°.

To reach Middle Glendale Falls exit the LINC/Red Hill Valley Parkway at Mud Street, then turn left at Winterbury which then becomes Paramount Drive. Continue on Paramount, turn left onto Kingsview Drive and follow it to the bend. Take the Bruce Trail, which is on the right side for about 200m. Middle Glendale Falls is visible from the Bruce Trail. On the map below, Middle Glendale Falls is shown as the red star.



The attached two photos show Middle Glendale Falls from two different viewing locations:



a) The first photo (left) was taken in summertime from the creek level.

b) The second photo (below) was taken in wintertime from the Bruce Trail above Montgomery Creek.



Happy Waterfalling!

Giant's Rib Photo of the Month



Inglis Falls, Owen Sound

Inglis Falls has been featured here before,
But this image is too powerful to ignore!
(How about that? I'm a poet and I didn't even know it.)

One of three waterfalls that surround the city of Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada, **Inglis Falls** is the best known and most visited. Situated in the heart of the 200-hectare Inglis Falls Conservation Area, Inglis Falls is an 18 metre high cascade, created by the Sydenham River meeting the edge of the Niagara Escarpment.

The water over the falls used to be partially diverted for hydro electric power generation, grain milling, and Owen Sound drinking water.

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This image is courtesy of the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Fund www.escarpmentfund.ca
and found on our Giant's Rib Facebook page: www.facebook.com/GiantsRib

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?

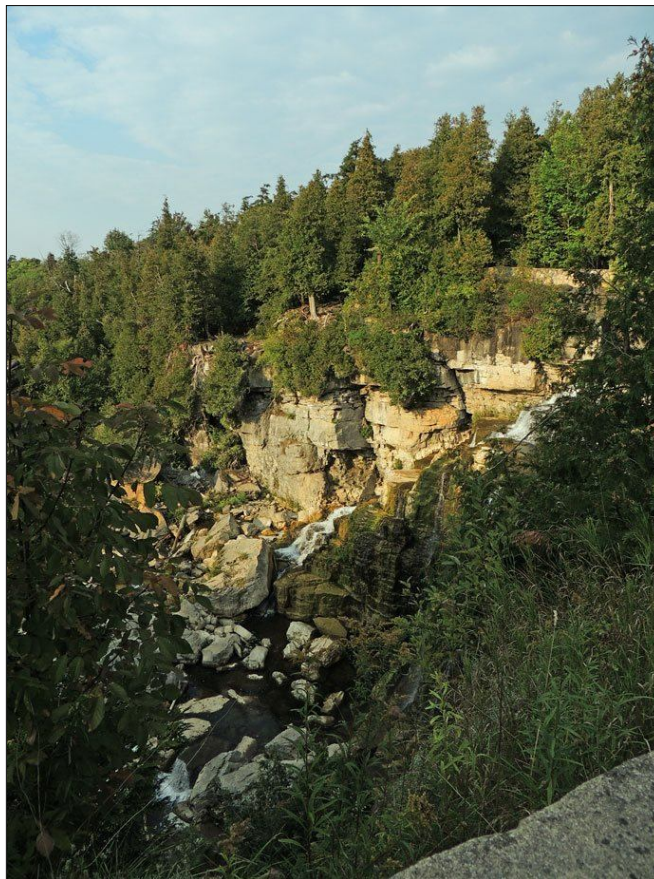
Volunteering with the Giant's Rib is one way you can do that. We have positions available for volunteers on weekends at the Centre, and Director openings as well. We're growing and expanding, so if you're excited about the Niagara Escarpment, this is the place to be.

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

About the GRDC

The Giant's Rib of the Niagara interpretation at the through our public include a weekend Arts featuring a local artist interpretive hikes, the Series, and we offer a and Minerals unit to charge.

We require interpretive weekends at the Dundas Valley Governor's Road in manage public annual fundraiser in For detailed www.giantsrib.ca



Discovery Centre tells the story Escarpment through Centre on weekends and outreach programs. These and Photography Series each month, guided Bruce Duncan Memorial Lecture Grade 4 curriculum-based Rocks elementary schools free of

volunteers to work half-days on Centre (located within the Conservation Area at 650 Dundas) and co-ordinators to programs and support our June. descriptions, please visit

**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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